



CITY OF ABILENE

NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Abilene annually receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Grant (HOME) that will be used to serve the low-to moderate-income residents of Abilene. This plan includes the time frame of October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2023 and is the third year of the five-year 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan). This Action Plan serves as a planning document that outlines the funding distribution and activities to support the City of Abilene 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan for Housing and Community Development. The 2022-2023 Action Plan meets the federal government statutory requirements found in 24 CFR 91.200-91.230. The City of Abilene anticipates receiving from HUD \$858,688 in CDBG funds, Reprogrammed CDBG Funds of \$290,449, Program Income of \$500.00 and \$500,253 in HOME funds, Reprogrammed HOME funds \$4,959 and Program Income of \$15,000 during this year. The City expects to receive funds totaling \$1,358,941.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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All funds received must be expended to satisfy one or more of the HUD defined objectives for residents of Abilene: Annual Action Plan.

- Provide decent housing
- Create suitable living environments
- Expend economic opportunities

All funded activities and projects must all meet at least one of the three National Objectives:

- Benefit to low- and moderate- income (LMI) persons;
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; and

- Meet a need having a particular urgency (referred to as urgent need).

The 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan developed Priority Needs to be addressed by the five year Goals and Objectives. This Plan contains a range of goals, objectives, and outcomes formulated to address needs identified for homelessness, other special needs, affordable housing, non-housing community development, barriers to affordable housing, lead-based paint hazards, institutional structure, and coordination.

These objectives include:

- Continue to Plan, Monitor, and Administer Entitlement Grant Programs and insure compliance with Federal Regulations
- Improve living conditions in Abilene by addressing non-housing community development needs
- Enhance the economic well-being of all citizens by addressing non-housing community development for special needs populations and low and moderate income persons
- Improve the condition and availability of affordable housing

1. Decent Housing

Encourage homeownership by providing down payment and closing assistance to 6 low and moderate income households.

Maintain 70 existing affordable housing units for low - moderate income households including: 4 substantial Single-Family Rehabilitation/RECON and 60 owner occupied Critical Repair and Neighborhood Revitalization Repair of single-family dwellings units.

2. Suitable Living Environments

Provision of public facility and infrastructure improvements to benefit LMI people.

CDBG funds will offer assistance in the development of a new program set forth by the Neighborhood Services. After NS was given a new directive by the City Manager and City Council to create new community partnerships which will reach out to re-vitalize the 14 Low-Moderate Income Neighborhoods (LMI), NS performed much research and included this philosophy when scheduling Public Hearing and each of the 6 community meetings held to develop the FY 2022 Action Plan.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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Abilene has a history of successful programs funded through the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships Grant (HOME). Of particular importance to the health of the city have been programs that address the condition of the housing stock. The City has worked actively with local homeless services providers to expand both the stock of units/beds available to homeless persons and services aimed at helping those persons find employment, housing, health care services, and educational opportunities. The City has successfully funded housing rehabilitation activities targeting lower income clients and elderly households unable to properly maintain their homes. Details of past performance can be found in the City's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Based on Community Participation Plan outreach included public forums and focus group meetings, on-line information on the City of Abilene Web Site, additional forms of electronic media and consultation with public and private agencies and organizations to capture public input as to the priority needs for the next year. Over 200 individuals/organizations were notified of the Public Hearings and Community Meetings by email, letters, flyers, in-house memos to staff, and city media blitz, posting in the Abilene Reporter News and newspaper as a PSA and the posting of flyers at the Public Housing locations. Participating persons, public and private agencies included the general public, neighborhood organizations, Abilene Housing Authority, Continuum of Care, Board of Realtors, Chamber of Commerce, public and social service agencies, colleges and universities, elected and appointed officials. The Community Meetings were held in 6 of the LMI neighborhoods allowing NS to deliver their message of what programs are offered, a review of what assistance had been provided during the FY 2022 Action Plan period. The question was asked concerning priority needs; what services or projects were important throughout City-wide; in each neighborhood and finally; what was needed in their home. The City did not receive any negative public comments.

5. Summary of public comments

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

The FY 2022 Action Plan Public Hearings were held on March 28, 2022 and July 28th, 2022. Attendees are notified through various outreach as mentioned above. 17 individuals from many professional service fields' staff and residents were in attendance at the March 28, 2022. Staff discussed the schedule

of meetings and when funding applications would be available. Several attendees had programming questions. NS announced that FY 2022 would be the 7th year that the City would not require payback for the SFR/Recon Program. Citizens are concerned by the need to revitalize houses in all neighborhoods especially the Low-Moderate Income residents. Citizens had questions in regard to how the funding was spent and asked if we purchased HVAC units for homes, the answer was no, but if there was an existing unit we do repairs on them on the homes that qualify for the program. Citizen also asked if we have utility assistance and if we addressed mobile homes and trailers, to both the answer was no, but we do give the citizens other resources to check.

Citizen asked if we have money for marketing, and where and how we spend it, the answer was yes we do have funds for marketing and we attend as many resource fairs and community events as possible, such as National Night Out.

Citizen asked if any of our funding goes or has gone to Parks and Recreation, and or sidewalks the answer was yes it has in the past, when the Parks and Recreation Department have applied and at the direction of our Administration. An explanation was given so many of the Parks and Rec Centers/ sidewalks are also in the Flood Way or Flood Zone so funding is very limited and what we can do and cannot do in the specific areas.

A question was asked about major cleanups and dumpster availability NS suggested Keep Abilene Beautiful, with Storm water Services, being the contact.

The issue with homes and code compliancy was also a concern Code Enhancement, was available to answer many questions and address some concerns, he also suggested the application of "See, Click, Fix" can be used to report and stay confidential. Citizen gave kudos to Code for being so diligent in trying to keep a handle on these issues.

There were some questions about animal control and leash laws, NS suggested contacting Animal Control for further information.

Citizen asked about staffing within the City, and noticed shortages in different Departments including a Historian and some Planners within Planning and Development, Director of Planning addressed the hiring process and order in with the hiring needs to be done.

Citizens were invited to provide input at the 2 Public Hearings, 6 Community Meetings and during the Public Comment Period, the City did not receive any comments. Public Hearings were held on March 28, 2022 and July 28, 2022. To allow citizen's a voice in how CDBG and HOME funds are expended and which programs may be assisted the Community Meetings began on March 28, 2022; March 29, 2022; March 31, 2022; April 4, 2022; April 5, 2022; April 7, 2022. The Proposed Budget and FY 2022-2023 Action Plan comment period began on June 20, 2022.

Comments voiced during the LMI Community Meetings concerned the need for homelessness in the community. The many vacant house fires that have erupted over the course of only a few month, and how can Code Enforcement work with the neighborhoods to clean up or demolition abandoned houses.

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

No comments were rejected.

7. Summary

This plan provides a framework through which Abilene manages it federal entitlement programs related to community development and homeless assistance. The third year on the Action Plan includes projects with objectives and outcomes that address priority needs and will help to meet the goals set by the current five-year Con Plan. For additional information or to view the 2020-2024 Con Plan, please visit the City of Abilene, Neighborhood Services website at <https://abilenetx.gov/459/Neighborhood-Services>. Data were provided through HUD's eCon software system, utilizing American Community Survey data and other sources, to construct the needs assessment and market analysis. The City worked with local service providers and other concerned citizens to develop the strategic plan and annual action plan, both designed to address needs within the city as identified through the public participation process and needs assessment.

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies – 91.200(b)

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

Describe the agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator		City of Abilene, Neighborhood Services
HOME Administrator		City of Abilene, Neighborhood Services

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Abilene, Texas followed its designated Community Participation Plan in developing the 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan and FY 2022 Annual Plan. City of Abilene Neighborhood Initiatives Division, 555 Walnut, Suite 206, Abilene, TX 79604, served as lead agency for the development of the 2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan FY 2022 Annual Plan. Leticia Reeves, Neighborhood Initiatives Division Manager serves as primary contact.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

NS is working to build new relationships and create partnerships. Abilene works with a wide variety of agencies, organizations, and service providers in an effort to bring various viewpoints to bear in the identification of local housing and service needs. The City of Abilene, Citizen Participation Plan requires 2 Public Hearings. NS has partnered with new organizations and businesses to create more caring, involved and nurturing relationships. NS partnered with the Friendship House and Abilene Realtors Association and 4 more LMI neighborhoods and other groups and organizations to hold 6 community meetings. NS met with several City Council members, members of Neighborhood Services Advisory Council (NSAC), AISD Board members, staff of 3 television stations and newspaper in addition to City staff and the public to discuss the community and neighborhood needs.

