

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

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The city's Development Services Department, Community Development Office is the lead agency overseeing achievement of the Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Planning process actively involves the housing and community development organizations in the city, including the Morgantown Housing Authority, nonprofit providers of affordable housing, service providers to the city's low- income and special needs populations, advocates, and others.

The City of Morgantown has allocated its CDBG funds based on: principally benefiting Low/Mod income persons; or an activity in which predominantly low- and moderate-income areas or which has a presumed benefit; or an activity with an income requirement of low- and moderate income persons. All allocated funding has been utilized in a timely manner and within budget. The City has never had a problem with timeliness or projects or annual funding percentages.

- 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.
- Assisted living also presents an issue for individuals who may be living independently but requires assistance with daily activities or travel outside their home.
- Transportation is a challenge for many for various reasons.
- Adequate level of care for the elderly, substance addicted individuals and persons living with HIV/AIDS are another underserved need in the City.
- 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.
- The reduction in Federal CDBG funds limits the City's financial resources to meet the underserved needs in Morgantown. Since 2004 the funding for the City of Morgantown's Community Development Block Grant funding has decreased. As the funding levels decreased the ability to accomplish all the goals is diminished. However, the core values of the CDBG program, housing, assisting low and moderate income individuals and families have been maintained. The Housing Rehabilitation program has been one of the most needed and successful project utilizing CDBG funding.

Infrastructure needs in the community to improve Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility and sidewalks continue. Infrastructure is second only to housing in funding from the City of Morgantown's CDBG grant. Public facilities and parks need updated accessibility improvements to meet the changes in the 2010 amendments to the ADA.

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.

Additional goals

Additional Goals

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

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Homelessness is still prevalent in Morgantown as in many communities. With the passage of the HEARTH Act, the homeless provider's community organized and plans through the Homeless Task Force resulting in an umbrella organization the Homeless Coordinating Council. The Homeless Coordinating Council is working to meet the changes requiring rapid rehousing.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

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 Annual Action Plan.

The City of Morgantown's Community Development Office was the lead agency overseeing the citizen participation in the planning, implementation, and assessment of the 2015 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 in the planning process.

The Community Development Administrator opens each public 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.

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.

Summary of comments received during 30 day public comment period April 1-30, 2015

10 total comments were received 7 emails, 3 letters via email.

All comments concerned the Monongalia County Habitat for Humanity's proposal.

The seven email public comments received focused on the request that the city consider full funding of the Mon. Co. Habitat for Humanity's proposal. Each email cited their involvement with Habitat and the importance of the funding to allow Habitat to provide affordable housing.

The three letters received via email continue the comments made in the email comments for full funding of the proposal. The letters offer a more detailed outline of the service provided by Habitat and the need for full funding to meet the need of affordable housing.

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

None

7. Summary

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
Lead Agency	MORGANTOWN	
CDBG Administrator		Development Services Department
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator		
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

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, 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 Consolidated Plan is 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.

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

1. Introduction

The Community development Office consults with a number of social service agencies, city departments and private intities in developng the annual action plans and accessing the needs of the community

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 will collaborate with private non-profit social service agencies throughout the community to address anti-poverty programs. These organizations have many years of experience and service to the community addressing the needs of the homeless, elderly, persons with disabilities, substance abuse, AIDS/HIV and their families. Their expertise and program development is critical in identifying and addressing poverty, housing, unemployment and health care in the community.

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.

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

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

The City of Morgantown does not apply or receive ESG funding these grants are administered in the city by Bartlett House, Inc, Rape and Domestic Violence Information Center, Caritas House, Inc, and the Connecting Link.

