

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Consolidated Plan serves as a planning document meeting the federal government statutory requirements in 24 CFR 91.200-91.230, with revisions for preparing a Consolidated Plan and guiding the use of CDBG and HOME funding based on applications to the U.S. Department of HUD. The major sections of the Consolidated Plan include a Housing Market Analysis, Housing and Homeless Needs Assessment, 5-year Strategic Plan, a 1-year Action Plan, and Consultation and Citizen Participation, with accompanying documentation relating to public comment. The Strategic Plan addresses specific needs that were identified in the data analysis, with specific goals and program targets for each category designated for funding. The Action Plan is a subset of the Strategic Plan, addressing funding options for the next fiscal year. The Consolidated Plan can be used by organizations in the community as a guide for identifying activities through which they can help the jurisdiction reach their housing and community development goals. The Consolidated Plan also serves as the baseline for measuring program effectiveness, as reported in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) required by HUD for each fiscal year's funding allocation. Incorporated into the Consolidated Plan are an analysis of the local housing market and a review of housing and homeless needs in Fort Smith as a means of defining the current environment in which federal funding is being used. The Consolidated Plan provides a strategic plan for meeting priority needs that were identified through the community participation process. The analytical parts of the document draw from the 2015-2019 American Community Surveys and 2011-2015 CHAS data provided by HUD. Other data sources include the 2010 U.S. Census and other information gathered locally, including the Fort Smith Continuum of Care and a survey of citizens that was used to assist in prioritizing needs. The survey was available on the City's website and was distributed at community meetings.

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

This Consolidated 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 ensure compliance with Federal Regulations.

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- Improve the condition of housing for low-income homeowners.
- Increase Development of units and affordability of housing for homeownership.
- Address community needs through community-based public service programs.
- Address community needs through improvements and repair of Public and Community Facilities.

These objectives are supported by a collection of associated strategies and performance goals. These strategies seek to work toward meeting the objectives stated, addressing the need for more affordable housing, housing rehabilitation, public facilities and infrastructure improvements, and public services. Specifics can be found in the Strategic Plan and Annual Action Plan.

3. Evaluation of past performance

Fort Smith has a history of successful programs funded through the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Program. Of particular importance to the health of the city have been programs that address the condition of the housing stock. The City has successfully funded housing rehabilitation activities targeting lower income and elderly households unable to properly maintain their homes. 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. 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

Based on the Community Participation Plan, outreach included public forums and focus group meetings, on-line survey accessed on the City of Fort Smith Web Site, and consultation with public and private agencies and organizations to capture public input as to the priority needs for the next five years. Participating persons, public and private agencies included the general public, neighborhood organizations, nonprofit housing, and CHDO organizations, Fort Smith Housing Authority, Continuum of Care, Board of Realtors, Chamber of Commerce, public and social service agencies, colleges and universities, elected and appointed officials.

Public Forums and Stakeholder Focus Group sessions were conducted in December 2020. The Consolidated Plan format included discussions of the communities' priority needs for the next five years and their priorities for funding for the next program year.

Participants in the focus groups and public forums and the general public were given an opportunity to complete a Priority Needs Survey as part of the Consolidated Plan process. The survey was presented at each of the aforementioned sessions and also made available on the City's web site for completion and submission on line.

5. Summary of public comments

No public comments were received.

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

All comments were accepted.

7. Summary

This plan provides a framework through which Fort Smith manages its federal entitlement programs related to community development and homeless assistance. 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.

The Process

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies 24 CFR 91.200(b)

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	FORT SMITH	
CDBG Administrator	FORT SMITH	Community Development Department
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator	FORT SMITH	Community Development Department
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The City conducted a survey of residents through a survey instrument posted on the City's website. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the surveys were primary to establish the needs assessment. A public hearing, held on March 4, 2021 with the comments from the public. This survey exceeded the 2016 survey number of 202 was increased to 387 in 2021 representing a 47.8% increase in participation. The results of these surveys were used by City staff to allocate priorities among the various facility, infrastructure, service, housing, and economic development needs listed above.

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PR-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.110, 91.200(b), 91.300(b), 91.215(I) and 91.315(I)

1. Introduction

Fort Smith 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. Ongoing relationships focused on specific needs and targeted meetings designed to bring public input into the Consolidated Plan process are two of the ways that the City utilizes outside organizations in the consultation process.

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 ongoing relationships with several housing providers working on housing development activities. The CHDO system provides a forum for assisting these agencies grow and meet their own targeted clientele. The Fort Smith Housing Authority works to utilize Section 8 vouchers from the federal government to address the housing needs of the City's lowest income households. 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 and service needs.

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

City staff works actively with the Fort Smith Continuum of Care, the local umbrella for the development of the Continuum of Care. In the past, the City has provided administrative support to supplement Continuum of Care initiatives and funding to the various agencies that make up the membership of the Continuum of Care.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS

Staff from Fort Smith 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 Fort Smith.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	HOUSING AUTHORITY OF FORT SMITH
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan forums.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	NEXT STEP DAY ROOM
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan forums.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	CRISIS INTERVENTION CENTER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy

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	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan forums.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	CRAWFORD-SEBASTIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan forums.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	FORT SMITH BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan forums.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	HARBOR HOUSE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan forums.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Girls, Inc. of Fort Smith
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children

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	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan forums.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	COMMUNITY DENTAL CLINIC OF CSCDC, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan forums.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	WestArk - RSVP - a program of Western AR Counseling and Guidance Center, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan forums.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	THE GOOD SAMARITAN CLINIC, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan forums.

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11	Agency/Group/Organization	ARKANSAS VALLEY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan forums.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	FORT SMITH EMERGENCY CHILDREN'S CENTER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Children Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan forums.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Antioch Consolidated Association for Youth and Family Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan forums.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Riverview Hope Campus
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Economic Development Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan forums.

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

No specific organizations were intentionally left out of the public participation process.

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	Fort Smith Continuum of Care	The Strategic Plan provides a set of priorities for addressing homelessness, with are supported by the Continuum of Care and its participating agencies.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(I))

Fort Smith works closely with other local communities active in the Continuum of Care process, State agencies, local non-profit organizations, and other departments of the City of Fort Smith in the

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development of programs to address housing, homeless, and community development needs and other local issues covered by the Consolidated Plan.

Narrative (optional):

The development of the Consolidated Plan and the component Strategic Plan and Annual Action Plan require the help of the local non-profit community and other organizations. Specific priorities are identified and ranked through that participation utilizing focus group sessions, forums, and surveys. The City relies on its ongoing relationships to ensure that these opinions and observations are incorporated into the Plan.

PR-15 Citizen Participation – 91.105, 91.115, 91.200(c) and 91.300(c)

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

Overview and Lead Agency

City of Fort Smith, Arkansas followed its designated Community Participation Plan in developing the 2021 – 2025 Consolidated Plan and 2021 Annual Plan. The City of Fort Smith Community Development Department served as lead agency for the development of the 2021 – 2025 Consolidated Plan and 2021 Annual Plan.

Community Participation

Based on the Community Participation Plan, outreach included public forums and focus group meetings, on-line survey accessed on the City of Fort Smith Web Site, and consultation with public and private agencies and organizations to capture public input as to the priority needs for the next five years. Participating persons, public and private agencies included the general public, neighborhood organizations, nonprofit housing, and CHDO organizations, Fort Smith Housing Authority, Continuum of Care, Board of Realtors, Chamber of Commerce, public and social service agencies, colleges and universities, elected and appointed officials.

Fort Smith Mayor and Board of Directors focus Group sessions are expected to be held on March 30, 2021 The Consolidated Plan format included discussions of the communities' priority needs for the next five years and their priorities for funding for the next program year.

Participants in the focus groups and public forums and the general public were given an opportunity to complete a Priority Needs Survey as part of the Consolidated Plan process. The survey was presented at each of the aforementioned sessions and also made available on the City's web site for completion and submission online. The Draft Plan of the 2021 – 2025 Consolidated Plan and Annual Plan were published in the local newspapers and Draft Reports made available for review on March 12, 2021 through April 12, 2021. The Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) will hold a meeting for consideration of the plans and recommended approval to the City Board on May 4, 2021. Final public hearing and approval by the City Board is expected May 4, 2021.

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	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Survey of residents about Con Plan priorities. A total of 387 surveys were received.	Survey results were used to prioritize funding needs.	All comments were accepted.	
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	All non-profits and any citizen led initiatives were invited to complete an application to provide services projects for LMI citizens in Fort Smith. Four notices in the newspaper to hold public hearings plus other methods of outreach described.	Need to continue to build with more public service applications.	All comments were accepted.	

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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
3	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	All non-profit agencies making presentation for projects/ services.	Presentations of proposed applications and CDAC funding recommendations. Additional funding is needed to assist with Community Development needs that are pressing.	All comments were accepted.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Needs Assessment

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Needs Assessment Overview

The needs assessment looks at a variety of housing, homeless, community development, and non-homeless special needs through an examination of census and CHAS data, which was created by the U.S. Census Bureau and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. These data quantify housing problems, such as overcrowding and cost burden, and measure the magnitude of special needs populations, such as the elderly, frail elderly, and persons with HIV/AIDS. As shown in the following analysis, cost burden (paying more than 30 percent of household income on housing expenses) and extreme cost burden (paying more than 50 percent of household income on housing expenses) has a considerable impact on households in Fort Smith, particularly lower income households. Measures of housing condition (lack of complete kitchen or plumbing facilities) doesn't provide a very reliable measure of condition, though it represents the best, easily accessible data on the topic. Other needs are represented through the Section 8 wait list and various census and state data sources.

NA-10 Housing Needs Assessment - 24 CFR 91.205 (a,b,c)

Summary of Housing Needs

The following data provide an analysis of housing problems in Fort Smith, including lack of complete plumbing or kitchen facilities, overcrowding (1.01 to 1.5 persons per room), severe overcrowding (more than 1.5 persons per room), cost burden (paying more than 30% of household income on housing expenses), and severe cost burden (paying more than 50% of household income on housing expenses). As calculated from the Housing Needs Summary Table #1, below, by far, the most common housing need related to cost burden, hitting lower income households particularly hard, with 63 percent of renter households and 52 percent of owner households earning less than 30% of the area median income (AMI) being severely cost burdened. For rental households, cost burden is the most common housing problem with almost 31 percent of all renter households earning below 100% of the AMI being cost burdened. Cost burden is also the most common for owner households where 24 percent of all owner households earning below 100% of the AMI are cost burdened, with severe cost burden not far behind with 19 percent for owners and 26 percent for renters. The next most pressing housing problem in Fort Smith is overcrowded housing in rental housing, with 4.5 percent living in overcrowded units.

Demographics	Base Year: 2010	Most Recent Year: 2019	% Change
Population	85,200	87,743	3%
Households	34,056	35,908	5%
Median Income	\$36,545.00	\$41,724.00	14%

Table 5 - Housing Needs Assessment Demographics

Alternate Data Source Name:

2015 - 2019 ACS 5 Year

Data Source Comments:

Number of Households Table

	0-30% HAMFI	>30-50% HAMFI	>50-80% HAMFI	>80-100% HAMFI	>100% HAMFI
Total Households	4,940	5,335	6,320	3,155	15,025
Small Family Households	1,725	1,715	2,215	1,130	7,580
Large Family Households	415	595	685	310	825
Household contains at least one person 62-74 years of age	740	880	1,190	500	3,055
Household contains at least one person age 75 or older	410	855	930	365	1,285
Households with one or more children 6 years old or younger	1,275	1,175	1,095	345	1,409

Table 6 - Total Households Table

Data 2011-2015 CHAS

Source:

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Housing Needs Summary Tables

1. Housing Problems (Households with one of the listed needs)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Substandard Housing - Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities	20	65	120	15	220	20	0	0	0	20
Severely Overcrowded - With >1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	35	95	60	15	205	20	0	85	0	105
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	105	120	25	25	275	0	50	35	0	85
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	2,370	985	140	20	3,515	560	460	265	25	1,310

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	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
Housing cost burden greater than 30% of income (and none of the above problems)	365	1,720	1,125	270	3,480	180	405	1,075	285	1,945
Zero/negative Income (and none of the above problems)	395	0	0	0	395	245	0	0	0	245

Table 7 – Housing Problems Table

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

2. Housing Problems 2 (Households with one or more Severe Housing Problems: Lacks kitchen or complete plumbing, severe overcrowding, severe cost burden)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Having 1 or more of four housing problems	2,530	1,265	345	80	4,220	600	510	385	25	1,520
Having none of four housing problems	915	2,540	2,620	1,365	7,440	250	1,020	2,970	1,695	5,935
Household has negative income, but none of the other housing problems	395	0	0	0	395	245	0	0	0	245

Table 8 – Housing Problems 2

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

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3. Cost Burden > 30%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	1,100	1,050	525	2,675	280	290	460	1,030
Large Related	250	315	120	685	85	130	255	470
Elderly	380	590	325	1,295	335	305	300	940
Other	1,105	960	360	2,425	70	190	330	590
Total need by income	2,835	2,915	1,330	7,080	770	915	1,345	3,030

Table 9 – Cost Burden > 30%

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

4. Cost Burden > 50%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	980	470	40	1,490	280	185	35	500
Large Related	180	20	15	215	55	40	15	110
Elderly	300	225	120	645	180	120	90	390
Other	955	335	15	1,305	70	115	130	315
Total need by income	2,415	1,050	190	3,655	585	460	270	1,315

Table 10 – Cost Burden > 50%

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

5. Crowding (More than one person per room)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Single family households	110	165	35	10	320	20	50	70	0	140

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	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
Multiple, unrelated family households	30	50	10	0	90	0	0	55	0	55
Other, non-family households	0	0	45	35	80	0	0	0	0	0
Total need by income	140	215	90	45	490	20	50	125	0	195

Table 11 – Crowding Information – 1/2

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
Households with Children Present	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 12 – Crowding Information – 2/2

Data Source
Comments:

Describe the number and type of single person households in need of housing assistance.

According to the 2015-2019 American Community Survey, there were 11,936 single person households in Fort Smith (33.2% of all Fort Smith households) 37.2 percent of which were elderly (age 65+). Forty percent of single person households were homeowners, with 60 percent renters. The median household income of single person households was \$26,620 approximately 61 percent of the median income for all households in Fort Smith. As shown in Table 10 above, 35 percent of severe cost burden was found in the "Other" renter households, along with 24 percent owner households. Most of the "Other" category will be made up of single person households.

Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance who are disabled or victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Data from the 2015-2019 American Community Survey show that 20 percent of the population of Fort Smith reports some form of disability. Disabilities reported increase with age. Those below the age of 5 are reported to include 1.6 percent with disabilities. In the 5 to 17 year age group, 7.5 percent are reported to have disabilities. In the 18 to 64 year age group, 20 percent report disabilities, with 9.4

percent reporting ambulatory difficulties, 3 percent with self-care difficulties, and 7.3 percent with independent living difficulties. The 65 year and older age group reported 42.8 percent with disabilities, including 30.3 percent with ambulatory difficulties, 9.4 with self-care difficulties, and 17.6 percent with independent living difficulties. The ACS data also show that 8.6 percent of the population of Fort Smith reports a disability and an income less than 50 percent of poverty level.

According to the FBI, the number of rapes reported in Fort Smith for 2018 was 97.41 per 100,000 population an increase from 80.28 in 2016. The Fort Smith Data Book from 2013 shows a total of 136 rapes reported in 2012, 2.6 times the number reported in 2002. A steady increase was shown between 2002 (52 reported rapes) and 2012 (136). Statistics relating to domestic violence, dating violence, other sexual assaults, and stalking were not readily available.

What are the most common housing problems?

As calculated from the Housing Needs Summary Table #1, above, by far, the most common housing problem in Fort Smith is cost burden. According to the CHAS data in the tables above, over 60 percent of households in the 0-30% AMI income category (including renters and owners) had a cost burden of over 50%. A 50% cost burden means that a household is spending more than 50% of their gross income on housing expenses, including utilities. Over 69 percent of households in the 30-50% AMI income category had a 30% cost burden, with 30 percent having a 50% cost burden. The numbers fall off somewhat for the next highest income category where 44 percent of households in the 50-80% AMI category had a 30% cost burden, with only nine percent having a 50% cost burden. Looking at cost burden and severe cost burden by tenure, 63 percent of renter households and 52 percent of owner households earning less than 30% of the area median income (AMI) were paying more than 50% of their income on housing expenses. For rental households, cost burden is the most common housing problem with almost 31 percent of all renter households earning below 100% of the AMI paying more than 30% of their income on housing expenses. Cost burden is also the most common for owner households where 24 percent of all owner households earning below 100% of the AMI paying more than 30% of their income on housing expenses, with severe cost burden not far behind with 19 percent of owner households and 26 percent of renter households paying more than 50% of their income on housing expenses. By comparison, the numbers for overcrowding and incomplete kitchen or plumbing facilities were low, with 4.6 percent of the lowest income category renters living in overcrowded conditions and less than two percent of very low-income owner households living without complete kitchen or plumbing facilities.

Are any populations/household types more affected than others by these problems?

Cost burden and extreme cost burden affect all household types in the lower income categories. In simple numerical terms, it would appear that "Other" and "Small Related" households bear much of the brunt of severe cost burden among renters, with over 36 and 41 percent of the total number of renter households experiencing severe cost burden, respectively. For ownership households, "Small Related" households made up 38 percent of the total experiencing severe cost burden. "Large Related"

households comprised the smallest portion of those experiencing severe cost burden for owner and renter households.

Describe the characteristics and needs of Low-income individuals and families with children (especially extremely low-income) who are currently housed but are at imminent risk of either residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered 91.205(c)/91.305(c)). Also discuss the needs of formerly homeless families and individuals who are receiving rapid re-housing assistance and are nearing the termination of that assistance

Low-income individuals and families who are currently housed but are at risk of either residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered are living paycheck to paycheck, just making ends meet. They are often one paycheck away from being homeless in the event of a sudden loss of employment or medical emergency which redirects financial resources. These households span all types, including individuals living alone, small families, large families, and the elderly. Some households have relatives or friends with whom they can double-up, thus avoiding homelessness, at least in technical terms, but these accommodations are not long-term solutions to their needs. These households, particularly extremely low-income households, need a wide variety of assistance to help them meet those emergency needs that occasionally crop up in everyone's lives. This assistance could include job training to help them transition into better paying professions, mortgage or rental assistance, medical clinics that provide low or no cost care, rent subsidies, and other services that help absorb the costs that might redirect funds dedicated to housing. Formerly homeless families and individuals also need these services to reduce the prospect of returning to homelessness. Transitional housing units, permanent supportive housing, and rent subsidies help meet the housing expenses of households returning from homelessness, while job training programs help with job prospects. Other social services are needed on occasion as circumstances demand.

If a jurisdiction provides estimates of the at-risk population(s), it should also include a description of the operational definition of the at-risk group and the methodology used to generate the estimates:

The Point-In-Time (PIT) count provides the estimates of the various categories of homeless individuals and families. These include chronic homeless, veterans, families with children, families without children, individuals, and unaccompanied children.

Specify particular housing characteristics that have been linked with instability and an increased risk of homelessness

Severe cost burden is linked with housing instability and an increased risk of homelessness. When a household is paying too large a portion of their income on housing expenses, sudden and unexpected

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financial demands can tip the scales, forcing them from their homes. These demands might include illnesses requiring hospital stays or time away from their job, automotive problems requiring repairs or loss of work due to lack of transportation, and legal problems that might require payments to lawyers or time away from their job. Lower income households are particularly susceptible to these financial impacts because they are less likely to have savings that can cover these expenses and buffer the effects of monetary demands in covering unexpected events.

Discussion

Cost burden and severe cost burden are the most common housing problem across all lower income households in Fort Smith, both renter and owner. The lower the income of the household, the more extreme the cost burden. Overcrowding is also a common problem in many lower income households.

NA-15 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Problems – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

The 2011-2015 CHAS data, constructed from data collected by the US Census Bureau for HUD, show housing problems by income and race/ethnicity. The housing problems include incomplete kitchen or plumbing facilities, cost burden greater than 30 percent, and overcrowding (more than 1 person per room). The tables below show the distribution of one or more problems by race/ethnicity for each of four lower income groups, 0 to 30 percent of the area median income, 30 to 50 percent of the area median income, 50 to 80 percent of the area median income, and 80 to 100 percent of the area median income. The discussion following the tables will identify disproportionately greater need within each income group for particular racial or ethnic group. The next section will look at severe housing problems (severe overcrowding and extreme cost burden).

0%-30% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	3,680	620	640
White	2,120	350	390
Black / African American	635	150	65
Asian	125	10	100
American Indian, Alaska Native	55	15	0
Pacific Islander	50	0	0
Hispanic	495	15	80

Table 13 - Disproportionally Greater Need 0 - 30% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than one person per room,
4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

30%-50% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	3,905	1,435	0
White	2,335	1,030	0
Black / African American	545	125	0
Asian	140	50	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	35	25	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	770	110	0

Table 14 - Disproportionally Greater Need 30 - 50% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than one person per room,
4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

50%-80% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	2,930	3,385	0
White	1,585	2,345	0
Black / African American	395	185	0
Asian	170	160	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	45	10	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	630	575	0

Table 15 - Disproportionally Greater Need 50 - 80% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than one person per room,
4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

80%-100% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	660	2,500	0
White	460	1,630	0
Black / African American	115	120	0
Asian	20	170	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	20	0
Pacific Islander	0	20	0
Hispanic	50	475	0

Table 16 - Disproportionally Greater Need 80 - 100% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than one person per room,
4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

Discussion

Disproportionately greater need was identified for very small Asian and American Indian/Alaska Native populations in the 0-30% AMI and 50-80% AMI categories, African American and similarly small American Indian/Alaska Native populations in the 30-50% AMI and 80-100% AMI categories (African American). The size of the Asian and American Indian/Alaska Native populations, however, indicate the disparity is negligible.

NA-20 Disproportionately Greater Need: Severe Housing Problems – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

The 2011-2015 CHAS data constructed from data collected by the US Census Bureau for HUD show housing problems by income and race/ethnicity. The severe housing problems include incomplete kitchen or plumbing facilities, cost burden over 50 percent, and severe overcrowding (more than 1.5 persons per room). The tables below show the distribution of severe housing problems by race/ethnicity for each of four lower income groups, 0 to 30 percent of the area median income, 30 to 50 percent of the area median income, 50 to 80 percent of the area median income, and 80 to 100 percent of the area median income. The discussion following the tables will identify disproportionately greater need within each income group for particular racial or ethnic group.

0%-30% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	3,130	1,165	640
White	1,790	680	390
Black / African American	595	190	65
Asian	100	35	100
American Indian, Alaska Native	55	15	0
Pacific Islander	0	50	0
Hispanic	415	95	80

Table 17 – Severe Housing Problems 0 - 30% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than 1.5 persons per room,
4. Cost Burden over 50%

30%-50% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	1,775	3,560	0
White	1,040	2,330	0
Black / African American	259	410	0
Asian	30	160	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	10	55	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	420	460	0

Table 18 – Severe Housing Problems 30 - 50% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than 1.5 persons per room,
4. Cost Burden over 50%

50%-80% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	730	5,590	0
White	440	3,490	0
Black / African American	40	540	0
Asian	30	295	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	15	35	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	165	1,040	0

Table 19 – Severe Housing Problems 50 - 80% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than 1.5 persons per room,
4. Cost Burden over 50%

80%-100% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	105	3,060	0
White	50	2,040	0
Black / African American	10	230	0
Asian	20	170	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	20	0
Pacific Islander	0	20	0
Hispanic	25	500	0

Table 20 – Severe Housing Problems 80 - 100% AMI

Data 2011-2015 CHAS
Source:

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than 1.5 persons per room,
4. Cost Burden over 50%

Discussion

Disparities are noted in the African-American population in the 30-50% AMI income category and for Hispanics in the 30-50%, 50-80%, and 80-100% AMI categories. A very small Asian population in the 0-30% AMI income category and a very small Pacific Islander population in the 80-100% AMI income category showed disproportionately greater need in the above data. Again, the small size of the populations indicates that the problem is not widespread.

NA-25 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction:

The 2011-2015 CHAS data were used to compare housing cost burden across racial/ethnic groups. Cost burden (30 to 50% of household income going to housing expenses), extreme cost burden (more than 50% of household income going to housing expenses), and no cost burden (less than 30% of household income going to housing expenses) were compared by racial/ethnic group to the city as a whole.

Housing Cost Burden

Housing Cost Burden	<=30%	30-50%	>50%	No / negative income (not computed)
Jurisdiction as a whole	22,785	6,200	5,095	705
White	17,210	3,690	3,075	410
Black / African American	1,210	815	900	65
Asian	1,330	320	140	100
American Indian, Alaska Native	254	50	80	0
Pacific Islander	20	50	0	0
Hispanic	2,085	1,075	670	125

Table 21 – Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens AMI

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

Discussion:

The Pacific Islander population shows a high rate of severe cost burden (greater than 10% more than the jurisdiction as a whole).

NA-30 Disproportionately Greater Need: Discussion – 91.205(b)(2)

Are there any income categories in which a racial or ethnic group has disproportionately greater need than the needs of that income category as a whole?

African-American and Hispanic populations are reported to have some disproportionately greater need. With respect to severe housing problems, African-Americans show greater need in the 30-50% AMI category, with Hispanic needs appearing in the 30-50%, 50-80%, and 80-100% AMI categories. For housing problems, African-American needs are reported in the 30-50% and 80-100% AMI categories. Other disparities were reported for very small Asian, American Indian/Alaska Native, and Pacific Islander populations, but the small size of these populations indicated that the need is not pervasive.

If they have needs not identified above, what are those needs?

None identified.

Are any of those racial or ethnic groups located in specific areas or neighborhoods in your community?

Both African-American and Hispanic populations are concentrated in the northern census tracts in Fort Smith.

NA-35 Public Housing – 91.205(b)

Introduction

While the eCon software reports that the Fort Smith Housing Authority operates 288 public housing units for seniors and people with disabilities, 47 mod-rehab units, and manages 1,653 vouchers, the agency reports that there are no public housing units in Fort Smith. Of the 1,653 vouchers, 368 are project-based and the rest are tenant-based. The average annual income of their voucher holders is \$11,704. The average length of stay for voucher holders is two years. The largest racial/ethnic groups among residents are White, with 1,079 vouchers. Mod-rehab residents have an average annual income of about \$5,845.

Totals in Use

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers in use	0	47	0	1,653	368	1,285	33	0	0

Table 22 - Public Housing by Program Type

***includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition**

Alternate Data Source Name:
 PIC (PIH Information Center)
Data Source Comments:

Characteristics of Residents

	Program Type							
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher	
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program
Average Annual Income	0	5,845	10,860	11,704	12,155	11,575	0	0
Average length of stay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average Household size	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# Homeless at admission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of Elderly Program Participants (>62)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of Disabled Families	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of Families requesting accessibility features	0	0	0	1,231	75	1,156	0	0
# of HIV/AIDS program participants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of DV victims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 23 – Characteristics of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Alternate Data Source Name:

PIC (PIH Information Center)

Data Source Comments:

Race of Residents

Race	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
White	0	60	0	1,079	257	822	0	0	0
Black/African American	0	36	0	491	80	411	0	0	0
Asian	0	2	0	26	14	12	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	2	0	28	3	25	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

***includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition**

Table 24 – Race of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Alternate Data Source Name:

PIC (PIH Information Center)

Data Source Comments:

Ethnicity of Residents

Ethnicity	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
Hispanic	0	13	9	73	22	51	0	0	0
Not Hispanic	0	87	257	1,579	346	1,233	0	0	0

***includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition**

Table 25 – Ethnicity of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Alternate Data Source Name:

PIC (PIH Information Center)

Data Source Comments:

Section 504 Needs Assessment: Describe the needs of public housing tenants and applicants on the waiting list for accessible units:

Fort Smith has no public housing.

Most immediate needs of residents of Public Housing and Housing Choice voucher holders

TBD

How do these needs compare to the housing needs of the population at large

The aforementioned needs are very similar to the housing needs of the population at large.

Discussion

TBD

NA-40 Homeless Needs Assessment – 91.205(c)

Introduction:

The following table provides an estimate of homeless individuals and families within several categories in Fort Smith. These numbers are taken from the 2019 Point-in-time count. To date, Fort Smith has not provided a separate count of homeless individuals or families in rural areas. Estimates for the number of homeless persons each year, becoming homeless each year, number exiting homeless each year, and duration of homelessness have not been developed, as yet.

Homeless Needs Assessment

Population	Estimate the # of persons experiencing homelessness on a given night		Estimate the # experiencing homelessness each year	Estimate the # becoming homeless each year	Estimate the # exiting homelessness each year	Estimate the # of days persons experience homelessness
	Sheltered	Unsheltered				
Persons in Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	17	0	0	0	0	0
Persons in Households with Only Children	0	0	0	0	0	0
Persons in Households with Only Adults	126	60	0	0	0	0
Chronically Homeless Individuals	53	45	0	0	0	0
Chronically Homeless Families	0	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	22	5	0	0	0	0
Unaccompanied Child	10	3	0	0	0	0
Persons with HIV	2	3	0	0	0	0

Table 26 - Homeless Needs Assessment

Data Source Comments: 2019 Point-in-time Count, Fort Smith CoC

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Indicate if the homeless population Has No Rural Homeless
is:

If data is not available for the categories "number of persons becoming and exiting homelessness each year," and "number of days that persons experience homelessness," describe these categories for each homeless population type (including chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth):

To be discussed with service providers.