NS has approached community work with a new prospective during the FY 2022 Action Plan. NS partnered with other agencies to “get the word out to our citizens”. NS has been involved in many much more outreach this year. The Texas Department of Public Transportation (TXDOT) has provided material for NS to distribute and in turn NS gave TXDOT material for them to pass-out during their community outings. NS partnered with the Abilene Association of Realtors to help distribute flyers concerning our neighborhood community meetings. The City participated the Collective Impact Meetings and resource fairs. NS staff has attended Senior Lunches at the Recreation Centers to build a new relationship and have a more one on one interaction. The community meetings were held in 6 of the LMI neighborhoods by partnering with neighborhood organization such as the Friendship House, G.V. Daniels, Cobb area, Sears and many more.

The City is also a member of the local West Texas Homeless Network (WTHN) and the Texas Homeless Network (THN).

Public Hearings are scheduled before and during the comment period and before the Action Plan is finalized and published. The City invites agencies that were previous funding recipients and includes business and community leaders, agencies and individuals that are involved in the housing industries, community development work and non-profits to attend these meetings to discuss the needs within the Abilene community. A few of those agencies are listed in the tables below, but others were invited and/or participated that were not found in the HUD database.

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 has strong ongoing relationships with local and state funded agencies working on housing development activities, medical/mental health issues, and other service agencies and providers. The City

met with staff/members of the Abilene-Taylor County Health District, Boots on the Ground, Dyess We Care Team, Abilene Hope Haven, Noah Project of Abilene, West Texas Homeless Network, Meals on Wheels, the Basic Needs Network, the Friendship House Association and the Sears Neighborhood Association members to discuss how efforts and how all services might be coordinated. Through the Continuum of Care process, the City maintains relationships with mental health providers, homeless shelter and services providers, and other governmental agencies with specific responsibilities for homeless individuals and families. The City also participates in a variety of other coalitions that seek to address other issues that relate to housing, veterans' needs and service needs. Staff from Abilene participates in the development of the Continuum of Care, working with area service providers to include City resources, to the extent possible, in the provision of services to homeless individuals and families in Abilene. NS Staff attends meetings for four groups that addresses local homelessness issues such as the West Texas Homeless Network (WTHN) monthly meetings; the state homeless agency of Texas Homeless Network (THN); in addition to attending the quarterly meetings of the Basic Needs Network (BNN) and the local group Collective Impact and many additional agencies and groups.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The City of Abilene is a part of the Continuum of Care System through the Texas Balance of State CoC. Many social service providers, realtors, mental health agencies, Hope Haven-Bridge 2 Hope, Veteran organizations, United Way and the City of Abilene, Abilene Housing Authority (AHA), local churches and state agencies have formed a Homelessness Crisis Response System Meeting to identify needs and steps. Social service agencies, charitable groups and religious organizations provide emergency/transitional housing and/or supportive services to the homeless and at-risk persons including abused women and children and substance abusers. The City of Abilene participates in submitting and supporting applications for funding for homeless initiatives to the Texas Balance of State Continuum of Care, through the local homeless coalition. NS is also a member of the Basic Needs Network and meets quarterly to learn and exchange information to prevent homelessness and other issues such as returning veterans, and situations that families or individuals may face.

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 Abilene does not receive ESG funds or use the HMIS. Staff from Abilene participates in the development of the Continuum of Care, working with area service providers to include City resources, to the extent possible, in the provision of services to homeless individuals and families in Abilene. NS Staff attends meetings for four groups that addresses local homelessness issues such as the West Texas Homeless Network (WTHN) online monthly meetings; the state homeless agency of Texas Homeless

Network (THN); in addition to attending the quarterly meetings of the Basic Needs Network (BNN) and the local group Hands-Up, Not Out, Thrive Abilene and many additional agencies and groups.

The mission of Abilene Hope Haven, Inc. is to Inspire Hope in the lives of our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Assistance is provided through shelter, housing, and supportive services to our neighbors through the following projects: Bridge 2 Home is an emergency/transitional shelter that is housing-focused and low barrier. Bridge 2 Home has 25 available beds. Project participants may participate in case management services that assist them in identifying permanent housing options. The goal is for participants to move from shelter to permanent housing within 90 days. Hope Housing Services (HHS) is a Rapid Re-housing project that assists participants with housing identification, financial assistance, and case management with supportive services. HHS strives to support participants in moving from homelessness to safe, affordable housing within 30 days of project enrollment.

Abilene Hope Haven, Inc. is working with community partners to develop a plan to launch a Permanent Supportive Housing project for our most vulnerable neighbors experiencing chronic homelessness. NS staff worked with multiple service providers to develop a plan to bring permanent housing to the homeless in Abilene. The Abilene Police Department created Hands Up Not Out group contracted with the Abilene Christian University Urban Studies and Social Work Departments to conduct a housing study. Staff continues a relationship with the Friendship House North and committee members from Highland Church of Christ to discuss what might be done in the College Heights Neighborhood in regards to keeping families in their homes by the City offering assistance to perform home repairs.

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	ABILENE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Other government - County Other government - Local Planning organization Business Leaders Civic Leaders Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development

<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>NS staff mailed over 100 invitations either by email or mail, in addition, to flyers passed out by the Friendship House North, Abilene Association of Realtors, to the March 28, 2022 Public Hearing. The invitations were sent to previous funding recipients, social service providers, educators, medical personnel from the Abilene/Taylor County Health District, Connecting Caring Communities, all city divisions such as Public Work and Streets, Police, Fire, Senior and Recreation Centers to name a few. There were 17 individuals in attendance of the Public Hearing #1 on March 28, 2022 located at the Abilene Zoo conference room, state agencies; educators from several of the local universities; staff from the City of Abilene. Members of the Habitat, Salvation Army, multiple members from Neighborhood Town West; two representatives on the Neighborhood Services Advisory Council (NSAC); and City staff members. NS also sent out electronic News Release to all of its recipients, Facebook and the Neighborhood Services Website, a Public Notice was placed in the Abilene Reporter News, flyers went to the Abilene Housing Authority and Public Housing, and flyers were also posted on the buses with the CityLink Services and massaged individual email notifications. NS posted on the 211 website an invitation and invited all members of the West Texas Homeless Network and several large organizations. The deterioration of neighborhoods was a re-occurring chief concern, along with when the funding applications would be available, several guests had programming questions concerning the difference in Critical Repair, Neighborhood Revitalization and Single-Family Rehab. NS announced that we no longer require payback for the Single-Family Rehab/Recon Program which was met with great excitement.</p>
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

The City did not intentionally exclude any individual or any particular group or agency or agency type.

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	Balance of State Continuum of Care	The COC offers the ability to coordinate funding and services.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The City of Abilene falls under the Balance of State Continuum of Care TX 607.

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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

During preparation of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan, supplemental interviews were conducted with and information and input received from various City Departments and Divisions, Abilene Housing Authority, Chamber of Commerce and Board of Realtors representatives, social and public service organization, community, professional and industry representatives to obtain information from those unable to attend the sessions. Participants in the sessions and supplemental interviews included Abilene City staff and other government representatives; administrators from local colleges, universities, and school districts; non-profit organizations, home builders, housing and social service agencies representatives; real estate and financial industry representatives; and the general public and other community representatives.

Based on Community Participation Plan, outreach included 2 public hearings. This year, NS incorporated additional 6 LMI neighborhood community meetings to capture public input as to the priority needs for the next Action Plan year. Participating persons, public and private agencies included the general public, neighborhood organizations, Abilene Housing Authority, Continuum of Care, Board of Realtors, Chamber of Commerce, public and social service agencies, colleges and universities, elected and appointed officials. The City also adopted a new idea of partnering with different local agencies in an effort to better educate the citizens about CDBG/HOME programs and to discover what the actual needs are within the community.

Two Public Hearing are held each year. The Public Hearings for the 2022 Action Plan were held on March 28, 2022 and July 28, 2022. Attendees are notified through various outreach such as City of Abilene, NS website, electronic media and public notices, letter notification to local non-profits, social service providers, previous funding recipients, and citizens in LMI neighborhoods. 17 individuals from many professional service fields, non-profits, staff from the City of Abilene, members of the West Texas Homeless Network and residents were in attendance at the first public hearing. The needs prioritization process of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan incorporated broad goals for addressing housing and community development in Abilene. These goals, along with specific objectives, are listed in greater detail in the One-Year Action Plan. Each year, as annual action plans are formulated toward achieving these goals, objectives may be added or modified to reflect previous accomplishments and/or new challenges, thus amending the Consolidated Plan. Any substantial amendments to the Consolidated Plan require approval through a formal public hearing and citizen participation process in accordance with 24 CFR 91.105.