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	Mon County Habitat for Humanity, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment 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?	Mon/Preston Habitat for Humanity addresses the basic need in Morgantown for affordable housing. The Community Development Office consults with them about the need for housing and opportunities to meet the need for housing.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	The Connecting Link
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Connecting Link provides intake services for the homeless in Morgantown. They act as a clearing house for services needed to house and secure long term stability for the chronic, veteran, families with children that are homeless.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Literacy Volunteers of Mon & Preston Counties
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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?	Literacy Volunteers works closely with the very poor and other individuals that cannot read. Their services provides opportunities for individuals to improve their employment and life situations.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Morgantown Area Youth Services Program
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs 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 Morgantown Youth Services Program has long been a leader in working with troubled youth that otherwise may end up in the court system and jail. MAYSP works with youth and their families that are experiencing substance and alcohol abuse, and anger management issues.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	CHRISTIAN HELP, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs 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?	Christian Help provides a vital service in the community addressing the needs of the poor with programs of food, emergency assistance, employment mentoring, and men's & women's clothes closets.

6	Agency/Group/Organization	United Way of Monongalia & Preston Conties
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Funding services
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs 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 United Way of Mon/Preston County supports 34 non-profits that meet the needs of the community from homelessness to education.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	FAIRMONT MORGANTOWN HOUSING AUTHORITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment 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?	The Fairmont Morgantown Housing Authority has operated the housing rehabilitation program for a decade. The also have a program to secure and rehabilitate housing then provided at affordable cost to the community.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Housing Action Partnership, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Community Housing Action Partnership, Inc. is a consortium of developers, funders, lenders, nonprofits, and other stakeholders servicing as a catalyst in facilitating the development of affordable housing in the community.

9	Agency/Group/Organization	Mountaineer Boys and Girls Club
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs 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 Mountaineer Boys & Girls Club provides a number of direct and indirect services within the community. They work with youth and teens to keep them off the streets and focusing on their education with after-school tutoring programs. This also provides day care for a number of parents that otherwise would not have this opportunity.

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

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	West Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness	The WVCEH is a statewide advocacy organization that is the Balance of State Continuum of Care which includes Morgantown. The City works closely with WVCEH in relieving chronic homelessness.

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

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2	Newspaper Ad	Public Comment period from April 1, 2015 through April 30, 2015.	<p>The City of Morgantown will hold a Public Comment period from April 1, 2015 through April 30, 2015. A Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, at the City Hall, located at 389 Spruce Street, Morgantown, WV.</p> <p>This hearing is intended to provide an opportunity for interested parties to comment on an amendment to the</p>	<p>Summary of comments received during 30 day public comment period April 1-30, 2015 10 total comments were received 7 emails, 3 letters via email. All comments concerned the Monongalia County Habitat for Humanity's proposal. The seven email public comments received focused on the request that the city consider full funding of the Mon. Co. Habitat for Humanity's proposal. Each email cited their involvement with Habitat and the importance of the funding to allow Habitat to provide affordable housing. The three</p>	None	16

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

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Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	371,158	29,372	15,226	415,756	0	

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

CDBG funding will be leveraged against West Virginia State Transportation Grants to complete the sidewalks along Walnut Street. CDBG will supplement almost all of the public service projects where private funding will be used to complete the projects.

