

Executive Summary

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The 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 agencies that provide 51% of their services to City of Morgantown residents. The City's Development Services Department; Community Development Office is the Lead Agency that maintains and administers the City of Morgantown's CDBG funds and responsibilities, including completion of the annual Action Plan.

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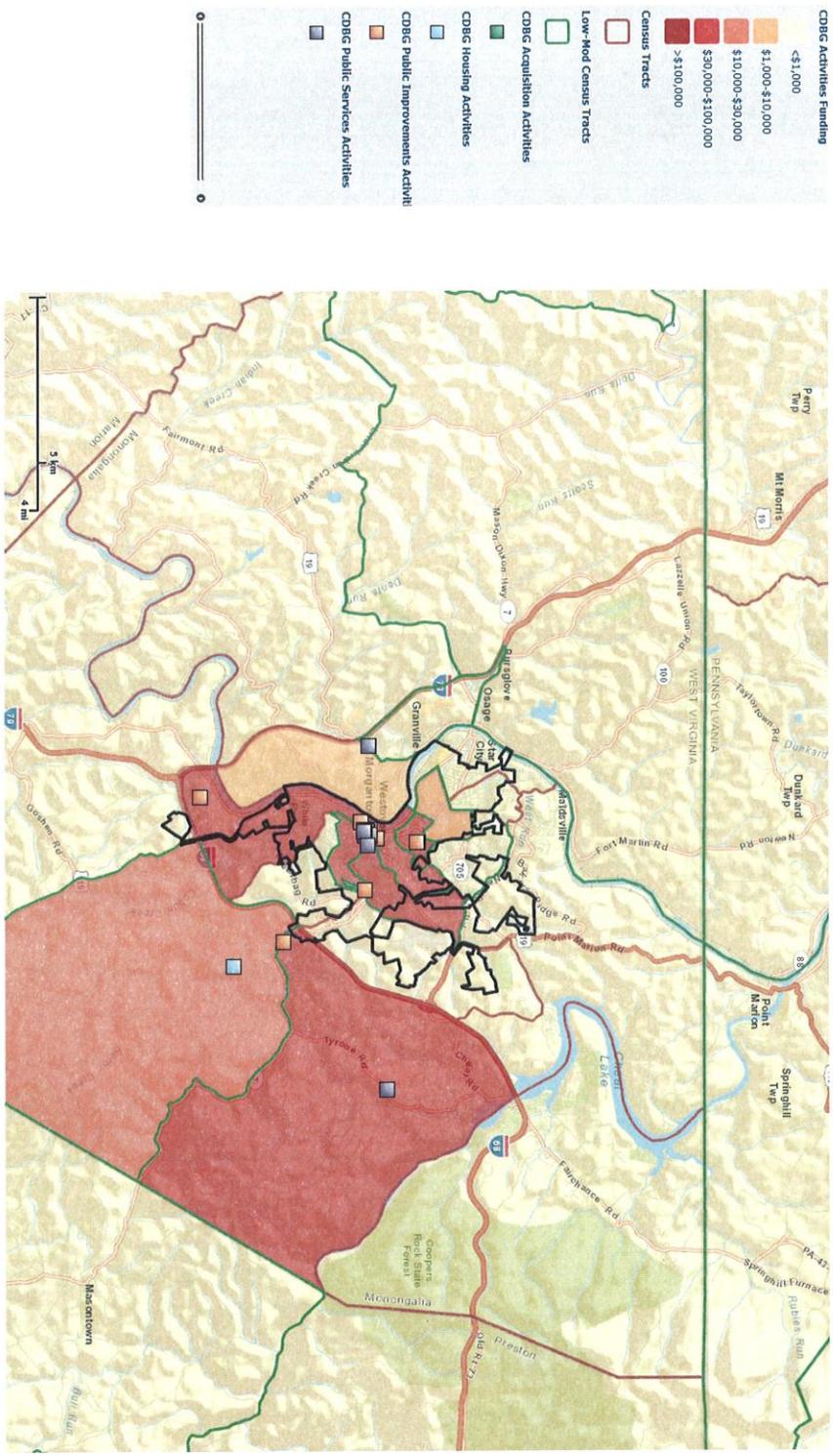
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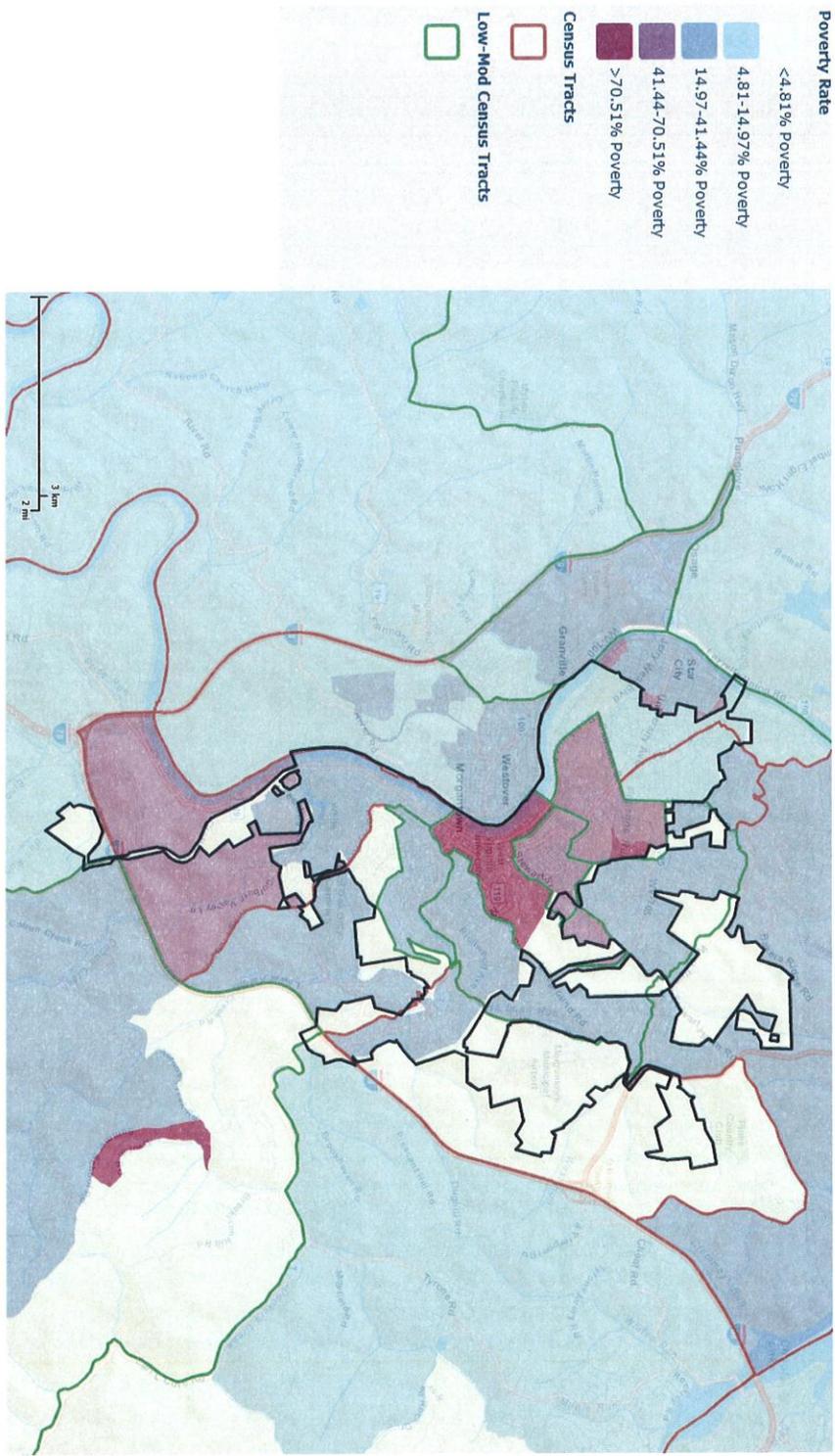
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Community Development Map Consolidated Plan and Continuum of Care Planning Tool