Nature and Extent of Homelessness: (Optional)

Race:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
White	160	51
Black or African American	16	9
Asian	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	8	0
Pacific Islander	1	0
Ethnicity:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
Hispanic	2	0
Not Hispanic	185	60

Data Source

Comments:

2019 Point-in-time Count, Fort Smith CoC

Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance for families with children and the families of veterans.

The data collected show five unsheltered homeless veterans and 22 sheltered veterans. The data do not, however, indicate any veterans in families. There are no children of homeless veterans in the count.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Homelessness by Racial and Ethnic Group.

The 2019 Point-in-Time homeless count indicated that the majority of homeless individuals and families in Fort Smith were White, with 211 of the total of 247 homeless individuals (85%). The second largest racial/ethnic population was Black with 10 individuals (10%). American Indian/Alaska Native showed 8 individuals (3.2%).

Describe the Nature and Extent of Unsheltered and Sheltered Homelessness.

The 2019 data indicate that 60 individuals in Fort Smith were unsheltered (24 percent of the total). It is generally assumed by service providers that the majority of unsheltered homeless persons are unsheltered by choice, preferring to live uncontrolled by service provider rules and regulations. These individuals are primarily single, chronic homeless persons, many with substance and/or mental problems.

Discussion:

The results of the 2019 Point-in-Time survey showed a total population of 247 persons, including 41 children under the age of 18. Thirty-nine percent of those counted were classified as chronic

homeless. About 33 percent of respondents were unsheltered. About 85 percent of homeless individuals were White, with 10 percent African-American.

NA-45 Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment - 91.205 (b,d)

Introduction:

Non-homeless special needs populations include the elderly, frail elderly, persons with physical and developmental disabilities, substance abusers, persons with mental illness, and persons living with HIV/AIDS. These families and individuals are living either with families, in group facilities, or independently. They have a wide variety of needs, many of which are being met without public assistance. In some cases, where parents are caring for disabled children, the future of their independence is at risk.

Describe the characteristics of special needs populations in your community:

These populations have a broad spectrum of characteristics, similar to the population at large, but a distinguishing factor for them is an increased risk of homelessness due to the fragile nature of their existence, some relying heavily on others for their care, others living on fixed incomes and vulnerable to hardships caused by sudden demands on their resources. Alcohol and drug abuse are defined as excessive and impairing use of alcohol or other drugs. The National Institute of Alcohol and Abuse and Alcoholism estimated the number of adult men with a drinking problem at 7 percent of the total population and that of adult women at 5 percent. These percentages, when applied to Fort Smith, would yield a total population of alcohol abusers over 10,000 persons, using 2019 American Community Survey (ACS) population figures. Elderly are those individuals aged 65 or older. The elderly population continues to show a strong growth pattern as a population group. The elderly live a distinctive lifestyle requiring numerous supportive services. Between 2010 and 2019, the population aged 62 years and over increased 18.9 percent and represents 14.6 of the population. Persons with physical or developmental disabilities often require special facilities and care. Persons with developmental disabilities sometimes lack the capacity to care for themselves and rely on a caretaker to see to their daily needs. More often than not the caretaker is a parent. If the child outlives the parent who has provided their care all their lives, other arrangements must be made to see to their continued care. This group can include all ages, races, and ethnicities.

What are the housing and supportive service needs of these populations and how are these needs determined?

Housing and supportive service needs of these populations include:

- Group housing,

- Physical rehabilitation and medical care,
- New job training skills,
- Unemployment and the resulting loss of income/ insurance coverage due to inability to perform job functions,
- Extensive medical care and treatment,
- Rehabilitation programs,
- Counseling/ support groups to deal with the problem,
- Addressing unemployment and the resulting loss of income/ insurance coverage due to inability to perform job functions,
- Medical care/prescription medications, straining their already limited income,
- Special transportation needs due to medical and physical condition,
- Mobility assistance in normal daily activities,
- Assistance in meal preparation, housekeeping and shopping, and
- Physical rehabilitative care due to injury/falls.

These needs were compiled through consultation with service providers.

Discuss the size and characteristics of the population with HIV/AIDS and their families within the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area:

According to the HIV Surveillance Report Arkansas, 2017, there were 254 newly diagnosed cases of HIV disease in the state in 2017. There were 152 new AIDS diagnoses in 2018. A cumulative total of 11,405 HIV/AIDS cases have been reported in the state. The data are not provided by county, city, or MSA in the annual surveillance report. The data does not break the population down by family characteristics.

Discussion:

Non-homeless special needs populations encompass a wide variety of persons and households and cannot be easily categorized except in very general terms. Many are coping well with their situations without the need for public assistance. Some find needs that can only be met with help from outside

their family. Some are on the verge of homelessness themselves and struggle from day to day. Some live independently, while others depend on family or caregivers to help them on a daily basis. Needs for these populations are as varied as the populations are themselves and depend on individual situations.

NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs – 91.215 (f)

Describe the jurisdiction’s need for Public Facilities:

Repair needs have been identified for some emergency shelter facilities.

How were these needs determined?

The City conducted a survey of residents and service providers asking their input into the ranking process for the variety of uses of CDBG funds. The survey was available online and as hard copy at fair housing focus group sessions and Consolidated Plan forums. While the survey was not a statistically reliable instrument for prioritizing, it was a useful tool to include community concerns and preferences into consideration. Staff took the results of the survey and the comments received in the focus group sessions and forums and completed the ranking process.

Describe the jurisdiction’s need for Public Improvements:

No public improvement needs have been identified.

How were these needs determined?

The survey was available online, through the city’s website, facebook, Instagram, mail and electronic notices with links.

Describe the jurisdiction’s need for Public Services:

Public service needs include services for youth and seniors, health care, and job training.

How were these needs determined?

The City conducted a survey of residents and service providers asking their input into the ranking process for the variety of uses of CDBG funds. The survey was available online and as hard copy at fair housing focus group sessions and Consolidated Plan forums. While the survey was not a statistically reliable instrument for prioritizing, it was a useful tool to include community concerns and preferences into consideration. Staff took the results of the survey and the comments received in the focus group sessions and forums and completed the ranking process.

Housing Market Analysis

MA-05 Overview

Housing Market Analysis Overview:

The local housing market affects the availability and affordability of housing. In Fort Smith, the housing market has slowly rebounded from the foreclosure crisis of the last decade. With that recovery, housing prices have increased, but are still affordable with the historically low mortgage interest rates found in the current market. The following analysis looks at a variety of data from the American Community Survey, the census, the Fort Smith Housing Authority, and homeless service providers to provide a picture of the local market.

MA-10 Number of Housing Units – 91.210(a)&(b)(2)

Introduction

The housing stock in Fort Smith is weighted heavily toward single-family housing, with 67 percent of households residing in single-family detached structures, while 31 percent reside in structures with two or more units. Approximately 52 percent of households are homeowners, with 84 percent of owner households living in housing units with three or more bedrooms. With almost 13,075 multifamily units serving over 14,007 renter households, the data suggest that almost 7,101 renter households reside in single-family structures, either attached or detached. The use of single-family structures for rental housing does address some of the need for larger housing units for renter households, but the vast disparity of larger units between renter (28%) and owner (84%) households suggests the need for new housing development aimed specifically toward larger renter households requiring three or more bedrooms.

All residential properties by number of units

Property Type	Number	%
1-unit detached structure	25,355	64%
1-unit, attached structure	1,375	3%
2-4 units	5,420	14%
5-19 units	4,400	11%
20 or more units	2,595	7%
Mobile Home, boat, RV, van, etc	270	1%
Total	39,415	100%

Table 27 – Residential Properties by Unit Number

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Unit Size by Tenure

	Owners		Renters	
	Number	%	Number	%
No bedroom	65	0%	645	4%
1 bedroom	150	1%	4,145	25%
2 bedrooms	2,765	15%	6,735	41%
3 or more bedrooms	15,330	84%	4,960	30%
Total	18,310	100%	16,485	100%

Table 28 – Unit Size by Tenure

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Describe the number and targeting (income level/type of family served) of units assisted with federal, state, and local programs.

There are approximately 1,420 assisted housing units in Fort Smith, not counting RAD units. The units are funded with subsidies from Section 8 , Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) and HOME programs.. Tax credit units are typically limited to 60 percent of the area median income or below. Other properties listed are limited to no more than 80 percent of the area median income.

Provide an assessment of units expected to be lost from the affordable housing inventory for any reason, such as expiration of Section 8 contracts.

Data available online indicate that there is a total of 831 federally subsidized housing units serving lower income households in Fort Smith. Expiration dates for these HUD contracts end as early as 2030 indicating there is a risk of losing units to contract expiration.

Does the availability of housing units meet the needs of the population?

Almost 70 percent of all households in Fort Smith reside in single-family homes, either detached or attached. While this is often considered the ideal in terms of raising a family, the growing senior population may require a reconsideration of what is ideal with respect to housing type. In the coming years, the growing senior population may put more market pressure on smaller apartment units, particularly efficiencies and one-bedroom units, as they look to downsize from the single-family home in which they raised their families. Future development of units designed with retirees in mind and active senior apartment communities may take on a larger presence in the housing market.

Describe the need for specific types of housing:

As shown in the Units by Tenure data, the vast majority of owner households reside in homes with three or more bedrooms (84%). By comparison, only 28 percent of renter households reside in units with three or more bedrooms. While many renter households contain single person or couple households with no children, a number of larger renter households are overcrowded in smaller rental units, less than three bedrooms.

Discussion

The largest sector of housing units in Fort Smith are in single-family structures (67%). Of renter households, most (72%) live in units with two or fewer bedrooms. As the demographics of the city and state start reflecting the aging of the baby boom generation, the housing market will need to adapt to provide new housing opportunities for those seeking to downsize from their family home to smaller units, some of which might be in senior's communities where residents can participate in a variety of

community activities, including meals, exercise, shopping, and entertainment. The housing stock also needs additional supplies of larger rental units, some of which may come from the baby boomers moving to smaller units. The rental stock is 28 percent larger units (three or more bedrooms) compared to 84 percent for owner occupied units. There are a modest inventory of HUD insured rental units in Fort Smith (831 units) with maturity dates in 2021 through 2030, suggesting there is risk of loss of affordable housing units in the near future.

MA-15 Housing Market Analysis: Cost of Housing - 91.210(a)

Introduction

Housing costs are a major portion of any households' monthly budget. In 2010, the median home value in Fort Smith was \$109,600. By 2019, the median value had increased by 11 percent to \$121,800. Rental costs had similar, though higher, increases rising 18 percent from \$438 in 2010 to \$519 in 2019. In Fort Smith, 22 percent of renter households paid less than \$500 per month in rent. Just over six percent of the rental housing stock was affordable to households earning less than 30 percent of the area median income. No homes were priced in a range that would be affordable for a household earning less than 30 percent of the area median income.

Cost of Housing

	Base Year: 2010	Most Recent Year: 2019	% Change
Median Home Value	109,600	121,800	11%
Median Contract Rent	438	519	18%

Table 29 – Cost of Housing

Alternate Data Source Name:

2015 - 2019 ACS 5 Year

Data Source Comments:

Rent Paid	Number	%
Less than \$500	9,075	55.1%
\$500-999	6,700	40.7%
\$1,000-1,499	480	2.9%
\$1,500-1,999	55	0.3%
\$2,000 or more	160	1.0%
Total	16,470	100.0%

Table 30 - Rent Paid

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Housing Affordability

% Units affordable to Households earning	Renter	Owner
30% HAMFI	1,130	No Data
50% HAMFI	5,335	1,545
80% HAMFI	11,235	5,380
100% HAMFI	No Data	7,224

% Units affordable to Households earning	Renter	Owner
Total	17,700	14,149

Table 31 – Housing Affordability

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

Monthly Rent

Monthly Rent (\$)	Efficiency (no bedroom)	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Fair Market Rent	495	529	700	957	1,144
High HOME Rent	495	529	700	906	991
Low HOME Rent	463	496	596	688	767

Table 32 – Monthly Rent

Data Source: HUD FMR and HOME Rents

Is there sufficient housing for households at all income levels?

As would be expected, the lowest income households have the least housing stock from which to choose, clearly not enough to meet the needs of the community. With no homes priced at a level affordable to those earning below 30 percent of the area median income, rental properties are their only option. The data show that 6 percent of rental units are affordable to those earning less than 30 percent of the area median income. With this limited housing stock, many households are forced to spend more of their income on housing expenses, moving up to higher priced rental housing. This creates a cost burden for those households, requiring that they spend more than 30 percent of their household income on housing expenses. In many cases it creates a severe cost burden, requiring more than 50 percent of their income for housing. In some cases, households are forced to double-up with other families, sharing housing units that were designed for only one household.

How is affordability of housing likely to change considering changes to home values and/or rents?

With a 11 percent increase in median home value between 2010 and 2019, homeownership is becoming less affordable. With an improving economy, that pressure on homeownership is likely to increase as the housing market recovers from the mortgage foreclosure situation of the recent past and home prices return to pre-2008 levels and grow even more. On the other hand, mortgage interest rates are at historic lows, which make home purchases more affordable than would have been possible in 2010 when rates were higher. The lower interest rates are, to some extent, responsible for the rise in home prices since 2010 as an individual household is able to afford a higher home price with the lower interest rate. Rents increased 30 percent between 2010 and 2019. Rents are less affordable than in 2010 and the demand for rental housing is most likely higher than in 2010 with former homeowners who lost their homes to foreclosure looking for rental housing instead of looking to buy.

How do HOME rents / Fair Market Rent compare to Area Median Rent? How might this impact your strategy to produce or preserve affordable housing?

High HOME rents are identical to Fair Market Rents, with the exception of a higher fair market rent for 3-bedroom units, and all HOME rents, with the exception of efficiencies, are higher than the area median rents as shown for 2012. These data suggest that the development of new rental housing units may increase the area median rent, while possibly remaining within the fair market rents for the area.

Discussion

Competing factors in the housing market, rising prices and historically low mortgage interest rates, have kept homeownership affordability somewhat constant over the past decade. The mortgage market, however, created a situation through "liar" loans and adjustable rate mortgage products where large numbers of homeowners lost their homes to foreclosure. This resulted in a bubble in the supply of homes on the market and a dip in home prices, but many were unable to take advantage of the market conditions because of a tightening of mortgage requirements and the inability of many to qualify for mortgage under the more stringent rules. Rents, on the other hand, increased by 18 percent since 2010, putting pressure on lower income households looking for rental opportunities.

MA-20 Housing Market Analysis: Condition of Housing – 91.210(a)

Introduction

The condition of housing units is highly correlated to the income of the household residing within those housing units. In Fort Smith, 76 percent of owner-occupied housing units and 49 percent of renter-occupied housing units have no housing problems reported. Four conditions are represented as housing problems, including lack of complete kitchen facilities, lack of complete plumbing facilities, more than one person per room, and cost burden (paying more than 30% of household income on housing expenses). The data show that 17 percent of owner households and 41 percent of renter households have one housing problem or condition. Presumably, this one housing problem is most likely either cost burden or substandard housing, with the latter more likely for renter housing than for owner housing. Sixty-three percent of owner-occupied housing and 56 percent of renter-occupied housing was built prior to 1980, making those units potential sources of lead-based paint contamination. While not all will have lead-based paint, the age of the units suggests that at one time lead-based paint may have been used on the unit and provides a potential hazard, particularly for households with children present. Over 2,200 units in Fort Smith were built before 1980 and have children present in the household. It is reasonable to assume that a large number of these households are lower income households due to the fact that older housing stock is often filtered down through the income categories to the lowest income households.

Definitions

Substandard condition is defined as a combination of incomplete kitchen or plumbing facilities, missing windows or exterior doors, severely compromised foundations, outdated electrical infrastructure, holes in floors or walls, and holes in roof or severely compromised roofing materials preventing closure from weather penetration. Many units with a combination that includes all these conditions may be unfit for human occupation. Some may be candidates for rehabilitation, others may not be. Substandard condition suitable for rehabilitation would be units where the home is determined to be less than 60 percent deteriorated or the cost of the combination of needed repairs of all conditions does not exceed the estimated after-rehabilitation value of the house.

Condition of Units

Condition of Units	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
With one selected Condition	3,960	22%	7,540	46%
With two selected Conditions	135	1%	400	2%
With three selected Conditions	0	0%	0	0%
With four selected Conditions	0	0%	0	0%
No selected Conditions	14,210	78%	8,535	52%

Condition of Units	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
Total	18,305	101%	16,475	100%

Table 33 - Condition of Units

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS

Year Unit Built

Year Unit Built	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
2000 or later	2,235	12%	2,225	14%
1980-1999	4,515	25%	4,440	27%
1950-1979	8,930	49%	7,910	48%
Before 1950	2,615	14%	1,895	12%
Total	18,295	100%	16,470	101%

Table 34 – Year Unit Built

Data Source: 2011-2015 CHAS

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
Total Number of Units Built Before 1980	11,545	63%	9,805	60%
Housing Units build before 1980 with children present	2,255	12%	1,050	6%

Table 35 – Risk of Lead-Based Paint

Data Source: 2011-2015 ACS (Total Units) 2011-2015 CHAS (Units with Children present)

Vacant Units

	Suitable for Rehabilitation	Not Suitable for Rehabilitation	Total
Vacant Units	0	0	0
Abandoned Vacant Units	0	0	0
REO Properties	0	0	0
Abandoned REO Properties	0	0	0

Table 36 - Vacant Units

Data Source: 2005-2009 CHAS

Need for Owner and Rental Rehabilitation

Sixty-three percent of the owner-occupied housing stock and 56 percent of the renter-occupied housing was built prior to 1980, placing the age of that housing at more than 30 years old, much of it many years older. As the housing stock ages, water infiltration and many other factors can cause rapid deterioration

of housing units, particularly where the residents don't or can't provide needed maintenance. In some areas of Fort Smith, the housing stock may exceed 50 years of age and the median income of the residents of those areas may be less than 50 percent of the area median income. In these situations, it is likely that housing conditions generally throughout these areas are poor.

Estimated Number of Housing Units Occupied by Low or Moderate Income Families with LBP Hazards

The data show that the number of housing units in Fort Smith built prior to 1980, and potentially where lead-based paint hazards might be found, include 63 percent of all owner housing and 56 percent of rental housing. Twelve percent of owner housing units and 6 percent of rental housing units built prior to 1980 are occupied by families with children present, a total of over 3,300 housing units. As housing units and neighborhoods age, they typically fall through the income classes from middle- or moderate-income households to lower income households. Neighborhoods that were once middle class become home to lower income groups as they age. Typically, with some exceptions, the oldest neighborhoods found are where the poorest residents are found. As a result, it is reasonable to assume that most of the 3,300 units in Fort Smith built prior to 1980 and occupied by families with children are likely occupied by low- or moderate-income families.

Discussion

There is an extensive need for rehabilitation programs in Fort Smith targeting the improvement of the city's oldest housing stock. These programs, which are currently ongoing through the City of Fort Smith with the City's CDBG and HOME funding, provide owners of owner-occupied, single-family housing with loans and/or grants to facilitate needed repairs which have not been effected by current or previous owners. These repairs include structural repairs both inside the unit and on the exterior and testing for and remediation of lead-based paint hazards in older housing units.

MA-25 Public and Assisted Housing – 91.210(b)

Introduction

As of July 2014, the only remaining public housing development in Fort Smith transitioned to private ownership through the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program.

Totals Number of Units

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project -based	Tenant -based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers available	0	47	0	1,653	368	1,285	33	0	0
# of accessible units									
*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition									

Table 37 – Total Number of Units by Program Type

Alternate Data Source Name:

PIC (PIH Information Center)

Data Source Comments:

Describe the supply of public housing developments:

Describe the number and physical condition of public housing units in the jurisdiction, including those that are participating in an approved Public Housing Agency Plan:

The only remaining public housing development in Fort Smith transitioned to private ownership through the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program.

Public Housing Condition

Public Housing Development	Average Inspection Score

Table 38 - Public Housing Condition

Describe the restoration and revitalization needs of public housing units in the jurisdiction:

The only remaining public housing development in Fort Smith transitioned to private ownership through the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program.

Describe the public housing agency's strategy for improving the living environment of low- and moderate-income families residing in public housing:

The only remaining public housing development in Fort Smith transitioned to private ownership through the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program.

Discussion:

The only remaining public housing development in Fort Smith transitioned to private ownership through the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program.

MA-30 Homeless Facilities and Services – 91.210(c)

Introduction

The following data are the most current count of homeless facilities in Fort Smith taken from HUD's report for the Fort Smith Continuum of Care.

Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households

	Emergency Shelter Beds		Transitional Housing Beds	Permanent Supportive Housing Beds	
	Year Round Beds (Current & New)	Voucher / Seasonal / Overflow Beds	Current & New	Current & New	Under Development
Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	94	15	24	0	0
Households with Only Adults	105	0	15	0	0
Chronically Homeless Households	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	0	0	15	0	0
Unaccompanied Youth	0	0	0	0	0

Table 39 - Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households

Data Source Comments: 2019 Fort Smith CoC Housing Inventory County Report

Describe mainstream services, such as health, mental health, and employment services to the extent those services are used to complement services targeted to homeless persons

Homeless service providers in Fort Smith provide a wide range of housing and services to their clients, including shelters and transitional housing facilities, substance abuse treatment, case management, job training, clothes closet to provide clothing suitable for job interviews, food, and transportation. All depend, to some extent, on mainstream services to supplement those offered in-house. These include transportation services, dental care, legal assistance, health and mental health care, job training, and childcare. Some of these services are offered pro bono from caring professionals. Other services require some payment from the client.

List and describe services and facilities that meet the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth. If the services and facilities are listed on screen SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure or screen MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services, describe how these facilities and services specifically address the needs of these populations.

Fort Smith is served by a wide range of organizations that address the needs of homeless individuals and families. Included are:

- Crisis Intervention Center- domestic violence shelter
- Community Rescue Mission – families with children
- Gospel Rescue Mission - emergency shelter, basic needs, clothes closet, homeless services
- Salvation Army - emergency shelter, food, clothes, advocacy, and services
- Next Step Homeless Services - transitional housing for adults and mixed populations, hot lunch, day room, job counseling, psychological assessment, life-skills training, bicycle rentals
- Harbor Housing - substance abuse treatment

These facilities and programs address housing and service needs of homeless individuals and families by offering beds and a variety of much needed services. Contained within this group of programs are emergency shelters and transitional housing, drug treatment programs, services for victims of domestic violence, mental health treatment, healthcare, and numerous associated services that attempt to address the continuum of needs of homeless persons.

MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services – 91.210(d)

Introduction

Special needs populations in Fort Smith include the elderly; frail elderly; persons with mental, physical, or developmental disabilities; persons with HIV/AIDS; and persons with substance abuse problems. Considering the non-homeless special needs population, many in these populations are currently having their housing and service needs met without or with limited public assistance. Circumstances, however, are subject to change and the more the community prepares for future needs, the better it will be able to meet those needs when they occur.

Including the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities (mental, physical, developmental), persons with alcohol or other drug addictions, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, public housing residents and any other categories the jurisdiction may specify, and describe their supportive housing needs

The supportive housing needs of special needs populations in Fort Smith vary according to the population. In coming years, the needs of the elderly and frail elderly will increase as the over 65 year old population grows with the aging of the baby boom population. These needs may include nursing care facilities targeted to lower income households who cannot afford private nursing home care. Permanent supportive housing options for persons with mental, physical, and developmental disabilities may also become a pressing issue as persons with disabilities who previously have been taken care of by parents lose those caregivers to death or incapacity. With healthcare systems enabling persons with disabilities to live longer, many are now outliving their caregivers, increasing demand for group housing that provides the care this population needs.

Describe programs for ensuring that persons returning from mental and physical health institutions receive appropriate supportive housing

Many homeless shelters operate under a rapid re-housing structure for clients coming into the system. Local participants in the Fort Smith Continuum of Care structure have recognized the need for discharge planning within the service provision structure in Fort Smith regarding returning patients from mental and physical health institutions. At a minimum, institutions agree not to discharge individuals into homelessness. Individual mental and physical health institutions may have their own discharge planning protocols in place, but they are not coordinated with any citywide planning effort. The CoC supports efforts at a more formal discharge planning protocol.

Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. 91.315(e)

The City funds housing rehabilitation and emergency repair programs that work with the elderly, among other populations, in an attempt to maintain their home so they can continue to reside in their own homes. As a homeowner ages he/she is often unable to continue to provide the maintenance needed to keep the home habitable. The City's programs work with those homeowners to address pressing issues that arise, such as roof leaks or plumbing failures, and also more extensive rehabilitation needed to bring a home completely up to current building code.

For entitlement/consortia grantees: Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. (91.220(2))

Public service funding is primarily dedicated to programs that address the needs of children and the provision of other services to low-income households. The City operates housing rehabilitation and emergency repair programs that target elderly households in need of assistance with housing maintenance and safety issues.

MA-40 Barriers to Affordable Housing – 91.210(e)

Negative Effects of Public Policies on Affordable Housing and Residential Investment

There are no known barriers to affordable housing resulting from public policies of the City of Fort Smith.

MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets – 91.215 (f)

Introduction

Housing preferences are fulfilled by a household's ability to meet the financial needs of owning or renting their desired housing unit. The economic health of a community has a large impact on that ability through the job market, business activity, and the household's relative place in the economy determined by their level of education and employment status. The data below provide a look at where jobs and economic activity in Fort Smith provide employment opportunities and some descriptive consideration of education and employment levels.

Economic Development Market Analysis

Business Activity

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	251	822	1	2	1
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	3,962	6,069	11	12	1
Construction	2,400	2,267	7	4	-3
Education and Health Care Services	8,266	15,124	22	29	7
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1,814	2,344	5	4	-1
Information	623	939	2	2	0
Manufacturing	7,144	9,770	19	19	0
Other Services	1,883	1,281	5	2	-3
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	3,250	1,458	9	3	-6
Public Administration	739	1,290	2	2	0
Retail Trade	3,624	6,588	10	12	2
Transportation and Warehousing	1,407	2,169	4	4	0
Wholesale Trade	1,401	2,644	4	5	1
Total	36,764	52,765	--	--	--

Table 40 - Business Activity

Alternate Data Source Name:
2014-2018 ACS (Workers), 2018 Longitudinal Employee

Data Source Comments:

Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	41,100
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	39,131
Unemployment Rate	4.80
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	11.10
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	3.00

Table 41 - Labor Force

Alternate Data Source Name:

2015 - 2019 ACS 5 Year

Data Source Comments:

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	8,938
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	154
Service	4,383
Sales and office	5,769
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	2,833
Production, transportation and material moving	6,243

Table 42 – Occupations by Sector

Alternate Data Source Name:

2015 - 2019 ACS 5 Year

Data Source Comments:

Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	33,606	88%
30-59 Minutes	2,666	7%
60 or More Minutes	1,815	5%
Total	38,087	100%

Table 43 - Travel Time

Alternate Data Source Name:

2015 - 2019 ACS 5 Year

Data Source Comments:

Education:

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Less than high school graduate	4,441	320	3,549
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	8,841	373	4,563
Some college or Associate's degree	9,851	233	3,184
Bachelor's degree or higher	7,543	112	1,770

Table 44 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Alternate Data Source Name:
2015 - 2019 ACS 5 Year
Data Source Comments:

Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18–24 yrs	25–34 yrs	35–44 yrs	45–65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	67	567	1,181	1,925	1,007
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	925	1,262	1,187	2,188	1,271
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	3,521	4,005	3,095	6,677	3,442
Some college, no degree	3,333	2,746	2,324	5,158	3,005
Associate's degree	498	835	608	1,616	986
Bachelor's degree	453	2,159	1,554	3,115	1,800
Graduate or professional degree	45	657	186	1,171	1,347

Table 45 - Educational Attainment by Age

Alternate Data Source Name:
2015 - 2019 ACS 5 Year
Data Source Comments:

Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	24,677
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	25,183
Some college or Associate's degree	31,376
Bachelor's degree	45,255
Graduate or professional degree	58,438

Table 46 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Alternate Data Source Name:
2015 - 2019 ACS 5 Year

Data Source Comments:

Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?

The most active business sector in Fort Smith, in terms of the number of workers in the various industries, is Education and Health Care Services with 22 percent of all workers, Manufacturing with 19 percent and Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations with 11 percent.

Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

Federal funding will not be used for these activities.

Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period. Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.

Some recent economic development successes in Fort Smith include:

Hytrol to Expand Arkansas Operations, 250 New Jobs in Fort Smith, Arkansas (2021) Hytrol, a world leader in the design and manufacturing of material handling systems for a variety of industries, today announced it will invest more than \$20 million to open an advanced manufacturing operation in Fort Smith creating 250 new jobs within five years.