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

Not applicable

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Housing	2014	2019	Affordable Housing	Downtown	Housing	CDBG: \$83,654	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1 Households Assisted Rental units rehabilitated: 2 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 4 Household Housing Unit Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 300 Persons Assisted
2	anti-Poverty	2014	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs		Anti-Poverty	CDBG: \$31,933	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons Assisted
3	Infrastructure	2014	2019	Non-Housing Community Development		Infrastructure	CDBG: \$108,978	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2 Persons Assisted Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1 Households Assisted
4	Homelessness	2014	2019	Homeless	Downtown	Homelessness	CDBG: \$23,000	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 200 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Housing
	Goal Description	<p>In the 2015 Action Plan the City will fund Habitat for Humanity in their effort to provide housing to low income families by funding infrastructure work in their Decker Court Development.</p> <p>The City will continue to fund the Fairmont Morgantown Housing Authority's Home Rehabilitations Program</p> <p>In 2015 the City is supporting a new housing approach through capacity building by funding the Community Housing Action Partnership (CHAP). CHAP is a clearing house of housing partners, bankers, realtors, developers, housing authorities etc. to promote and expedite the construction of affordable housing in Morgantown.</p>
2	Goal Name	anti-Poverty
	Goal Description	<p>The City will again fund the programs of the Morgantown Area Youth Services Program and the Mountaineer Boys and Girls Club in their efforts of addressing the needs of low income youths and their families. These programs address a specific need in the city by providing tutoring and afterschool programs and intervention services with youths whom have issues with drugs, alcohol, and anger management.</p>
3	Goal Name	Infrastructure
	Goal Description	<p>The City will invest CDBG funding in three infrastructure projects. The Walking Bridge connecting the Deckers Creek Trail with the Greenmont neighborhood, a low income Census Tract, will receive funding for sidewalks and ADA accessibility connecting the bridge with the current sidewalks. The Woodburn Community Center will receive funding to make the facility accessible and funding is provided to Habitat for sidewalks.</p>
4	Goal Name	Homelessness
	Goal Description	<p>The Connecting Link will receive funding to support the intake coordinator in housing the homeless.</p>

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

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

The Connecting Link is the homeless intake coordinator for the homeless in Morgantown. They estimate housing 200 homeless using ESG rapid rehousing funding, 20 chronically homeless and using VASH Vouchers 11 Veterans.

Habitat for Humanity plans to build five homes for low income families.

The Fairmont Morgantown Housing Authority will rehabilitate 4 homes.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

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#	Project Name
1	Human Rights Commission
2	Administration
3	Intervention Services
4	Project Learn and Smart Moves
5	Literacy Volunteers Technology Upgrade
6	Homeless Intake Coordinator
7	Home Rehabilitation Program
8	Homeless Housing Program
9	Community Housing Action Partnership
10	Infrastructure Work for Deckers Court Housing Development
11	Sidewalks for Greenmont Bridge
12	ADA Access Curb Cuts
13	ADA Access Public Safety Building
14	Emergency Exit Repair
15	United Way Roof Repair

Table 8 – Project Information

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

Two important considerations are made when allocating the CDBG funding; low and moderate income neighborhoods and impact of the funding on the problem. With the size of the grant getting smaller it is important to allocate funding where the greatest possible return is possible and to meet the most pressing needs in the community.

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	Human Rights Commission
	Target Area	ANTI-POVERTY STRATEGY Downtown
	Goals Supported	anti-Poverty
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness Anti-Poverty Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$500
	Description	The Human Rights Commission is working to assist in making a livable income, housing, services and infrastructure more available to City residents. This addresses Impediment #1 from the City's Analysis of Impediments Fair Housing Choices of 2011.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	

2	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	ANTI-POVERTY STRATEGY NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY Downtown
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$73,731
	Description	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.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
3	Project Name	Intervention Services
	Target Area	ANTI-POVERTY STRATEGY
	Goals Supported	anti-Poverty
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness Anti-Poverty
	Funding	CDBG: \$11,933

	Description	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.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Seventy five individuals and families will benefit from the Intervention Services Program.
	Location Description	Located in Census Tract 101.00 downtown Morgantown.
	Planned Activities	
4	Project Name	Project Learn and Smart Moves
	Target Area	ANTI-POVERTY STRATEGY
	Goals Supported	anti-Poverty
	Needs Addressed	Anti-Poverty
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000
	Description	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. 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.