Community Development Map

CDBG Poverty Rate Map Consolidated Plan and Continuum of Care Planning Tool



Poverty Map

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

Homelessness is one of the most pressing issues facing modern developed societies everywhere. In order to deal with this issue, the very concept of homelessness needs to be addressed and understood. In fact, there are an increasing number of attempts, both public and private, to address temporary housing as well as a permanent shift from homelessness into self-reliability. Homelessness has always been a national issue, and recent studies indicate that the problem could be more prevalent than we ever thought. Combating and addressing homelessness is more important now than ever before. Homelessness is a community issue and can best be addressed with broad community involvement.

Three projects in the 2013 Action Plan specifically target homelessness in Morgantown.

Five-Year Goal: Work to tie special needs services to affordable housing development and/or job creation for special needs populations, particularly individuals with substance abuse problems, individuals with severe, persistent mental illnesses, and homeless families. Prioritize activities that help individuals move toward self-sufficiency.

Project # 2013-3

Milan Puskar Health Right located on Spruce Street in downtown Morgantown will provide a Homeless Care Clinic each Wednesday for 48 weeks at their location on Spruce Street. The most serious medical issues will be managed and a beginning strategy will be developed with the patient to address other illnesses or mental health issues. Each patient will be offered services for physical, mental and/or case management needs during the clinic visit as appropriate.

Goal: Assist the homeless health clinic expand services. Some patients have Medicaid but cannot see their doctor as soon as they need. Treatments include, treating mental illness, frostbite, asthma, heart problems, diabetes etc. A number of these individuals would have died without the urgent care received.

Project # 2013-4

The Bartlett House, Inc. operates an emergency shelter/public inebriation service at the University Avenue location seven days week. The Bartlett House Emergency Shelter clients receive comprehensive case management and a service plan design to break the cycle of homelessness. C.D.B.G. funding is provided to administer the Case Management Program. The Day Labor Employment Drop-in Center is a structured program advertised to businesses looking for day laborers, a formal process of job opportunities to be posted with a job posting board. The Bartlett House would also create an assessment tool to evaluate the client's career interests and capabilities and guide them into local employment that they could maintain.

Project # 2013-7

The Connecting Link is creating a position to coordinate the intake of homeless individuals and families with services to improve the ability of the homeless to access available services. The Connecting Link will become the anchor agency for the Homeless Taskforce. In the spring of 2010, the Morgantown City Council and the Monongalia County Commission jointly approved the creation of a Task Force on Homelessness for the purpose of developing a community-wide plan to reduce homelessness.

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Two project will address Anti-Poverty in Morgantown.

Five-year Objectives: The 2000 Census reported that 16,181 households in Morgantown were low to moderate-income. Individuals living on the threshold of poverty are faced with a collection of obstacles that prevent them from escaping their situation. Some may need adequate affordable housing, job skills training, day care for children, treatment for medical or substance abuse issues or they may be children and adults with educational needs. Regardless of their issues, the City of Morgantown is committed to assisting those in need of assistance.

Project # 2013-5

The Morgantown Area Youth Services Project (MAYSP) 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 C.D.B.G. funded program would expand services to reach low-income youth and families living in the City of Morgantown experiencing substance abuse, anger and underage drinking problems. MAYSP has had good outcomes with the CDBG funding they have received over the years.

Project # 2013-6

The Mountaineer Boys and Girls Club serves low and very-low income children in the City of Morgantown. C.D.B.G. will fund the Project Learn initiative that 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. 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. The Smart Moves and Fan Club help develop skills essential for transition between youth and adulthood. Family activities and meetings play a critical role in the program. Additionally, the program will include conflict resolution and anger management education.

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Housing

Project # 2013-8

The Fairmont/Morgantown Housing Authority operates a housing rehabilitation program in Morgantown. This program will enable low income households to have repair or replacement of essential housing components. Loans are available to area landlords and home owners. Grants are offered for accessibility and emergency repairs. Down payment is also available to assist homeowners who are purchasing homes in the City of Morgantown.

Goal: A home-improvement rehabilitation program to assist low- and moderate-income homeowners in repairing and improving their homes many low and moderate-income homeowners in Morgantown are facing the difficulty of maintaining and improving their homes due to increasing costs and the lack of financial resources. This is particularly true for the elderly and families living on fixed income. The lack of home maintenance has contributed to the deterioration of the city's housing stock and stability of neighborhoods.

Three Non-Housing Community Development

Project # 2013-9

The Board of Parks and Recreation will rehabilitate the public bathrooms at the Morgantown Ice Rink to bring them into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. This facility was built in 1979 and the current configuration of the facilities does not accommodate individuals with disabilities. The City is working to make all City facilities ADA Compliant.

Goal Support BOPARC to improve parks, playgrounds, and other recreational opportunities that primarily serve low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.

Project # 2013-10

The City of Morgantown will rehab the old Woodburn Elementary School as a non-profit incubator. The rehabilitation will address accessibility compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Woodburn School recently closed providing a facility for non-profit and neighborhood activities. The Woodburn Census Tract is a low/moderate tract.

Goal; Support agencies in the acquisition of vacant or poor quality properties to rehabilitate for affordable housing, recreation or economic development.

Project # 2013-11

The City of Morgantown Streetscape Improvement will rehab the sidewalks on Walnut Street. The C.D.B.G. Program will provide \$80,000 for ADA infrastructure as part of The Streetscape Improvement project on Walnut Street. C.D.B.G. funds will be leveraging Department of Transportation and local funding. This is an ongoing project to make the parking facilities accessible with downtown.

Goal; The City is committed to removing barriers at all public facilities in order to make all City Facilities (including all parks and recreation sites) ADA compliant. This does not only include removing physical barriers for people with mobility challenges, but to support removing barriers from public facilities for sight and hearing disabilities.

Goal; Provide sidewalk/infrastructure improvements or new sidewalks each year in targeted low-income areas. Support sidewalk improvements by providing funding each year on neighborhood and downtown sidewalk improvements and infrastructure changes that would make accessibility possible.

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3. Evaluation of past performance

The City of Morgantown has allocated its CDBG funds for FY 2011 by principally benefiting low- and moderate-income persons.