At each Public Hearing and Community Meeting, NS discussed the Goals & Objectives from the 2020-2024 Con Plan and asked citizens, non-profits & guests to ask questions & develop projects for funding requests that truly reflect the needs of the community. Consideration to collaborate with NS to revitalize 1 or all of the 15 LMI neighborhoods. Staff gave a hand out presentation about the programs offered, numbers assisted YTD and received comments from attendees even if not directly related to the NS Programs. Phone numbers and contact information for other City and crucial agencies were a part of the presentation.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing Agency Providers Citizens	Two Public Hearing are held each year. The Public Hearings for the 2022 Action Plan were held on March 28, 2022 and July 28, 2022. Attendees are notified through various outreach such as City of Abilene, NS website, electronic media and public notices, letter notification to local non-profits, social service providers, previous funding recipients, and citizens in LMI neighborhoods 15+ individuals from many professional service fields, ministers, non-profits, and residents.	While most comments received were regarding general city business concerning other departments, the comments received pertaining to our programs were in favor of the current proposed allocation.	All comments were accepted.	

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2	Public Hearing	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community City Council Members	The second Public Hearing is being held during City Council July 28, 2022 FY 2022 CDBG and HOME Action Plan and Budget Approval.	No comments were received.	If comments received, all would be accepted.	
3	Public Meeting	Minorities Persons with disabilities All citizens and neighborhood residents	The first Community Meeting held on March 28, 2022. 4 in attendance at the Mockingbird Library.	During the first Community Meeting, representative from the local news station inquired about the programs and how they help the community. Questions also included what neighborhoods we could assist and how does the community apply.	All comments were considered.	

4	Public Meeting	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>All citizens and neighborhood residents</p>	<p>The second Community Meeting was held on March 29, 2022. 7 people were in attendance it was held at Cesar Chavez Recreation Center in the Sears Neighborhood Empowerment Zone.</p>	<p>During the second Community Citizens inquired on how to apply for the First Time Homebuyers Program, due to rent becoming higher. NS explained that we also work with Habitat for Humanity. Also concerns with landlords that do not maintain properties, or if NS offers rental assistance. Ns stated that no rental assistance if offered but does give out other resources for assistance. Citizen express concerns about the amount of abandon houses that have deteriorated over</p>	<p>All comments were considered.</p>	
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				time, Code Enforcement was available to explain the process to report those issues.		

5	Public Meeting	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>All citizens and neighborhood residents</p>	<p>The third Community Meeting was held on March 31, 2022. 6 people were in attendance it was held at Rose Park Recreation Center.</p>	<p>During the third Community Meeting, representative from the local Habitat for Humanity offered assistance for anyone interested in Habitat. NS also explained how Habitat is the CHDO for our programs. Question arose about abandoned houses, houses with code issues, and in total disrepair. Code representative explained the process to determine if the property can be condemned. ACU student had questions regarding speed bumps and how to request the</p>	<p>All comments were considered.</p>	
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				installation in certain areas. She was recommended to contact Public Works, due to the requirements and cost.		

6	Public Meeting	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>All citizens and neighborhood residents</p>	<p>The fourth Community Meeting was held on April 4, 2022. 5 people were in attendance it was held at the Cobb recreation center.</p>	<p>During the fourth Community Meeting, a citizen had major concerns over home repairs needed for senior citizens who live on a fixed income. She stated she was in desperate need of a handicap accessible bathroom due to health issues but only had one income of social security. NS gave explanation of all programs held in the office that could address one issue or all at once, also reminding everyone of the Neighborhood Revitalization Program to restore the house and neighborhood.</p>	<p>All comments were considered.</p>	
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7	Public Meeting	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>All citizens and neighborhood residents</p>	<p>The fifth Community Meeting was held on April 5, 2022. 7 people were in attendance it was held at the G.V. Daniels Recreation Center located in Carver Neighborhood and Empowerment Zone.</p>	<p>During the fifth Community Meeting, a local neighborhood representative was inquiring about where and how to apply for the repair programs. NS explained the programs and process and also offered that anyone interested can call for a more one on one visit. NS stated that Carver is now in the Empowerment Zone and the benefits that follow that. NS also stated that there will be more involvement in the neighborhood to encourage citizens to apply for home repairs.</p>	<p>All comments were considered.</p>	
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8	Public Meeting	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>All citizens and neighborhood residents</p>	<p>The sixth Community Meeting was held on April 7, 2022. 9 people were in attendance it was held at Friendship House North.</p>	<p>During the sixth Community Meeting, a representative from Abilene Recovery asked questions regarding eligibility for substance abuse offenders. She also had concerns that COVID impacted many citizens ability to apply, NS stated that applications continued until funds were exhausted. Other methods of applying was explained like mail outs and home visits. Questions regarding assisting renters with home repairs, it was explained that the owner had to</p>	<p>All comments were considered.</p>	
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				occupy the house. Questions for rental and utility assistance was mentioned, NS does not offer either but recommended contacting 211.		

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Abilene receives funding for the Community Development Block Grant Program and HOME Investment Partnership Program. This program will bring \$1,358,941 into the City through CDBG and HOME Entitlement funds with an additional \$500 in CDBG Program Income and \$15,000 in HOME Program Income to support affordable housing and promote economic development during the last year of the Con Plan. This is the third year of the of the FY 2020-2024 Con Plan. The City will receive \$858,688 in CDBG and \$500 Program Income. \$500,253 in HOME Entitlement funds with additional \$15,000 in HOME Program Income over this time frame.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	858,688	500	290,449	1,149,637	1,149,637	CDBG funds are used for the conservation of affordable housing for LMI households. The expected amount available is the current allocation times the 3 years remaining in the current Consolidated Plan. Prior Year Resources are funds that were not completely utilized for other activities and will not be used.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	500,253	15,000	4,959	520,212	520,212	HOME funds will be used to create and acquire affordable housing for low-to moderate income household. The expected amount available is the current allocation times the 3 years remaining in the current Consolidated Plan. Prior Year Resources are funds that were not completely utilized for other activities and will not be used.
Other	public - federal	Other	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

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

The City's HOME match liability is accomplished in its entirety through the CHDO, Habitat for Humanity. For each HOME-assisted construction of affordable housing unit match is satisfied by volunteer hours, sweat equity, in-kind labor and materials and with discounted Present Day Value of yield foregone on the 0% interest financing.

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Safe, Decent, Affordable Housing	2020	2024	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City of Abilene City Limits	COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC FACILITIES HOUSING NEEDS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE	CDBG: \$100,000 HOME: \$0 CDBG-CV: \$0	Buildings Demolished: 15 Buildings
2	Prevent and Reduce Homelessness	2020	2024	Homeless	City of Abilene City Limits	HOMELESS NEEDS and SERVICES HOUSING NEEDS	CDBG: \$444,234 HOME: \$0 CDBG-CV: \$0	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 50 Household Housing Unit
3	Increase access to services and infrastructure	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	City of Abilene City Limits	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT HOUSING NEEDS	HOME: \$363,649	Homeowner Housing Added: 4 Household Housing Unit

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Safe, Decent, Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	Expand crime prevention strategies, law enforcement services, code enforcement, and domestic violence/child abuse services: Condemnation and Demolition is funded at \$100,000 through the CDBG Program. This activity will be operated by the City of Abilene, Community Enhancement Division. The Community Enhancement Officer in coordination with the Neighborhood Services will identify substandard, abandoned residential and commercial structures on a spot basis in a 51% or greater LMI neighborhood for the purpose of either having the property rehabilitated or condemned and demolished. This activity will only be used to fund for properties that are located in the 15 LMI neighborhoods of the City. The project will begin from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.
2	Goal Name	Prevent and Reduce Homelessness
	Goal Description	Performance Goal: \$444,234 through the CDBG grant. This program will assist & estimated 50 owner occupied homeowners in the 0-80% income category within the City Limits of Abilene for assistance with repairs that effect safety, security & health. Assist 0-80% LMI homeowners with repairs to items that pose an imminent threat to occupants & the surrounding neighborhood. Handicap accessibility issues are prioritized. This will allow homeowners to stay in their home verses abandoning and risk being homeless. Performance Goal 1.4: All of the Admins are used for LMI activities. The client households will be LMI income qualified. The Neighborhood Services is located at 555 Walnut Street, Rm. 206.