	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	300 school children will participate in the after school programs.
	Location Description	Mountaineer Boys & Girls Club, Project #2015-4, The Boys and Girls Club facility is located in the Woodburn School in Census Tract # 107.00. The Woodburn Center is located at 918 Fortney Avenue, Morgantown WV 26505.
	Planned Activities	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. 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.
5	Project Name	Literacy Volunteers Technology Upgrade
	Target Area	ANTI-POVERTY STRATEGY
	Goals Supported	anti-Poverty
	Needs Addressed	Anti-Poverty
	Funding	CDBG: \$2,000
	Description	LVMPC is upgrading their office technology and record storage to ensure confidentiality and provide service efficiency. LVMPC will make a one-time purchase of a server and two laptops for office organization and programming support.

	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 individuals will receive assistance from this project.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
6	Project Name	Homeless Intake Coordinator
	Target Area	ANTI-POVERTY STRATEGY
	Goals Supported	Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$23,000
	Description	CDBG funding will be used for the Friend/Mentor Program offsetting the cost of dedicated staff supervising this program, perform daily intake and viSPDAT assessments. Plus work as a liaison between homeless families and individuals as well as working with the PATH Outreach Coordinator.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 homeless individuals will be assisted by this project.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	CDBG funding will be used for the Friend/Mentor Program offsetting the cost of dedicated staff supervising this program, perform daily intake and viSPDAT assessments. Plus work as a liaison between homeless families and individuals as well as working with the PATH Outreach Coordinator.
7	Project Name	Home Rehabilitation Program
	Target Area	

Goals Supported	Housing
Needs Addressed	Housing
Funding	CDBG: \$35,000
Description	<p>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. Rental Rehabilitation Program Designed to increase the quality of non-student rental units in the City of Morgantown, Landlords will be able to apply for \$10,000 at 1% interest for 10 years to make modest renovations to their rental units. As an incentive to improve the appearance of the structure, participating landlords may be eligible for \$2500 grant for approved exterior improvements. Landlords must agree to rent to families with households income at or below 80% for the life of the loan. Dependent college students are not eligible residents. 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. Barrier Free 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.</p>

Target Date	6/30/2016
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 households
Location Description	Citywide housing rehab program.

Planned Activities

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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.

8	Project Name	Homeless Housing Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,000
	Description	This is housing funding and will be used to provide infrastructure, rehabilitation and health and safety improvements to housing for the homeless. The funding will be available to any organization working to expand housing to be used to house individuals and families that are homeless.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 Individuals and families will benefit
	Location Description	City wide
	Planned Activities	This is housing funding and will be used to provide infrastructure, rehabilitation and health and safety improvements to housing for the homeless. The funding will be available to any organization working to expand housing to be used to house individuals and families that are homeless.
9	Project Name	Community Housing Action Partnership
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,282

	Description	The Community Housing Action Partnership Inc.; is a collaboration of housing agencies, bankers, realtors, developers, attorneys and community leaders working to bring housing to low and moderate families and individuals. CHAP will use the CDBG funding to bring together these partners and the community to study and learn how other communities around the state have formed similar successful housing ventures.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	The Community Housing Action Partnership Inc.; is a collaboration of housing agencies, bankers, realtors, developers, attorneys and community leaders working to bring housing to low and moderate families and individuals. CHAP will use the CDBG funding to bring together these partners and the community to study and learn how other communities around the state have formed similar successful housing ventures.
10	Project Name	Infrastructure Work for Deckers Court Housing Development
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$24,899
	Description	Habitat for Humanity will construct road, curb and sidewalk for the Deckers Court Development in Jerome Park, this project will specifically target persons with disabilities and veterans.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 families will benefit

	Location Description	Monongalia County Habitat for Humanity, Inc, Project #2011-6, Jerome Park Sub-Division Design located in Jerome Park Census Tract 107.00
	Planned Activities	Habitat for Humanity will construct road, curb and sidewalk for the Deckers Court Development in Jerome Park, this project will specifically target persons with disabilities and veterans.
11	Project Name	Sidewalks for Greenmont Bridge
	Target Area	Downtown
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$69,049
	Description	The City of Morgantown has received grant funding to construct a foot bridge across Deckers Creek at Decker Avenue in Greenmont. In conjunction with this project CDBG funding will be used to provide ADA accessible sidewalks to connect the bridge access with other sidewalks in the area.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	The infrastructure work for the Greenmont Walking Bridge #2015-11 is located in Census Tract 109.01
	Planned Activities	
12	Project Name	ADA Access Curb Cuts
	Target Area	ANTI-POVERTY STRATEGY
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000