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o Affordable/Accessible Housing is the first unmet need in Morgantown and may provide a challenge for individuals who may have limitations because of age, mental or physical disabilities, substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. Barriers to independent living are varied from affordable housing and rents, accessibility in multi-unit rental property, rehabilitation and retrofitting for those who own their homes.

o Assisted Living also presents an issue for individuals who may be living independently but requires assistance with daily activities or travel outside their home.

o Transportation is a challenge for many for various reasons.

o Adequate level of care for the elderly, substance addicted individuals and persons living with HIV/AIDS is another underserved need in the City.

o Employment and Job Training is an underserved need identified as many individuals dealing with limitations found in this subgroup do not have the requisite skills to obtain or maintain employment.

o The reduction in Federal CDBG funds reduces the City's financial resources to meet the underserved needs in Morgantown.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation 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 turns 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 26, 2013 City of Morgantown City Council Committee of the Whole meeting, the C.D.B.G. proposed FY 2013 Action Plan was presented to the City Council. Council Meetings are public and televised.

30 Public Comment Period

The March 26, 2013, Draft FY 2013 Action Plan for all agencies or groups receiving funding from the 2013 C.D.B.G. entitlement, begins a 30-day public comment period April 1, 2013 through April 30, 2013. 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.

C.D.B.G. Technical Meeting

The November 1, 2012, C.D.B.G. Technical Meeting was presented prior to the proposal kick-off meeting. C.D.B.G. National Objectives and the City's Consolidated Plan Goals and Strategies are covered with an explanation of eligible and non-eligible activities. The purpose of this application workshop is to review the application process and requirements for all organizations and agencies who are interested in applying for C.D.B.G. funding assistance for future projects that benefit people of low- and moderate-income.

5. Summary of public comments

None

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

None

7. Summary

The City continues to provide support primarily in the areas of homelessness, anti-poverty and housing. Morgantown suffers a critical shortage of affordable housing for low and moderate families and individuals therefore, maintaining the housing stock and the construction of affordable housing are important.

The City of Morgantown has provided over 1 million dollars through the Community Development Block Grant to the Fairmont-Morgantown Housing Authority (FMHA) and Monongalia County Habitat for Humanity for housing in Morgantown. The FMHA provided grants and loans to owner occupied housing for rehabilitation, single and multi-unit rental rehabilitation, down payment assistance, emergency assistance and barrier free programs. Habitat for Humanity used the funding for property acquisition and infrastructure work.

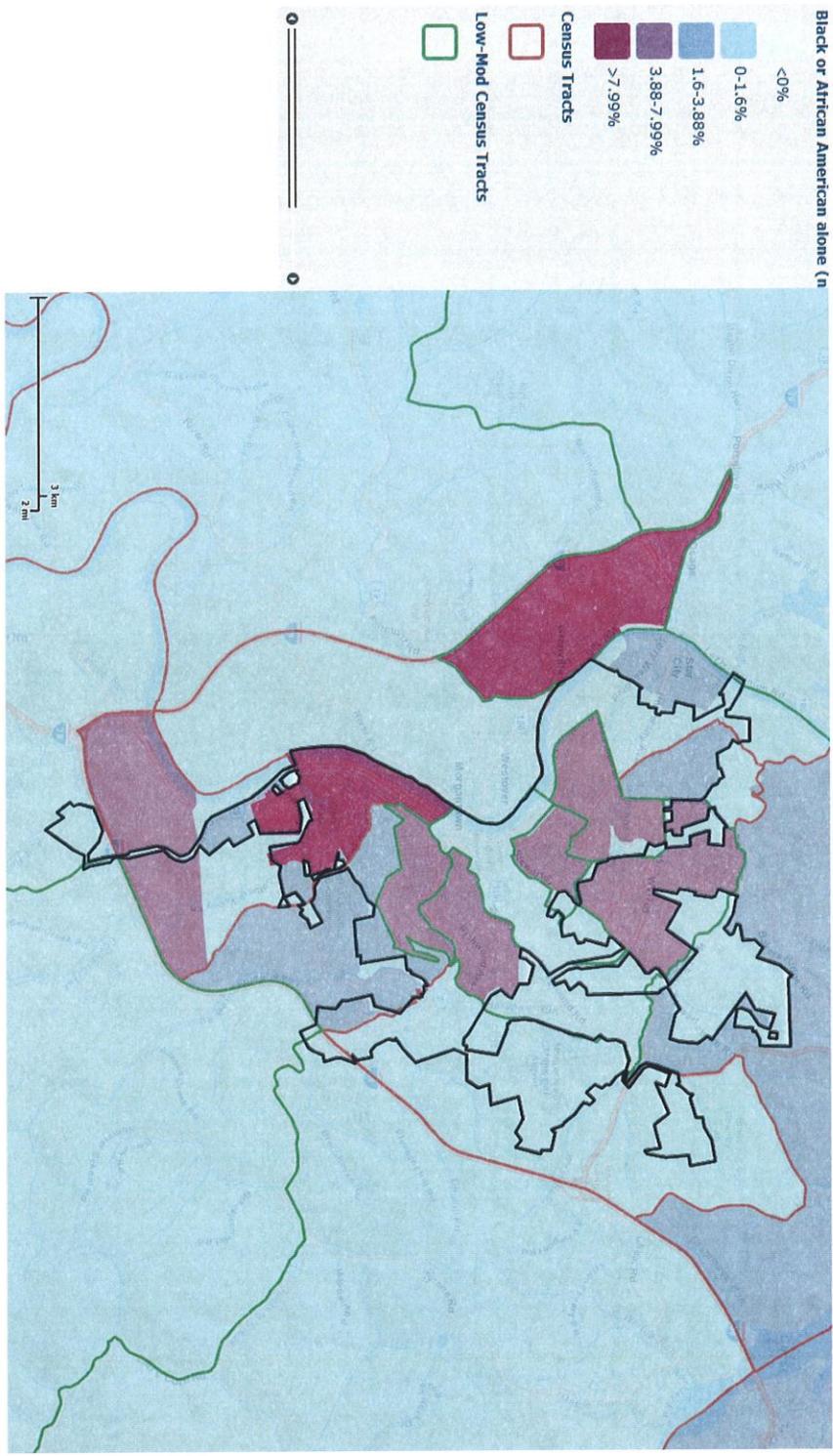
Homelessness has received between \$350,000 to \$500,000 dollars to assist with the homeless in the community. The funding support ranges from shelter support to facility rehab of agencies providing critical services to the homeless.

Anti-poverty assistance primarily focuses primarily with agencies targeting youth and teens for educational, after school and substance abuse problems. The education, counseling and after-school programs continue to be a priority for the community. The Mountaineer Boys and Girls Club has an excellent success rate graduating 100% of the Club participants with 90% having a grade point average of "B" or higher.

Homelessness and preventing homelessness are especially important since 2008 with the turn in the economy . The numbers of individuals and families finding themselves homeless has increased increasing demand on the resources available in the City.