3	Goal Name	Increase access to services and infrastructure
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<p>Goal Description</p>	<p>Affordable Housing: goals, objectives, & strategies were designed to address housing availability & affordability.</p> <p>Goal: Improve condition & availability of affordable housing over 5-year period.</p> <p>Strategy 1.1: Homeowner Rehabilitation - City of Abilene Neighborhood Services, SFR Program, will repair 4 owner-occupied housing units. Program provide deferred grants and no pay back to low-mod income elderly and disabled homeowners for major repairs and correction of recognized hazards to health and safety such as leaking roofs, failed heating systems, unsafe wiring, failed plumbing and necessary eligible repairs. The units will be brought to building code by addressing all deficient systems roof, electrical, plumbing, both gas and water. RECON will remove 1 current unit and replace on footprint. Each grant is secured by a lien on the property with repayment due upon sale or transfer of property owner. Neighborhood Revitalization Program \$150,000 is designed to assist those at or below 80% income. NRP will revitalize 30 areas long neglected & NS will qualify homeowners & wrap homes in siding to create & encourage surrounding neighbors to do work on their homes.</p> <p>Performance Goals \$363,649 in HOME Funds allocated for the SFR Program to assist 4 homes & \$30,000 will assist 6 First Time Homebuyers. \$75,038 will assist 3 new homes constructed by Habitat.</p> <p>Performance Goal \$444,234 in CDBG Funds allocated for the City of Abilene Critical Repair Program to assist 50 homes.</p> <p>Critical Repair Program is funded at \$444,234 through the CDBG grant. This program will assist & estimated 50 owner occupied homeowners in the 80% income category within the City Limits of Abilene for assistance with repairs that effect safety, security & health. Assists 80% LMI homeowners with repairs to items that pose an imminent threat to occupants & the surrounding neighborhood. Handicap accessibility issues are prioritized.</p> <p>Performance Goal 1.4: All of the Admins are used for LMI activities. The client households will be LMI income qualified. The Neighborhood Services is located at 555 Walnut Street, Rm. 206.</p> <p>CDBG Planning Administration funded at \$171,737 is subject to the 20% Admin Cap. This includes compulsory training, cost of doing business & delivery of programs & takes on some of the HOME expenses while providing technical assistance to non-profits & programs that receive CDBG funds. CDBG Housing Rehab Admin funded at \$81,737 is not subject to the 20% Admin Cap. This activity is general oversight, planning, management & delivery of CDBG Program, administered by the Planning and Development Services Department/Neighborhood Initiatives Division & indirect cost allocations. Funding partially supports management of HOME Program.</p> <p>Indirect CDBG Admin is subject to the 20% Admin Cap funded at \$90,000. CDBG/HOME programs are not funded from General Fund. This division self-funds all salary & operations, building use fees, other department staff assistance such as Finance, Accounting, HR, It Legal & annual audit.</p>
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		HOME Neighborhood Initiatives Admin is funded at \$51,525 & supports staff & delivery costs of HOME Program, including HOME costs incurred Neighborhood Services.
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Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The following projects were developed by staff with consultation from non-profit service providers and community input through priorities established with involvement of the community survey during the development of the 2020-2024 Con Plan.

The projects listed above were selected from the total of project proposals received in accordance with their consistency with the priorities established through the Consolidated Plan forums and community survey process. These projects meet needs enumerated in the Needs Assessment and prioritization process to the extent that funding was available. Organizational competencies were also considered when selecting one project over another, leaning toward those organizations with long-standing histories of successful project management.

The NS has identified two challenges to meeting underserved needs:

1. Challenge number one is that of limited or reduction of federal and local funding. The in-ability of the local non-profits and foundation organizations to acquire capital through fund raising.
2. Challenge number two involves is that the affordable housing stock in the City of Abilene is limited.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Housing Rehab Admin 2500
2	CDBG Planning Admin Indirect (2510)
3	CDBG Planning Admin Direct (2510)
4	Critical/Limited Repair CDBG Housing Programs
5	Neighborhood Revitalization Program
6	City of Abilene-Condemnation Demolition
7	The Salvation Army
8	Abilene Hope Haven
9	Infill Development
10	Neighborhood Initiatives Admin HOME
11	Single-Family Rehabilitation/Reconstruction
12	First Time Homebuyer Program
13	Community Housing Development Corporation

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The projects listed above were selected from the total of project proposals received in accordance with their consistency with the priorities established through the Consolidated Plan forums and community survey process. These projects meet needs enumerated in the Needs Assessment and prioritization process to the extent that funding was available. Organizational competencies were also considered when selecting one project over another, leaning toward those organizations with long-standing histories of successful project management.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	CDBG Housing Rehab Admin 2500
	Target Area	City of Abilene City Limits
	Goals Supported	Prevent and Reduce Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	HOUSING NEEDS
	Funding	CDBG: \$96,625
	Description	CDBG Housing Administration will begin October 1, 2022 and end September 30, 2022, CDBG Housing Administration will support the overall administration and delivery costs for the housing repair programs.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	These programs will assist Low Moderate Income families' city wide. The income will be 0-80% AMI throughout the City of Abilene.
	Location Description	Neighborhood Services office located at 555 Walnut Street, program will assist City Wide clients.
	Planned Activities	50 Critical Repairs, 30 Neighborhood Revitalization (NRP), 4 Single-Family Rehabilitation/Reconstruction, and 6 First-Time Homebuyers.
2	Project Name	CDBG Planning Admin Indirect (2510)
	Target Area	City of Abilene City Limits
	Goals Supported	Safe, Decent, Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	HOUSING NEEDS COMMUNITY SERVICES (Public Services) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC FACILITIES PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE HOMELESS NEEDS and SERVICES
	Funding	CDBG: \$90,000
	Description	Indirect costs incurred with general oversight, management and delivery of the CDBG & HOME program, expected completion date 9/30/23.
	Target Date	9/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	LMI families will receive assistance.
	Location Description	Neighborhood Services office located at 555 Walnut Street, program will assist City Wide clients. LMI families will receive assistance.
	Planned Activities	
3	Project Name	CDBG Planning Admin Direct (2510)
	Target Area	City of Abilene City Limits
	Goals Supported	Safe, Decent, Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	HOUSING NEEDS COMMUNITY SERVICES (Public Services) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC FACILITIES PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE HOMELESS NEEDS and SERVICES
	Funding	CDBG: \$81,737
	Description	General oversight, management and delivery of the CDBG program, overall management of the HOME program. Estimated completion date of 09/30/2023.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	LMI families will receive assistance.
	Location Description	Neighborhood Services office is located at 555 Walnut Street, program will assist City Wide clients. LMI families will receive assistance.
	Planned Activities	
4	Project Name	Critical/Limited Repair CDBG Housing Programs
	Target Area	City of Abilene City Limits
	Goals Supported	Safe, Decent, Affordable Housing Prevent and Reduce Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	HOUSING NEEDS

	Funding	CDBG: \$444,234
	Description	Critical/Limited Repair: CDBG \$444,234. City program will assist 40 LMI owner-occupied homeowners in the 0-80% income category within the City Limits of Abilene to receive assistance with home repairs that effect safety, security and health. The project will begin from October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 Critical Repair of owner occupied single-family residences, 30 Neighborhood Revitalization Program, 4 Single-Family Rehabilitation/Reconstruction, 6 First-Time Homebuyer.
	Location Description	Neighborhood Services is located at 555 Walnut Street, Suite 206, programs will assist City Wide.
	Planned Activities	CDBG and HOME funds will be used for in-house programs of Critical Repair, Single-Family Rehabilitation/Reconstruction, and First-Time Homebuyer.
5	Project Name	Neighborhood Revitalization Program
	Target Area	City of Abilene City Limits
	Goals Supported	Safe, Decent, Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	HOUSING NEEDS
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for in-house siding and painting programs of Neighborhood Revitalization. This project will begin on October 1, 2022 and end on September 30, 2023. Program will assist owner occupied residence within 0-80% income limit in the city limits of Abilene.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 Critical Repair of owner occupied single-family residences, 30 Neighborhood Revitalization Program, 4 Single-Family Rehabilitation/Reconstruction, 6 First-Time Homebuyer.
	Location Description	Neighborhood Services is located at 555 Walnut Street, Suite 206, programs will assist City Wide.