	Description	Public works will repair several sidewalk curb cuts in Woodburn and Jerome Park improving accessibility. The City works to improve accessibility for all residents.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Public works will repair several sidewalk curb cuts in Woodburn and Jerome Park improving accessibility. The City works to improve accessibility for all residents.
13	Project Name	ADA Access Public Safety Building
	Target Area	Downtown
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	The City of Morgantown will use CDBG funding to improve disabled accessibility to the Public Safety Building.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
14	Project Name	Emergency Exit Repair

	Target Area	Downtown
	Goals Supported	anti-Poverty
	Needs Addressed	Anti-Poverty
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,000
	Description	Christian Help, an agency serving low and very low-income individuals and families with emergency needs will repair and rehabilitate their building's emergency exits. The project will include the removal of the old metal doors in the back of the building.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	600 low income and homeless individuals will benefit
	Location Description	The Christian Help rehab project #2015-14 is located in Census Tract 101.00
	Planned Activities	Christian Help, an agency serving low and very low-income individuals and families with emergency needs will repair and rehabilitate their building's emergency exits. The project will include the removal of the old metal doors in the back of the building.
15	Project Name	United Way Roof Repair
	Target Area	Downtown
	Goals Supported	anti-Poverty
	Needs Addressed	Anti-Poverty
	Funding	CDBG: \$70,000
	Description	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.
	Target Date	6/30/2016

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	The United Way Roof Rehab project #2015-15 is located in Census Tract 101.00
	Planned Activities	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.

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

Morgantown Area Youth Services Project, Project #2015-3, this is a citywide program targeting low-income children and families.

Mountaineer Boys & Girls Club, Project #2015-4, The Boys and Girls Club facility is located in the Woodburn School in Census Tract # 107.00.

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

Monongalia County Habitat for Humanity, Inc, Project #2011-6, Jerome Park Sub-Division Design located in Jerome Park Census Tract 107.00

The infrastructure work for the Greenmont Walking Bridge #2015-11 is located in Census Tract 109.01

The United Way Roof Rehab project #2015-15 is located in Census Tract 101.00

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
ANTI-POVERTY STRATEGY	40
NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY	30
Downtown	30

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City looks at the need, then the Census Tract to determine low and moderate income. Many of the funded activities are citywide.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of Morgantown has used 1.3 million dollars of CDBG funding for the Housing Rehabilitation Project since 2004. In addition to the rehabilitation program the City has generously supported the Monongalia County Habitat for Humanity housing program in Morgantown. In 2015 the Community Development Office cites the Habitat for Humanity project for infrastructure forwarding the Decker Court Housing Project.

The CDBG funding will be used for capacity building with the non-profit Community Housing Action Partnership (CHAP). CHAP will be a clearing house promoting affordable housing within Morgantown and Monongalia County. CHAP brings together bankers, attorneys, developers, landlords, housing agencies and local governments to facilitate affordable housing projects.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	30
Non-Homeless	6
Special-Needs	4
Total	40

Table 11 - 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	5
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	5

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

Discussion

The City of Morgantown has used CDBG funding primarily in housing rehabilitation, however, the City has assisted Habitat for Humanity with property acquisition, infrastructure, and grading and grubbing of housing sites. The past couple of program years and in the 2015 program CDBG funding is being used to assist with the housing of the homeless by supporting The Connecting Link with a homeless intake coordinator.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City of Morgantown has a number of tax incentive housing projects in and around the city but 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 – 91.220(i)

Introduction

Several years ago the community sponsored a Homeless Taskforce to research and address solutions in housing the homeless. From their two year study the Coordination Council on Homelessness was formed with the charge of facilitating services and housing the homeless. Another outcome from the Taskforce was choosing The Connecting Link as the central intake for homeless individuals and families in the area to coordinate the services needed to stabilize the lives of the homeless.