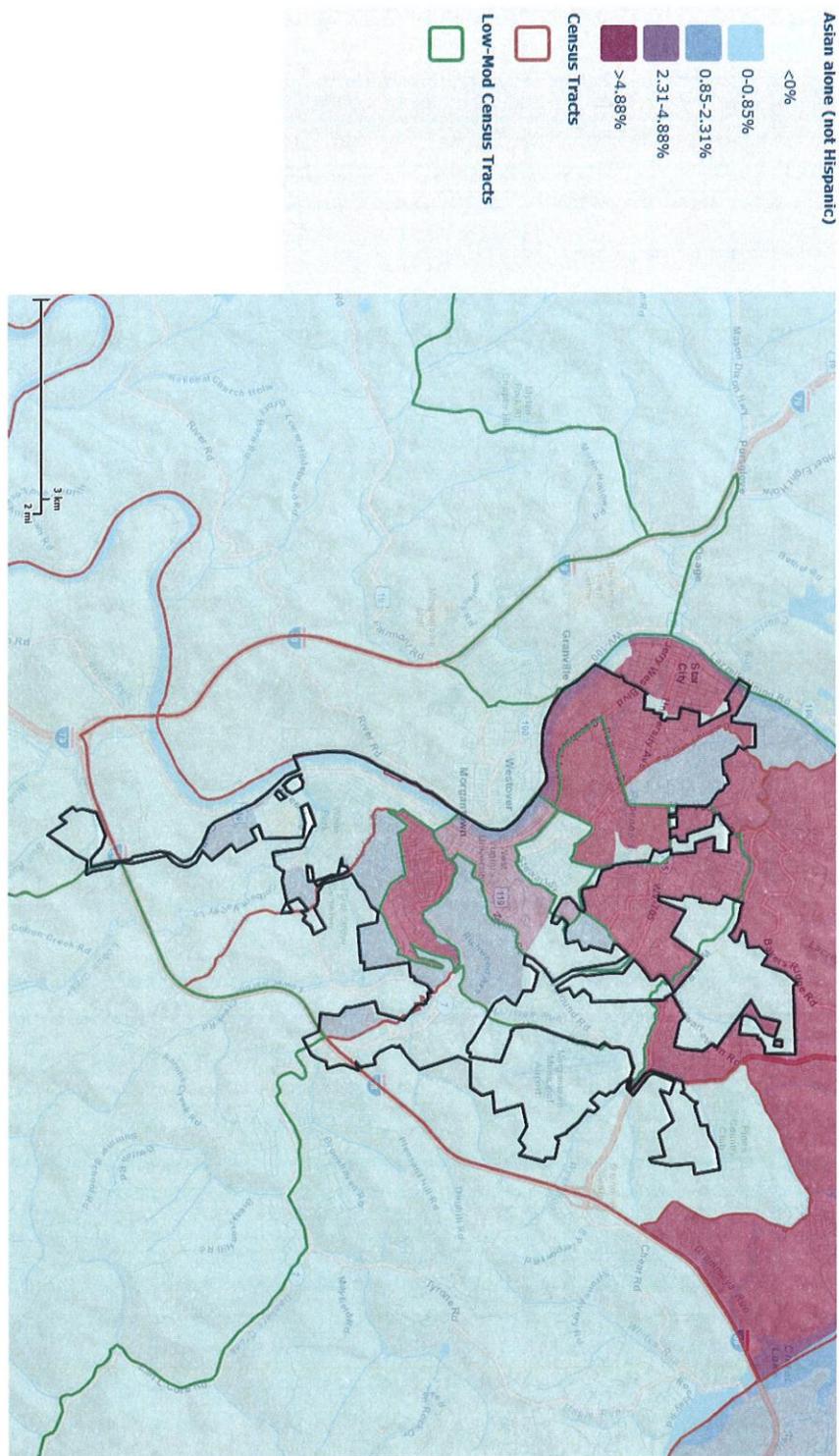
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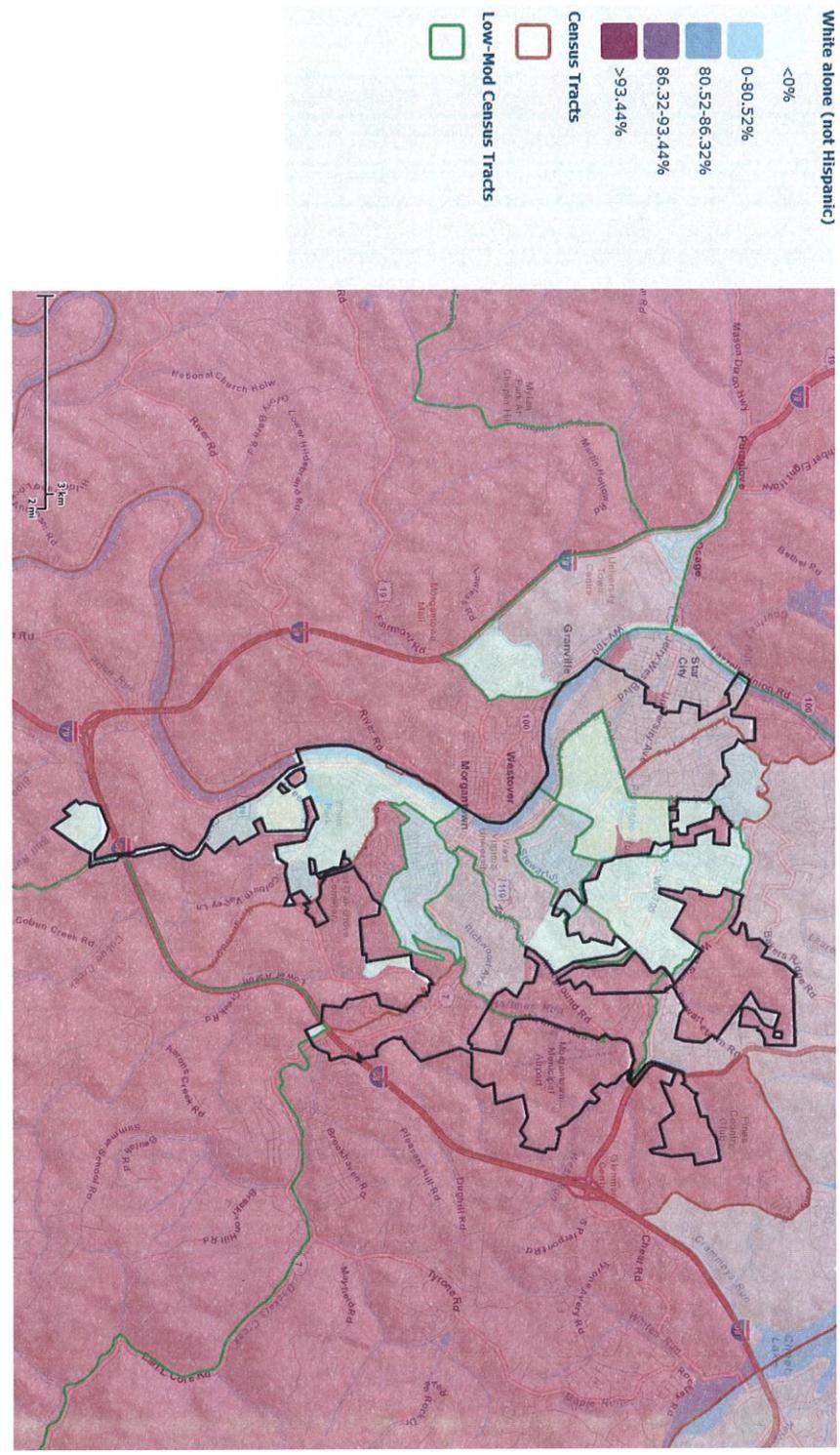
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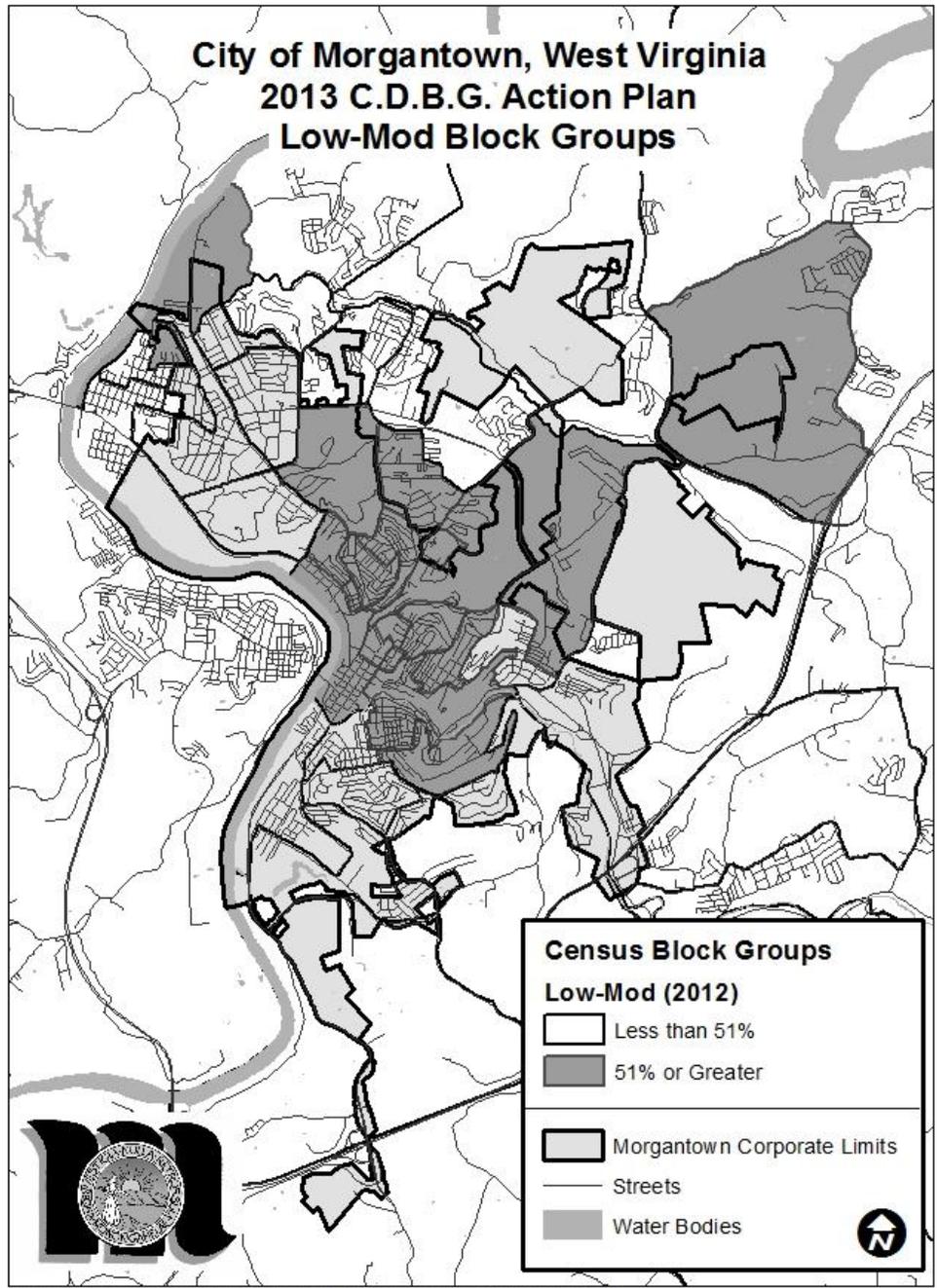