	Planned Activities	CDBG and HOME funds will be used for in-house programs of Critical Repair, Single-Family Rehabilitation/Reconstruction, and First-Time Homebuyer.
6	Project Name	City of Abilene-Condemnation Demolition
	Target Area	City of Abilene City Limits
	Goals Supported	Increase access to services and infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	COMMUNITY SERVICES (Public Services) PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	The City of Abilene continues to identify uninhabitable vacant dilapidated commercial and residential structures located with Low-to-Moderate Income (LMI) neighborhoods. Dilapidated structures have a negative effect on public safety, health, and community well-being. Uninhabitable vacant structures are negatively effecting neighborhoods as they constitute slum and blight influences. This funding request is to provide for demolitions and removal of commercial and residential structure. Increased funding is needed to more effectively address dilapidated structures and improve neighborhoods.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20,000 households will benefit from the CDBG condemnation demolition.
	Location Description	In 15 LMI neighborhoods that are 51% or greater low-moderate income.
	Planned Activities	The code officer will continue to build bridges and relationships in the 15 LMI neighborhoods and shall refer clients to the Neighborhood Services for assistance in Critical Repair, Neighborhood Revitalization, Single-Family Rehabilitation/Reconstruction, and First-Time Homebuyer.
7	Project Name	The Salvation Army
	Target Area	City of Abilene City Limits
	Goals Supported	Increase access to services and infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC FACILITIES HOMELESS NEEDS and SERVICES
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000

	Description	The Salvation Army has been in the community since 1900, helping those that are fragile and in need. The Salvation Army is seeking CDBG Funding to repair the flooring in the facility.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2000 persons will benefit from this CDBG assistance.
	Location Description	City Wide.
	Planned Activities	The Salvation Army has been in the community since 1900's and assist those individuals that are fragile and in need. They provide shelter to over 2000 unduplicated guest annually. The flooring repair will create a safe walking space for staff and clients.
8	Project Name	Abilene Hope Haven
	Target Area	City of Abilene City Limits
	Goals Supported	Increase access to services and infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	COMMUNITY SERVICES (Public Services) HOMELESS NEEDS and SERVICES
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,779
	Description	Abilene Hope Haven is a non-profit organization with a mission to inspire hope in our neighbors experiencing homelessness in Abilene. Abilene Hope Haven is seeking to replace facility's kitchen appliances 6 stoves, 12 refrigerators, and 3 freezers. This will allow to lower the cost of utilities over time and make the facility more efficient and sustainable for residents.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 individuals shall receive assistance from the emergency shelter.
	Location Description	City Wide.

	Planned Activities	Abilene Hope Haven provides unique service opportunity through low-barrier availability, in hopes of increasing access to affordable housing and self-sufficiency. Abilene Hope Haven needs to replace facility's kitchen appliances 6 stoves, 12 refrigerators, and 3 freezers. This will allow to lower the cost of utilities over time and make the facility more efficient and sustainable for residents.
9	Project Name	Infill Development
	Target Area	City of Abilene City Limits
	Goals Supported	Increase access to services and infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE
	Funding	CDBG: \$123,262
	Description	CDBG will fund the redevelopment of targeted areas within the City limits of Abilene, at the directive of the City Administration.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	In targeted areas city wide.
	Location Description	City Wide.
	Planned Activities	Redevelopment of targeted areas within the City limits of Abilene
10	Project Name	Neighborhood Initiatives Admin HOME
	Target Area	City of Abilene City Limits
	Goals Supported	Safe, Decent, Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	HOUSING NEEDS
	Funding	HOME: \$51,525
	Description	Supports staff costs of the HOME Administrative costs incurred by the Planning and Development, Neighborhood Services Division which oversees HOME program delivery for the Single-Family Rehabilitation and First-Time Homebuyer Program.
	Target Date	9/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 LMI families will receive assistance.
	Location Description	Neighborhood Services is located at 555 Walnut Street, Suite 206, programs will assist City Wide.
	Planned Activities	50 Critical Repair of owner occupied single-family residences, 30 Neighborhood Revitalization Program, 4 Single-Family Rehabilitation/Reconstruction, 6 First-Time Homebuyer.
11	Project Name	Single-Family Rehabilitation/Reconstruction
	Target Area	City of Abilene City Limits
	Goals Supported	Safe, Decent, Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	HOUSING NEEDS
	Funding	HOME: \$363,649
	Description	Affordable Housing Improve the condition of housing for low-income homeowners. Homeowner Homeowner Rehabilitation - City of Abilene Neighborhood Services, SFR/Reconstruction Program, will repair owner-occupied housing units. Program provide deferred grants & no pay back funds to low-mod income elderly & disabled homeowners for major repairs & correction of recognized hazards to health & safety such as leaking roofs, failed heating systems, unsafe wiring, failed plumbing & necessary eligible repairs. These units will be completely brought to building code by addressing all deficient systems roof, electrical, plumbing, both gas & water. RECON will remove the current unit & replace on footprint. Each loan is secured by a lien on the property with repayment due upon sale or transfer of property by owner(s).
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4 LMI families
	Location Description	City wide.
	Planned Activities	4 individual properties in HOME Funds allocated for the Single Family Rehabilitation/Reconstruction Program.

12	Project Name	First Time Homebuyer Program
	Target Area	City of Abilene City Limits
	Goals Supported	Safe, Decent, Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	HOUSING NEEDS
	Funding	HOME: \$30,000
	Description	First Time Homebuyer will assist a household with funds to purchase a home for the first time. Up to \$5,000 per client will assist with down payment and closing costs. 6 families will be assisted.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	6 LMI families
	Location Description	6 LMI families will be assisted city wide.
	Planned Activities	Funds for down payment and closing costs will be provided.
13	Project Name	Community Housing Development Corporation
	Target Area	City of Abilene City Limits
	Goals Supported	Safe, Decent, Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	HOUSING NEEDS
	Funding	HOME: \$75,038
	Description	\$75,038 will assist 3 new homes constructed by Habitat for Humanity. The new construction will be located in low to moderate neighborhoods.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	\$75,038 will assist 3 new homes constructed by Habitat for Humanity. The new construction will be located in low to moderate neighborhoods.
	Location Description	The new construction will be located in low-to moderate income neighborhoods.
	Planned Activities	\$75,038 will assist 3 new homes constructed by Habitat for Humanity. The new construction will be located in low to moderate neighborhoods.

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

Much of the funding from the CDBG program is available for use in any of the CDBG neighborhoods or citywide, depending on the specifics of the designated activities. Some funding is also available according to individual benefit rather than area benefit. Therefore, it is difficult to provide reasonable projections of the distribution of funds by target area. The numbers below are strictly estimates based on experience.

The City has identified neighborhoods through development of the City of Abilene, Comprehensive Plan Comprehensive Plan. The neighborhoods were researched and it was determined that 15 neighborhoods are 51% or greater LMI concentration exists within the city limits. The LMI information is found located in the 2020 Census.

The Condemnation/Demolition Program funded through CDBG is also required to perform work within the 15 LMI neighborhoods.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City of Abilene City Limits	

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City has identified neighborhoods through development of the City of Abilene Comprehensive Plan and determination by the City Council. The proposed allocation of funds is based on federal funding requirements for each formula-allocated grant. Areas of low to moderate-income concentration and certain areas of high minority concentration are targeted. Related to racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families, “concentration” would mean that a neighborhood shows more percentage of racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families than the citywide average. As of the 2020 American Community Survey data, Hispanics comprised about 26% and African-Americans comprised about 9% of the population of Abilene. There is some concentration of the Hispanic and African-American populations in census tracts in the central parts of the city, with the percentage of Hispanics at 70% and African-Americans at 30% of the total population. Most of the tracts are within the CDBG area benefit tracts (where median incomes of the tracts are below 80% of the area median income). These areas also show high rates of poverty, with poverty rates above 60% of the population of the tracts.

Areas of low homeownership and deteriorating housing conditions were also considered in the targeting process. The City Council has identified 6 neighborhoods to be considered local target areas. Those

neighborhoods are Alameda, Holiday Hills, a portion of Carver from N. 18th to N. 10th, North Sayles Blvd., Butternut/Chestnut, Sears from N. 18th and Grape to Ambler to N. 277 to Overland Trail and Stevenson/Sancudo. However, Stevenson/Sancudo is not considered LMI according to the 2020 Census. NS accepts clients from city-wide, but places clients living within one of the above listed neighborhoods as a priority. There are 15 LMI neighborhoods the Condemnation/Demolition Officers will be working in. Out of the 15 LMI neighborhoods-5 are also identified to be in the group of 6 City Council approved Target neighborhoods.

Alameda Neighborhood, Holiday Hills, Carver N. 18th to N. 10th, Butternut/Chestnut, Sears, and N. Sayles are Target Neighborhoods; however, the programs servicing these neighborhoods do not qualify for CDBG National Objective.

Discussion

The distribution of funds by target area is projected to be primarily citywide due to use of funds for administrative, non-profit support, and individual benefit use of the funds.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City plans to provide Critical Housing Repairs, Neighborhood Revitalization Program, and Single-Family Rehabilitation/ Reconstruction to improve the habitability of owner occupied housing. Eligible applicants are low and moderate-income at 80% or below the median income citywide. Five programs will be funded in the 2022 Program Year.

Upon completion, 2 new affordable homes will be constructed, 2 rehabilitated, and 6 households will be assisted with homeownership opportunities. Additional outcome indicators include low- to moderate-income (LMI) households assisted with improved access to housing and housing support services through these programs.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	93
Special-Needs	0
Total	93

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	5
Rehab of Existing Units	82
Acquisition of Existing Units	6
Total	93

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

Discussion

Five programs, funded in the 2022 Program Year, will improve availability and access to affordable housing for individuals and families through direct housing related repairs and rehabilitation and/or the creation of new housing units. Client income, race, ethnicity and household head information will be maintained. 93 households will be assisted.

- Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) – Habitat for Humanity – 3 single family homebuyer housing units. Homebuyers will be income qualified within the 50%-80% income category.
- City of Abilene Neighborhood Services – First-Time Homebuyer Program – 6 homeowners. This

program assists with closing costs and down payment assistance for families with income up to 80% MFI.

- City of Abilene Neighborhood Services – Critical Repair 50 clients will receive assistance for emergency repair owner occupied home repairs. This program assists only those families in the 0-80% income category with urgent/critical home repairs (i.e., gas leaks, busted sewer, water leaks).
- City of Abilene Neighborhood Services – Neighborhood Revitalization 30 clients will receive assistance for siding and paint.
- City of Abilene Neighborhood Services –Single-Family Rehab & Reconstruction –4 homeowner units. These units will be completely brought up to building code by addressing all deficient systems (roof, electrical, plumbing, both gas and water). Reconstruction will remove the current unit and replace on footprint.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Abilene Housing Authority (AHA) continues to manage 213 public housing units at four separate sites. The AHA has three sites that are multi-family, and one site that is an elderly/disabled site.

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

Assisting More Families: AHA applied for and received a grant for the Mainstream Voucher Program. The program is designed to house families with a person, 18-61 years of age, in the household that is disabled.

AHA created a homeownership program in conjunction with community partners. The eight week class addressed all phases of the home buying process and was attended by Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing participants. The program graduated families that were in attendance for all eight sessions. Will continue offering this program.

Tenant Involvement: The AHA works to provide various opportunities for tenant involvement. The Resident Advisory Council (RAC) is in place; the Resident Advisory Board (RAB) is still active and providing valuable input during AHA's Annual Planning process.

On the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, landlords and tenants are active participants on the Advisory Committee (designed to provide landlords and tenants with a forum to provide input into how to improve the HCV Program). The RAB works directly with AHA management and the AHA Resident Services Coordinator to help resolve issues, bring up needs for the capital fund improvement dollars, and work to help set new or revise old policies. The AHA Resident Services Coordinator works directly with many of the community agencies to attain programs and benefits for the residents.

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

Work Force Center that provides job search, job skills, short term training and supportive assistance to residents seeking work.

- Food bank for food pantry resources.
- Abilene Independent School System –partnering with lunch programs, Head Start registration, and truancy prevention
- Taylor County Extension and WIC for health and nutrition needs
- Abilene Taylor County Public Health Department for the Expanded Primary Health Care (E.P.H.C) and Medical Assistance for Area Citizens (MAAC) by providing satellite site for applications and

referrals.

- PRC (Prevention Resource Center) for Alcohol, Drug, Tobacco, and self-esteem issues.
- New Horizon for family counseling
- House of Faith Abilene provides on-site activities for Public Housing children at the Riviera and Earl Williams sites.
- Boys and Girls Club program that expands productive, recreational opportunities for its youth and enables the AHA to provide preventive services for the youth.
- Habitat for Humanity Presentations for Tenants interested in home ownership.
- Member of the Advisory Board for the development of the TTU Federally Qualified Health Clinic
- Annual Strong Families Initiative – Event focuses on the celebration of family.
- Money-Follows-the Person (MFP) Program – designed to assist families move from Nursing Homes back into a community of their choice with supportive services. AHA set-aside five Public Housing units and five Housing Choice Vouchers for this program.

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

Not applicable

Discussion

AHA constantly seeks ways to positively impact the community in which it serves. Through its Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program AHA works with 200+ landlords and AHA's subsidies enable them to generate income and pay property tax. The AHA Public Housing program works with vendors and contractors, many of which are locally owned. AHA's federal funds contribute to the local business economy through the business we conduct.

Through AHA's Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) and ROSS AHA continues to encourage self-sufficiency.

Tenant Involvement: The AHA works to provide various opportunities for tenant involvement. The Resident Advisory Council (RAC) is in place; the Resident Advisory Board (RAB) is still active and providing valuable input during AHA's Annual Planning process.

On the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program, landlords and tenants are active participants on the Advisory Committee (designed to provide landlords and tenants with a forum to provide input into how to improve the HCV Program). The RAB works directly with AHA management and the AHA Resident Services Coordinator to help resolve issues, bring up needs for the capital fund improvement dollars, and work to help set new or revise old policies. The AHA Resident Services Coordinator works directly with many of the community agencies to attain programs and benefits for the residents.

The AHA works to provide various opportunities for tenant involvement. The AHA has an active Resident Advisory board consisting of Public Housing participants. This Board works directly with AHA

management and the AHA resident initiative coordinator to help resolve issues, bring up needs for the capital fund improvement dollars, and work to help set new or revise old policies. The AHA resident coordinator works directly with many of the community agencies to attain programs and benefits for the residents.

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

Introduction

The West Texas Homeless Network is designated as the lead organization that provides outreach to the homeless populations and conducts research and surveys to determine their needs. The West Texas Homeless Network (60 persons from an average of 30 different agencies, businesses or organizations) is a multi-county coalition that conducts the Point-In-Time Survey. The survey estimates homeless characteristics and needs to develop better strategies for assisting people out of homelessness. Each year the sample size has increased and the quality of data has improved. Communities gain important information through this initiative. The annualized homeless population estimate for Abilene is 501. Even though the process improves each year, these numbers are conservative. The 2022 Point-in-Time Survey effort captured 300+ homeless persons.

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

Abilene Hope Haven, Inc. and West Texas Harm Reduction does housing-focused outreach once a week for 2 hours in the evening. Encampments, streets, bridges, and parks are the main areas of focus. Abilene Hope Haven has implemented an outreach position in order to ensure that our unsheltered neighbors are aware of the resources that are available and how to access them. The outreach specialist goes to spots that those experiencing homelessness frequent, meal sites, and other homeless service provider locations. In addition, Abilene Police Department's Homeless Outreach Team has one officer dedicated to sending referrals to Abilene.

Hope Haven's outreach worker to follow-up on shelter and housing resources. Once the individual or families is agreeable, they complete the Vulnerability Index Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT). After completed the VI-SPDAT, individuals and families are placed on a housing priority list.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Several local organizations such as social service agencies, charitable groups and religious organizations provide emergency/transitional housing and/or supportive services to the homeless and at-risk persons including abused women and children and substance abusers. The West Texas Homeless Network will continue to expand the HMIS in order to provide up-to-date information on services. The Network is expanding the distribution of Pocket Pals to include

convenience stores and other public locations. Services in place: Rental/Mortgage/Utility Assistance

- AIDS Resources of Rural Texas
- Aspermont Small Business Development Center
- Central Texas Opportunities
- Rolling Plains Management Corporation
- First Baptist Church
- Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest
- Shackelford County Resource Center
- Taylor County Veterans Services Office
- The Salvation Army
- Christian Service Center of Abilene
- Christ Community Resource Center
- Abilene Baptist Social Ministries
- Methodist Service Center
- Baptist Children's and Family Services (Our House)
- AHA /Rental Assistance
- Baptist Children's and Family Services (Our House)+
- United Way of Abilene

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

Love & Care Ministries visits homeless persons in their camps and provides approximately 100 sack lunches per day. Additional services at their facility such as providing food kits 5 days a week which is approximately 100-250 meals each day, and assistance obtaining I.D.'s and birth certificates and providing showering facilities. City Light Ministries offers food assistance 3 days a week, the organization also assist with community meals, personal assistance, shower, and laundry.

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again.

The partnership between Abilene Police Department Homeless Outreach Team and Abilene Hope Haven allows for engagement to decrease the length of time experiencing homelessness because not everyone comes to the organizations providing housing seeking assistance. It is crucial to meet homeless persons where they are at in order to build a relationship and trust, so that they may be more open to assessment and services.

Several local organizations such as social service agencies, charitable groups and religious organizations provide emergency/transitional housing and/or supportive services to the homeless and at-risk persons including abused women and children and substance abusers. The West Texas Homeless Network will continue to expand the HMIS in order to provide up-to-date information on services. The Network is

expanding the distribution of Pocket Pals to include convenience stores and other public locations.