Fort Smith receives \$20,000 Military Affairs Grant (2019) \$20,000 Military Affairs Grant Program award to the Fort Smith Economic Infrastructure Fund to produce marketing videos for the Fort Chaffee Joint Maneuver Training Center (JMTC). The videos will be used to promote the state-of-the-art ranges at Fort Chaffee to military units throughout the region.

Midwest Automation Custom Fabrication (2018) The new company, Midwest Automation Custom Fabrication, Inc., is creating 85 new jobs and investing more than \$1.6 million in the Fort Smith region. Combined the two companies will employ approximately 120 employees with a total annual payroll of nearly \$5 million.

Mars Petcare Mars Petcare released its expansion plans that will include about 120 new full-time, advanced manufacturing jobs.

How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?

Generally, there is a wide range of jobs in Fort Smith with a variety of education and skill requirements. The largest industry in Fort Smith, based on share of workers, is the Education and Health Care Services sector, which typically has stringent education and skill requirements for the most visible portion of the workforce, the educators, doctors, and nurses. The sector also has a large support staff with lower education and skill requirements, including maintenance workers, drivers, and many other job classifications. The industry with the second most workers in Fort Smith is Manufacturing, this sector has a wide variety of jobs, some requiring high levels of education and skills, other with less demanding entry requirements. A large share of the Fort Smith population over the age of 16 did not graduate from high school.

Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.

Arkansas Manufacturing Solutions

Arkansas Manufacturing Solutions (AMS) was established in 1995 and is a program of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission. AMS is an affiliate of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP).

AMS provides executive level leadership and management consultative services to Arkansas companies in the areas of **Innovation, Growth Services (including Export), Operational Excellence (Lean, Toyota Kata, TWI) and Sustainability (Green & Energy)**. AMS has business consultants and offices in Fayetteville, Jonesboro, and Fort Smith.

The vision of AMS is to be the preferred partner and trusted advisor serving Arkansas manufacturers that pursue growth and excellence.

Arkansas Department of Workforce Services

Employment Assistance, Unemployment Insurance, Health Related Assistance, Educational Assistance, Welfare and Food Stamps Assistance, Transitional Employment Assistance (TEA), Medicaid, Child Care and Housing Assistance, Utilities Assistance, Counseling Assistance, and Training Assistance. Employer Assistance, including registration, job orders, recruitment, selection, referral, testing, on-the-job training, employer tax information, interview scheduling, labor force statistics, occupational employment projections, growth occupations in Arkansas, licensed occupational information and local employer advisory committee information.

Western Arkansas Planning and Development District (WAPDD)

(WAPDD) has listed in their goals and objectives the proposed project of assisting the Logan County Career Center in Paris. This training facility is being established to meet the areas need for skilled labor

and to build a resilient workforce that can transition between jobs and industries when changes occur in jobs or required skills. The Career Center was completed in Spring of 2018. WAPDD is currently working with Fort Smith Public Schools on a grant for the Fort Smith Career Technology Center.

Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?

Yes

If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.

Fort Smith and Sebastian County are part of a six county planning district (Western Arkansas Planning and Development District), which developed a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy and updated that CEDS in 2019. A summary or recommendations for changes in planning and strategy development is listed below.

- Foster vibrant communities as good places in which to live, work, invest, and to do business.
- Ensure infrastructure that supports business activity, quality communities, and development.
- Produce a workforce with the right education, hard and soft skills for jobs created and retained.
- Create a business friendly climate throughout the region.
- Focus efforts targeted on creating and retaining jobs with existing businesses.
- Promote and aid in the delivery of locally driven planning and economic development.
- Enhance collaboration and regional approaches that engage a wide range of partners.

Fort Smith does not typically utilize CDBG funding for economic development activities and has no plans for that use in the near future.

Discussion

The City of Fort Smith has been participating in economic development efforts through their partnerships with the Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce and the Western Arkansas Planning and Development District to expand opportunities in the region.

MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion

Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

The census block groups that are identified as eligible for CDBG area benefit (median income below 80 percent of the area median income) include some of the oldest neighborhoods in the city. The housing in these neighborhoods is often in poor condition and many are in need of extensive rehabilitation or removal. These neighborhoods are also where the lowest income households in the city live, in housing stock that is in poor condition, and, therefore, offered at lower rents or sales prices. Despite the lower rents or purchase price, the lower income households pay a large portion of their income on housing expenses. In this case, concentrated would mean that a large portion (more than 50%) of the neighborhood shows the impact of these housing problems.

Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

The population of Fort Smith is 9.4 percent African-American. Nineteen percent of the population is Hispanic. Concentration means the population of a given census tract exceeds twice the percentage minority population as the city as a whole. As the attached map of the African-American population shows, some census tracts in the city show concentrations of 15 to 26 percent. These tracts are primarily in the northern portions of the city. Hispanic, likewise, show concentrations within the city. The attached map shows concentrations ranging up to 90 percent, also in the northern parts of the city. Low-income areas are also impactful in Fort Smith. As shown in the Percent Living in Poverty map, lower income populations are concentrated in older neighborhoods surrounding and north of the central city, coincident to areas of minority concentrations.

What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?

These neighborhoods, as mentioned above, contain much of the poorest housing stock in the city. As a result, the housing market contains much of the lowest cost housing as well. Code enforcement officials worked extensively in these areas in an attempt to maintain the integrity of the community in past years.

Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?

These areas do have community assets, including community and senior centers, parks, and other public facilities.

Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?

In neighborhoods where many homes have been removed, there may be opportunities for development of new housing units. In areas where brownfield issues are not a concern, private and non-profit developers can find appropriate redevelopment sites to provide homes for a range of household incomes, including lower and upper income households. These efforts would aid in sustainability efforts, bringing more people into the neighborhoods and improving the housing stock available in the market.

MA-60 Broadband Needs of Housing occupied by Low- and Moderate-Income Households - 91.210(a)(4), 91.310(a)(2)

Describe the need for broadband wiring and connections for households, including low- and moderate-income households and neighborhoods.

Residents of Fort Smith with access to high-quality high-speed fiber Internet is higher when compared to residents of the state with access. According to Broadband Now, 26 percent of Sebastian County residents have access to broadband compared to 20 percent of Arkansas residents. Additionally, 2.5 percent of residents do not have access to broadband. Lack of access to broadband affects the ability for Fort Smith residents to improve their digital literacy, which in turn limits their workforce opportunities within the technology sector. A SWOT Analysis completed by Western Arkansas Planning and Development District Identified a lack of broadband in rural areas and low quality broadband region wide as a weakness.

Describe the need for increased competition by having more than one broadband Internet service provider serve the jurisdiction.

According to Broadband Now, the average download speed in Fort Smith is 121.1 Mbps with 16 residential providers. This is faster than the average in Arkansas at 69.9 Mbps and faster than the national average of 75.6 Mbps. Broadband Now coverage data is created by performing validation on top of FCC reporting and NTIA datasets.

MA-65 Hazard Mitigation - 91.210(a)(5), 91.310(a)(3)

Describe the jurisdiction's increased natural hazard risks associated with climate change.

As stated in the Sebastian County Hazard Mitigation Plan, Fort Smith experienced the most flooding of the incorporated jurisdictions with 9 events totaling \$170,000 in damages since 2010. Sebastian County considers three to four inches of heavy rainfall in a short period of time a severe event. During this amount of rainfall, flash flooding will start to occur, and the storm water drainage system will not accommodate the excess rainfall. Generally, the only flooding that occurs is in low-lying areas and the 100-year flood plain.

Describe the vulnerability to these risks of housing occupied by low- and moderate-income households based on an analysis of data, findings, and methods.

According to the Sebastian County Hazard Mitigation Plan, areas prone to flooding include downtown Fort Smith on the west side of the city and Rogers Avenue/Highway 22 on the east side. Residential areas prone to flooding include North O Street, Riverlyn Drive, and Oak Park. Commercial areas that have previously experienced flooding include Rogers Avenue, 74th Street, and 79th Street on the east side of the city. Howard Elementary (Fort Smith School District) is located just on the edge of the floodplain on North 8th Street. The Future School of Fort Smith is located just outside the floodplain on North 7th Street.

Additionally, low income households may not have the resources necessary to mitigate risks or recover from disasters. The county's plan identified low-income, minority, low mobility, and elderly households as the most vulnerable to the impacts of some of hazards in Fort Smith.

Strategic Plan

SP-05 Overview

Strategic Plan Overview

The Strategic Plan lays out the direction the City intends to take in the distribution of the Community Development Block Grant and HOME funding for the next five years. The priorities listed were determined through consultation with service providers and consideration of a community survey that was conducted in the development of the Consolidated Plan. Some of the activities included will be targeted to individual households who qualify for the programs according to their income status (individual benefit). Other programs are directed toward particular areas within Fort Smith where the median incomes of the census tracts involved are below 80 percent of the area median income (area benefit). The City's goals and objectives are summarized in Section SP-45.

SP-10 Geographic Priorities – 91.215 (a)(1)

Geographic Area

Table 47 - Geographic Priority Areas

1	Area Name:	CDBG Eligible
	Area Type:	Areas eligible for CDBG area benefit
	Other Target Area Description:	Areas eligible for CDBG area benefit
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
2	Area Name:	Citywide
	Area Type:	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Other Target Area Description:	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.		

	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	

General Allocation Priorities

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA)

Investments will be allocated according to responses to programmatic opportunities and client response to funding availability. Rehab programs may be targeted to the CDBG Eligible Areas or as individual benefit to low-income households. Public services, likewise, may be offered in low-income areas or generally to all qualified residents.

SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.215(a)(2)

Priority Needs

Table 48 – Priority Needs Summary

1	Priority Need Name	Housing Assistance
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Promote Fair Housing
	Description	Down payment and closing cost assistance for lower income homebuyers.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
2	Priority Need Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Aff. Hsg. 1 - Rehabilitation Aff. Hsg. 2 - CHDO
	Description	Support for programs that assist homeowners with minor and major home repairs.

	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
3	Priority Need Name	Housing Development and Reconstruction
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Aff. Hsg. 2 - CHDO Aff. Hsg. 4 - Lot Acquisition
	Description	Support for new housing development activities and programs that remove dilapidated structures and replace with newly constructed housing units.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
4	Priority Need Name	Emergency Assistance
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible Areas eligible for CDBG area benefit
	Associated Goals	Aff. Hsg. 1 - Rehabilitation
	Description	Support for programs that work to keep households in their homes, including utility and rent assistance.

	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
5	Priority Need Name	Emergency Home Repairs
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible Areas eligible for CDBG area benefit
	Associated Goals	Aff. Hsg. 1 - Rehabilitation
	Description	Support for programs that work with homeowners to provide emergency home repairs.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
6	Priority Need Name	Rental Housing Subsidies
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Promote Fair Housing
	Description	Support for programs that provide assistance with rent payments.

	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
7	Priority Need Name	Youth Services
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Public Services
	Description	Support for programs that provide services to youth, including anger management, skilled learning opportunities (nursing and healthcare and other professions), youth sports, parks and recreation sports training and programming.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
8	Priority Need Name	Senior Services
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Elderly Frail Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Public Services
	Description	Support for programs that provide services to seniors, including adult daycare, transportation, and safety and security.

	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
9	Priority Need Name	Child Care Services
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Public Services
	Description	Support for programs that provide child care services, including after school tutoring and educational enrichment services.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
10	Priority Need Name	Homebuying Counseling
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Public Services
	Description	Support for programs that provide homebuying counseling and financial literacy education to potential homebuyers.

	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
11	Priority Need Name	Disability Services
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Public Services
	Description	Support for programs providing services to persons with disabilities.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
12	Priority Need Name	Crime Prevention
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	Areas eligible for CDBG area benefit
	Associated Goals	Public Services

	Description	Support for programs providing crime prevention activities, including Neighborhood Watch and safety and security programs.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
13	Priority Need Name	Health Services
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Public Services
	Description	Support for programs providing health services to lower income residents, including health screening and HIV/AIDS treatment.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
14	Priority Need Name	Domestic Violence/Child Abuse
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Victims of Domestic Violence
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible

	Associated Goals	Public Services
	Description	Support for programs offering shelter and services to victims of domestic violence and child abuse.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
15	Priority Need Name	Senior Nutrition
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Elderly Frail Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Public Services
	Description	Support for programs providing meals/food and nutrition advice to seniors.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
	16	Priority Need Name
Priority Level		High
Population		Extremely Low Low Moderate Individuals Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities

	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Public Services
	Description	Support for programs providing transportation services to lower income individuals and persons with disabilities.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
17	Priority Need Name	Recycling Programs
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Public Services
	Description	Support for programs providing recycling services.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
18	Priority Need Name	Fair Housing Outreach and Education
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Public Services

	Description	Support for programs providing education and outreach around fair housing issues.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
19	Priority Need Name	Legal Services
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Public Services
	Description	Support for programs providing legal services to lower income individuals and households.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
20	Priority Need Name	Administration
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Administration
	Description	Support for administering federal assistance grants.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.

21	Priority Need Name	Public and Community Facilities
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	Areas eligible for CDBG area benefit
	Associated Goals	Aff. Hsg. 4 - Lot Acquisition
	Description	Support for improvements and repairs to public and community facilities in CDBG eligible areas.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
22	Priority Need Name	Infrastructure
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Areas eligible for CDBG area benefit
	Associated Goals	Aff. Hsg. 4 - Lot Acquisition
	Description	Support for improvements to streets, roads, curbs, gutters, and sidewalks in CDBG eligible areas.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
23	Priority Need Name	Parks and Recreation Facilities
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Non-housing Community Development

	Geographic Areas Affected	Areas eligible for CDBG area benefit
	Associated Goals	Aff. Hsg. 4 - Lot Acquisition
	Description	Support for improvements and repairs to parks and recreation facilities in CDBG eligible areas.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
24	Priority Need Name	Other Infrastructure
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Areas eligible for CDBG area benefit
	Associated Goals	Aff. Hsg. 4 - Lot Acquisition
	Description	Support for improvements and repairs to water, sewer, culverts and drainage, utility, and other upgrades and replacements of infrastructure in CDBG eligible areas.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
25	Priority Need Name	Modifications to Buildings and Infrastructure
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Aff. Hsg. 4 - Lot Acquisition
	Description	Support for modifications to buildings and infrastructure to assure ADA compliance.

	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
26	Priority Need Name	Neighborhood and Downtown Infrastructure
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Areas eligible for CDBG area benefit
	Associated Goals	Aff. Hsg. 4 - Lot Acquisition
	Description	Support for housing, economic development and mixed used development in Fort Smith infrastructure improvements, including water, sewer, utilities, and other upgrades, in support of housing and mixed-use development in Fort Smith.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
27	Priority Need Name	Demolition and Site Clearance
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Areas eligible for CDBG area benefit
	Associated Goals	Aff. Hsg. 4 - Lot Acquisition
	Description	Support for programs targeting the removal of dilapidated building and clearing of vacant parcels in CDBG eligible areas.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
28	Priority Need Name	Homeless Facilities

	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Individuals Families with Children
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Homelessness
	Description	Support for facilities that provide shelter and services to homeless individuals and families.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
29	Priority Need Name	Code Enforcement
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Areas eligible for CDBG area benefit
	Associated Goals	Public Services
	Description	Support for code enforcement activities in CDBG eligible areas.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
30	Priority Need Name	Job Training
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible

	Associated Goals	Public Services
	Description	Support for job training, workforce development, and educational enrichment programs.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
31	Priority Need Name	Employment Training
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Public Services
	Description	Support for programs offering assistance to individuals looking for employment.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
32	Priority Need Name	Business Technical Assistance
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Public Services
	Description	Support for businesses owner and operated by lower income individuals.

	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
33	Priority Need Name	HMIS
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Individuals Families with Children
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Homelessness
	Description	Support for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
34	Priority Need Name	Homeless Case Management
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Individuals Families with Children
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Homelessness
	Description	Support for programs that assist homeless individuals and families locate appropriate services.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
35	Priority Need Name	Homeless Supportive Services, Transportation
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Individuals Families with Children

	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Homelessness
	Description	Support for programs providing transportation services to homeless individuals and families.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
36	Priority Need Name	Homeless Prevention and Emergency Assistance
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Homelessness
	Description	Support for programs providing assistance to individuals and families at risk of homelessness to keep them in their homes.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
	37	Priority Need Name
Priority Level		High
Population		Chronic Homelessness Individuals Mentally Ill
Geographic Areas Affected		Non-CDBG Area Eligible

	Associated Goals	Homelessness
	Description	Support for programs providing mental health and supportive services to homeless individuals.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
38	Priority Need Name	Domestic Violence Shelters
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Victims of Domestic Violence
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Homelessness
	Description	Support for agencies providing shelter for victims of domestic violence.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
39	Priority Need Name	Transitional Housing
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Individuals Families with Children
	Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible
	Associated Goals	Homelessness
	Description	Support for facilities providing transitional housing for individuals and families.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.
40	Priority Need Name	Broadband Needs
	Priority Level	High

Population	Individuals Families with Children
Geographic Areas Affected	Non-CDBG Area Eligible Areas eligible for CDBG area benefit
Associated Goals	Public Services
Description	The need for broadband wiring and for connection to broadband service in the household units.
Basis for Relative Priority	Priorities were established through an evaluation of community surveys, forum input, and staff analysis.

Narrative (Optional)

The City conducted a survey of residents through a survey instrument posted on the City's website. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the surveys were primary to establish the needs assessment. A public hearing, held on March 4, 2021 with the comments from the public. This survey exceeded the 2016 survey number of 202 was increased to 387 in 2021 representing a 47.8% increase in participation. The results of these surveys were used by City staff to allocate priorities among the various facility, infrastructure, service, housing, and economic development needs listed above.

SP-30 Influence of Market Conditions – 91.215 (b)

Influence of Market Conditions

Affordable Housing Type	Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	The use of tenant-based rental assistance is dependent on rental property owner’s willingness to rent their units to TBRA clients. In many communities, landlords are reluctant to rent to these clients due to the reputation they have that the clients do not take care of the property as well as other renters do. Other market conditions that could influence the use of TBRA have to do with rents being asked for rental property. If rents are too high, the rental assistance might not be enough to allow clients to lease the units, even if the landlord was willing.
TBRA for Non-Homeless Special Needs	Added to the description of TBRA market characteristics above, non-homeless special needs clients may also encounter housing units that do not meet their accessibility needs. Most housing in any community has not had accessibility improvements that allow persons with mobility issues ease of access. While landlords are obligated to make reasonable accommodations for such renters, many need more accommodations than typical landlords would consider reasonable.
New Unit Production	The production of new housing units is influenced by several market conditions, including the cost of land, the cost of construction, and prevailing interest rates. While rates are currently at historic lows, the mortgage markets are still recovering from the recent mortgage foreclosure crisis and restrictions placed on lending institutions that resulted. In many areas lenders are not making new loans as freely as before and some well qualified buyers are finding it difficult to navigate the new mortgage processes that have been instituted. The resulting delays in securing loans can burden housing developers and restrict their activities.
Rehabilitation	Rehabilitation activities can be influenced by the cost of materials and labor. In Fort Smith, these costs are relative low in comparison to other areas of the country. The efficiency of rehabilitation is dependent on the after rehabilitation value of the home. If the market value of the home does not support the extent of rehabilitation required, it's not worth the effort to repair the home.

Affordable Housing Type	Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type
Acquisition, including preservation	Acquisition, including preservation, can be influenced by the market value of the structure. With home purchases by private individuals, the historic low interest rates off-set increases in the market value of the housing stock. Monthly housing costs of higher priced homes at lower interest rates approximate the monthly housing costs of lower priced homes at higher interest rates. In the case of a City agency or non-profit organization buying housing stock for rehabilitation and resale or for preservation, the costs of purchasing a home outright at higher prices can reduce the number of homes that can be purchased or reduce the funds available for rehabilitation activities.

Table 49 – Influence of Market Conditions

SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

Fort Smith receives funding from the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Programs. Together, these programs will bring \$1,742,867 million into the City to support affordable housing, homeless, and community development programs and projects in the first program year. A total of \$22,592 of unprogrammed CDBG funds will be reallocated after the start of the 2021 program year and \$52,171 in Homelessness unprogrammed.

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	898,187	100,000	0	998,187	3,992,748	Expected amount for remainder of Con Plan equals the Year 1 Annual Allocation times four.

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	414,680	330,000	0	744,680	2,978,720	Expected amount for remainder of Con Plan equals the Year 1 Annual Allocation times four.

Table 50 - Anticipated Resources

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

None currently identified. The City will continue to evaluate opportunities to use public lands for future development.

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

None currently identified. The City will continue to evaluate opportunities to use public lands for future development.

Discussion

The City has allocated \$1,742,867 for the 2021 CDBG / HOME Program Year (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022). These funds will be used to operate a range of public services, homelessness and affordable housing activities as described within this annual action plan.

SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure – 91.215(k)

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
FORT SMITH	Government	Economic Development Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning Rental neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
CRAWFORD-SEBASTIAN COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL, INC.	Regional organization	Ownership Rental	Region
Crisis Intervention Center	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness Non-homeless special needs	Jurisdiction
FORT SMITH BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB, INC.	Non-profit organizations	Non-homeless special needs	Jurisdiction
Fort Smith Children's Emergency Shelter, Inc.	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness	Jurisdiction
Girls, Inc. of Fort Smith	Non-profit organizations	Non-homeless special needs	Jurisdiction
THE GOOD SAMARITAN CLINIC, INC.	Non-profit organizations	Non-homeless special needs	Jurisdiction
HARBOR HOUSE	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness Non-homeless special needs	Jurisdiction
NEXT STEP DAY ROOM, INC.	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness	Jurisdiction
WestArk - RSVP - a program of Western AR Counseling and Guidance Center, Inc.	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness Non-homeless special needs	Jurisdiction

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
Housing Authority of the City of Fort Smith	Non-profit organizations	Non-homeless special needs	Jurisdiction

Table 51 - Institutional Delivery Structure

Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

The institutional delivery system in Fort Smith is well coordinated and spans a range of community needs. The City has many years of experience managing and implementing the programs addressed in the Consolidated Plan, as well as working with outside agencies that fill some of the needs as outlined in the Consolidated Plan.

Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Homelessness Prevention Services			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	
Legal Assistance	X	X	
Mortgage Assistance	X		
Rental Assistance	X		
Utilities Assistance	X		
Street Outreach Services			
Law Enforcement	X	X	
Mobile Clinics			
Other Street Outreach Services			
Supportive Services			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X	X	
Child Care	X	X	
Education	X	X	
Employment and Employment Training	X	X	
Healthcare	X	X	
HIV/AIDS	X	X	X
Life Skills	X	X	
Mental Health Counseling	X	X	
Transportation	X	X	
Other			

Table 52 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary

Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)

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 Fort Smith Continuum of Care. 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.

Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above

The service providers in Fort Smith work closely together to provide a continuum of services in response to needs identified through surveys of homeless persons and general observations of the providers. Providers in Fort Smith are particularly strong in the areas of mental health services, employment training, and life skills training. Gaps exist in emergency shelter capacity. There are not enough beds on a typical night.

Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs

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.

SP-45 Goals Summary – 91.215(a)(4)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Aff. Hsg. 1 - Rehabilitation	2021	2025	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Emergency Assistance Emergency Home Repairs Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$2,219,535	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 250 Household Housing Unit
2	Aff. Hsg. 2 - CHDO	2021	2025	Affordable Housing	Citywide CDBG Eligible	Housing Development and Reconstruction Housing Rehabilitation	HOME: \$2,731,075	Homeowner Housing Added: 25 Household Housing Unit
3	Aff. Hsg. 4 - Lot Acquisition	2021	2025	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Demolition and Site Clearance Neighborhood and Downtown Infrastructure Housing Development and Reconstruction Infrastructure Modifications to Buildings and Infrastructure Other Infrastructure Parks and Recreation Facilities Public and Community Facilities	CDBG: \$426,650 HOME: \$0	Homeowner Housing Added: 15 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Public Services	2021	2025	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Business Technical Assistance Child Care Services Code Enforcement Crime Prevention Disability Services Domestic Violence/Child Abuse Employment Training Fair Housing Outreach and Education Health Services Homebuying Counseling Job Training Legal Services Recycling Programs Senior Nutrition Senior Services Transportation Youth Services Broadband Needs	CDBG: \$673,625	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5000 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Homelessness	2021	2025	Homeless	Citywide	Domestic Violence Shelters HMIS Homeless Case Management Homeless Facilities Homeless Prevention and Emergency Assistance Homeless Supportive Services, Transportation Mental Health/Supportive Services Transitional Housing	CDBG: \$673,625	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 246 Persons Assisted
6	Administration	2021	2025	Administration	Citywide	Administration	CDBG: \$997,500 HOME: \$342,325	Other: 5 Other
7	Promote Fair Housing	2021	2025	Affordable Housing	Citywide CDBG Eligible	Housing Assistance Rental Housing Subsidies	HOME: \$650,000	Homeowner Housing Added: 15 Household Housing Unit

Table 53 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Aff. Hsg. 1 - Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Improve the condition and availability of affordable housing over a five-year period.</p> <p>Objective 1: Improve the condition of housing for low-income homeowners.</p> <p>Strategy 1.1: Provide Housing Rehabilitation funding to homeowners with housing repair needs. Activities include Demolition, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction.</p>
2	Goal Name	Aff. Hsg. 2 - CHDO
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Improve the condition and availability of affordable housing over a five-year period.</p> <p>Objective 2: Increase Development of units and affordability of housing for homeownership.</p> <p>Strategy 2.1: Provide funding to CHDO organization for program cost and development fees to develop affordable housing for low-moderate income homeownership and rental housing.</p> <p>The city is also using \$273,000 in program income for HOME activities including \$273,215 for new construction.</p>
3	Goal Name	Aff. Hsg. 4 - Lot Acquisition
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Improve the condition and availability of affordable housing over a five-year period.</p> <p>Objective 2: Increase Development of units and affordability of housing for homeownership.</p> <p>Strategy 2.3: Provide funding for lot acquisition / Demolition for new construction to CHDO to assist low-moderate income households purchasing single family homes for home ownership.</p>

4	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Improve living conditions in by addressing non-housing community development for special needs populations over a five-year period.</p> <p>Objective 1: Address community needs through community-based public service programs.</p> <p>Strategy 1.1: Utilize CDBG public service funding cap to assist public service programs, including, but limited to, fair housing, senior services, health care services, youth services, and child care services.</p>
5	Goal Name	Homelessness
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Facilitate an expansion of housing and supportive services offered to homeless families and individuals over a five year period.</p> <p>Objective 1: Support projects and services targeted to transitional housing, homeless prevention, and the elimination of homelessness and Rapid Re-housing.</p> <p>Strategy 1.1: Provide CDBG funds to support Transitional Housing, facility repairs/ renovations, Operations and Supportive services for facilities that provide transitional housing for homeless persons and families and persons at risk of becoming homeless.</p>

6	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Plan, Monitor and Administer Entitlement Grant Programs. Evaluate upcoming needs related to affordable housing, fair housing, non-housing and the non-homeless special needs populations.</p> <p>Objective 1: Continue to Plan, Monitor and Administer Entitlement Grant Programs and insure compliance with Federal Regulations.</p> <p>Strategy 1.1: Program Administration: Develop, Administer, revise, implement and evaluate the day-to-day operation of entitlement program. Activities include program design; grant administration, Sub recipient compliance monitoring, program outreach, public relations and training.</p> <p>The city is using \$100,000 in program income for CDBG activities including \$85,000 to Housing assistance and \$15,000 to administration. The city is also using \$330,000 in program income for HOME activities including \$273,000 for new construction, \$30,000 to down payment assistance and \$27,000 to administration.</p>
7	Goal Name	Promote Fair Housing
	Goal Description	<p>The City will continue to ensure compliance with Fair Housing by annually reviewing its operations and assessing any Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. As impediments are identified, the City will work with its partners to address these impediments and remove any barriers to fair and affordable housing.</p> <p>The City will continue to provide for a community education program and promote fair housing as a part of all of its housing related activities. Furthermore, the City will continue to support a fair housing hotline that provides information regarding fair housing issues and assists persons who feel that they may have been victims of housing discrimination</p>

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2)

During the five-year course of this Consolidated Plan, Fort Smith anticipates assisting with:

- 250 rehabilitation projects for single-family homes,
- 5 new construction single-family housing units,
- 75 downpayment assistance projects for single-family homes, and

- 15 lot acquisition/demolition projects for the development of new single-family homes.

SP-50 Public Housing Accessibility and Involvement – 91.215(c)

Need to Increase the Number of Accessible Units (if Required by a Section 504 Voluntary Compliance Agreement)

There are no public housing units in the City of Fort Smith.

Activities to Increase Resident Involvements

There are no public housing units in the City of Fort Smith.

Is the public housing agency designated as troubled under 24 CFR part 902?

N/A

Plan to remove the ‘troubled’ designation

There are no public housing units in the City of Fort Smith.

SP-55 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.215(h)

Barriers to Affordable Housing

There are no known barriers to affordable housing resulting from public policies of the City of Fort Smith.