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CDBG Low/Mod Census Block Groups

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	MORGANTOWN	

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

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AP-10 Consultation

1. Introduction

General: The City of Morgantown shall provide citizens with an adequate opportunity for meaningful involvement and participation in the planning, implementation, and assessment of the CDBG program on a continuous basis. The City of Morgantown shall provide adequate information to citizens, hold public hearings at all stages of the planning process, obtain views and proposals of citizens on housing and community development needs, and provide citizens an opportunity to comment on the City of Morgantown proposal and community development performance. Nothing in these requirements, however, shall be construed to restrict the responsibility and authority of the governing body of the City of Morgantown for the development of the application and the execution of its Community Development Plan.

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

The City of Morgantown's Community Development Office was the lead agency overseeing the citizen participation in the planning, implementation, and assessment of the 2013 Action Plan. The City encourages citizens to share their views on housing and community development needs and comment on the proposal and community development performance. As such, the City provides adequate information to citizens and holds public hearings at all stages of the planning process.

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Describe coordination 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

In the spring of 2010, the Morgantown City Council and the Monongalia County Commission jointly approved the creation of a Task Force on Homelessness for the purpose of developing a community-wide plan to reduce homelessness. While there is always a need for emergency services for those

experiencing homelessness (food, shelter, clothing, etc.), the greater need today, and the main focus for the Task Force, is reducing the number of persons experiencing homelessness, through

- 1) Prevention services that reduce the number of persons who become homeless, and
- 2) Rehousing services that reduce the length of time that persons are homeless and increase the number of persons regaining housing.

Or more simply put, the goal is to reduce the number of people entering the system of homeless services and increase the number of people exiting the system.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the State 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

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Agency/Group/Organization	Agency/Group/Organization Type	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?
BARTLETT HOUSE INC.	Services-homeless	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
Caritas House, Inc.	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless HOPWA Strategy
MILAN PUSKAR HEALTH RIGHT	Services-homeless Health Agency	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans

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		Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
FAIRMONT MORGANTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY	Housing	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy
Mountaineer Boys and Girls Club	Services-Children Services-Education	Anti-poverty Strategy
MORGANTOWN AREA YOUTH SERVICES PROJECT (MAYSP)	Services-Children Child Welfare Agency	Anti-poverty Strategy
The Connecting Link	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Employment	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
CHRISTIAN HELP, INC.	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Anti-poverty Strategy
MONONGALIA COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	Housing	Homeless Needs - Families with children Anti-poverty Strategy

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination

Caritas House, Inc. was the agency to step up in 2005 to sponsor the annual point-in-time count of those experiencing homelessness in the greater Morgantown area. The CDBG funding has been used to offset some of the cost of training and cost for the count. The Community Development Office consults frequently throughout the year to update the community response to homelessness in Morgantown.

Caritas House has underwritten the new strategic plan developed by the newly created Homeless Task Force in Monongalia County and the City of Morgantown. Caritas also operates two additional shelters for the homeless in Morgantown, one specifically for those individual with HIV/AIDS and the other for dually diagnosed chronic homeless individuals.

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

Northern WV Center for Independent Living Fair Housing Training Fair Housing Training and Education

Provide education and training on Fair Housing for realtors, advertisers, builders and developers, the project will help these individuals understand their rights and responsibilities under Fair Housing and offer assistance to them in developing compliance plans to help mitigate their liability. NWVCIL has Fair Housing Initiative Program (FHAP) grant.