Supportive services in the city including but not limited to are the following:

Employment Training

- Goodwill West Texas
- Workforce Solutions of West Central Texas
- Christian Women's Job Corps
- FaithWorks
- Motivation, Education & Training (MET)
- Salvation Army Homeless to Work Program

Life Skills Training

- The Salvation Army
- FaithWorks
- Abilene Hope Haven, Inc.
- ARCADA
- Workforce Center
- BCFS Transition Center

Mental and Physical Health Services

- Betty Hardwick Center
- Noah Project
- Regional Victims Crisis Center
- Pregnancy Resources of Abilene
- Medical Care Mission
- Mercy Health Care Center
- Abilene Community Health Center
- Texas Tech Health Science Center

Substance Use Treatment/Support

- Abilene Recovery Council
- Serenity House
- Salvation Army Substance Abuse Program
- Rise Discipleship
- Abilene Dream Center
- 180 House

Homeless Youth

- Abilene Independent School District Homeless Liaison
- Abilene Transition Center
- Harmony Family Services
- New Horizons The Audrey Grace House
- BCFS Our House

Family Services

- Methodist Children's Home & Services
- New Horizons: Family Connections
- Presbyterian Children's Home & Services

Child Care

- Day Nursery of Abilene
- Boys & Girls Club of Abilene
- City of Abilene Recreation Division

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The West Texas Homeless Network will continue to reach out to homeless individuals and families by making available its information and referral service, and advertising available services through different mediums such as radio and television advertisements, newspaper and flyers. A well-developed referral and case management system will allow almost any agency to immediately assess the needs of homeless persons. The City will collaborate with homeless agencies that provide services to the homeless and persons that are subject to becoming homeless, such as recently released institutionalized persons. The City of Abilene, Neighborhood Services will continue providing affordable housing programs that include critical housing repairs that will help keep families from becoming homeless.

Discussion

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

Introduction:

The following barriers to affordable housing are identified in Abilene through the Consolidated Plan process:

- Housing Market – many homebuyer are having issues with the housing market being too high for a starter home, or higher offers being accepted causing homebuyers to continue house searching. At the current market rates along with homes sales are at their highest. Insufficient funds for down payment - Private lending institutions typically require home purchasers to provide 10 to 20 percent of a home's value as a down payment. Many low-income households are already rent burdened, paying as high as 40 to 50% of their income for housing. Such high costs for current shelter preclude these low-income households from accumulating the funds for a down payment.
- High existing debt of prospective purchasers - Many low-income households also are saddled with excessively high existing debt for such items as credit accounts, car payments, and medical expenses that prevent obtaining private lender financing.
- Need for property repairs - The homes most affordable to low-income households tend to be located in neighborhoods where property has been poorly maintained and requires repair. Therefore, low-income purchasers often confront the prospect of obtaining a home that will require further financial investment for property improvements. Money for such improvements is frequently unavailable to low-income buyers and private lenders often are unwilling to lend the necessary funds for acquisition and repairs. Complicating the situation further is the reality that such affordable housing is often located in neighborhoods where money invested in property improvements does not necessarily translate into a corresponding increase in the value of the property.
- Lack of credit - Many low-income homebuyers have no credit record because they pay most of their expenses in cash.
- Poor credit - A very common barrier to home ownership is a blemished credit record. Unfavorable credit information can stay on a credit record for up to seven years and bankruptcy records stay on the report for 10 years.
- Available funding - A common barrier to affordable housing is available funding to the jurisdiction. When Federal funding to the jurisdiction is threatened, the availability of affordable housing for low-income persons is threatened, as well.
- Unemployment – According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the Abilene June 2022 workforce unemployment rate is 3.7%. The State of Texas is at 4.1% in June of 2022 and the National Average unemployment is 3.6% as of June 2022.
- Low number of living-wage jobs available.

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

Compared to nearby communities, Abilene's policies are reasonable. However, during the Budget Hearings, the City Council has taken raising the street maintenance fees as well as property taxes. Furthermore, the development regulation process runs smoothly. City staff is available to assist developers and answer any questions. In the past, the City has provided regulatory incentives for affordable housing on a case-by-case basis. The Planning Division has developed incentives, in the form of relaxed regulations and Capital Improvements Program funding for infill development on empty plots of land in currently developed neighborhoods. Infill development is generally less expensive than new-neighborhood construction. Thus, infill development incentives will most likely result in a greater supply of affordable housing. In the past years, the City has set aside and awarded CIP funds to encourage infill development and will continue to do so as CIP funds are available. Much work remains to increase affordable housing opportunities. As a result, the City will continue to re-evaluate all development fees, regulations and program policies and procedures to determine whether any further revisions may be appropriate to enhance affordable housing for low-income City residents. As specific projects are proposed, the City will review the project for its compliance with existing local laws and regulations. If a local law or regulation should prove to have a negative impact on a proposed affordable housing program or project, such law or regulation would be reviewed to determine its viability.

Discussion:

Neighborhood Services has changed philosophies and is participating in more community outreach at every opportunity. NS has plans to be a larger part of the community and in the coming year should be the "go to" or contact agency. Recently more advertising with local media and reaching out to local churches, attending luncheons at the recreation centers with the seniors has been very successful.

The Abilene City Council has designated the downtown and SoDA districts as part of a Neighborhood Empowerment Zone, pursuant to Chapter 378 of the Texas Local Government Code. As of December 2021, the City Council has approved to include Sears and Carver Neighborhoods as a part of the Empowerment Zone. The zone is intended to increase economic development and to increase rehabilitation and construction of affordable and market rate housing options, within the defined area. The City Manager or his designate may negotiate certain incentives with developers. Some require City Council approval, others do not.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The Neighborhood Services has partnered to become more involved with our community. NS held 6 community neighborhood meetings and was the guest speakers at different organizations monthly meetings. NS attempted to have guest speakers from different City and community organization also in attendance at each of the 6 community meetings. NS partnered with the Abilene Board of Realtors and The Friendship House North to deliver brochures describing NS programs. NS has aligned with Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) to present handouts at different events. The City participated at resource fairs such as the Nights Out, HEB and United Way to deliver information about what CDBG/HOME can bring to the citizens. NS was also interviewed by all three television stations, the newspaper, La VOZ, La Mejor Hispanic Radio and Tejano Times. NS has newly presented and sat in once or twice a month to the Senior Luncheons for Sears and Cobb Recreations to bring more information to the community.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Several local organizations such as social service agencies, charitable groups and religious organizations provide emergency/transitional housing and/or supportive services to the homeless and at-risk persons including abused women and children and substance abusers. The City of Abilene and the West Texas Homeless Network is involved in the development and activities of the local Continuum of Care System.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Programs funded in the 2022 program year, will improve availability and access to affordable housing for individuals and families through direct housing related repairs and rehabilitation and/or the creation of new housing units. Client income, race, ethnicity and household head information will be maintained.

- Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) – Habitat for Humanity – 3 single family homebuyer housing units. Homebuyers will be income qualified within the 50%-80% income category.
- City of Abilene Neighborhood Services – First-Time Homebuyer Program – 6 homeowners. This program assists with closing costs and down payment assistance for families with income up to 80% MFI.
- City of Abilene Neighborhood Services – Critical Repair-50 owner occupied home repairs. This program assists only those families in the 0-80% income category with urgent/critical home repairs (i.e., gas leaks, busted sewer, water leaks).
- City of Abilene Neighborhood Services – Neighborhood Revitalization Program-30 owner occupied homes with wrapping the exterior of the home in smart board by approved ONS contractors. This program assists only those families in the 0-80% income category.
- City of Abilene Neighborhood Services – Single-Family Rehab/ RECON –4 homeowner units.

These units will be completely brought up to building code by addressing all deficient systems (roof, electrical, plumbing, both gas and water). Reconstruction will remove the current dwelling and replace on footprint.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Over 70% of the houses in Abilene were built prior to 1978. The City continues to incorporate lead-based paint evaluation and reduction in its regular housing inspections and housing program review process. It is standard procedure to address lead based paint hazards through Lead Safe Work Practices and abatement as required by HUD and EPA on homes rehabilitated by the City of Abilene Planning and Development Services Department programs and CHDOs. The City will take the following steps on all private housing projects and the Housing Authority will continue to take the following steps on all government funded housing rehabilitation of public housing units.

- Inform all owners, occupants and landlords of lead-based paint hazards and provide information on methods for reducing risk of exposure in pre-1978 homes.
- Provide testing and abatement for any households whose children have been shown to have elevated blood lead levels. Require the family be moved to a post-1978 unit, or unit that has passed this test.
- Require inspections for lead at the same time other inspections or evaluations are conducted on City sponsored housing.
- The NS partnered with the West Texas General Contractors Association to host six of the State required "Safe Work Practices" certification classes for workers and contractors.