Strategy to Remove or Ameliorate the Barriers to Affordable Housing

NA

SP-60 Homelessness Strategy – 91.215(d)

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The Fort Smith Continuum of Care, the coalition of local homeless service agencies, conducts annual surveys of homeless individuals, including unsheltered persons. These surveys serve to help focus agency activities for the coming year, as well as provide documentation in response to HUD program requirements. The unsheltered now have the opportunity to enter First Step Homeless facilities at the Riverview Hope Campus with fewer restrictions in an effort to eliminate unsheltered persons in Fort Smith. The facilities have kennels for pets since most homeless will not leave their pet.

Addressing the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

CDBG Public Service has provided \$19,875 for case management for the Riverview HOPE Campus. Additionally, \$19,875 in CDBG funds is provided for case management at Next Step Day Room.

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

The City of Fort Smith has plans that would affect transitional housing by providing for utility assistance and case management in an effort to get those persons and families back into permanent housing. The Riverview Hope Campus emergency shelter will receive funding as described in the previous paragraph. With the current COVID-19 national health crisis additional funds will be provided to address the prevention, preparation, and response to the virus especially among homeless persons.

All other activities for shelters and transitional housing are described in the section above.

No other projects are being considered to emergency shelters or transitional housing needs of homeless persons in the coming year beyond projects identified above that provide for improvements of emergency shelter and transitional housing facilities.

There is a possibility of an activity to move the Next Step Day Room out of downtown and into the area where the Riverview Hope Campus. This may include acquisition and / or new construction/rehabilitation. This would be funded by amending perhaps the 2020 AAP and using the

Housing Assistance funds due to the slow down of activities between contractors and homeowners due to COVID-19. Currently the program just started using the 2019 Housing Allocation.

Help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families who are likely to become homeless after being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care, or who are receiving assistance from public and private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education or youth needs

Through the city's housing rehabilitation assistance program, the city will continue to work with those being discharged from medical facilities to get back home through accessible ramps, bathrooms, and any other physical barriers. The city continues to assist the non-profit agencies to provide funds for public services for the identified groups described. No other actions are planned for this annual action plan.

SP-65 Lead based paint Hazards – 91.215(i)

Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards

Goal: Increase the inventory of lead safe housing units.

Strategies:

- Continue to meet HUD lead-based paint abatement standards in housing rehabilitation programs.
- Expand the stock of lead safe housing units through housing initiatives.
- Obtain training for program staff on lead hazard evaluation and reduction
- Establish working relationships with lead professionals and key partners, such as risk assessors and clearance technicians, public health departments, and HUD lead grantees.
- Create procedures for determining when it is more cost effective to presume that lead hazard is present, and when it makes sense to evaluate a property.
- Perform visual assessments and gather samples for testing.

How are the actions listed above related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards?

The effectiveness of the programs operated by Fort Smith work through the City's housing rehabilitation programs. These programs target some of the oldest housing stock in the city, which is typically in the worst condition and most likely to have lead-based paint hazards. To the extent that lead-based paint hazards are found in the older housing stock, these programs address the issue directly.

How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?

Fort Smith currently performs visual inspections of housing units included in their housing programs. Where defective paint is observed, surfaces are prepped and repainted, following abatement guidelines provided by HUD. All rehabilitation and down-payment assistance programs include provisions requiring that all painted surfaces be in good condition.

SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy – 91.215(j)

Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families

Several of the City's Consolidated Plan goals and objectives address issues related to poverty and assisting those who fall below the poverty level. Examples include:

- Address non-housing community development for special needs populations through public service programs.
- Programs targeting youth, providing education enrichment and job preparedness activities, and Continue to collaborate with homeless providers to support Continuum of Care services.

How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan

Activities to reduce the number of poverty-level families will center around strengthening existing collaborations and seeking new ways to partner with agencies and organizations that work directly with poverty-level households to provide intervention and assistance services. Such services may include but are not limited to counseling, substance abuse, mental health treatment, health services, adult education and job re/training, employment assistance, financial management and credit counseling, parenting programs, after-school and day care assistance programs, and interim cash assistance programs with respect to paying for food, shelter, and utility bills.

The City will continue to notify such agencies of funding opportunities to enable them to continue providing and/or expanding their services.

Given the City's limited financial resources and that the majority of factor's affecting a family's poverty-level status are typically beyond the control of City policies, the extent to which the proposed strategies will reduce and/or assist in reducing the number of poverty-level families is difficult to gauge. In the coming future, the Community Development Department will work with the community to address deficiencies and attempt to measure the impact of the CDBG and HOME programs in reducing and/or preventing poverty.

SP-80 Monitoring – 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures that the jurisdiction will use to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and will use to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

The purpose of monitoring and coordination is to ensure the community input and participation throughout the development of the Consolidated Plan, build public/private partnerships to implement the Plan, while monitoring and evaluating the goals, strategies, and program outcomes.

The coordination of various resources, including funding sources, departments, agencies, people, and organizations, facilities, and programs, to achieve the stated objectives is addressed in detail in the adopted Citizen Participation Plan. Starting with the identification of needs and ending with specific funding allocations for priority strategies, the process involves citizen participation and agencies representing housing, community development, and human services interests, both public and private, throughout Fort Smith.

The City of Fort Smith Community Development Department is responsible for monitoring activities related to the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Programs. The programs and activities proposed for the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan will be monitored on a quarterly basis in each given program year. The City will monitor its performance in meeting the strategic goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan by referring back to the Annual Action Plan at least quarterly.

Timeliness of expenditures is of utmost importance. A comprehensive implementation schedule has been developed to ensure that CDBG and HOME funding on the specific projects and activities is spent in a timely fashion. Sub-recipients will be monitored at least on a bi-annual basis. Sub-recipients who fail to report to the Community Development Department as required in their grant agreements may be monitored more often. If an organization has been monitored and found to be out of compliance, the Department will provide additional assistance to that organization to address any deficiencies identified. Progress notes and findings will be noted in the CDBG and HOME files maintained by the Department to document monitoring activities.

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Fort Smith receives funding from the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Programs. Together, these programs will bring \$1,742,867 million into the City to support affordable housing, homeless, and community development programs and projects in the first program year. A total of \$22,592 of unprogrammed CDBG funds will be reallocated after the start of the 2021 program year and \$52,171 in Homelessness unprogrammed.

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	898,187	100,000	0	998,187	3,992,748	Expected amount for remainder of Con Plan equals the Year 1 Annual Allocation times four.

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	414,680	330,000	0	744,680	2,978,720	Expected amount for remainder of Con Plan equals the Year 1 Annual Allocation times four.

Table 54 - 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

None currently identified. The City will continue to evaluate opportunities to use public lands for future development.

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

None currently identified. The City will continue to evaluate opportunities to use public lands for future development.

Discussion

The City has allocated \$1,742,867 for the 2021 CDBG / HOME Program Year (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022). These funds will be used to operate a range of public services, homelessness and affordable housing activities as described within this annual action plan.

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	Administration	2016	2020	Administration	Citywide	Administration	CDBG: \$199,500 HOME: \$68,465	Other: 1 Other
2	Aff. Hsg. 1 - Rehabilitation	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Demolition and Site Clearance Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$421,315	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 50 Household Housing Unit
3	Aff. Hsg. 2 - CHDO	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Housing Development and Reconstruction	HOME: \$373,215	Homeowner Housing Added: 3 Household Housing Unit
4	Aff. Hsg. 4 - Lot Acquisition	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Demolition and Site Clearance Housing Development and Reconstruction	CDBG: \$85,330	Homeowner Housing Added: 3 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Public Services	2016	2020	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Child Care Services Crime Prevention Disability Services Domestic Violence/Child Abuse Fair Housing Outreach and Education Health Services Homebuying Counseling Legal Services Recycling Programs Senior Nutrition Senior Services Transportation Youth Services	CDBG: \$134,725	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1000 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Homelessness	2016	2020	Homeless	Citywide	Domestic Violence Shelters HMIS Homeless Case Management Homeless Prevention and Emergency Assistance Homeless Supportive Services, Transportation Mental Health/Supportive Services Transitional Housing	CDBG: \$134,725	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 46 Persons Assisted
7	Promote Fair Housing	2021	2025	Affordable Housing	Citywide CDBG Eligible	Fair Housing Outreach and Education Homebuying Counseling Housing Assistance	CDBG: \$0 HOME: \$130,000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 15 Households Assisted Other: 0 Other

Table 55 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	Administration of federal grant programs.

2	Goal Name	Aff. Hsg. 1 - Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Provide Housing Rehabilitation funding to homeowners with housing repair needs. Activities include Demolition, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction. The city is allocating \$85,000 from CDBG \$100,000 program income.
3	Goal Name	Aff. Hsg. 2 - CHDO
	Goal Description	Provide funding to CHDO organization for program cost and development fees to develop affordable housing for low-moderate income homeownership and rental housing
4	Goal Name	Aff. Hsg. 4 - Lot Acquisition
	Goal Description	Provide funding for lot acquisition / Demolition for new construction to CHDO to assist low-moderate income households purchasing single family homes for home ownership.
5	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Utilize the public service cap from CDBG to support public services programs, including, but not limited to, fair housing, senior services, youth services, health care services, and child care services.
6	Goal Name	Homelessness
	Goal Description	Provide CDBG funds to support Transitional Housing, facility repairs/ renovations, Operations and Supportive services for facilities that provide transitional housing for homeless persons and families and persons at risk of becoming homeless.
7	Goal Name	Promote Fair Housing
	Goal Description	<p>The City will continue to ensure compliance with Fair Housing by annually reviewing its operations and assessing any Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. As impediments are identified, the City will work with its partners to address these impediments and remove any barriers to fair and affordable housing.</p> <p>The City will continue to provide for a community education program and promote fair housing as a part of all of its housing related activities. Furthermore, the City will continue to support a fair housing hotline that provides information regarding fair housing issues and assists persons who feel that they may have been victims of housing discrimination</p>

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.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Antioch - Food purchase
2	CSCDC Ft. Smith Lot Acquisition
3	CSCDC Ft. Smith New Construction
4	CSCDC HOME DPA
5	CSCDC Public Service: Dental Treatment
6	Girls Incorporated of Fort Smith - Membership services
7	Heart 2 Heart Public Services
8	Riverview Hope Campus - Case Management
9	Riverview Hope Campus- Campus Improvements
10	Next Step Day Room - Transitional Case Management
11	SRCA - Senior Nutrition Foods for Elderly
12	Westark RSVP - Income Tax Preparation
13	WestArk RSVP - Medicare Assistance
14	Fort Smith City Administration
15	City of Fort Smith - Un-programmed CDBG funds
16	Fort Smith Housing Rehabilitation Assistance
17	Fort Smith Housing Rehabilitation Administration
18	Homelessness Unprogrammed Funds

Table 56 – 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	Antioch - Food purchase
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Senior Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$19,875
	Description	The project will provide food assistance at the Antioch Pantry
	Target Date	6/1/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The applicant has indicated that 10,000 families in the low to moderate income range will benefit
	Location Description	1420 North 32nd Street
	Planned Activities	The project will provide food assistance at the Antioch Pantry
2	Project Name	CSCDC Ft. Smith Lot Acquisition
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible
	Goals Supported	Aff. Hsg. 4 - Lot Acquisition
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation Housing Development and Reconstruction
	Funding	CDBG: \$85,330
	Description	Acquire vacant lots or lots with structures needing to be demolished for the construction of affordable homes constructed with HOME Investment Partnership Act funds and pre-sold to income qualified homebuyers. The city is allocating \$85,330.
	Target Date	6/1/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that six families with the low to moderate income range will benefit from this project.
	Location Description	Various locations to be determined after funding.
	Planned Activities	Acquire vacant lots or lots with structures needing to be demolished for the construction of affordable homes constructed with HOME Investment Partnership Act funds and pre-sold to income qualified homebuyers.
	Project Name	CSCDC Ft. Smith New Construction

3	Target Area	CDBG Eligible
	Goals Supported	Aff. Hsg. 2 - CHDO
	Needs Addressed	Housing Development and Reconstruction
	Funding	HOME: \$546,215
	Description	This project provides HOME funds to construct five single family affordable homes pre-sold to income qualified homebuyers. The city is allocating \$273,215 from HOME \$273,000 program income.
	Target Date	6/1/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that all five homes will be pre-sold to low to moderate income (LMI) homebuyers in the following ranges: 1 in 0-30% LMI, 1 in 30-50% LMI, 1 in 50-60% LMI, and 2 in 60-80% LMI ranges.
	Location Description	Various, will not be available until lots are purchased and selected by income qualified homebuyers.
	Planned Activities	This project provides HOME funds to construct five single family affordable homes pre-sold to income qualified homebuyers.
4	Project Name	CSCDC HOME DPA
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Promote Fair Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Assistance
	Funding	HOME: \$130,000
	Description	Funding to provide down payment assistance, counseling fees, and inspections fees for low/moderate-income homebuyers. The city is allocating \$100,000 from HOME and estimating \$30,000 from HP aka Home Recapture funds.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 15 low- and moderate-income households will benefit from these services.
	Location Description	citywide
Planned Activities	Funding to provide down payment assistance, counseling fees, and inspections fees for low/moderate-income homebuyers. Additional funding includes \$30,000 from HOME program income	

5	Project Name	CSCDC Public Service: Dental Treatment
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Health Services Homeless Supportive Services, Transportation
	Funding	CDBG: \$19,875
	Description	Dental treatments for very low income residents of Fort Smith.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This is a project that is individualized and does not lend itself to a family type benefit.
	Location Description	1617 South Zero Street
	Planned Activities	Dental treatments for very low income residents of Fort Smith.
6	Project Name	Girls Incorporated of Fort Smith - Membership services
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Child Care Services Disability Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,725
	Description	Activity fees to attend the Girls, Inc.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project indirectly benefits families by providing individual girls the opportunity to participate in activities.
	Location Description	1415 Old Greenwood Road
	Planned Activities	Activity fees to attend the Girls, Inc.
7	Project Name	Heart 2 Heart Public Services
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Health Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,875

	Description	This project will purchase supplies for babies.
	Target Date	6/1/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The organization estimates that it will serve 8 families.
	Location Description	417 South 16th Street
	Planned Activities	This project will purchase supplies for babies.
8	Project Name	Riverview Hope Campus - Case Management
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Supportive Services, Transportation
	Funding	CDBG: \$19,875
	Description	Case management for homeless campus residents.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The estimated number of families to benefit from this project is in the range of 6-9.
	Location Description	Riverview Hope Campus 301 SE St, Fort Smith, AR 72901
	Planned Activities	Case management and utility assistance for those living in the campus.
9	Project Name	Riverview Hope Campus- Campus Improvements
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible
	Goals Supported	Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$82,554
	Description	Riverview Hope Campus improvements to the social services room to comply with HIPPA and allow for private consultation.
	Target Date	6/1/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This is a single person homeless campus facility but all are welcome from outside the facility but we are unable to provide an estimate.
	Location Description	301 South "E" Street
	Planned Activities	Riverview Hope Campus Social Services Room Improvements
10	Project Name	Next Step Day Room - Transitional Case Management
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention and Emergency Assistance Transitional Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$19,875
	Description	Case management for those living in the transitional homes and group quarters.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The estimated number of families to benefit from this project is in the range of 6-9.
	Location Description	500 North 9th Street, 210 North 17th Street, 322 South 17th Street, 2109 Wirsing Avenue, 2105 Wirsing Avenue, 1004 North 7th Street, 606 N. 12th Street, 1901 Wirsing Avenue, & 1209 North "B" Street.
Planned Activities	Case management for those living in the transitional homes and group quarters.	
11	Project Name	SRCA - Senior Nutrition Foods for Elderly
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Senior Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$14,875
	Description	The purchase of wholesale food for the meals on wheels program.
	Target Date	6/1/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project is predominantly for individuals.
	Location Description	2700 Cavanaugh Road with meals delivered to various Fort Smith homes.
	Planned Activities	The purchase of wholesale food for the meals on wheels program.
12	Project Name	Westark RSVP - Income Tax Preparation
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Senior Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,875
	Description	This project provides tax preparation services and electronic filing for federal and state income tax returns for income qualified individuals or families. This assists with bringing refunds that are spent generally in our community.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 100 families will benefit from this activity
	Location Description	401 North 13th Street
	Planned Activities	This project provides tax preparation services and electronic filing for federal and state income tax returns for income qualified individuals or families. This assists with bringing refunds that are spent generally in our community.
13	Project Name	WestArk RSVP - Medicare Assistance
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Health Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,875
	Description	This activity will provide persons with assistance in signing up or other issues related to the medicare program.
	Target Date	9/30/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 75 families will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	401 North 13th Street
	Planned Activities	This activity will provide persons with assistance in signing up or other issues related to the medicare program.
14	Project Name	Fort Smith City Administration
	Target Area	CDBG Eligible
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Housing Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$199,500 HOME: \$68,465
	Description	The administration of the PY 2020 CDBG program. The administration of the housing rehabilitation program primarily the salary of the Housing Assistance Coordinator.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This information is provided in the actual project, this is for administration.
	Location Description	623 Garrison Avenue
	Planned Activities	The administration of the PY 2020 CDBG program. The administration of the housing rehabilitation program primarily the salary of the Housing Assistance Coordinator.
15	Project Name	City of Fort Smith - Un-programmed CDBG funds
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$22,592
	Description	These funds are set-aside in case there is a cost over run in capital improvements projects. Any or all funds left over will be transferred to the Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Program.
	Target Date	6/30/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	n/a
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	These funds are set-aside in case there is a cost over run in capital improvements projects. Any or all funds left over will be transferred to the Housing Rehabilitation Assistance Program.
16	Project Name	Fort Smith Housing Rehabilitation Assistance
	Target Area	Citywide CDBG Eligible
	Goals Supported	Aff. Hsg. 1 - Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Assistance
	Funding	CDBG: \$361,315
	Description	
	Target Date	4/28/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that primarily single elderly residents that are in owner occupied single family housing units will be the beneficiary. We estimate that 3 families in the low income range will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	To be determined as applications are submitted.
	Planned Activities	single family home rehabilitation
17	Project Name	Fort Smith Housing Rehabilitation Administration
	Target Area	Citywide CDBG Eligible
	Goals Supported	Aff. Hsg. 1 - Rehabilitation Administration
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000
	Description	This is a direct administration charge to carry out the FS Housing Rehabilitation Assistance project.
	Target Date	4/28/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This information is provided in the direct activity project.
	Location Description	623 Garrison Avenue
	Planned Activities	
18	Project Name	Homelessness Unprogrammed Funds
	Target Area	Citywide CDBG Eligible
	Goals Supported	Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$52,171
	Description	Leftover funds from Category 1 CDBG that were not allocated but planned to be allocated in the PY 2022 funding cycle
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	not applicable
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	To be obligated in the future

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 and HOME programs is available for use in any of the CDBG neighborhoods or citywide based on income qualification or depending on the specifics of the designated activities. Also, most funding is available according to individual benefit rather than area benefit. It is, therefore, difficult to provide reasonable projections of the distribution of funds by target area. The numbers below are strictly estimates based on experience.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide	100
CDBG Eligible	0

Table 57 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

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. Areas of low homeownership and deteriorating housing conditions were also considered in the targeting process.

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-oriented programmatic uses of the funds. The remaining funds are estimated to be spread through smaller CDBG-eligible areas.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The following annual goals listed previously specify the production numbers below for housing assistance and for homeless, non-homeless and special needs populations. In the PY 2018 Annual Action Plan the World Changers - Lifeway will be able to perform work from June 28 – July 3, 2021 [MJ1] World Changers is a faith based organization that uses only materials to work on income qualified owner-occupied existing single family homes.

Additionally, if a household is over income, they have another source of fund to assist with material purchase. Annually students (middle, high school & college age students) across the nation give back to communities by providing free labor. More information can be found at:
<https://www.lifeway.com/en/events/camps-mission-projects/world-changers-projects>

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	56
Special-Needs	0
Total	56

Table 58 - 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	6
Rehab of Existing Units	50
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	56

Table 59 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

These numbers relate to the production targets specified in the annual PY 2021 goals. It is the belief of city staff, based on experience, that the city should be able to undertake activities that may target more households.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

There are no public housing units in Fort Smith.

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

There are no public housing units in Fort Smith.

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

There are no public housing units in Fort Smith.

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

There are no public housing units in Fort Smith.

Discussion

There are no public housing units in Fort Smith.

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

Introduction

The City of Fort Smith is supportive of the Fort Smith Continuum of Care, addressing issues related to homeless in the region. Funding for homeless projects and services are sources primarily through that process. The City staff was involved in the opening of the Riverview Hope Campus and has provided information about the campus as requested by citizens. Last year the city supported the campus by providing CDBG funds for case management for homeless persons and additional funding to complete the Phase 1 parking lot reconstruction.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The Fort Smith Continuum of Care, the coalition of local homeless service agencies, conducts annual surveys of homeless individuals, including unsheltered persons. These surveys serve to help focus agency activities for the coming year, as well as provide documentation in response to HUD program requirements. The unsheltered now have the opportunity to enter First Step Homeless facilities at the Riverview Hope Campus with fewer restrictions in an effort to eliminate unsheltered persons in Fort Smith. The facilities have kennels for pets since most homeless will not leave their pet.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

CDBG Public Service has provided \$19,875 for case management for the Riverview HOPE Campus. Additionally, \$19,875 in CDBG funds is provided for case management at Next Step Day Room.

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

The City of Fort Smith has plans that would affect transitional housing by providing for utility assistance and case management in an effort to get those persons and families back into permanent housing. The Riverview Hope Campus emergency shelter will receive funding as described in the previous paragraph. With the current COVID-19 national health crisis additional funds will be provided to address

the prevention, preparation, and response to the virus especially among homeless persons.

All other activities for shelters and transitional housing are described in the section above.

No other projects are being considered to emergency shelters or transitional housing needs of homeless persons in the coming year beyond projects identified above that provide for improvements of emergency shelter and transitional housing facilities.

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

Through the city's housing rehabilitation assistance program, the city will continue to work with those being discharged from medical facilities to get back home through accessible ramps, bathrooms, and any other physical barriers. The city continues to assist the non-profit agencies to provide funds for public services for the identified groups described. No other actions are planned for this annual action plan.

Discussion

The participants in the Continuum of Care work closely together to meet the needs of homeless individuals and families through the continuum of services coordinated through the partnership. The city continues to be a partner to affect the improvements to the emergency shelter through the Riverview Hope Center and the shelters for the Crisis Intervention Center, the Community Rescue Mission, Next Step Day Room, and the Fort Smith Children's Shelter.

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

Introduction:

There are no identified public policy barriers to affordable housing development in Fort Smith.

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

None.

Discussion:

The Community Development Department will continue to work with the Planning Department to ensure that there are no undue land use controls and zoning ordinances that would negatively affect affordable housing.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City currently provides a variety of services to the residents of Fort Smith, some funded by CDBG and HOME allocations, with private, State, and City funding bringing additional assets to bear on these problems. Below are some of the actions currently performed by the City or under consideration for the future.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City will continue to look for new funding sources for programs to address underserved needs. Funding is the major obstacle in providing the services needed to focus on the vast variety of issues that prevent families from breaking out of poverty and from living in the best, most affordable housing possible.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City will provide financial assistance for acquisition, soft costs and site development to be used for affordable housing development.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

- Continue to meet HUD lead-based paint abatement standards in housing rehabilitation programs.
- Seek funding as it becomes available to provide testing and abatement of lead-based paint hazards in single-family housing where young children are present.
- Expand the stock of lead safe housing units through housing initiatives.
- Seek funding as it becomes available to provide for testing, abatement, training, and educational awareness.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City will continue its efforts in conjunction with the Fort Smith Continuum of Care to reduce the number of poverty-level families through the development of services needed to assist those families with educational opportunities, job growth, and life skills training through the various social service

agencies operating in the city.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

- Work with non-profit organizations to address community needs and provide support to federal and non-federal funding initiatives.
- Work with private industry to address important issues that hamper housing and community development efforts.
- 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 will continue to coordinate planning activities with private housing and social service agencies, including participation in the Continuum of Care meetings, development of the Continuum of Care, and enumeration of point-in-time and homeless surveys. City staff will also continue its participation in other coalitions and study groups as the opportunity arises.

Discussion:

These actions are primarily the continuation of what the City is currently doing in the various areas. No major obstacles in the institutional structure have been identified that need to be addressed. The City is also satisfied with its efforts to coordinate with private housing and social service agencies.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The following addresses the program specific requirements for the Annual Action Plan. It includes required information for CDBG and HOME.

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.

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| 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. | 70.00% |

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:

The City of Fort Smith does not use other forms of investment beyond those identified in Section 92.205.

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:

Recapture Restrictions

In the event of a failure of a HOME Program beneficiary to satisfactorily adhere to all applicable affordability requirements, City of Fort Smith will use the following recapture provision to ensure that the intent of the HOME funded activity is accomplished or that the unforgiven portion of the HOME funds are recaptured and used for other activities eligible under the HOME Program.

Home Owner Housing

1. acquisition/rehabilitation/sale of affordable housing
2. new construction/sale of affordable housing
3. provision of mortgage subsidy
4. provision of down payment assistance/closing cost subsidy

Recapture Option

1. Recapture that portion of HOME Program investment unforgiven by the elapsed affordability period or recapture the maximum net proceeds from sale of property (whether recapture is effected through foreclosure or no foreclosure action)
2. Net proceeds recovered will be used to:
 - Reimburse the HOME Program (Approved Activity) for the outstanding balance of HOME funds not repaid or forgiven during the applicable affordability at the time of recapture.
 - Reimburse the HOME Program (Administration) for “holding costs” or other costs associated with the recapture action (legal fees, insurance, taxes, realtor fees, appraisal / BPO costs, etc.)

If net proceeds recaptured are less than the outstanding balance of HOME funds invested in the property (for all approved activities and holding costs incurred), the loss will be absorbed by the HOME Program and all HOME Program requirements would be considered to have been satisfied.

If net proceeds recaptured are greater than the outstanding balance of HOME funds invested in the property (for all approved activities and holding costs incurred), the balance of net proceeds would be distributed to the homeowner (or his/her estate). If the recapture of proceeds is effectuated through a completed foreclosure action, and the property is legally owned by City of Fort Smith, the

balance of net proceeds recaptured will inure to City of Fort Smith.

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:

Duration of Affordability Restrictions

The housing being constructed or rehabilitated will qualify as affordable housing pursuant according to the requirements of 24 CFR 92.254, for the “Affordability Period” and after the completion of the project, covenants and restrictions in the deed restriction would terminate without any further action required by the owner or the City.

Termination of Affordability Restrictions

The affordability restrictions will terminate due to foreclosure or a transfer of the property in lieu of a foreclosure; however, if the owner obtains an ownership interest in the property before the foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure, during the original affordability period, the affordability restrictions shall be reviewed.

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.

The City strives to meet all program specific requirements as detailed in the enabling legislation and program guidelines. City staff work with subgrantees to ensure that these requirements are met and oversees internal operations towards the same goal.

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

From: [Jennings, Matt](#)
To: [Ken Kupchick](#)
Cc: [James Gillevin](#); [Robert Joiner](#); [Candace Gabucci](#); [Charolotte Tidwell](#)
Subject: RE: [EXT]Re: DRAFT Five Year Consolidated Plan - Review and Comment Period
Date: Friday, March 12, 2021 10:34:00 AM
Attachments: [image005.png](#)

Ken,

I am providing your comments to our consultants JQUAD Planning Group, LLC. They may have something to add or provide additional guidance. We appreciate the comments that is what this time period is to allow.

While you are correct that CDBG is directed more towards housing and the homeless, the city has traditionally allowed the 15% maximum use of these funds to support public service activities where other cities do not. Typically these are activities that should be funded by VOCA, USDA & DHHS. This assistance is needed because of the poverty rate in FS.

While not specifically called out as "food", I consider every time health care is mentioned, food is a base line of health. It is a high priority in the last plan and this one as well.

View Page 124, about Public Service where it reads "including but not limited" which is Goal 5.

Page 46, it indicates services for youth & seniors

Page 62, Paragraph 3

Page 78, Items 4 and Page 80, Item 8

Page 83, Item 13

Page 84, Senior Nutrition

Lastly, we plan to direct CDBG-CV3 money towards food in the coming months.

One thing I don't understand is why you all are not spending the 2020 money you have right now.

Matt

From: Ken Kupchick <kkupchick@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 10:03 AM
To: Jennings, Matt <mjennings@FortSmithAR.gov>
Subject: [EXT]Re: DRAFT Five Year Consolidated Plan - Review and Comment Period

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Matt, I am confused. It seemed to me that food the need for food assistance was strongly indicated in the survey, yet it is barely mentioned in the Comprehensive Plan. I know Charolotte responded to the survey, but Antioch is not listed as providing insights.

I know CDBG is heavily weighted towards housing and homelessness. But, I would

have thought food assistance would have been mentioned more in the plan following the survey, particularly when discussions of preventing people from becoming unsheltered.