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	West Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness	The Community Development Office works closely with the WVCEH in developing homeless strategies for the community and working to get all the homeless service providers coupled with the HMIS system.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

The mission of the WVCEH is to create partnerships and collaborations at the local, state, and national levels to develop and implement long-term solutions to homelessness and poverty. The WV Coalition to End Homelessness shall advocate for public policies that will address the needs of homeless individuals and contribute systematically to the prevention and elimination of homelessness in WV; and shall work with representatives from Federal, State and Local governments, along with public and private entities, advocates, providers, and consumers, to pursue solutions to prevent and end homelessness. The West Virginia Coalition To End Homelessness (WVCEH) shall advocate for public policies that will address the needs of homeless individuals and contribute systemically to the prevention and elimination of homelessness in West Virginia; and shall work with representatives from Federal, State and Local governments, along with public and private entities, advocates, providers, and consumers, to pursue public policy solutions to prevent and end homelessness.

AP-12 Participation

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation
Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

Citizen Participation Outreach

Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	None	None	None	http://www.morgantownwv.gov/government/city-government/development-services-department/community-development/plans-reports/
Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	None	None	None	http://www.morgantownwv.gov/government/city-government/development-services-department/community-development/plans-reports/

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
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Table 1 - 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

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

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Housing Rehabilitation	2013	2014	Affordable Housing		Home Rehabilitation Program Anti-poverty	CDBG: \$65,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 9 Household Housing Unit
Anti-Poverty	2013	2014	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Downtown	Anti-poverty Fair Housing	CDBG: \$41,000	Homelessness Prevention: 4100 Persons Assisted
Homelessness	2013	2014	Homeless	Downtown	Homelessness	CDBG: \$19,700	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 850 Persons Assisted
Non-Housing Community Development	2013	2014			Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$137,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3 Persons Assisted Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation: 1 Business Other: 1 Other

Table 2 – Goals Summary

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide

affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b)

Projects

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

Project Name	Target Area	Goals Supported	Needs Addressed	Funding
Administration	Downtown			CDBG: \$68,729
City of Morgantown Human Rights Commission	Downtown		Anti-poverty Fair Housing	CDBG: \$2,500
Homeless Care Clinic	Downtown	Homelessness	Homelessness	CDBG: \$10,000
Night Shelter Case Management	Downtown	Homelessness	Homelessness	CDBG: \$12,000
Intervention Services	Downtown	Anti-Poverty	Anti-poverty	CDBG: \$10,000
Project Learn/Smart Moves	Downtown	Anti-Poverty	Anti-poverty	CDBG: \$10,000
Homeless Intake Coordinator	Downtown	Anti-Poverty Homelessness	Homelessness Anti-poverty	CDBG: \$8,700
Home Rehabilitation Program		Housing Rehabilitation	Home Rehabilitation Program	CDBG: \$65,000
ADA Compliant Restroom for Ice Rink		Non-Housing Community Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$14,000
Woodburn School Rehabilitation		Non-Housing Community Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$25,000
Walnut Street Sidewalk ADA Compliance	Downtown	Non-Housing Community Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$80,000
Historic Old Stone House Rehab	Downtown	Non-Housing Community Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$8,000
Christian Help Building Rehabilitation	Downtown	Anti-Poverty Homelessness	Homelessness Anti-poverty	CDBG: \$21,000
Rehab for ADA Compliant		Homelessness	Homelessness	CDBG: \$12,000

Parking		Non-Housing Community Development	Non-Housing Community Development	
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Table 3 – Project Summary

AP-35 Projects

Introduction

Funding proposal selection is a careful process that compels detailed review. An application workshop is held every November to explain the application process, project eligibility, and grant requirements. Prospective grantees submit proposals by the first of each February. Each proposal request is then evaluated based on community need, project effectiveness, cost per unit of service, and funding availability. There are two annual funding cap restrictions that apply to the programming of C.D.B.G. funds; a 20% cap for Administration and Planning expenditures and a 15% cap for Public Services programming.

The City of Morgantown projected 2013 Community Development Block Grant Entitlement is \$329,525 for funding projects. An additional, \$14,121.63 from funds not expended under previous year's projects. Total available funding for 2013 programming is \$343,646.63.

The City of Morgantown also receives program income through the rehabilitation loan program that the Fairmont/Morgantown Housing Authority administers. The program income remains with the Housing Authority for use in the program administration and to provide additional rehabilitation loans. The Fairmont/Morgantown Housing Authority anticipates \$23,060 in program income.

The purpose of CDBG is to support the development of viable urban communities, especially for people of low- and moderate-income. As outlined in the HUD publication, "Vision / Reality: Strategies for Community Change," these programs have three basic goals: 1) Securing decent housing, 2) Providing a suitable living environment; and, 3) Expanding economic development.

The City's Development Services Department is the Lead Agency that maintains and administers Morgantown CDBG funds and responsibilities, including completion of the Action Plan. The planning process actively encouraged participation of city housing and community service organizations, including the Morgantown Housing Authority, affordable housing providers, service agencies that assist the low- and moderate-income and principally low- and moderate-income clientele, advocates, and others.

The City of Morgantown encourages citizens to provide input and participate in planning, implementation and assessment of the CDBG program. This Action Plan was developed through public hearings, the use of existing data from previously approved plans and studies,

consultation with a wide variety of local non-profit agencies, and discussions with other City of Morgantown departments. For-profit, non-profit, community and faith-based organizations were engaged several times throughout the prior year to assess city needs and priorities.

#	Project Name
1	Administration
2	City of Morgantown Human Rights Commission
3	Homeless Care Clinic
4	Night Shelter Case Management
5	Intervention Services
6	Project Learn/Smart Moves
7	Homeless Intake Coordinator
8	Home Rehabilitation Program
9	ADA Compliant Restroom for Ice Rink
10	Woodburn School Rehabilitation
11	Walnut Street Sidewalk ADA Compliance
12	Historic Old Stone House Rehab
13	Christian Help Building Rehabilitation
14	Rehab for ADA Compliant Parking

Table 4 – Project Information

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

The City of Morgantown has provided over 1 million dollars through the Community Development Block Grant to the Fairmont-Morgantown Housing Authority (FMHA) and Monongalia County Habitat for Humanity for housing in Morgantown. The FMHA provided grants and loans to owner occupied housing for rehabilitation, single and multi-unit rental rehabilitation, down payment assistance, emergency assistance and barrier free programs. Habitat for Humanity used the funding for property acquisition and infrastructure work.

Homelessness has received between \$350,000 to \$500,000 dollars to assist with the homeless in the community. The funding support ranges from shelter support to facility rehab of agencies providing critical services to the homeless.

Anti-poverty assistance primarily focuses primarily with agencies targeting youth and teens for educational, after school and substance abuse problems.

The City continues to provide support primarily in these areas of focus because of the ongoing developments of new issues. Morgantown suffers a critical shortage of affordable housing for low and moderate families and individuals therefore, maintaining the housing stock and the construction of affordable housing are important.

Homelessness and preventing homelessness are especially important since the turn in the economy in 2008. The numbers of individuals and families finding themselves homeless and increased providing additional opportunities for youth to educate themselves and improve their chances of a better start at life is equally important.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Project # 2013-3

Milan Puskar Health Right, located in Census Tract 101.00 downtown Morgantown

Project # 2013-4

Night Shelter Case Management Program, located in Census Tract 101.00 downtown Morgantown area.