The NS continues to offer the incentive program for general contractors who become certified in lead paint abatement. Contractor interest has declined due to increased costs to maintain training and license/certification. Small construction companies cannot justify the expense with the personnel turnover rate. The City currently has no local lead certified contractors, but is trying to locate a local certified testing contractor. NS staff search the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation website data base on a monthly basis for Certified Lead Based Paint Contractors with the City of Abilene or around the surrounding areas. The NS has an XRF lead based paint tester and the NS inspector maintains certifications necessary to operate.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The lowest income households are generally those threatened with homelessness and persons in public or assisted housing who are dependent upon public subsidies to maintain their own residences. In all, this segment of the population has the highest incidence of poverty. The City's focus on reducing the number of poverty level families will continue to consist of promoting self-sufficiency and innovative economic development strategies. The City of Abilene Economic Development Department will continue to promote economic expansion in a number of ways that enhance opportunities for low- and

moderate-income residents. The Economic Development Department continues to be pro-active in retaining and seeking businesses that will bring salaries above the local average in order to raise the level of income for all Abilenians. It targets market shortages in the area, which benefit the unemployed/ underemployed, and opens up entry-level opportunities.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Abilene will implement the Consolidated Plan by using the Planning and Development Services Department, Neighborhoods Initiatives Division (as part of Neighborhood Services) as the lead agency. The strength of the institutional structure is that we have an experienced team of staff members as well as an in-house Housing Rehabilitation Coordinator. Staff will manage and work closely with non-profit and for profit organizations in carrying out the Annual Action Plan activities. Various initiatives within the strategy include:

1. Work with non-profit organizations to address community needs and provide support to federal and non-federal funding initiatives.
2. Work with private industry to address important issues that hamper housing and community development efforts.
3. Identify opportunities to create private/public partnerships for project finance and development to leverage federal funds.

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

The City's CDBG and HOME funds continue to be used to help meet the demand for decent, safe and affordable housing, homelessness, and other special needs. The City and G.V. Daniels Recreation/Senior Center located in the Carver Neighborhood is working to provide access and training to citizens and youth to improve/update their technology skills and to improve employment opportunities. Additionally, the Neighborhood Services (under the Planning and Development Services Department) which administers the CDBG and HOME programs will be involved in a number of activities. Activities will include continued participation in the Continuum of Care Plan. Continued involvement with organized targeted neighborhood organizations, and active collaboration with entities such as the United Way, West Texas Homeless Network, Baptist Children and Family Services (BCFS), Disability in Action, Hope Haven Too, Habitat for Humanity, FaithWorks and the Abilene Housing Authority (AHA) to help identify and meet the under-served needs in the areas of housing, employment and training opportunities, homelessness, and special needs.

The services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV/AIDS and mainstream services are made available through the coordination of services provided by the array of non-profit service

providers that constitute the West Texas Homeless network and the Hands Up Not Out Group, Basic Needs Network, Abilene Hope Haven and Hope Housing Services. These organizations partner with each other, the City, and mainstream service providers to provide a wide ranging response to the service needs of homeless persons and persons with HIV/AIDS, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth.

Discussion:

The State of Texas has authorized cities to create economic development programs in accordance with Article III, Chapter 52-a of the Texas Constitution and Chapter 380 of the Texas Local Government Code; and the governing body of the City of Abilene adopted Resolution 78-2018 creating the Abilene Neighborhood Empowerment Zone No. 1, establishing certain economic development incentive programs within the Zone; and The City desires to enter into this Agreement with the Abilene Improvement Corporation in order to implement the economic development program developed by the City to enhance and expand the City's commercial economic and employment base to the long term interest and benefit of the City and the State of Texas; and the City has determined that making an economic development.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The activities planned provide for the expenditure of all CDBG funds expected to be available during the program year, including program income. No amount has been excluded for eligible activities that have been identified for the contingency of cost overruns. Approximately 80.00 of CDBG funds will be used to benefit low-to-moderate income persons.

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.	80.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

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

as follows:

Not applicable.

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

The City of Abilene utilizes HOME funds to provide direct assistance through the city's First-Time Homebuyer Program, including all homebuyers participating in the CHDO's homebuyer program. The First-Time Homebuyer program will use recapture provisions. Based on the amount of direct HOME subsidy (\$5,000 maximum), the program sets up a 5-year affordability period and provides a deferred payment forgivable loan (DPL) at a 0% interest rate.

Under "Recapture" if the home is sold prior to the end of the affordability period, the homeowner may sell to any willing buyer at any price; a portion of the net proceeds from the sale, if any, will be returned to the City to be used for other eligible HOME activities. The portion of net proceeds returned to the City is only the direct homebuyer subsidy and equal to the amount of HOME funds invested in the property, less the amount forgiven to that point. The amount forgiven will be based on 1/60th per month for each full month that the property has been occupied as the principal residence.

Any funds remaining after the distribution of net proceeds to all lien holders, including the City, will be returned to the homeowner. In the event of a sale, short sale and/or foreclosure, the amount subject to recapture will be limited to the 'net sales proceeds' available at the time of such occurrence. Net sales proceeds is the sales price minus superior loan repayments, not including HOME and any closing costs. Additional information regarding recapture provisions are detailed in the City's written affordable housing policies and procedures. In cases of non-compliance (rental, that is not used as the primary residence), 100% of the HOME funds will be recaptured. Recapture provisions are enforced with a lien and promissory note for a minimum of 5 years.

If there are insufficient funds remaining from the sale of the property recapture will be based on the ratio of the HOME subsidy to the total of the homeowner's investment plus the HOME subsidy. If the City recaptures less than or none of the recapture amount due, the City will maintain data that provides the amount of the sale and the distribution of the funds. This will document that:

1. There were no net proceeds, or;
2. The amount of the net proceeds was insufficient to cover the full amount due.

A description of the guidelines for recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with

HOME funds are contained in 24 CFDR 92.254 (a)(4) as follows:

Federal assistance will be provided in the form of a 0% interest, deferred payment loan (DPL) and will be secured by a HOME Written Agreement, fully executed and dated by all applicable parties, a Promissory Note and Deed of Trust. The Deed of Trust is recorded in the Real Property Records of Taylor County.

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

The City of Abilene utilizes HOME funding to the CHDO (Habitat for Humanity) for development. Habitat homebuyers purchasing a CHDO-assisted must be eligible and apply for down payment/closing cost assistance through the City. If the homebuyer defaults on the required period of affordability, the CHDO bears no liability to the City. All liability will be between the homebuyer and the City.

Under a resale provision, if the HOME-assisted property is transferred through a voluntary or involuntary sale (foreclosure) before the end of the affordability period, the home must be sold at an affordable price to another low-income homebuyer who will use the property as its principal residence. The initial homeowner must get a fair return on his/her investment according to 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5)(i). Note, if the property owner fails to reside in the HOME-assisted unit as its principal residence due to noncompliance, then the HOME funds must be repaid.

The owner/developer must specify that if the property is transferred through sale or foreclosure before the end of the period of affordability, then: the property must be sold to another low-income buyer; the property must be sold at an affordable price to a low-income homebuyer in the 50%-80% AMI and provide the original HOME-assisted property owner a fair return on investment (including the homeowner's investment and any capital improvement). Habitat for Humanity underwrites all loans at 0% interest to their homebuyers. Homeowners not fulfilling the period of affordability have the opportunity to sell their unit back to Habitat through Habitat's right of first refusal. As a fair return on investment, Habitat makes whole the homeowner's investment by paying the homeowner the amount paid on principal plus any capital improvements made by the homeowner. The property will then be available for sale only as affordable housing to another LMI qualifying homebuyer. The period of affordability will be fulfilled as the new buyer's principal residence for the remainder of the affordability period.

An affordable price cannot exceed 40% (PITI) of buyer's annual income. The owner/developer must pass on this requirement to the buyer. The subsequent buyer must maintain the home as its principal residence. Habitat must explain these requirements to the homebuyer, and establish these terms in the written agreement between the owner/developer and the homebuyer. Noncompliance

(other than sale) will require 100% repayment of HOME investment.

Federal assistance will be provided in the form of a 0% interest, deferred payment loan (DPL) and will be secured by a HOME Written Agreement, fully executed and dated by all applicable parties, a Promissory Note and Deed of Trust. The Deed of Trust is recorded in the Real Property Records of Taylor County.

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

The City does not intend to use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME funds. In addition, the funds will not be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program. The City is aware that HOME funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.

All applicants for CDBG and HOME assisted programs/projects are required to meet the prevailing HUD income guidelines. The City's selection procedure for all programs is first come, first serve with one exception. That exception is limited to the Single Family Rehab Program. After screening for basic eligibility if there are multiple applicants at the same time, staff will evaluate address location. Service will be first to those located in a Council-specified neighborhood (Carver, Sears, North Sayles, Butternut/Chestnut, Holiday Hills and Alameda) prior to assisting those homeowners in other areas of Abilene.

Program information is provided at the City's website at <https://abilenetx.gov/459/Neighborhood-Services>, Texas 2-1-1 Call for Help hotline and through multi-media sources i.e., Face Book, Twitter and City News Releases.