On Fri, Mar 12, 2021 at 7:39 AM Jennings, Matt <mjennings@fortsmithar.gov> wrote:



REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

The review and comment period for the DRAFT Copy of the Five Year Consolidated Plan for Program Years (PY) 2021-2025 (also contains the PY 2021 Annual Action Plan) and the DRAFT Citizen Participation Plan will expire on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. No physical copies will be available at this time due to ongoing concerns to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Additionally, the Community Needs Assessment survey results are posted online. All documents are accessible online at the following link:

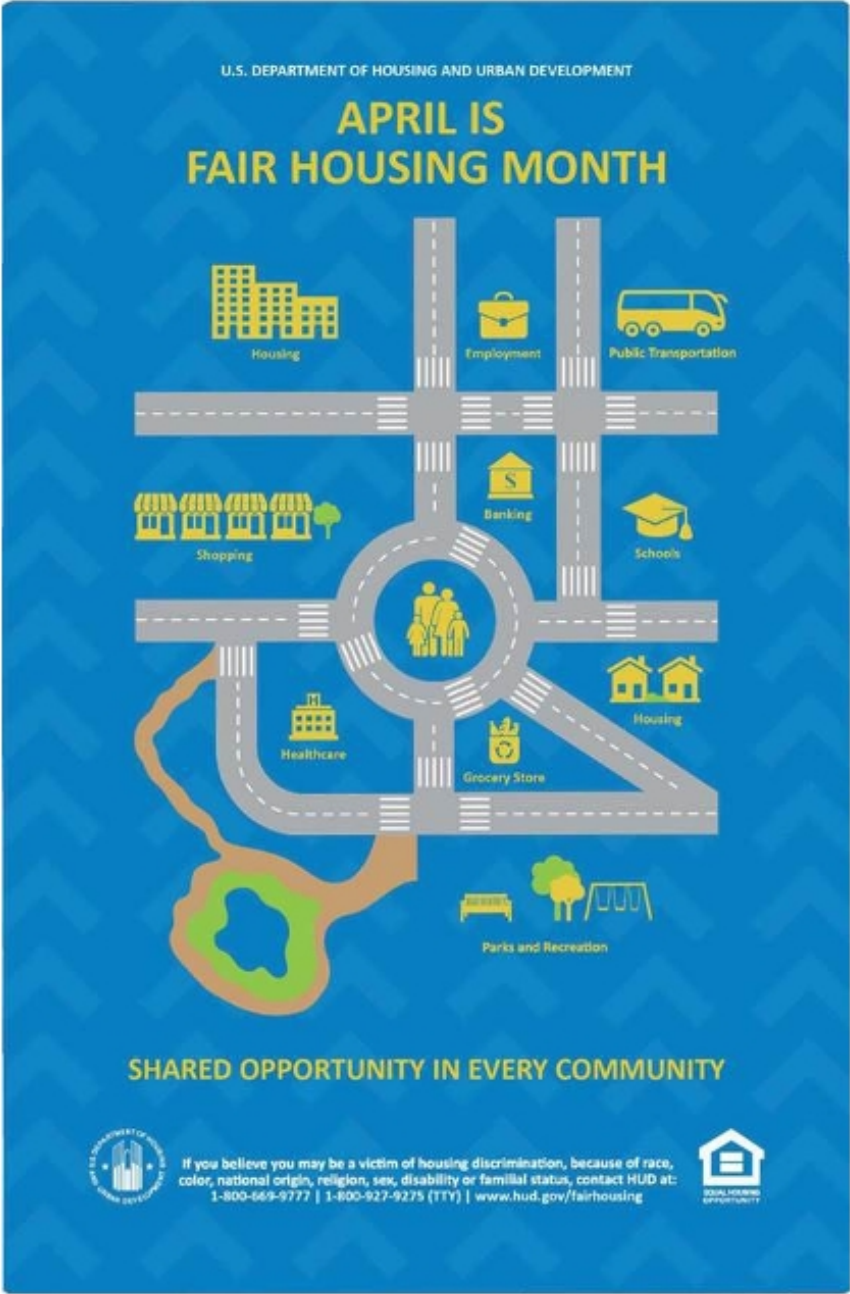
<http://www.fortsmithar.gov/index.php/component/downloads/category/50-communitydevfiles?Itemid=> The Mayor & Board of Directors will review the draft document at the study session on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Fort Smith Convention Center located at 55 South 7th Street in Exhibit Hall Rooms A1 and A2.

Subject to the City Board of Directors amendment or approval on May 4, 2021, the 5 Year Consolidated Plan 2021-2025 and the 2021 Citizen Participation Plan will be submitted to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Little Rock Field Office on or about May 15, 2021. On May 4, 2021, the Board of Directors will be presented with any comments and hold a final public hearing prior to any modification or approval of the plan.

The 2021 Annual Action plan has a range of projects / activities that include rehabilitation to the Hope Campus facility, public service activities including agency case management, dental fees, youth participant fees, food, newborn & baby items. Additionally, the acquisition of vacant lots to use for new construction, new single family home construction and/ or the purchase of existing vacant single family home for rehabilitation then resale to income eligible households, downpayment assistance and , owner-occupied existing housing rehabilitation assistance; all beneficiaries must be income qualified.

Written comments concerning the Draft Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan or Citizen Participation Plan 2021 will be received at the City of Fort Smith Community Development Department no later than Monday, April 12, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. The mailing address is: P. O. Box 1908, Fort Smith, AR 72902 or comments can be e-mailed to: mjennings@fortsmithar.gov The City of Fort Smith is an Equal Opportunity Employer.





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Ken Kupchick
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From: [Reese Brewer](#)
To: [Jennings, Matt](#)
Subject: [EXT]"Con" Plan
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 8:57:53 AM

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Greetings Director Jennings,

We are very interested in following the development of the "Con" Plan as it relates to public facilities and transportation infrastructure especially as it relates to affordable housing areas. Of course, historically marginalized neighborhoods have faced less investment in sidewalks, transit, parks, etc. than wealthier neighborhoods across the nation. As you may know, Frontier Metropolitan Planning Organization is mandated by Congress to undertake regional transportation planning. Recently, we won a grant from the CDC Directors Association to bring a regional team of engineers, developers, healthcare professionals, etc. together to work on walkability. Individuals representing Fort Smith are: Jurena Storm, Talicia Richardson, Jackie Krutsch, Dr. Lisa McClain, and Keley Simpson. Our work focuses on improving equity to transportation facilities for all users; especially for those diverse and communities of color in Fort Smith. Since transportation is key to access to healthcare, education, and improved quality of life, will the "Con" Plan provide some infrastructure criteria and priorities?

In addition, Frontier MPO is the Civic Co-Principal for the National Science Foundation's Civic Innovation Stage 1 funding grant with Dr. Mitra Suman of the University of Arkansas (Fayetteville) Civil Engineering acting as the Principal Investigator. We are seeking to understand the mismatch between shared micromobility options (such as bikeshare; e-bikes) and affordable housing in vulnerable neighborhoods such as Fort Smith. We are holding a stakeholders meeting next Tuesday from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. and would welcome your participation and thoughts; we also have a survey available. Below is the Webex information.

Look forward to following the "Con" Plan work and achievements.

Respectfully,
Reese M. Brewer

The Shared Micromobility for affordable-accessible housing (SMILIES) is a joint effort with partners the University of Arkansas Frontier MPO and the City of Fort Smith. The specific objective of this planning grant proposal (Stage 1) is to strengthen collaborations with relevant stakeholders solidify academic and civic team members roles and refine the vision and plan for executing this research-centered pilot project. This Stage 1 funding is provided by the National Science Foundation. We are seeking community input for potential locations for such shared services and other additional stakeholders and agencies that we should seek to engage in these conversations. The overall goal of the project is to determine the degree of impact of shared micromobility services on accessibility to jobs and essential activities household transportation costs and energy consumption for affordable housing communities in small and mid-sized cities and rural areas. This objective will be accomplished by developing a community engaged research-centered pilot project in the City of Fort Smith Arkansas.

<https://PublicInput.com/Y207>

Stacy Willinger is inviting you to a scheduled Webex meeting.

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

12:30 PM | (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada) | 1 hr 30 mins

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Matt,

Thank you so much for your input; I have forwarded your thoughts onto Dr. Mitra. We hope to put together a robust Stage 2 funding grant application and design and deploy a service that fits the needs of the vulnerable communities in Fort Smith.

Reese

From: Jennings, Matt <mjennings@FortSmithAR.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 1:19 PM
To: Reese Brewer <rbrewer@wapdd.org>
Subject: Micromobility

Reese,

I was able to set-aside some work and listen to the presentation. I'm not sure that I could comment about where and who would use this service in our LMI community. It seems that the end users are the important people to answer the questions about where they should be located. I agree with Chris that the homeless campus is a number one candidate.

I am providing a copy of our own survey that was recently completed in mid-January from Fort Smith residents/stakeholders. Transportation is mentioned and is a high community needs in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. Additionally, it will be a goal in the plan as well.

I understand that City is getting ready to hire a micromobility coordinator which is great since this person can fill in to assist with ensuring that these facilities are located properly.

Thanks for contacting me about this item, it is very interesting. If there is something you need us to do specifically, please let me know. The next funding cycle will be in January 2022.

Matt

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Attention Fort Smith Residents! We need your input! Over the next 5 years, we estimate that the City can receive approximately \$6.7M in federal grant funds through two federal programs (the CDBG program and the HOME (Investment Partnerships Program). However, in order to expend the funds the City has to develop a PLAN. This PLAN gets developed with YOUR INPUT! That is why we are asking you to PLEASE fill out this important needs assessment survey. Let your voice be heard and SHARE this post with your friends and neighbors. It's a great way to have a say in how how YOUR federal tax dollars will be spent at the local level, and its an even better way for you to participate in your local government. The survey is quick and easy to fill out - but is only open until January 10, 2021 so CLICK ON THE LINK to get started!
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7YF8CW7>

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Online Survey!

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\$7 million in speaking fees

ranking member of the chamber's Finance Committee, said he expects Yellen's nomination to "move forward quickly, with her hearing held before Inauguration Day" on Jan. 20.

"In the last few years, she has shared her views in a range of forums - congressional testimony, media interviews, speaking engagements, and opinion pieces," Wyden said in a statement. "She's been fully transparent."

Also released Thursday were disclosure forms from Biden's choice to be secretary of state, Antony Blinken, who detailed his work at a consulting firm he co-founded, WestExec Advisors, LLC.

They show that Blinken was paid more than \$1.1 million and has entered into an agreement, negotiated in October, to sell his equity interest in the firm, where he advised clients including Bank of America and Facebook.

Avril Haines, Biden's choice to be national intelligence director, disclosed being a consultant at WestExec Advisors and collecting about \$55,000 in fees between October 2017 and last summer.

In a separate letter to ethics officials, Haines promised to recuse herself for one year in issues involving WestExec as well as her other past employers, including Columbia University, Syracuse University and the Brookings Institution think tank.

Biden's transition team said it expects to announce more Cabinet picks soon. Among those positions yet to be filled are the president-elect's selection for labor secretary and attorney general - a choice that could be complicated by federal prosecutors investigating the finances of Biden's son Hunter.



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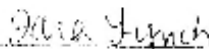
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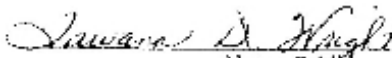
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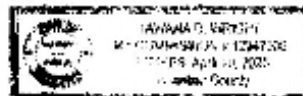
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Sworn before me on the 14th day of January 2021

My Commission expires April 10, 2026


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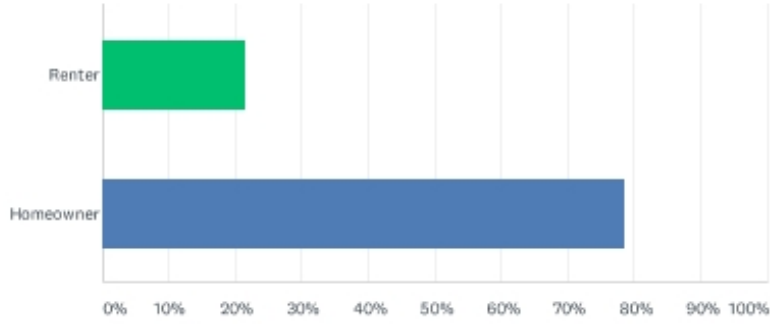

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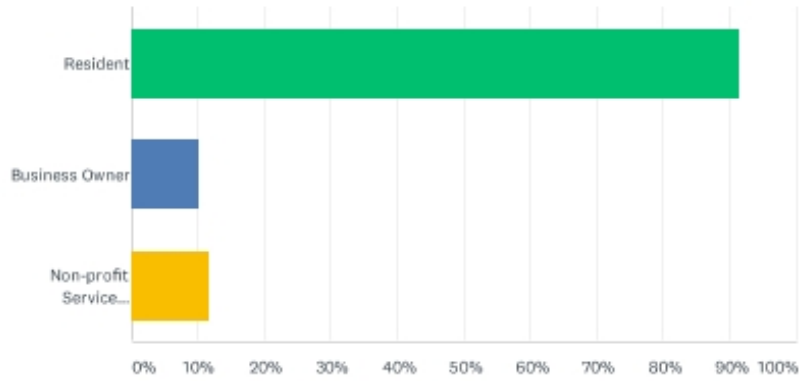


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Renter	21.52%	82
Homeowner	78.48%	299
TOTAL		381

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Resident	91.36% 349
Business Owner	9.95% 38
Non-profit Service Provider	11.78% 45
Total Respondents: 382	

Q3 Resident Zip Code:

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Q5 Non-profit Service Provider - Please indicate key services your agency provides and target clients (enter N/A if this does not apply):

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11	N/A	1/10/2021 10:21 AM
12	N/A	1/10/2021 9:20 AM
13	Feeding 1000-2500 people each month. Clothing shares for job searches. Sign language and translation classes. Animal learn and care programs. We serve anyone who reaches us with a need, current reaching a 30 mile radius around Fort Smith.	1/10/2021 9:17 AM
14	N/a	1/10/2021 8:31 AM
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16	N/a	1/9/2021 6:08 PM
17	N/A	1/9/2021 2:12 PM
18	N/a	1/9/2021 11:26 AM
19	Mental health	1/8/2021 10:02 PM
20	n/a	1/8/2021 6:41 PM
21	NA	1/8/2021 4:09 PM
22	NA	1/8/2021 2:45 PM
23	N/a	1/8/2021 1:59 PM
24	Providing resources to community members, organizations and non-profit agencies. Our non-profit fundraises each year to provide funding to a variety of agencies that help with food, education, youth services and much more.	1/8/2021 12:09 PM
25	Transportation planning	1/8/2021 8:10 AM
26	Transportation Planning	1/8/2021 7:59 AM
27	N/A	1/7/2021 10:12 PM
28	n/a	1/7/2021 8:41 AM
29	N/A	1/7/2021 8:02 AM
30	Healthcare to all residents	1/7/2021 7:45 AM
31	N/A	1/7/2021 7:29 AM
32	Arkansas River Valley Manufacturing Young Professionals - networking opportunities and educational opportunities for young people in the manufacturing industry in the River Valley	1/7/2021 6:18 AM
33	N/a	1/7/2021 2:00 AM
34	Education Homeless services Food distribution	1/6/2021 9:34 PM

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35	N/A	1/6/2021 9:23 PM
36	N/A	1/6/2021 3:56 PM
37	N/A	1/6/2021 3:35 PM
38	n/a	1/6/2021 2:56 PM
39	Tax preparation	1/6/2021 1:25 PM
40	Assists Medicare beneficiaries and provides a free tax preparation program for lower income citizens.	1/6/2021 12:37 PM
41	Homeless services	1/6/2021 12:02 PM
42	N/A	1/6/2021 11:53 AM
43	Five West Crisis stabilization unit we care for individuals with substance use and mental health disorders who are in crisis. Originally created for jail diversion. We serve a six county catchment area.	1/6/2021 11:52 AM
44	Housing and shelter to domestic violence victims	1/6/2021 11:46 AM
45	N/A	1/6/2021 11:31 AM
46	N/A	1/6/2021 10:48 AM
47	n/a	1/6/2021 10:42 AM
48	N/A	1/6/2021 10:19 AM
49	Volunteer opportunities for seniors - specifically manage programs for tax preparation and Medicare assistance.	1/6/2021 9:17 AM
50	N/A	1/6/2021 8:37 AM
51	I'm a board member of an agency providing services for the homeless with a strong focus on transitional and supportive housing to move people out of homelessness.	1/6/2021 8:32 AM
52	N/A	1/6/2021 8:23 AM
53	NA	1/6/2021 7:42 AM
54	Na	1/6/2021 5:12 AM
55	N/A	1/5/2021 10:59 PM
56	N/A	1/5/2021 9:58 PM
57	N/A	1/5/2021 9:50 PM
58	NA	1/5/2021 9:49 PM
59	N/A	1/5/2021 9:44 PM
60	N/A	1/5/2021 9:13 PM
61	N/A	1/5/2021 7:29 PM
62	Food for food insecure people in the Sebastian county area	1/5/2021 7:22 PM
63	N/A	1/5/2021 6:41 PM
64	N/A	1/5/2021 4:16 PM
65	Mental health, addiction recovery, crisis stabilization unit.	1/5/2021 3:50 PM
66	Homeless	1/5/2021 3:46 PM
67	N/A	1/5/2021 3:46 PM
68	Hunter education	1/5/2021 3:38 PM
69	N/A	1/5/2021 3:07 PM

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70	shelter, food, case management for homeless families	1/5/2021 1:54 PM
71	Provide a place for girls of all ages to be strong, smart and bold.	1/5/2021 1:48 PM
72	Children and Adult Day services, Transportation, housing, behavioral health outpatient and community living supports	1/5/2021 1:37 PM
73	Emergency Homeless Day Shelter, homeless housing program and veteran services	1/5/2021 1:16 PM
74	Transportation Assistance Nutritional Support Emotional Support Medical Supplies Hair Loss Items Education We provide services to cancer patients and their families.	1/5/2021 1:01 PM
75	We provide high quality childcare and preschool to low income families.	1/5/2021 12:39 PM
76	Homeless Family shelter	1/5/2021 12:25 PM
77	N/A	1/5/2021 12:20 PM
78	Homebuilding and Rental Assistance	1/5/2021 11:58 AM
79	Food	1/5/2021 11:55 AM
80	IFS	1/5/2021 11:51 AM
81	Mental Health	1/5/2021 11:40 AM
82	Very low income families struggling. We connect families to housing, transportation, education, employment, recovery, and with legal assistance and 8 other areas of need as well.	1/5/2021 11:40 AM
83	Food Assistance serving elderly, disabled persons, working adults, children 1-18	1/5/2021 11:30 AM
84	Affordable Housing	1/5/2021 11:26 AM
85	N/A	1/5/2021 11:23 AM
86	Target clients are cancer patients. All ages. Services we provide are cost-free, non-medical. We provide wigs, turbans, nutrition, gas cards, assistance with utility bills, and support groups to name a few.	1/5/2021 11:20 AM
87	Gas Cards, Nutrition, Emotional Support, Wigs, turbans, Scarfs, Hat, Clothes, Rent, and Utility Help.	1/5/2021 11:20 AM
88	Low-income families with rental assistance.	1/5/2021 10:57 AM
89	NA	1/4/2021 10:47 PM
90	N/A	1/4/2021 4:18 PM
91	Emergency Shelter, meals, life skills, laundry, showers, and dog kennels for homeless individuals of the River-valley	1/4/2021 10:35 AM
92	N/A	1/4/2021 6:59 AM
93	Ministry	1/4/2021 5:47 AM
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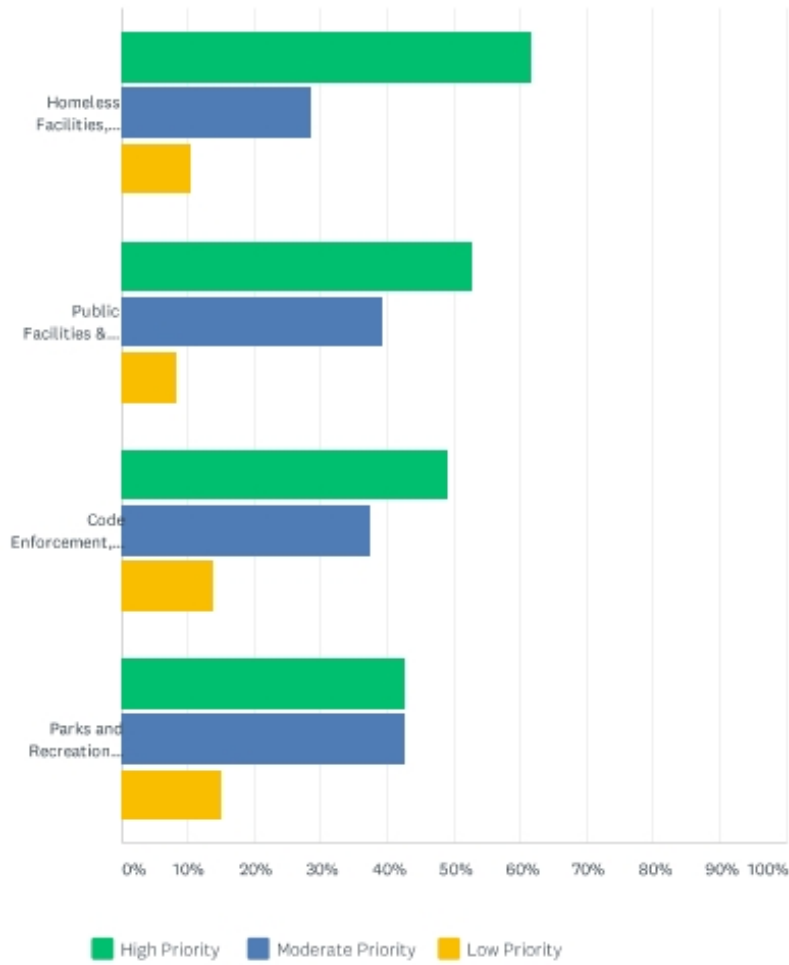
104	N/A	12/18/2020 11:31 AM
105	Rental Assistance Mortgage assistance Weatherization Food Pantry Utility assistance Emergency Housing	12/18/2020 9:15 AM
106	Meals 60 + Population	12/17/2020 2:09 PM
107	N/A	12/15/2020 9:52 PM
108	Food, finance, guidance, Community Support (JCS)	12/15/2020 10:09 AM
109	N/A	12/15/2020 9:50 AM
110	N/A	12/14/2020 10:31 PM
111	72901	12/14/2020 12:34 PM
112	N/A	12/14/2020 10:43 AM
113	Residential ,transportation, education, character enhancement, positive behaviors to females 12-17 years of age	12/14/2020 9:38 AM
114	Serving people with cancer with all non-medical needs. Target clients are the marginalized, uninsured or underinsured, low-income residents of AR and OK	12/14/2020 7:25 AM
115	N/A	12/14/2020 5:26 AM
116	Board member of Girls, Inc. We provide after school care, sports and summer programs for a girls only organization at an affordable rate. We do out reach in low income schools free after school. We use national programs to educate these students on hygiene, self-esteem, suicide, money matters, etc. we have very strong volleyball and basketball programs. We give college scholarships to girls who have participated in the program for to least two years and/ or worked at the center. We are vital to the community.	12/13/2020 9:53 PM
117	After-school and summer programs for youth, including educational, life skills, sports programs, etc.	12/13/2020 3:59 PM
118	N/A	12/13/2020 9:51 AM
119	N/A	12/13/2020 9:45 AM
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133	Fort Smith Housing Authority	12/10/2020 5:29 PM
134	N/A	12/10/2020 5:14 PM
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136	Legal services	12/10/2020 4:44 PM

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Q6 Please rank the community needs by priority as High, Moderate and Low. First let's complete Public Facilities & Public Services

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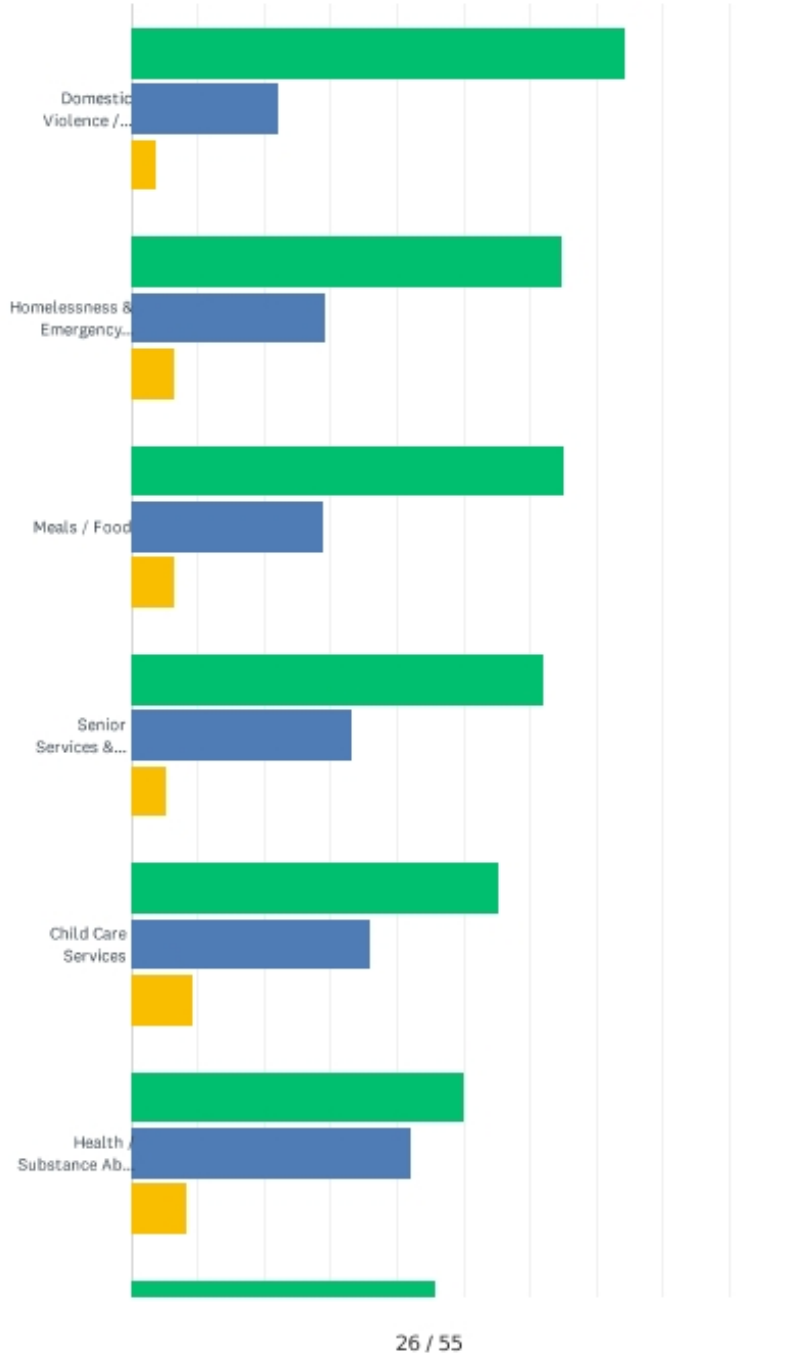
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	HIGH PRIORITY	MODERATE PRIORITY	LOW PRIORITY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Homeless Facilities, Shelters & Services	61.46% 236	28.39% 109	10.16% 39	384	1.49
Public Facilities & Community Facilities & City Services	52.63% 200	39.21% 149	8.16% 31	380	1.56
Code Enforcement, Demolition of substandard structures / removal of slum & blight	49.09% 189	37.14% 143	13.77% 53	385	1.65
Parks and Recreation Facilities & Programs	42.56% 163	42.56% 163	14.88% 57	383	1.72

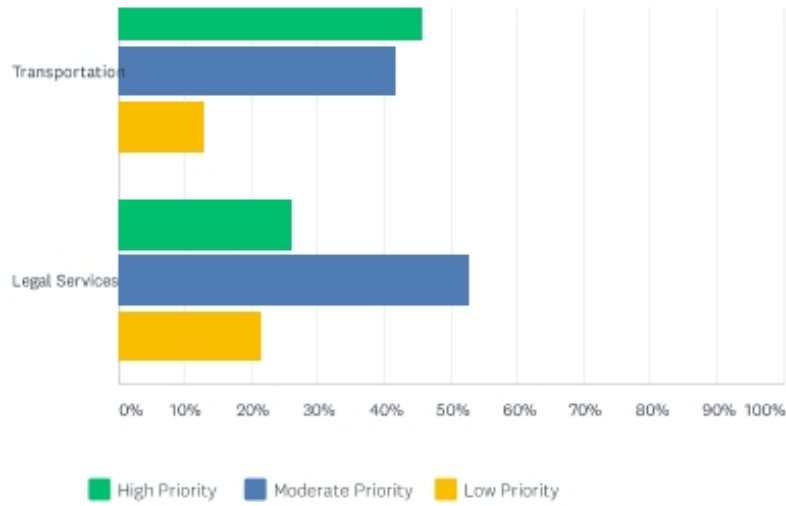
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Q7 Next is Community Service priorities:

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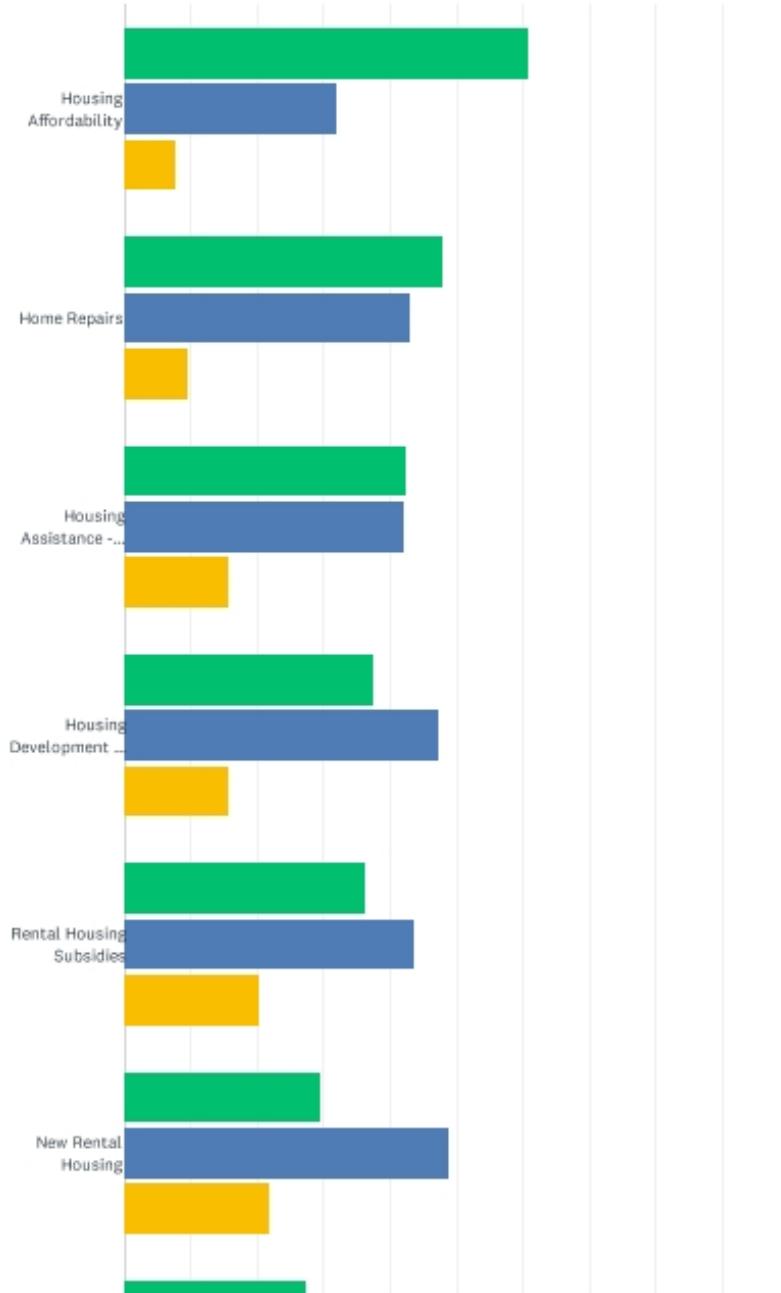


	HIGH PRIORITY	MODERATE PRIORITY	LOW PRIORITY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Domestic Violence / Child Abuse	74.08% 283	22.25% 85	3.66% 14	382	1.30
Homelessness & Emergency Housing Assistance	64.68% 249	29.09% 112	6.23% 24	385	1.42
Meals / Food	64.83% 247	28.61% 109	6.56% 25	381	1.42
Senior Services & Youth Services	61.98% 238	33.07% 127	4.95% 19	384	1.43
Child Care Services	55.26% 210	35.79% 136	8.95% 34	380	1.54
Health / Substance Abuse / HIV-AIDS Services	49.74% 191	41.93% 161	8.33% 32	384	1.59
Transportation	45.57% 175	41.67% 160	12.76% 49	384	1.67
Legal Services	25.98% 99	52.76% 201	21.26% 81	381	1.95

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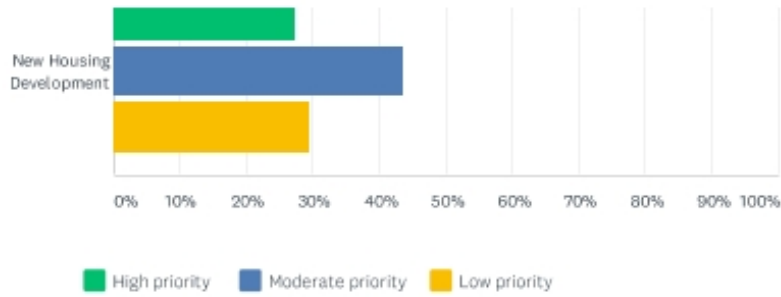
Q8 Housing priority:

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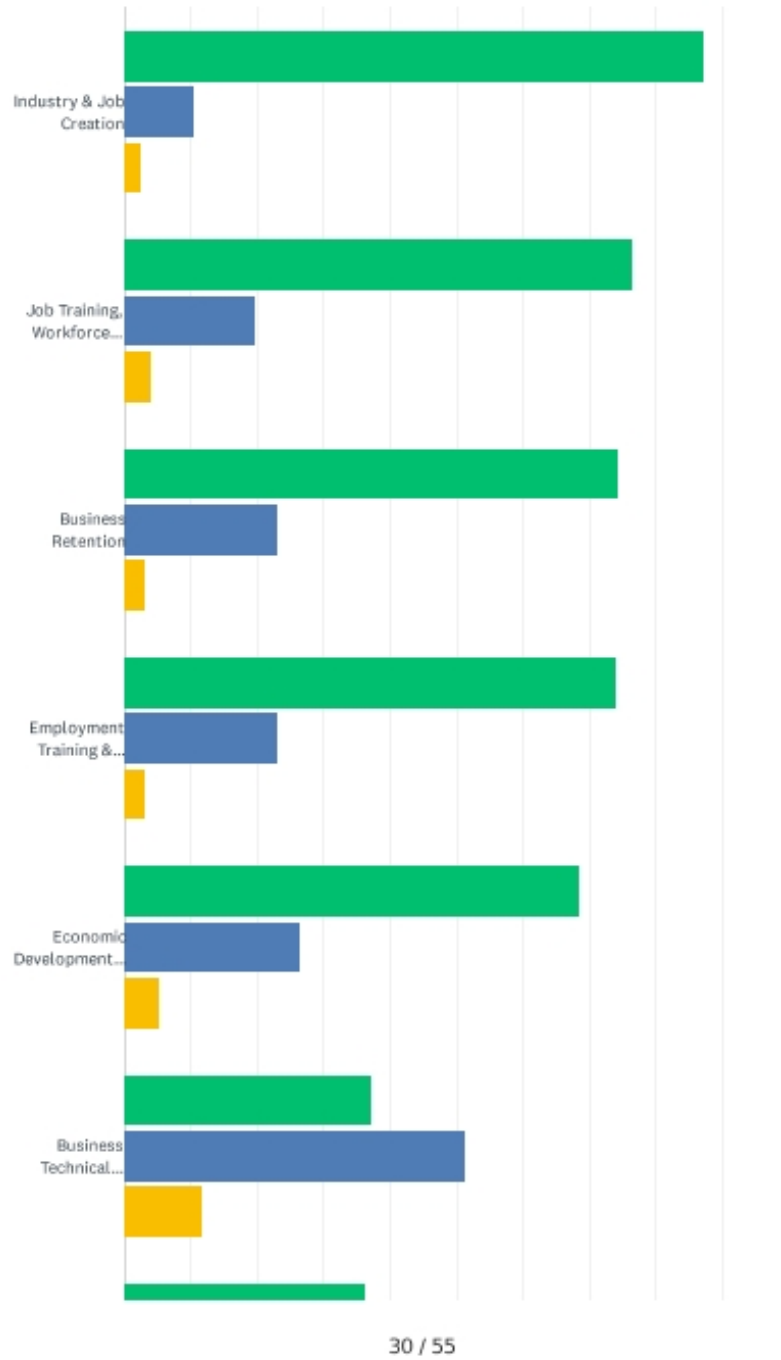


	HIGH PRIORITY	MODERATE PRIORITY	LOW PRIORITY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Housing Affordability	60.68% 233	31.77% 122	7.55% 29	384	1.47
Home Repairs	47.63% 181	42.89% 163	9.47% 36	380	1.62
Housing Assistance - Homeownership / Down Payment Closing Cost	42.30% 162	42.04% 161	15.67% 60	383	1.73
Housing Development & Reconstruction	37.34% 143	47.00% 180	15.67% 60	383	1.78
Rental Housing Subsidies	36.03% 138	43.60% 167	20.37% 78	383	1.84
New Rental Housing	29.50% 113	48.83% 187	21.67% 83	383	1.92
New Housing Development	27.11% 103	43.42% 165	29.47% 112	380	2.02

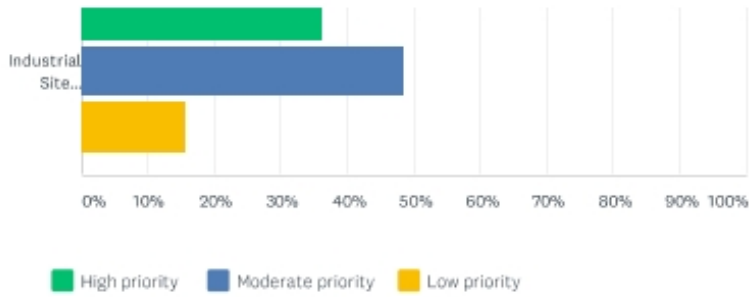
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Q9 Economic Development:

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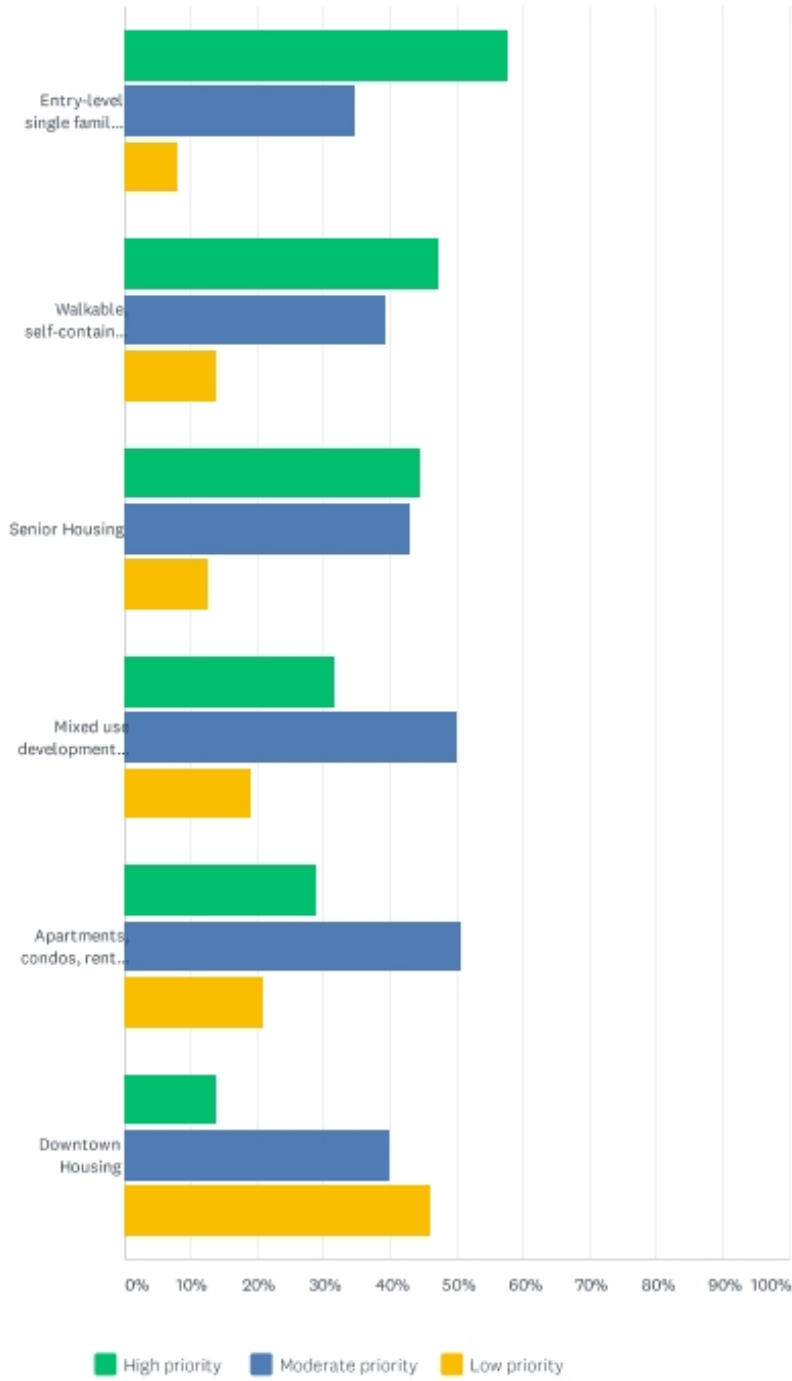


	HIGH PRIORITY	MODERATE PRIORITY	LOW PRIORITY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Industry & Job Creation	86.95% 333	10.44% 40	2.61% 10	383	1.16
Job Training, Workforce Development	76.44% 292	19.63% 75	3.93% 15	382	1.27
Business Retention	73.96% 284	22.92% 88	3.13% 12	384	1.29
Employment Training & Industry Recruitment	73.89% 283	22.98% 88	3.13% 12	383	1.29
Economic Development (business & entrepreneurship, job creation)	68.34% 259	26.39% 100	5.28% 20	379	1.37
Business Technical Assistance	37.01% 141	51.18% 195	11.81% 45	381	1.75
Industrial Site Development	35.88% 136	48.55% 184	15.57% 59	379	1.80

Q10 What is the type of housing most needed in our community?

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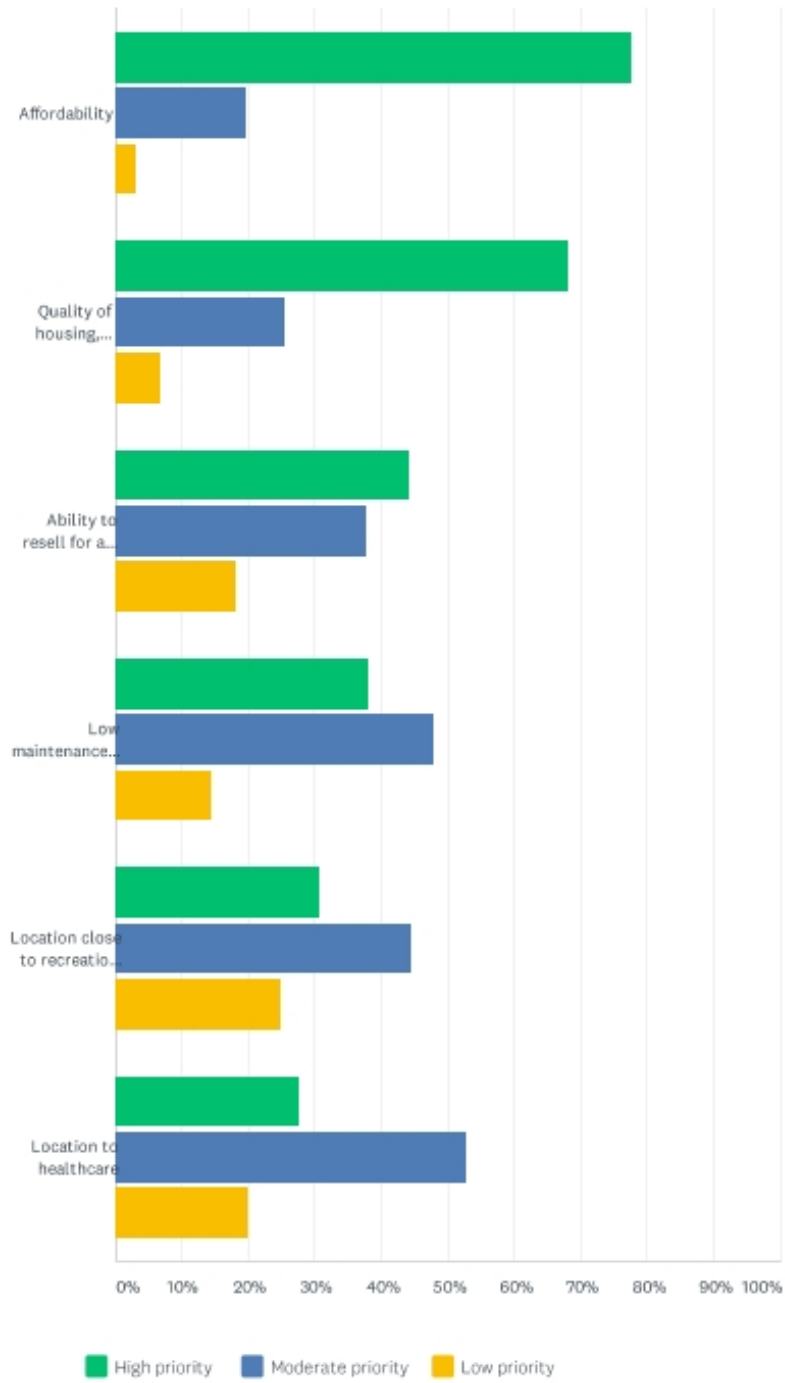
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	HIGH PRIORITY	MODERATE PRIORITY	LOW PRIORITY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Entry-level single family homes	57.48% 219	34.65% 132	7.87% 30	381	1.50
Walkable, self-contained subdivision with access to schools, recreation, shopping & health care	47.00% 180	39.43% 151	13.58% 52	383	1.67
Senior Housing	44.50% 170	42.93% 164	12.57% 48	382	1.68
Mixed use development with housing as a component	31.33% 120	49.87% 191	18.80% 72	383	1.87
Apartments, condos, rental housing	28.87% 110	50.39% 192	20.73% 79	381	1.92
Downtown Housing	13.87% 53	40.05% 153	46.07% 176	382	2.32

Q11 When you are looking for housing, the most important priority is:

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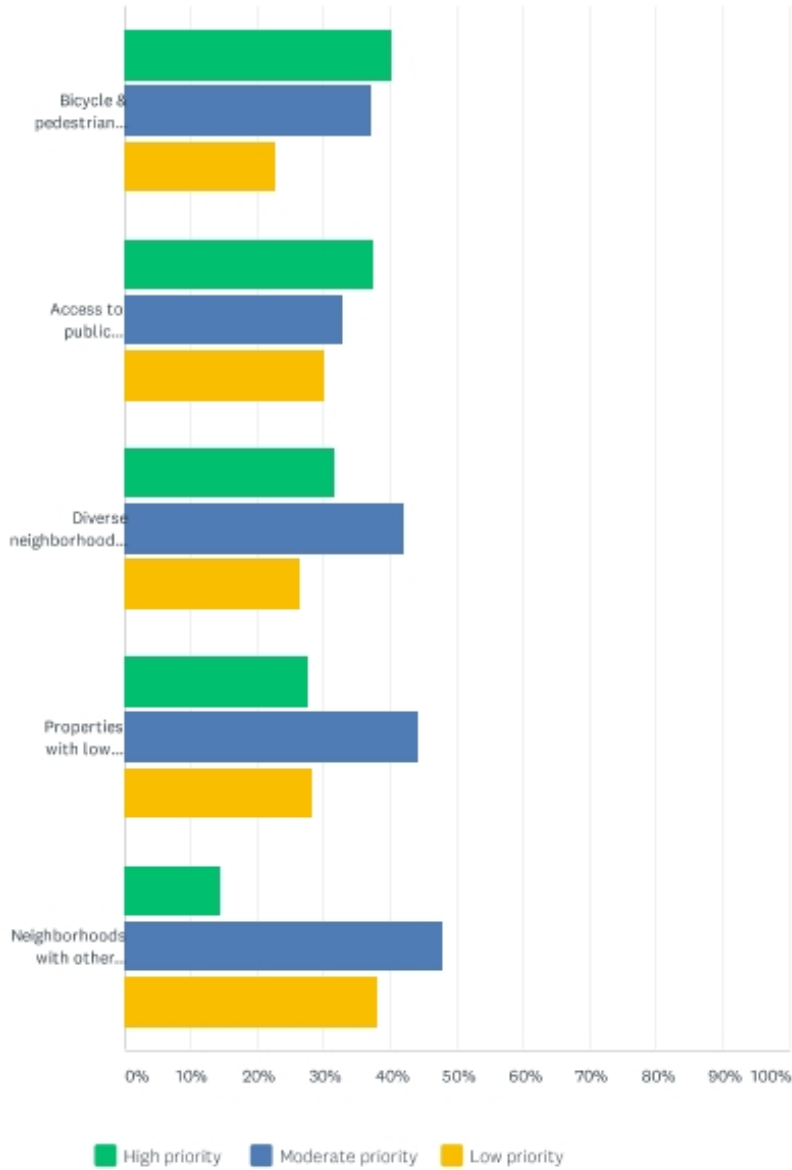


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	HIGH PRIORITY	MODERATE PRIORITY	LOW PRIORITY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Affordability	77.47% 282	19.51% 71	3.02% 11	364	1.26
Quality of housing, regardless of price or location	67.97% 261	25.26% 97	6.77% 26	384	1.39
Ability to resell for a profit	44.24% 169	37.70% 144	18.06% 69	382	1.74
Low maintenance property	37.89% 144	47.89% 182	14.21% 54	380	1.76
Location close to recreational / entertainment opportunities (such as downtown, shopping, golf courses, parks)	30.53% 116	44.47% 169	25.00% 95	380	1.94
Location to healthcare	27.42% 105	52.74% 202	19.84% 76	383	1.92

Q12 What other housing characteristics are important to you (even if they are currently available)?

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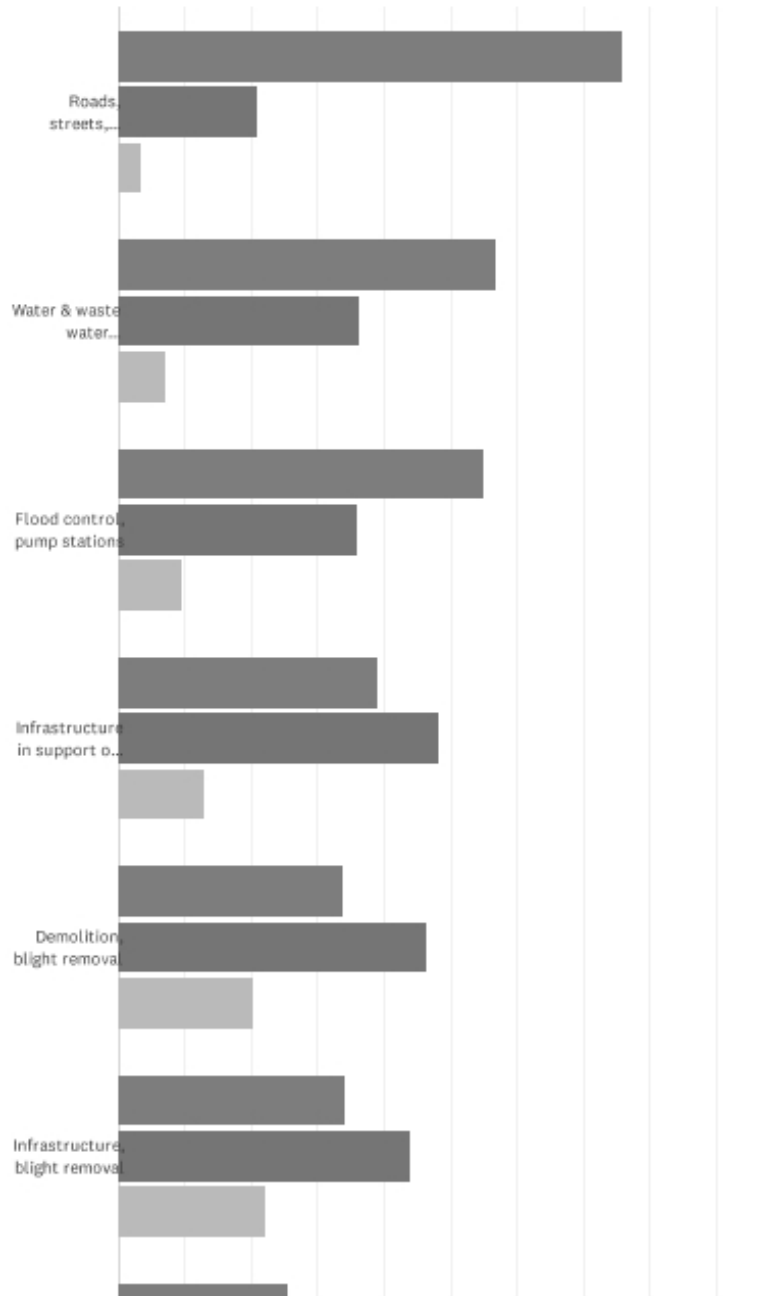


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	HIGH PRIORITY	MODERATE PRIORITY	LOW PRIORITY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Bicycle & pedestrian access to community / amenities	40.26% 153	37.11% 141	22.63% 86	380	1.82
Access to public transportation	37.27% 142	32.81% 125	29.92% 114	381	1.93
Diverse neighborhoods with a mix of ages & ethnicities	31.59% 121	42.04% 161	26.37% 101	383	1.95
Properties with low maintenance & sustainable features (such as solar energy, xeriscaping & recycled products)	27.68% 106	44.13% 169	28.20% 108	383	2.01
Neighborhoods with other people in my age group	14.14% 54	47.91% 183	37.96% 145	382	2.24

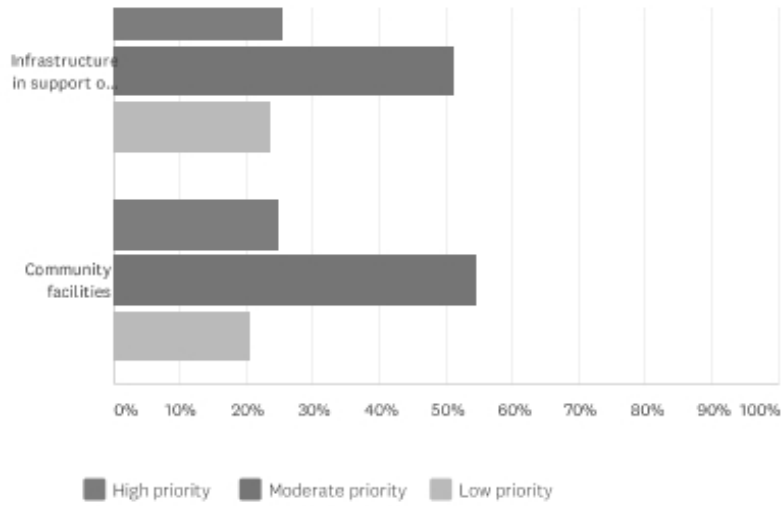
Q13 In your opinion, what is the highest infrastructure priority?

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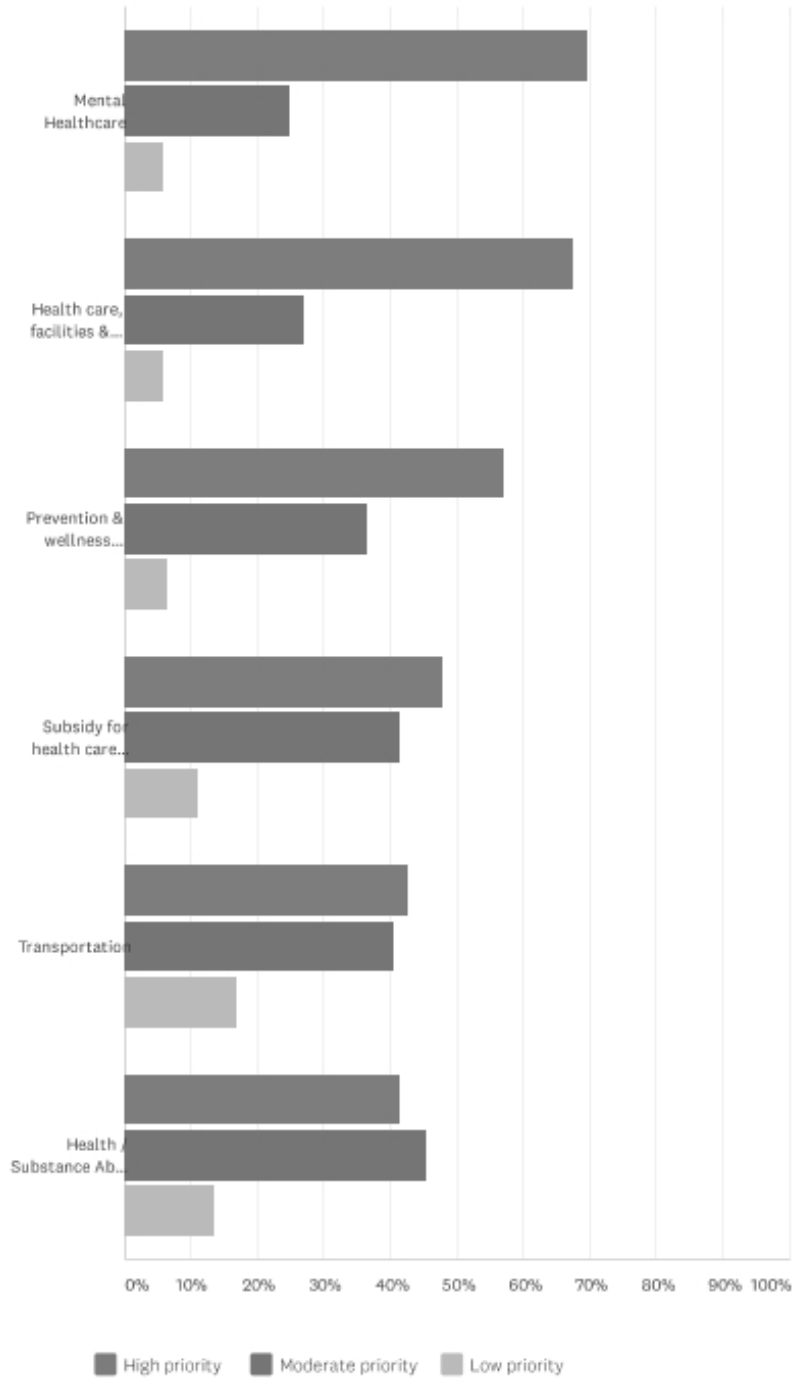


	HIGH PRIORITY	MODERATE PRIORITY	LOW PRIORITY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Roads, streets, bridges, paving & repair	75.65% 289	20.94% 80	3.40% 13	382	1.28
Water & waste water facilities	56.69% 216	36.22% 138	7.09% 27	381	1.50
Flood control, pump stations	54.71% 209	35.86% 137	9.42% 36	382	1.55
Infrastructure in support of public service & community development	38.95% 148	48.16% 183	12.89% 49	380	1.74
Demolition, blight removal	33.60% 128	46.19% 176	20.21% 77	381	1.87
Infrastructure, blight removal	33.95% 128	44.03% 166	22.02% 83	377	1.88
Infrastructure in support of new housing development	25.33% 96	51.19% 194	23.48% 89	379	1.98
Community facilities	24.80% 94	54.62% 207	20.58% 78	379	1.96

Q14 What is the highest health services priority in Fort Smith?