Project # 2013-5

Morgantown Area Youth Services Project, a citywide program targeting low-income children and families

Project # 2013-6

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

Project # 2013-7

The Connecting Link, located in Census Tract 101.00, downtown Morgantown

Project # 2013-8

Fairmont Morgantown Housing Authority Housing Rehabilitation Project # 2013-8, The Housing Rehabilitation Program is citywide by application targeting low and moderate-income individuals and families.

Project # 2013-9

BOPARC Morgantown Ice Rink, located in White Park, Census Tract 109.01

Project # 2013-10

City of Morgantown Woodburn School Rehab, Census Tract 101.00

Project # 2013-11

ADA improvement to Walnut Street Sidewalks, Census Tract 101.00

Project # 2013-14

Caritas House rehab the parking area better access for the disabled, Census Tract 110.00

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Downtown	46

Table 5 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Due to the expected cuts from the sequester the City focused a larger percentage of the funding on homeless activities. These projects focus on the downtown area where the homeless services are located. The City also is working to complete the upgrade to the downtown sidewalks making them ADA compliant.

The Fairmont-Morgantown Housing Authority works citywide in the low/moderate income neighborhoods. Their application process concentrates in these neighborhoods.

The rehabilitation of the Woodburn School is located in a low/moderate neighborhood and Census Tract 101.00.

Discussion

Milan Puskar Health Right will operate a homeless clinic each Wednesday providing comprehensive medical, mental health and dental for sheltered and unsheltered homeless in Morgantown.

The Connecting Link is working with the Homeless Taskforce and other homeless providers to begin acting as a point of intake for homeless individuals and families.

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 case management with a service plan for each individual designed to end the cycle of homelessness. Case managers of the program follow-up with 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.

The City assists social service agencies with education, job skills training and after school programs for

working parents. Programs with a direct impact to their clients receive special attention as well as programs meeting the goals in the Consolidated Plan.

The Morgantown Area Youth Services Project, MAYSP, provides intervention services to youth and families primarily from low-income households that are experiencing delinquency and substance abuse problems. Recent reports indicate there is an increase in the number of youth-related issues around the City including graffiti, vandalism, breaking and entering and reports of weapons.

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. Youth involvement in the Boys and Girls Club has shown to be an effective method of curtailing delinquent behavior and the gang culture.

Christian Help is a major provider of services to the working poor and homeless in the community. They provide services through their women and men's closets, food pantry, emergency assistance and service to prevent low and very low income individuals and families from slipping into homelessness.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing

Introduction

Morgantown Homecoming

Morgantown Homecoming is a single-family housing acquisition/ rehabilitation/sales program administered by the Fairmont/Morgantown Housing Authority (FMHA) since 2005.

Because the program is funded completely with private dollars, home sales are not income restricted as they are with entitlement funds. In a tight credit market where buyers can be difficult to identify, this allows for the greatest range of potential buyers. Additionally, without the deep subsidies often required to make homes affordable to income-qualified households, the program can help increase comparability in the neighborhood.

Despite the modest volume of homes addressed through the program, Morgantown Homecoming should be considered a success. It is augmenting the housing activities that the city addresses with its CDBG and NSP allocations, but targets a buyer with a more diverse household income. In many ways, it fills the institutional gap that the absence of a strong, community based non-profit would provide.

Vogt Santer Insights, Ltd. (VSI), a national real estate market research firm based in Columbus, Ohio, has completed this study of the Greater Morgantown area.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	850
Non-Homeless	9
Special-Needs	0
Total	859

Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	9
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	9

Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)

Greater Morgantown would benefit from the creation of a dedicated Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). A CHDO is a special type of nonprofit organization that focuses on the development of housing for households with incomes under 80% AMHI, adjusted for family size. CHDOs are eligible to receive HOME Investment Partnerships dollars. Although neither the city of Morgantown nor Monongalia County receive a HOME allocation, the state of West Virginia does. They issue a Request For Proposals and CHDOs from around the state compete for these dollars. The CHDO could be designed to serve the entire county, or a specific neighborhood depending upon the desire of its incorporators.

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Although WVU provides a stabilizing force in the city, it also creates challenges for residents not associated with the university. The city's housing market has developed almost solely to accommodate the demands of college students. Rental rates are high and apartment units contain amenities attractive to college students (e.g., gym, pools), rather than to families or permanent residents looking for long-term rental opportunities. Furthermore, new development has given little attention to overall accessibility and transit accessibility for seniors and persons with disabilities. Although not intentional, WVU has created housing challenges for Morgantown's permanent residents.

AP-60 Public Housing

Introduction

Morgantown has no public housing.

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

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

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

Discussion

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities

Introduction

In the spring of 2010, the Morgantown City Council and the Monongalia County Commission jointly approved the creation of a Task Force on Homelessness for the purpose of developing a community-wide plan to reduce homelessness.

While there is always a need for emergency services for those experiencing homelessness (food, shelter, clothing, etc.), the first priority, and the main focus for the Task Force, is reducing the number of persons experiencing homelessness, through

- 1) prevention services that reduce the number of persons who become homeless, and
- 2) re-housing services that reduce the length of time that persons are homeless and increase the number of persons regaining housing.

Or more simply put, reduce the number of people entering the system of homeless services and increase the number of people exiting the system.

This is the introduction of the Homeless Task Force in Morgantown and Monongalia County. The City recognize the importance of helping the Task Force implement their program therefore the CDBG will fund The Connecting Link in establishing the single point of entry to the system on Morgantown. Expanding the view of homelessness to a community issue is an important step in resolving some of the most pressing needs of homelessness in Morgantown.

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

First Tier Needs

In partnership with existing service providers, provide support services to special needs populations with the most urgent needs (identified through the citizen participation process).

Second Tier Needs

Provide facilities and support services for homeless and special needs populations, other than the populations identified in the 'First Tier' category as those with the most urgent needs.

Five-Year Goal: Work to tie special needs services to affordable housing development and/or job creation for special needs populations, particularly individuals with substance abuse problems, individuals with severe, persistent mental illnesses, and homeless families. Prioritize activities that help individuals move toward self-sufficiency.

Goal: Assist the homeless health clinic expand services. They are recording 800 visits a year 144 of which are unduplicated and unsheltered. Some patients have Medicaid but cannot see their doctor as soon as they need. Treatments include, treating mental illness, frostbite, asthma, heart problems, diabetes etc. A number of these individuals would have died without the urgent care received.

The City collaborates with social service agencies that assist persons living at or below the poverty level. The City supports community enhancement programs through its

Community Development Block Grant program in order to improve the living environments of low to moderate-income persons, specifically improving the lives of low- to moderate-income youth in order to break the cycle of poverty. Many of these programs are designed to assist low- to moderate-income individuals and families by assisting with the needs of low- and moderate-income households.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Five-Year Goal: Work to tie special needs services to affordable housing development and/or job creation for special needs populations, particularly individuals with substance abuse problems, individuals with severe, persistent mental illnesses, and homeless families. Prioritize activities that help individuals move toward self-sufficiency.

Measure: Number of persons with special needs served through projects that are tied to the provision of affordable housing.

Measure: Number of persons with special needs served through projects that are tied to self-sufficiency.

Goal: Establish a work program for day work and community work through BOPARC, Mainstreet Morgantown, local businesses and the Bartlett House and Monongalia County Mental Health Association.

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

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.