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 costs of homelessness are not just borne by those who directly experience homelessness. Everyone pays at least some of the personal, health, social, economic and governmental costs of homelessness because of the demand upon, and cost of, police, health, and other public services.

The chief goals are to prevent homelessness through intervention and to rapidly re-house those who become homeless, reducing the numbers who require emergency shelter.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

In May, Bartlett House's West Run facility will open 36 new beds for chronically homeless individuals of the highest acuity. Beds are arranged in suites of 2 up to 6 per unit. The fee is based on income - if there is no income, there is no fee. All furnishings and household utensils are provided. All meals will be provided. There is a large activity space, as well as satellite offices for service providers. An open house will be held once the units are up and running.

COORDINATING COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS,

Interim Report May 1, 2015

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 Connecting Link has become the agency providing intake coordination for housing the homeless under the Housing First initiative, coordinating the intake of homeless individuals and families with services to improve the ability of the homeless to access available services.

The Homeless Housing Fund is established to assist any agency that needs funds for rehabilitation or infrastructure work in order to improve property to house the homeless.

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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.

Friend/Mentor Program, this is a new program that enlists volunteers to be trained to help individuals and families, we have recently housed (especially the homeless) in daily life skills, becoming a good tenant, becoming a good neighbor, housekeeping, shopping, etc. The hope is that this program will close some of the gaps associated with unsuccessful housing and provide mentor-ship to improve the success rate of self-reliance.

The Connecting Link

Discussion

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family
Tenant-based rental assistance
Units provided in housing facilities (transitional or permanent) that are being developed, leased, or operated
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds
Total

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

Introduction

The city's land use code creates no obvious barriers to fair housing. The city recently passed a definition of "functional family," which was primarily in response to the recent trend of college students moving into traditionally non-student neighborhoods.

Affordable housing and public housing review. The FMHA has no public housing units in Morgantown. The FMHA administers 503 Section 8 Vouchers, which are concentrated in certain portions of the city, as well as used outside of Morgantown. Social service stakeholders, residents and housing professionals all suggested that it is difficult to use Section 8 Vouchers in Morgantown because of an overall lack of affordable and accessible rental units in the city. Furthermore, stakeholders suggested that the FMHA could do a better job of connecting voucher holders with interested landlords in Morgantown.

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 Community Housing Agencies Partnership (CHAP) serves as a consortium of developers, funders, lenders, nonprofits, and other stakeholders focused on facilitating the development of safe, economical, quality housing through collaborating and leveraging partnerships and resources throughout Monongalia County. Its mission is to serve as a catalyst to produce quality, economical housing through leveraging and maximizing resources.

Discussion

The barriers to affordable housing that exist in Greater Morgantown are not uncommon in small to medium-sized communities; especially those that are largely defined by the presence of a major university. 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.

Non-financial barriers include inadequate or insufficient sites, lack of access to labor, lack of access to materials, inability to procure adequate infrastructure, lack of neighborhood or municipal support or a simple deficiency of knowledge regarding affordable housing production.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

CHAP, the Community Housing Action Partnership, Inc., was created by community stakeholders to serve as a catalyst for developing economical quality housing in Monongalia County by:

- Serving as a consortium of developers, funders, lenders, nonprofits and community members
- Focusing on facilitating development of safe, economical quality housing
- Collaborating and leveraging partnerships among community housing organizations
- Serving as a clearinghouse for housing resources
- Advocating for housing that is available to all members of our community

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

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

Discussion

Program Specific Requirements

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

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	29,372
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	15,226
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	44,598

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.	85.00%

Discussion