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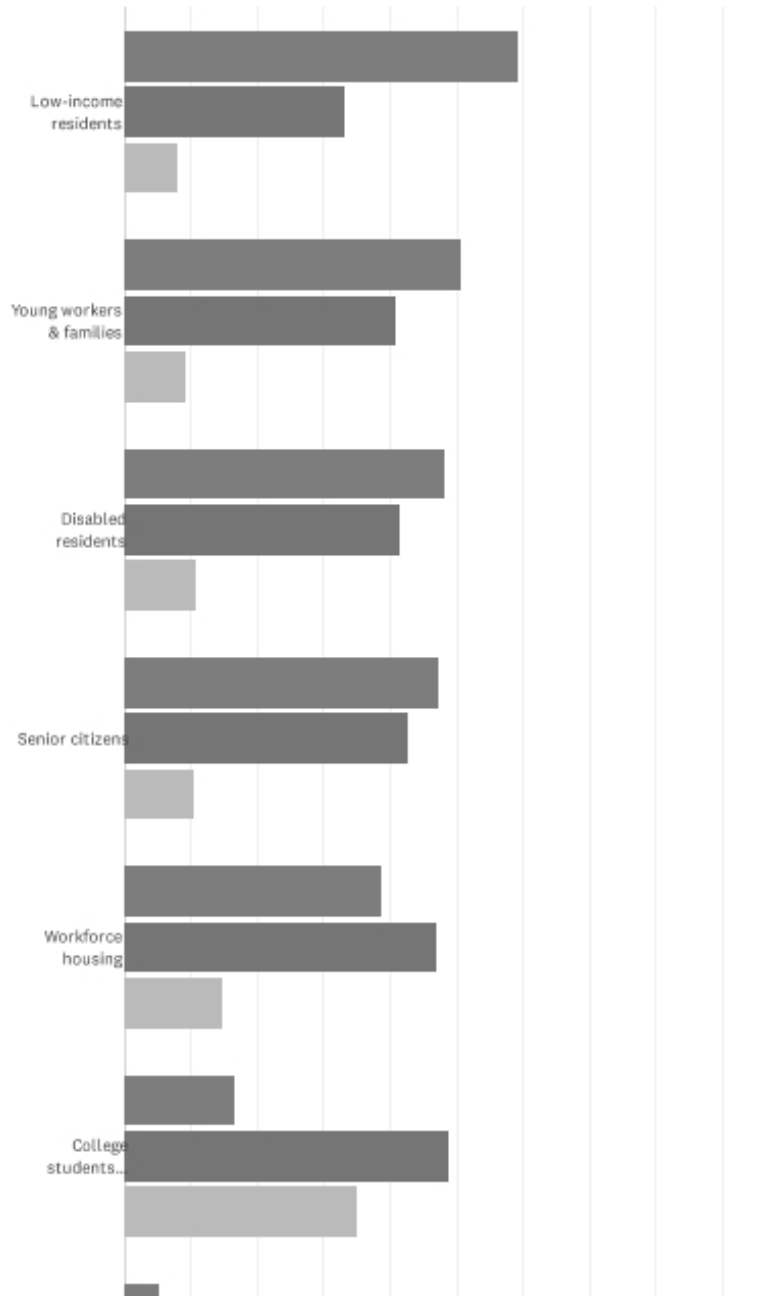


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	HIGH PRIORITY	MODERATE PRIORITY	LOW PRIORITY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Mental Healthcare	69.63% 266	24.61% 94	5.76% 22	382	1.36
Health care, facilities & services	67.28% 257	26.96% 103	5.76% 22	382	1.38
Prevention & wellness programs	56.96% 217	36.48% 139	6.56% 25	381	1.50
Subsidy for health care services	47.63% 181	41.32% 157	11.05% 42	380	1.63
Transportation	42.74% 162	40.37% 153	16.89% 64	379	1.74
Health / Substance Abuse / HIV-AIDS Services	41.21% 157	45.41% 173	13.39% 51	381	1.72

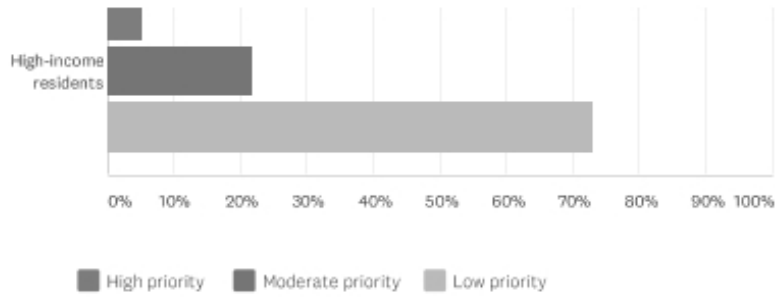
Q15 What population is most in need of additional housing in Fort Smith?

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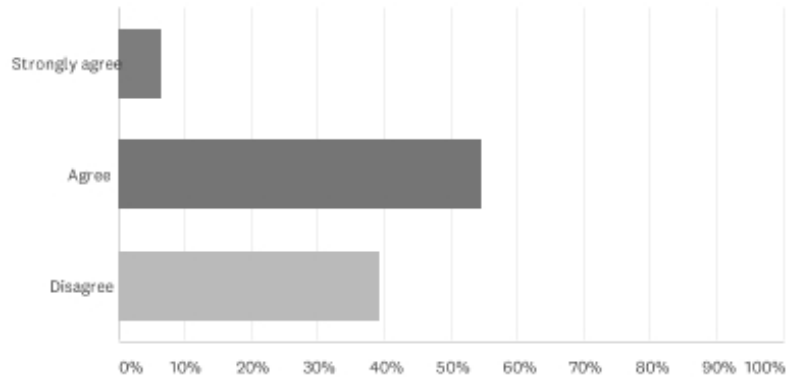


	HIGH PRIORITY	MODERATE PRIORITY	LOW PRIORITY	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Low-income residents	59.10% 224	32.98% 125	7.92% 30	379	1.49
Young workers & families	50.53% 192	40.53% 154	8.95% 34	380	1.58
Disabled residents	48.15% 182	41.27% 156	10.58% 40	378	1.62
Senior citizens	47.21% 178	42.44% 160	10.34% 39	377	1.63
Workforce housing	38.56% 145	46.81% 176	14.63% 55	376	1.76
College students housing	16.49% 62	48.67% 183	34.84% 131	376	2.18
High-income residents	5.32% 20	21.81% 82	72.87% 274	376	2.68

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Q16 Are housing options in Fort Smith adequate for most residents?

Answered: 382 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	6.28%	24
Agree	54.45%	208
Disagree	39.27%	150
TOTAL		382

**Q17 Please provide any comments that relate to Community Development
in Fort Smith:**

Answered: 103 Skipped: 284

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1	Too many slum lords, decent housing is too high monthly, need reasonable price rents!! We also need a medical clinic that is low cost or free, they have them in other areas!	1/11/2021 1:31 AM
2	Fi dont understand this town, it has plenty of people and land area, variety 9f businesses but I've never seen so many boarded up buildings, wrecked sidewalks and destroyed roads in one town of this size! This town has so much untapped potential but sadly it's neglected horribly neglected in every way.	1/10/2021 11:10 PM
3	Hud needs to force landlords to do maintenance. still waiting on my ceiling to be fix	1/10/2021 10:07 PM
4	Fort Smith has a lot of low quality apartments, built as speculation properties in the 1960's and 1970's. They are not good places to live, and not great if you happen to live with one or more in your neighborhood. There needs to be standards for rental properties.	1/10/2021 10:07 PM
5	WE NEED MORE AFTER SCHOOL FOOD PROGRAMS AND AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE PROGRAMS. THESE PROGRAMS SHOULD BE OFFERED AT ALL FORT SMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOT JUST SOME. WE ALSO NEED MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING UNITS ON THE SOUTHSIDE OF FORT SMITH. WHY HAS AFFORDABLE HOUSING ONLY BEEN SUBJECT TO THE NORTHSIDE OF FORT SMITH?	1/10/2021 9:52 PM
6	Fort smith needs to do more to help the boys and girls club In the north of fort smith and do more for the low income (north side) of fort smith	1/10/2021 8:15 PM
7	We could do better.	1/10/2021 6:04 PM
8	We need hud to stop listening to slum lirds like feimster etc and keeping ppl like me from getting hud with mamie feimsters LIES	1/10/2021 1:13 PM
9	The poor roads and drainage issue is the largest in my mind - it causes expensive damage to vehicles, and repeated flooding problems exacerbate damage to homes, especially old homes which are part of what we love about Fort Smith. Our roads are the infrastructure all other community elements stem from, we use them to get everywhere in our daily lives, for work and leisure. I have observed repeated patches (in excess of a dozen pot hole "fills" on a single spot) to a hole that continues to re-form. Obviously it would be more efficient to just fix the source issue than to keep slapping an asphalt bandaid on it every 3 months.	1/10/2021 9:20 AM
10	Fort Smith is the most amazing place I have ever stepped foot. But as someone who sits with 1000's of people each month and learns about them as more than a client- I see what others only claim to see. Sadly no one ever ask me and if they did what we see here would hurt the heart of the person told. To the people we help we are not just a food pantry we are a trust place where they come to sit - share and make friends for life.	1/10/2021 9:17 AM
11	DECENT/complex housing for SENIOR citizens. No HUD	1/10/2021 12:07 AM
12	We are very comfortable and blessed to b able to live n Williamson Place, unlike so many n Fort Smith who aren't as fortunate. I have few complaints and wish all Fort Smith residence had it so well! Maybe this survey will help accomplish that! Thank u!	1/9/2021 9:59 PM
13	Street and major Hi way repair	1/9/2021 2:12 PM
14	Consider tiny house developments for low income or transient services Create neergy efficient low income housing opportunities	1/8/2021 4:09 PM
15	For the working class within Fort Smith housing is available throughout many areas across the city. However, for those less fortunate or that struggle there is still a need for affordable and quality housing within the city.	1/8/2021 12:09 PM
16	Parks and Recreation amenities make a town a hometown. People need safe green spaces where they can go and de-stress and/or play with their family members. One reason I moved here was because I could see on the Fort Smith City map that there were many green spaces scattered around town.	1/7/2021 10:39 AM
17	what we need more than anything is plan that coordinates all the community needs and addresses them in an orderly fashion.	1/7/2021 8:41 AM
18	There aren't enough affordable options for the poor and working poor. Struggling families need affordable and decent homes. Access to healthcare and mental health desperately need improvement for all, but especially poor and working poor.	1/7/2021 2:19 AM

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19	Small community non profits are forsaken, road conditions scare away companies and job growth, artery streets are eyesores, under maintained commercial property owners need to be cited with educational courses on property maintenance and upkeep (with new code ordinance implementation; in the same manner the university needs to do it's part with the citizenry with such courses for the community in par with Community Development. Help Fort Smith not to be so run-down. In other words, so "ghetto".	1/6/2021 11:21 PM
20	I believe emphasis needs to be put on mental health and substance abuse services in fort smith along with temporary housing for the homeless. Many studies show that the vast majority of homeless in America are due to a lack of access to mental health care, which leads to substance abuse to dull the problems. Seattle's model of temporary homeless housing managed by a caseworker that focuses on getting people IDs, healthcare, and substance abuse help.	1/6/2021 9:34 PM
21	SWEEP THE GUTTERS.	1/6/2021 9:16 PM
22	N/A	1/6/2021 3:35 PM
23	One great benefit for Fort Smith would be to develop and approve policies that protect the vulnerable populations. It would be important to have these policies in place and enforced prior to any neighborhood revitalization project in order to control rent and housing cost and prevent regentrification from occurring.	1/6/2021 1:09 PM
24	After working 30 years in manufacturing management in Fort Smith I know we have a big problem with literacy levels in both reading and math. Instead of thinking about the needs of industry for a minute turn the table and think about why so many citizens work where wages are low and need public assistance.	1/6/2021 12:37 PM
25	The roads should be the number one fixed.	1/6/2021 11:53 AM
26	Would like to see more day treatment facilities and activity type centers for all ages.	1/6/2021 11:52 AM
27	Affordability of housing and services	1/6/2021 10:55 AM
28	Schools are not mentioned in this survey and I think with the new mileage our schools should be in good shape.	1/6/2021 10:31 AM
29	Would like to keep as much urban green space as possible. Prefer redevelopment over development. Thanks.	1/6/2021 10:08 AM
30	We need to take care of the sewer and water systems and our roads. The things that matter in the health of people instead of things for enjoyment.	1/6/2021 9:54 AM
31	The entire Community Development department does an outstanding job - speedy response to request for assistance , patience and professional.	1/6/2021 9:17 AM
32	Affordable, decent housing is not widely available for those with little to no income. In order to move people out of extreme poverty (homelessness or "couch surfing," there need to be options that the lowest income people can afford. Most people at the lowest end of the financial spectrum are working at minimum wage jobs and cannot afford even the lowest cost housing. Unless they are given more opportunities to become self-sufficient, this will continue as it has been. More access to very affordable temporary (transitional) housing can give someone time to get on their feet allowing them to move into something unsubsidized. In addition, there is a desperate need for some types of permanent group housing for people who are unable to live alone due to mental illness or disability, but would still be able to hold some type of job.	1/6/2021 8:32 AM
33	This is a poor city I understand running credit on rentals but with the pandemic I can understand if your credit dropped why can't we check job past rental history to keep people of color out	1/6/2021 7:42 AM
34	A youth facility (ex:YMCA or Jones Center) for the Youth other than the boys and girls club would be great. To help deter adolescents, teenagers, and young adults off the streets and out of trouble. Something that is open on weekends and can guarantee family fun as well.	1/6/2021 7:42 AM
35	Programs should be made known to all citizens in regards to what assistance is available to help with the low to middle class families to secure funding for home ownership, repairing of, and maintenance of homes after purchasing	1/6/2021 6:13 AM

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36	Bettering our community benefits everyone. Fort Smith needs to attract and retain businesses for future growth. Youth need more activities. Develop the River area downtown-restaurants, housing, sports complex. Fort Smith would be a great home for a professional sports team such as a hockey team. Several years ago youth with vision from Union Christian Academy presented a proposal for a professional hockey team. Fort Smith is losing bright young adults every day to other cities. Let's build Fort Smith into a place where they will choose to live and thrive.	1/5/2021 10:16 PM
37	There needs to be more enforcement for extreme noise such as loud music and loitering in these communities. There has been too many shootings incidents in some low to no income housing community. There needs to be more enforcement in those areas. Also I suggest more mandatory inspections in these housings.	1/5/2021 9:50 PM
38	I would like to see Fort Smith invest in rebuilding and improving the neighborhoods, apartments and homes we have instead of building more. We have so much that with vision could really make a impact. I think collaborating with UAFS to attract corporations is something we need to focus on. Retaining our young adult graduates with this type of collaboration will cont to grow our community. I also think the city should again collaborate with UAFS to attract businesses such as Walmart or Amazon for sub campuses withing their corporations. That would create jobs and retain graduates in our community. The homeless population is a disgrace to our community and Hope Campus has not produced rehabilitation for our homeless population. We need mental health support I think a collaboration with the osteopathic college could give support to our community in this area and focus on programs to aid in homeless prevention. When recruiting business to our city restaurants are not the go to business people can't buy homes on restaurant wages. Last but not least we have to get our city on its feet. The roads are unsafe to drive on. The excuse of its a state hwy is unacceptable. The parks are not maintained the grass, weeding, trash and bathrooms are terrible. Moving the city to Chaffee we can not forget the rest of the city needs.	1/5/2021 9:41 PM
39	ft.smith needs more for the children of the community	1/5/2021 9:37 PM
40	In my opinion, all homeless services in the city should be located in close proximity to each other. This is more convenient for the homeless, plus it would identify, monitor and coordinate the services offered to them to prevent unnecessary duplication and waste of resources for the homeless.	1/5/2021 9:05 PM
41	I would like to see the homeless services/shelters moved away from downtown Fort Smith.	1/5/2021 7:41 PM
42	We need more assistance with food healthcare and mental health and the homeless and our public schools for our children	1/5/2021 7:26 PM
43	More affordable descent housing for lower income people	1/5/2021 6:36 PM
44	We need transitional housing for those at risk of homelessness and those without a home. We need more of housing that is not shelter related.	1/5/2021 5:19 PM
45	N/A	1/5/2021 4:16 PM
46	Some should be done about the way pike place treats there residents. If someone pays for a month of rent they should get the whole month. And they know what I'm talking about.	1/5/2021 3:57 PM
47	N/A	1/5/2021 3:46 PM
48	Fort Smith should designate more funding for community housing such as transitional and permanent supportive housing for the homeless population. More funds should be available for non-profits to house the homeless while they work thru the court systems, addiction and mental health facilities. Transportation 24/7 is definitely needed for those that work the night shifts and other shifts that are currently not covered.	1/5/2021 3:46 PM
49	Until this community is willing to invest in more public transportation for all shifts we will continue to have a homeless problem. If people have no way to get to work, getting them employment doesn't matter.	1/5/2021 1:54 PM
50	I think that there are rental housing options available but the conditions of that housing whether it is an apt or house are often substandard and not well-maintained by the landlord. I do think that there are shelter options available for the homeless but that our community could benefit from more transitional and permanent supportive housing out in our community within a program where homeless are integrated into the community. With the current conditions during	1/5/2021 1:16 PM

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the pandemic, I also think that it is more difficult for those who struggle financially to get into a home or get rental assistance.

51	Need to help incentivize landlord's to update and fix properties.	1/5/2021 12:25 PM
52	Several areas of insufficiency exist in our community - transportation, hunger, housing, high incarceration rates, affordable housing, e Educational opportunities for the poor that are affordable, career opportunities, jobs that allow affordable living wages to restore the middle class	1/5/2021 11:55 AM
53	I feel like due to the lack of new things coming to Fort Smith that we lose a lot of people especially young people. Sometimes I feel like Fort Smith is a dying community. We don't need more banks, churches, etc. We need things to draw people to Ft Smith, things for our children to be active in and I feel like our crime rates would decrease. Bring new exciting things to Fort Smith and then keep them here.	1/5/2021 11:20 AM
54	Water and sewer bills are way way to high.	1/4/2021 4:18 PM
55	Streets and economic development are top priorities. City should implement regulations against panhandlers, as well as programs for education and job placement for the homeless in order to qualify for city services and housing. Demolition of delapidated buildings is a necessity as well as requirements for business owners to maintain premises (especially on Towson and Midland). Consent Order requires more aggressive action with the EPA to lower costs to the citizens (which could require the recruitment of state leaders to help the city in its dealings with the agency).	1/4/2021 11:21 AM
56	If you want more participation in this survey then you must make it where people can FIND the survey ! The BS of searching for this survey is silly.	1/4/2021 10:34 AM
57	Bring jobs to Ft Smith. ARCOM was a great move, need Moore!!!	1/4/2021 7:05 AM
58	Need more entertainment venues for young people	1/4/2021 6:59 AM
59	Need more affordable housing for multi families with disabilitys	1/3/2021 10:36 PM
60	We need a modernized infrastructure, bitter care facilities and better support for homeless citizens and struggling families.	1/3/2021 10:26 PM
61	Fix the water leaks!	1/3/2021 9:15 PM
62	I would like to see an initiative that puts a sidewalk on every street in Fort Smith. Please base this on a percentage of completion every year. As in "all new roads must include sidewalks and bike paths. 10% of all roads that existed in the previous year that did not have sidewalks will have sidewalks installed this year." Each year the number of miles of roads goes down so 10% is less but some roads will be harder/more expensive to create sidewalks.	1/3/2021 8:11 PM
63	I think new businesses should be encouraged to remodel or refurbish existing structures and not keep expanding our concrete footprint. There are many wonderful empty buildings in Fort smith.	1/3/2021 2:31 PM
64	we need affordable housing for low income working families that is in a safe neighborhood. Also more housing and support for the homeless. I think the average senior citizen owns their home but many can't afford repairs because of the high utility costs.. this needs to be addressed as well.	1/3/2021 9:22 AM
65	Focus on city services, lower utilities, provide better value to the citizens. I HATE ALTERNATE WEEK RECYCLING!!!	12/30/2020 10:09 AM
66	Need animal control enforced	12/30/2020 7:29 AM
67	We have no laws protecting us as tenants and the slumlords take advantage of us low income families	12/30/2020 1:32 AM
68	I would like to see Ft. Smith become more walkable and one priority to me is sidewalks in existing neighborhoods. N 46th St. between Free Ferry and Rogers along St. Scholastica desperately needs sidewalks before someone walking in the street is killed. Park Ave between Albert Pike and Waldron needs sidewalks as well. I want walkable neighborhoods with grocery and other stores but in central and North Ft. Smith. The old railroad trail by the main library should be developed. I am tired of seeing that type of development only targeted for the Chaffee Crossing area. We need to highlight the area on Grand near UAFS for grocery and	12/29/2020 10:05 PM

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shop development besides fast food. The old apartment complex between Park and Kinkead is an eyesore and dangerous and must be tom down. We should also require curbs be required in all new residential developments. Thank you for providing this opportunity to express my opinion.

69	We need to focus on our water and sewer system. We need to drive down water bills immediately. We need to offer water assistance for house holds making less than 50k. Our water and sewer bills are completely out of control. We need to make this our top priority over all issues. Secondly we need to get our city taxes under control. The alcohol tax will only drive sells up in Oklahoma. More and more people are shopping in Oklahoma and other towns to avoid the higher city taxes. 3rd we need to study the homeless in this area. I've been told that NWA and surrounding communities are bussing their homeless to Fort Smith to take advantage of our generous programs. We should consider moving our homeless to NWA.	12/29/2020 8:19 PM
70	Fort Smith's flood drainage management is awful, too include Fort Smith not following its own code enforcement by disregarding what the City is responsible for, like areas that pose a health risk to its citizens.	12/29/2020 7:29 PM
71	All areas must be addressed. It is almost impossible to prioritize the choices provided. I would certainly put the most vulnerable citizens at the top of the list.	12/27/2020 10:02 AM
72	Like most surveys your questions are created to steer to the answers you have already chosen	12/27/2020 7:07 AM
73	This entire city need to be connected by sidewalks or trails to enhance both general health and amenities desired by many different democratic groups.	12/27/2020 6:41 AM
74	Housing that's well suited to multi-generational families could be improved. Most of our housing is optimized for the parents and kids family style, not the parents and kids and grandparent style, or parents and adult kid style. You need a different set up for that sort of family with extra adults. A lot more people these days are opting to live in multi generation households like that. Housing that's set up to be convenient for that would be attractive.	12/24/2020 10:46 AM
75	Blight and transitioning unemployed to a work-skill program are my concerns. In 2019 we loaned out lawnmowers to several poor renters who could not afford one and they were going to be char ged by the city. A city-wide program to remediate would improve neighborhoods and generate support for the city. Look at the properties that have liens against them that total almost \$100,000. Many do not look like the owners have the resources to pay! So neighborhoods lose value and the collection is a challenge.	12/22/2020 8:05 PM
76	Often money from grants like these ends up in the hands of big businesses and developers, with few benefits going to the majority of citizens in the community, particularly to low income citizens. I fear that money will be given to large businesses for job training and other forms of workforce development that is specific to existing industries, which may, or may not remain in the region long term. Or to developers who will use it to build housing that will be unaffordable for most people. I guess overall, I'd like the money to go toward long term, sustainable goals, as opposed to things that may benefit developers/big businesses in the short run. Things like education, affordable healthcare, aid to home buyers, expanding small business ownership. There's definitely a homeless/drug problem in the area, that I fear will only get worse over the next couple of years. So there's a need for immediate action on that front, but unless you invest in long term solutions, you'll only be putting band aids on the problem.	12/19/2020 6:10 AM
77	Homebound Senior's need low to no cost transportation to take them to much needed appointments, errands, and other activities.	12/17/2020 2:09 PM
78	There is always room for improvement in the relationship between government and its citizens. Perception is more important than facts in creating and maintaining trust.	12/16/2020 6:15 AM
79	Attracting new corporate businesses to Fort Smith will help move us forward as well as bring new life to our town. Health care is a fantastic start but we want to be diversified.	12/15/2020 9:52 PM
80	Never can find 3br homes for decent price dort need all the fancy stuff like the new ones recently built that are over 1300 a month need more affordable 3-4br homes/apartments!! Also mental health for kids and more places available than Western Arkansas Guidance and Counseling.. support for families that have young kids that lost a parent, suicide help, etc.	12/14/2020 10:31 PM
81	We strongly need more low income housing in Fort Smith that is not all on the Northside of Fort Smith.	12/14/2020 12:34 PM

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82	I worked in customer service jobs in Fort Smith for 43 years. A common misconception I heard from new residents was that housing, crime levels, education was always substandard compared to the rest of Fort Smith. I often heard people say they would not go to the Northside of Fort Smith because it was too dangerous. We might do some info out to let the general public, especially new residents, it is an affordable, racially diverse and family friendly place to live.	12/14/2020 10:43 AM
83	Take care of streets before we work on all these bike trails- the bikers will find their way	12/14/2020 10:43 AM
84	We need to focus on housing options for our homeless population with proven success. Look into "housing first" the initiative shows it's easier and less expensive to provide housing and job programs than it is to ignore the issue or rely on nonprofits which treat the symptoms but do nothing to cure the problem. Housing First is a viable solution. Here is a link for more info https://endhomelessness.org/resource/housing-first/	12/14/2020 10:15 AM
85	Repair existing sidewalks. Add more sidewalks around the school areas.	12/13/2020 12:36 PM
86	This survey is pretty disappointing. The average citizen completing it does not understand most of the questions asked. Definitions / more detail needs to be added. It almost seems intentionally vague. Extremely disappointing.	12/11/2020 12:09 PM
87	Give all seniors over 60 complete immunity from any taxes on groceries, food, utilities ect. It's not fair to people on fixed incomes.	12/11/2020 10:14 AM
88	What I hear from everyone, and agree, is that the abandoned-looking buildings in FS are a huge blight. I know the city's ways of dealing with these are limited, but it seems like it'd be a big step forward.	12/11/2020 6:44 AM
89	There needs to be affordable 55+ housing . Rockwood apts on Rogers would be great for a 55+ complex. 55+ communities are a great investment. Why? Because they bring in or retain people without kids. More people to pay taxes but don't need schools, etc.pertaining to children.Close to shopping. On bus route, restaurants,not too far away from Doctors and hospitals. We lack 55+ only housing but we have many complexes that would be great for 55+ communities. Also, we need to get in and help restore those old houses we have. Big importance ! Drive around and look! Great houses being let to rot. Need to buckle down on slummy addresses. No excuses for unkept housing and apartments.save our downtown old houses!! Extend public transportation. Mant small industrial places would take the place of large ones we seem to loose. If you can't retain largeones invest in the small industrial businesses. We still have a lot of blue collar workers here needing work. Its really important that with the growth of Chaffey we don't loose Fort Smith to crime ,poverty, blite .We are teedering so please enforce positive change. Do not tollerate crime and illegal drugs to overtake this city. Thank you	12/11/2020 3:10 AM
90	Fort Smith is not to disabled minded. In access to building's, restaurants and other public places. What looks good on paper don't always work. Traveling in a power chair with broken sidewalks or in the streets because thete is no sidewalks is a shameful reflection on the city and those running it	12/10/2020 9:31 PM
91	Please stop taxing us to death.	12/10/2020 7:50 PM
92	Need owners of rental homes to start taking care of properties , northside of town !	12/10/2020 7:40 PM
93	Need better transportation with longer hours since lots of people do not have transportation it would help people to get to and from work after 5 or 6 pm	12/10/2020 6:16 PM
94	Focus more of homeless prevention. There is too many people waiting on income based housing and HUD. Not enough affordable housing or sustainable jobs for low wage and low skill people. Get rid of temp agencies. Too many homeless programs and churches feeding homeless, but not helping with problems like transportation to get to work or debt. Don't give money to non profits who are spinning the wheel and not showing real results that they have moved someone out of homelessness. Our city is not a walkable community. Streets are built for cars and not pedestrians or bikers. Build more sidewalks. Make owners of depliated buildings accountable. Do something different for once and invest in jobs and building up our streets and communities. You give money to the same agencies each year and we still have the same problems. What they say on paper does not reflect reality.	12/10/2020 4:52 PM
95	I strongly support the use of CDBG funds for rental assistance/homelessness prevention	12/10/2020 4:44 PM
96	Fort Smith seems to be a dying community. With the river, highways, railroads, and airport,	12/10/2020 3:07 PM

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you would think large companies would find this area desirable but for whatever reason that doesn't seem to be the case. NW Arkansas has something besides WalMart, Tyson, & JB Hunt that Fort Smith doesn't. I have always heard that "they" will not let Fort Smith flourish. I have never known just who "they" are but it is wrong to let this town die because of "them."