Five-year Objectives: The 2000 Census reported that 16,181 households in Morgantown were low to moderate-income. Individuals living on the threshold of poverty are faced with a collection of obstacles that prevent them from escaping their situation. Some may need adequate affordable housing, job skills training, day care for children, treatment for medical or substance abuse issues or they may be children and adults with educational needs. Regardless of their issues, the City of Morgantown is committed to assisting those in need of assistance.

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Goal: The City will work supporting agencies that are identifying and resolving barriers to independent living and promoting self-sufficiency for individuals and families of low- to moderate-income through job training, literacy programs, child care and after school programs, substance abuse and medical treatment, barrier removal and rehabilitation, and transportation

Discussion

The City of Morgantown has worked closely with the homeless service providers within the city to identify and resolve issues of homelessness within the community. The Community development Office has taken an active role in establishing the "Point-in-Time" count annually and securing funding for shelters and services. Currently the Community Development Office Administrator serves as President of the BOD for the West Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness. The focus of the statewide effort is to get

all providers statewide on the HMIS system and establish a data warehouse.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing

Introduction

The barriers to affordable housing that exist in Greater Morgantown are not uncommon in small to medium-sized communities. Challenges are rarely created by an unwillingness to engage in affordable housing development by either the public or the private sector, but the lack of resources required for successful developments to occur. This resource deficiency tends to manifest itself around three categories: production capacity issues, financial challenges or cost impediments to the individual(s) in the household.

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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

Housing is clearly an important part of these allocations, taking the second largest share of CDBG dollars each year. These resources fund housing rehabilitation programs, an emergency home repair program, a housing accessibility fund, a down payment assistance program and a lead paint testing/abatement program. It should be noted that some of the money spent in the Public Service and Rehabilitation line items go to benefit the Bartlett House Emergency Shelter and infrastructure for affordable housing projects. If these dollars are added to the Housing line item, then affordable housing would be the largest recipient of CDBG dollars from 2009 to 2011.

Because of the competitive nature of CDBG within municipal government, it is difficult to envision a scenario whereby more resources are allocated to housing programs. However, an argument could be made that the current capacity of the Bartlett House is insufficient. According to Bartlett House, it had 20,071 shelter nights in Fiscal Year 2009-2010. If the total number of shelter nights is divided by the number of days that Bartlett House is open during their Fiscal Year (365), then it can be concluded that the facility is serving an average of 55 people per night. Since there are only 34 beds at Bartlett House, it is operating at nearly twice its capacity. An expanded facility, or even a second shelter, could be a strategic investment of future CDBG funds.

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Discussion

Potential Strategies to Eliminate Affordability Barriers

Most of the common barriers that impede the development of affordable housing do not exist today as an attempt to deliberately exclude a specific class of people. They are often unintended consequences that result from market forces or broad public policy decisions. There are many ways that the various municipalities could support additional affordable housing, as the three categories below describe.

Production Solutions

Local government can assist with removing encumbrances and streamlining the regulatory process in order to proliferate affordable housing. Suggested actions include: land donation, land banking, land trusts, building development capacity, inclusionary zoning, expediting permitting and revising impact fees.

Financial Solutions

Over the years, a variety of tools have been created that are considered to be mutually beneficial to individuals, municipalities and lenders. This interaction can break down very quickly in the affordable housing marketplace; if no one is occupying housing, the municipalities are not realizing their goals and the financial services industry becomes weaker since it is not engaging consumers in its product line. Each scenario is different, but one, or several, of the tools listed below may need to be applied to help an affordable housing project come to fruition, including loans, grants, bond financing, tax incentives and utilization of non-profits/foundations.

Cost to the Individual Solutions

Even when great care has been taken to ensure that housing is made affordable, and some of the production and financial tools described previously have been applied, housing costs may still not be affordable to prospective occupants. Methodologies such as down payment assistance, closing costs, rental assistance, lease/purchase homes and addressing the affordability gap are designed to benefit the resident directly.

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AP-85 Other Actions

Introduction

While all of the objectives identified through the Consolidated Plan process are critical issues for the City to address over the 5-year Consolidated Planning period, they cannot all be implemented simultaneously due to limitations of funding and organizational capacity. Therefore, the City must decide how funds will be allocated to address the unmet housing and community development needs.

The City supports strategies that have a sustainable long-term impact to preserve affordability of housing or help people move to self-sufficiency. These strategies should have impacts that extend over many years.

The City needs to assist in the leverage of dollars, through partnerships, of private and nonprofit financial investments and the use of existing organizations to deliver services; strategies should emphasize leveraging dollars with other sources of support.

The City collaborates with social service agencies that assist persons living at or below the poverty level. The City supports community enhancement programs through its Community Development Block Grant program in order to improve the living environments of low to moderate-income persons, specifically improving the lives of low- to moderate-income youth in order to break the cycle of poverty.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

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The Morgantown Area Youth Services Project, MAYSP, provides intervention services to youth and families primarily from low-income households that are experiencing delinquency and substance abuse problems. Recent reports indicate there is an increase in the number of youth related issues around the City, graffiti, vandalism, breaking and entering and reports of weapons.

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Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

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Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

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.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

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Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City recognizes the importance of coordination among the City and the community's housing and social service providers in meeting the community's priority needs. The City will undertake actions for the City to coordinate with local housing and social service providers in the identification, documentation and mitigation of community needs. This will result in a more streamlined and effective service delivery system.

The City as part of all its contracts with various agencies that implement projects with CDBG funds provides technical guidance and direction for the application of strong institutional structure for these agencies. Cooperation between City departments and outside non-profit agencies is a fundamental factor in the successful application of the City's CDBG program.

The Community Development Office will continue to look for gaps in the institutional structure as the program expands. It is important to maintain and broaden communication with many of the community's private and public institutions in order to provide a good community based program.

The City recognizes the benefit of enhancing coordination between agencies. The City also recognizes the importance of coordination among it and the community's housing and social service providers in meeting the community's priority needs. The City will undertake actions that call for the City to coordinate with local housing and social service providers in the identification, documentation and

mitigation of community needs. This will result in a more efficient and effective service delivery system.

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

Morgantown has no public housing.

Discussion

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Median Family Income (MFI) is used by HUD and state and local policy makers to qualify households for various housing programs. According to HUD, the MFI for Morgantown in 2010 was \$53,900. The following classifications utilize MFI to define income levels according to HUD's categorization:

- Extremely low—30 percent and less of MFI (\$16,170 and less);
- Very low—31 to 50 percent of MFI (\$16,171 to \$26,950);
- Low and moderate—51 to 80 percent (\$26,951 to \$43,120);
- Above low and moderate—80 percent and above of MFI (more than \$43,120);

The largest proportion of families in Morgantown—71 percent—were considered “above low and moderate income,” earning more than \$43,120. These families would likely not qualify for HUD-funded programs. The remaining 29 percent of families were evenly split among the remaining.

According to the ACS, 34 percent of Morgantown residents live in poverty. This is much higher than both the state (17 percent) and national (14 percent) averages because of the large student population in the city, 18 to 24 year olds account for 83 percent of impoverished residents. When examining poverty by age group, other than college-aged residents, school-aged residents (aged between 5 and 17) had the highest poverty rate (14 percent), followed by 25 to 44 year olds (13 percent).

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements

Introduction

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.	100.00%

Discussion