97	Structure demolition and condemnation cannot be stressed enough. Too many structures falling apart decreasing property values and killing the aesthetics and development of our city. #1 priority.	12/10/2020 2:24 PM
98	Need to attract higher paying jobs... then the amenities will come. Lower cost of living and geographical location is our greatest asset.	12/10/2020 2:16 PM
99	Fort Smith needs to bring more companies back here with more jobs. Something to make people want to move here and stay here and not move away for better opportunities. We need to keep developing the downtown area and supporting it as well.	12/10/2020 2:12 PM
100	Make downtown activities attractive to young adults	12/10/2020 1:41 PM
101	Instead of spending millions on new subdivisions at Chaffee, pour some redevelopment money into heritage neighborhoods.	12/10/2020 1:32 PM
102	There are so many rundown buildings on the Northside of town and it looks terrible. There are many homes and neighbors that are being flipped and the rundown buildings on Grand Avenue, North O, and Midland (for example) are definitely preventing development in these areas. If you want our city to grow then other areas need to be maintained to show Fort Smith is a clean place to live. There need to be more sections added to code enforcement to prevent people from parking in their front yards, hoarding trash in their yards, etc. Also the parks on the Northside of town are not maintained as well as those on the East side. Tilles and MLK feel unsafe to even go to. I feel like I'm going to find needles inside the play areas for kids.	12/10/2020 1:14 PM
103	Fort Smith homes are aging and in need of repair/renovation. Newer homes are growing in price and may become unaffordable for average wage earners.	12/10/2020 11:39 AM

The first page of this notice will publish on January 4 & 19, 2021 in the editions of the Times Record. Both pages were sent on January 4, 2021 to the electronic Citizen Participation List 2021 & the list for U. S. Postal delivery to mailing addresses. Matt Jennings 30 Dec 2020 Documentation is attached.

NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
CDBG and HOME Programs
Program Year 2021

The City of Fort Smith will accept applications for Year 47 Community Development Block Grant Funds (\$868,033*), and for Year 28 HOME Investment Partnership Act Funds (\$419,704*) from Monday, January 4, 2021 through 4:00 p.m., Friday, February 5, 2021. Of these amounts, approximately \$342,860 in CDBG funds, \$62,960 in HOME CHDO funds and \$314,774 in HOME funds will be available to outside agencies assisting the city in meeting the strategies of Program Year 2021.

The CDBG and HOME grant programs use an online grants application management software named ZoomGrants™. The link to register and complete a pre-application is <https://zoomgrants.com/gprop.asp?donorid=2210&limited=3092>

Each potential applicant must file the pre-application(s) no later than **Wednesday, January 20, 2021 by 4:00 pm**. All organizations with an approved pre-application by the deadline will receive the link to the Zoom Application Workshop. Attendance at the required Application Workshop will occur on Thursday, January 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. for the CDBG and HOME Programs.

The Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) will conduct online Zoom public hearings on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. The legal notice published on February 26, 2021 will provide the links to each public hearing.

The Fort Smith Mayor and Board of Directors will hold a study session on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and subject to Board placement on the agenda, a Final Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 6, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., both meetings to be held at the **Fort Smith Convention Center, 55 South 7th Street, Exhibit Hall A1 and A2 (subject to change)**. The purpose of all public hearings are to receive input on the Five Year Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2021-2025, proposed funding requests 2021 funding, CDAC recommendations and CDBG/HOME performance.

The Board of Directors meeting location is accessible. Should you have any questions, need interpreter services or other accommodations, please contact Candyce Gabucci, Community Development Coordinator or Matt Jennings, Director of Community Development at 479-784-2209, forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting so that arrangements can be made. The City of Fort Smith is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

** The federal government adopted the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 budget on December 27, 2020. The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has 60 days to inform all jurisdictions of the annual allocations. The CDBG & HOME funds are estimated; therefore, all proposed activities budgets will be proportionally increased or decreased from the estimated funding levels to match actual allocation amounts, if required.*



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**NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY
CDBG and HOME Programs
Program Year 2021**

The City of Fort Smith will accept applications for Year 47 Community Development Block Grant Funds (\$868,033*), and for Year 28 HOME Investment Partnership Act Funds (\$419,704*) from Monday, January 4, 2021 through 4:00 p.m., Friday, February 5, 2021. Of these amounts, approximately \$342,860 in CDBG funds, \$62,960 in HOME CHDO funds and \$314,774 in HOME funds will be available to outside agencies assisting the city in meeting the strategies of Program Year 2021.

The CDBG and HOME grant programs use an online grants application management software named ZoomGrants™. The link to register and complete a pre-application is <https://zoomgrants.com/gprop.asp?donorid=2210&limited=3092>

Each potential applicant must file the pre-application(s) no later than **Wednesday, January 20, 2021 by 4:00 pm**. All organizations with an approved pre-application by the deadline will receive the link to the Zoom Application Workshop. Attendance at the required Application Workshop will occur on Thursday, January 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. for the CDBG and HOME Programs.

The Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) will conduct online Zoom public hearings on Thursday, March 4, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., 2:00 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. The legal notice published on February 26, 2021 will provide the links to each public hearing.

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The Board of Directors meeting location is accessible. Should you have any questions, need interpreter services or other accommodations, please contact Candace Gabucci, Community Development Coordinator or Matt Jennings, Director of Community Development at 479-784-2209, forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting so that arrangements can be made. The City of Fort Smith is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

** The federal government adopted the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 budget on December 27, 2020. The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has 60 days to inform all jurisdictions of the annual allocations. The CDBG & HOME funds are estimated; therefore, all proposed activities budgets will be proportionally increased or decreased from the estimated funding levels to match actual allocation amounts, if required.*



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**NOTICE OF FUND AVAILABILITY
CDBG and HOME Programs
Program Year 2021**

The City of Fort Smith will accept applications for Year 21 Community Development Block Grant funds (\$945,327), and for Year 20 HOME (Housing) Partnership Act Funds (\$415,707) from Monday, January 4, 2021 through 4:00 p.m., Friday, February 5, 2021. Of these amounts, approximately \$342,460 in CDBG funds, \$42,300 in HOME (Housing) funds and \$314,774 in HOME funds will be available to outside agencies according to the City in meeting the strategies of Program Year 2021.

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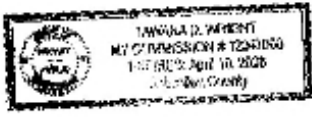
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Community Development Schedule Program Year 2021 (July 1 – June 30)

			<u>ATTENDANCE</u>
January 20, 2021 Wednesday	4:00 p.m.	Completed Pre-application ZoomGrants Online	<u>DEADLINE</u>
January 21, 2021 Thursday	10:00 a.m.	APP. WORKSHOP for CDBG/HOME Projects Zoom Meeting Link provided for approved Pre-applications	<u>REQUIRED</u>
February 5, 2021 Friday	4:00 p.m.	Completed Application - CDBG/HOME Programs through ZoomGrants	<u>DEADLINE</u>
March 4, 2021 Thursday	9:00 a.m.* 2:00 p.m.* 5:30 p.m.*	Community Development Public Hearings 9 am and 5:30 PM will be held at the Convention Center 55 S. 7 th St. Exhibit Hall Rooms A1 and A2 Masks required with social distancing; 2 pm is a virtual public hearing	* <u>REQUIRED</u> *
March 30, 2021 Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Study Session - Board of Directors - Location to be determined	<i>Optional</i>
April 6, 2021 Tuesday	6:00 p.m.	Board of Directors Performance Hearing and - Budget Allocation CDBG/HOME Programs Location to be determined	<i>Optional</i>

*The Public Hearing Schedule is as follows:

March 4, 2021 9:00 a.m. – All CDBG & HOME Applicants
 2:00 p.m. – Citizens Public Hearing
 5:30 p.m. – Any CD applicants not able to attend previous hearings and citizen
 comments / CDAC Funding Recommendations. *Public Service Applicants
 attendance is voluntary. All other applicants must be in attendance.*

Zoom Meeting Link: 2:00 p.m. – <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89058498971>

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Date: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 9:52:00 AM
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Good morning all,

This message is a reminder that any organization contemplating CDBG or HOME funding for an activity, must submit the pre-application no later than 4:00 PM today.

Once a pre-application is approved, the organization representative will receive the link to the Application Workshop tomorrow beginning at 10:00 A.M. Pre-application approval will allow the organization to move into the application module.

Thanks and please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

Matt

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Matt Jennings is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting beginning at 10 a.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2021.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85734813460?pwd=WmVMN05VOTIBbTd6ekVRc2pnVGlHdz09>

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<p>The City of Fort Smith Community Development Department has accepted applications for Year 47 Community Development Block Grant Funds (547,378*), and for Year 28 HOME Investment Partnership Act Funds (318,126*)</p> <p>(These amounts are estimated. Submitted proposals can be reviewed in "Desktop Only" mode at the following location: https://zoomgrants.com/esdaily.asp?key=68HFJCCWUJ392</p> <p>The Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) will conduct two public hearings at the Convention Center and five virtual online Zoom public hearings on Thursday, March 4, 2021 as follows: 9:00 a.m. Convention Center, 55 South 7th Street, Exhibit Hall A1 & A2 2:00 p.m. https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88058498971 5:30 p.m. Convention Center, 55 South 7th Street, Exhibit Hall A1 & A2</p> <p>In addition to input on the proposals, the city is asking citizens to identify community development needs for preparation of the DRAFT Five Year Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2021-2025.</p> <p>The Fort Smith Mayor and Board of Directors will hold a study session on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and subject to Board placement on the agenda, a Final Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., both meetings to be held at the Fort Smith Convention Center, 55 South 7th Street, Exhibit Hall A1 and A2 (subject to change). The purpose of all public hearings are to receive input on the Five Year Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2021-2025, proposed funding requests 2021 funding, CDAC recommendations and CDBG/HOME performance.</p> <p>The meeting location is accessible. Should you have any questions, need interpreter services or other accommodations, please contact Candace Gabeed, Community Development Coordinator at Matt Jennings, Director of Community Development at 479-784-2700, Monday-Friday (48) hours in advance of the meeting so that arrangements can be made. The City of Fort Smith is an Equal Opportunity Employer.</p> <p>* The federal government adopted the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 budget on December 27, 2020. The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has 60 days to inform all jurisdictions of the annual allocations. The CDBG & HOME funds are estimated; therefore, all proposed activities budgets will be proportionally increased or decreased from the estimated funding levels to match actual allocation amounts, if required.</p>		
		

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9:00 a.m. [Convention Center, 55 South 7th Street, Exhibit Hall A1 & A2](#)

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5:30 p.m. [Convention Center, 55 South 7th Street, Exhibit Hall A1 & A2](#)

In addition to input on the proposals, the city is asking citizens to identify community development needs for preparation of the DRAFT Five Year Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2021-2025.

The Fort Smith Mayor and Board of Directors will hold a study session on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and subject to Board placement on the agenda, a Final Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., both meetings to be held at the **Fort Smith Convention Center, 55 South 7th Street, Exhibit Hall A1 and A2 (subject to change)**. *The purpose of all public hearings are to receive input on the Five Year Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2021-2025, proposed funding requests 2021 funding, CDAC recommendations and CDBG/HOME performance.*

The meeting location is accessible. Should you have any questions, need interpreter services or other accommodations, please contact Candyce Gabucci, Community Development Coordinator or Matt Jennings, Director of Community Development at 479-784-2209, forty-eight (48) hours in advance of the meeting so that arrangements can be made. The City of Fort Smith is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

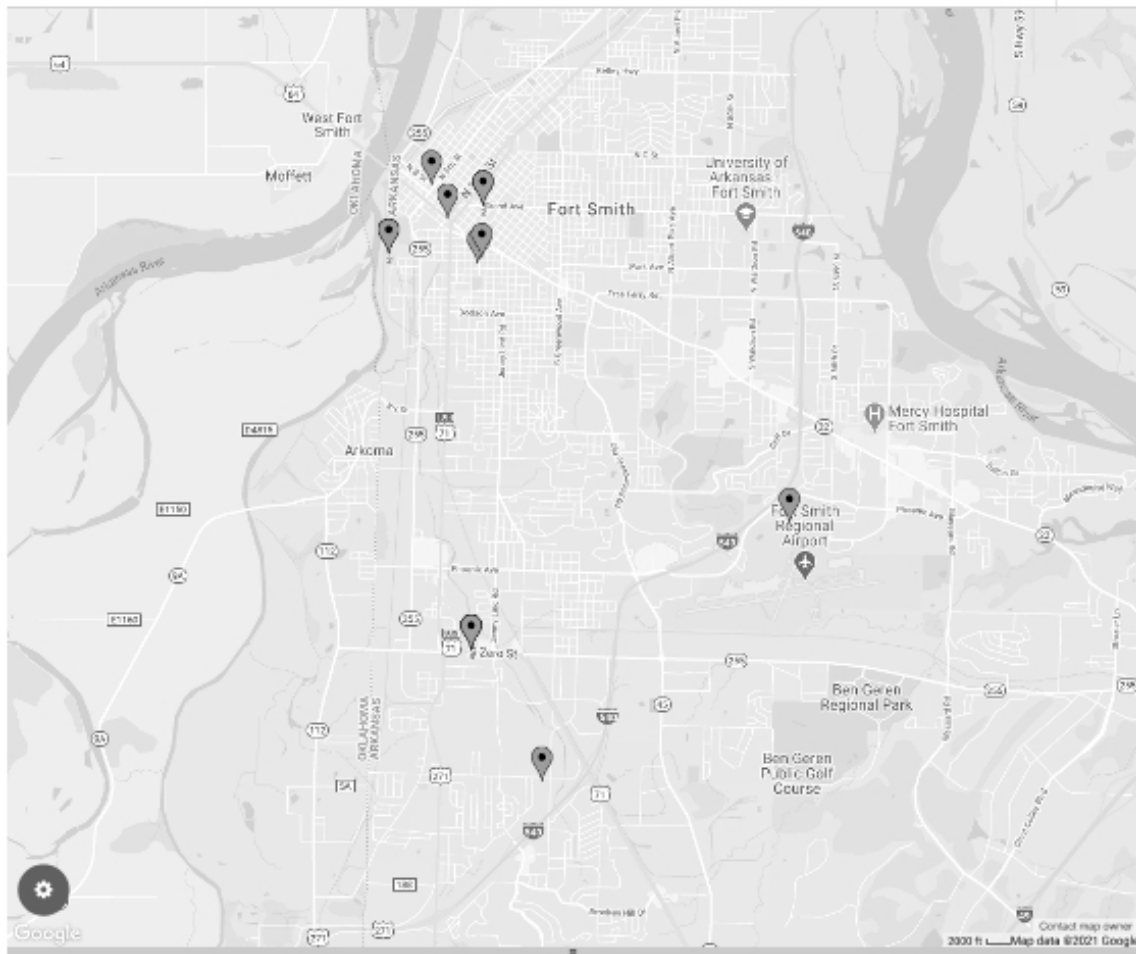
** The federal government adopted the Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2021 budget on December 27, 2020. The U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has 60 days to inform all jurisdictions of the annual allocations. The CDBG & HOME funds are estimated; therefore, all proposed activities budgets will be proportionally increased or decreased from the estimated funding levels to match actual allocation amounts, if required.*



ATTACHMENT 1

CITY OF FORT SMITH PY 2021 - YEAR 47 CDBG ENTITLEMENT			2020 FINAL	2021 Estimated	2021 FINAL
Category 1	<i>Homelessness</i>	15% per Consolidated Plan	\$135,350	\$130,200	\$134,725
Category 2	<i>Public Service</i>	15% Max. per Fed. Regulation (allocation + program income)	\$135,500	\$130,200	\$134,725
Category 3	<i>Community Development</i>	47.5% per Consolidated Plan	\$428,625	\$412,460	\$426,638
	<i>FS Housing Assistance</i>	80% of 47.5% - Consolidated Plan	\$342,900	\$330,000	\$341,315
	<i>Other CD Activities</i>	20% of 47.5% - Consolidated Plan	\$85,725	\$82,460	\$85,330
	<i>Administration</i>	20% Max. per Fed. Regulation	\$180,333	\$173,600	\$179,500
	<i>Unprogrammed</i>	2.5%	\$22,433	\$21,573	\$22,592
TOTAL			\$902,241	\$868,033	\$898,187
March 1, 2021 FINAL					1.0046% Decrease

CITY OF FORT SMITH PY 2021 - YR 28 HOME PARTICIPATING JURISDICTION			2020 FINAL	2021 Estimated	2021 FINAL
Category 4	<i>CHDO Operating</i>	5% Max. by Federal Regulation (City's Option to Fund)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Category 4	<i>CHDO Reserve</i>	15 % Min. by Federal Regulation (Mandatory)	\$65,770	\$62,960	\$62,205
Category 4	<i>Housing</i>		\$328,816	\$314,774	\$311,010
	<i>Administration</i>	10% Max. by Federal Regulation	\$43,736	\$41,970	\$41,465
	<i>Unprogrammed</i>	City's Option to Fund		\$0	
TOTAL			\$438,322	\$419,704	\$414,680
March 1, 2021 FINAL					1.0572% Decrease



Feeding Low-Income Fort Smithians During C-19

P O Box 1571
 Fort Smith, AR 72902
 Applicant: Antioch Consolidated Association for Youth and Family, Inc.

CSCDC Ft. Smith Lot Acquisition

1617 S. Zero
 Fort Smith, AR 72901
 Applicant: Crawford Sebastian Community Development Council, Inc.

CSCDC Ft. Smith New Construction

1617 S. Zero
 Fort Smith, AR 72901
 Applicant: Crawford Sebastian Community Development Council, Inc.

CSCDC HOME DPA

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1617 S. Zero
Fort Smith, AR 72901
Applicant: Crawford Sebastian Community Development
Council, Inc.

CSCDC Public Service: Dental Treatment
1617 S. Zero
Fort Smith, AR 72901
Applicant: Crawford Sebastian Community Development
Council, Inc.

**Membership, program, transportation and
outreach service fees for low-income clients**
PO Box 1253
Fort Smith, AR 72903
Applicant: Girls Incorporated of Fort Smith
Address 2: 1415 Old Greenwood Road

Heart 2 Heart Public Services
417 South 16th Street
Fort Smith, AR 72901
Applicant: Heart to Heart Pregnancy Support Center

Case Management for Transitional Housing
123 North 6th
Fort Smith, AR 72901
Applicant: Next Step Day Room Inc
Address 2: Suite 200

Campus Improvements
301 South E street
Fort Smith, AR 72901
Applicant: Riverview Hope Campus

Case management
301 South E street
Fort Smith, AR 72901
Applicant: Riverview Hope Campus

SRCA - Senior Nutrition Foods for Elderly
2700 Cavanaugh Road
Fort Smith, AR 72918
Applicant: Sebastian Retired Citizens Association, Inc.
Address 2: P.O. Box 181030

**Free Income Tax Preparation and Filing
Assistance**
401 North 13th Street
Fort Smith, AR 72901
Applicant: Western Arkansas Counseling & Guidance Center,
Inc., dba WestArk RSVP

Medicare Assistance
401 North 13th Street
Fort Smith, AR 72901
Applicant: Western Arkansas Counseling & Guidance Center,
Inc., dba WestArk RSVP

HHi Healthy Lifestyle Project
512 South 16th Street
Fort Smith, AR 72901
Applicant: Harbor House, Inc.



City of Fort Smith
Community Development Department
Program Year 2021 - Community Development Funding - CDBG & HOME
Deadline: 2/5/2021

Antioch Consolidated Association for Youth and Family, Inc.
Feeding Low-Income Fort Smithians During C-19

Requested Amount

\$ 20,000.00

Organization Information

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Fort Smith, AR 72902

Tel: 4794590669
Fax:

Website: www.antiochyouthfamily.org
EIN: 27-5069797
DUNS: 081309342

Executive Director

Charolette Tidwell
Founder and Directro
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Program Contact - Name, Email, Telephone

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Ken Kupchick
 kkupchick@gmail.com
 4794590669

What category are you applying for

- Category 1 - Homelessness - \$130,200 - ESTIMATED
- Category 2 - Public Service - \$130,200 - ESTIMATED
- Category 3 - Community Development - \$82,460 - ESTIMATED FINAL (Residential Lot Purchase Only)
- Category 4 - HOME / CHDO - CHDO Reserve - \$62,960 and Housing Activities - \$314,774 - ESTIMATED

For the proposed project, review the 5 Year Goals, Objectives and Strategies in the Library tab and provide below A) The Goal, B) The Objective and C) The Strategy Number. NOTE: These goals objective and strategies will likely to change as the Consolidated Plan is being more fully developed.

Public Services Goal #6: Improve living conditions by addressing non-housing community development for special needs populations

Objective 1: Address community needs through community-based public service programs.

Strategy 1.1: Utilize CDBG public service funding cap to assist public service programs, including, but limited to, fair housing, senior services, health care services, youth services, and child care services.

Performance Goal 1.1: \$115,184 in CDBG Funding allocated to public services in the 1st Year to assist approximately 10,000 low-moderate income individuals and \$460,736 in years 2 through 5 to assist approximately 40,000 low-moderate income individuals.

Does the agency provide Homelessness assistance, continued care or shelter? (regardless of funding source)

Antioch provides food assistance to homeless persons, those who were previously homeless and those who are struggling to remain in their current homes or situations. It is important to emphasize that the food assistance Antioch provides keeps many families from falling into a homeless situation.

Are all agency facilities accessible to those with mobility impairments?

- Yes
- No - Provide explanation in documents tab

If this is a new public service proposal, document the need and provide evidence to support the new service is not being provided elsewhere or is an increase in the level of services.

Antioch is a responding to Round 5 of the USDA CFAP program and fortifying the grocery distribution to reach families in critical need of food assistance with additional food resources

during the pandemic and throughout our recovery from it. Each week, Antioch provides this food to struggling families and individuals at two places -- Martin Luther King Park and at its community pantry.

The Farmers to Family boxes the CFAP program offers only provides two proteins, a cheese item, a dairy item and generally one fruit and one vegetable item. It's simply not enough, and consequently, Antioch must work diligently to procure additional proteins, fruits and vegetables to supplement what is provided.

It is not feasible to assess the impact of the MLK Park events, given the need to acquire demographics. Antioch will apply funding to its work at the community pantry.

For CDBG Category 1 or 3 and for new construction, please insert the project address(es) below (if it is different from the agency address on the front application page).

-no answer-

Crawford Sebastian Community Development Council, Inc.
CSCDC Ft. Smith Lot Acquisition

Requested Amount

\$ 95,000.00

Organization Information

1617 S. Zero

Fort Smith, AR 72901
 United States

Tel: (479)785-2303
 Fax: (479) 785-2341

Website: cscdc.net
 EIN: 71-0388927
 DUNS: 174148247

Executive Director

Marc Baker
 Executive Director
 mbaker@cscdcca.org

Program Contact - Name, Email, Telephone

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 mbaker@cscdcca.org
 (479)785-2303

What category are you applying for

- Category 1 - Homelessness - \$130,200 - ESTIMATED
- Category 2 - Public Service - \$130,200 - ESTIMATED
- Category 3 - Community Development - \$82,460 - ESTIMATED FINAL (Residential Lot Purchase Only)
- Category 4 - HOME / CHDO - CHDO Reserve - \$62,960 and Housing Activities - \$314,774 - ESTIMATED

For the proposed project, review the 5 Year Goals, Objectives and Strategies in the Library tab and provide below A) The Goal, B) The Objective and C) The Strategy Number. NOTE: These goals objective and strategies will likely to change as the Consolidated Plan is being more fully developed.

Goal 5: Affordable Housing 4 - Lot Acquisition
 Objective 2: Increase development of units and affordability of housing for homeownership
 Strategy 2.3: Provide funding for lot acquisition/demolition for new construction to CHDO to assist low-moderate income households purchasing single family homes for homeownership.

Does the agency provide Homelessness assistance, continued care or shelter? (regardless of funding source)

Yes, we provide Homelessness Assistance through our Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), a fast-acting program that provides financial assistance and services to assist those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. Potential assistance includes short-term rental assistance, housing relocation, and stabilization services such as budgeting classes, utility payment assistance, assistance in job searches, and case management. ESG clients must meet the income requirement of 30% area median income. Once our Family Services Operations Manager reaches out to the client and helps them fill out an application, we can rapidly relocate them into permanent housing within the community.

Are all agency facilities accessible to those with mobility impairments?

- Yes
- No - Provide explanation in documents tab

If this is a new public service proposal, document the need and provide evidence to support the new service is not being provided elsewhere or is an increase in the level of services.

-no answer-

For CDBG Category 1 or 3 and for new construction, please insert the project address(es) below (if it is different from the agency address on the front application page).

No properties selected at this time

**Crawford Sebastian Community Development Council, Inc.
 CSCDC Ft. Smith New Construction**

Requested Amount

\$ 450,000.00

Organization Information

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Executive Director
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Program Contact - Name, Email, Telephone

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(479)785-2303

What category are you applying for

- Category 1 - Homelessness - \$130,200 - ESTIMATED
- Category 2 - Public Service - \$130,200 - ESTIMATED
- Category 3 - Community Development - \$82,460 - ESTIMATED FINAL (Residential Lot Purchase Only)
- Category 4 - HOME / CHDO - CHDO Reserve - \$62,960 and Housing Activities - \$314,774 - ESTIMATED

For the proposed project, review the 5 Year Goals, Objectives and Strategies in the Library tab and provide below A) The Goal, B) The Objective and C) The Strategy Number. NOTE: These goals objective and strategies will likely to change as the Consolidated Plan is being more fully developed.

Goal: Improve the condition and availability of affordable housing over a five-year period.
Objective 2: Increase Development of units and affordability of housing for homeownership.
Strategy 2.2: Provide down-payment and closing cost to low-moderate income households purchasing single family homes for home ownership.

Does the agency provide Homelessness assistance, continued care or shelter? (regardless of funding source)

Yes, we provide Homelessness Assistance through our Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), a fast-acting program that provides financial assistance and services to assist those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized. Potential assistance includes short-term rental assistance, housing relocation, and stabilization services such as budgeting classes, utility payment assistance, assistance in job searches, and case management. ESG clients must meet the income requirement of 30% area median income. Once our Family Services Operations Manager reaches out to the client and helps them fill out an application, we can rapidly relocate them into permanent housing within the community.

Are all agency facilities accessible to those with mobility impairments?

- Yes
 No - Provide explanation in documents tab

If this is a new public service proposal, document the need and provide evidence to support the new service is not being provided elsewhere or is an increase in the level of services.

Not applicable

For CDBG Category 1 or 3 and for new construction, please insert the project address(es) below (if it is different from the agency address on the front application page).

See Attached

**Crawford Sebastian Community Development Council, Inc.
 CSCDC HOME DPA**
Requested Amount

\$ 185,000.00

Organization Information

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 DUNS: 174148247

Executive Director

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Program Contact - Name, Email, Telephone

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What category are you applying for

- Category 1 - Homelessness - \$130,200 - ESTIMATED
- Category 2 - Public Service - \$130,200 - ESTIMATED
- Category 3 - Community Development - \$82,460 - ESTIMATED FINAL (Residential Lot Purchase Only)
- Category 4 - HOME / CHDO - CHDO Reserve - \$62,960 and Housing Activities - \$314,774 - ESTIMATED

For the proposed project, review the 5 Year Goals, Objectives and Strategies in the Library tab and provide below A) The Goal, B) The Objective and C) The Strategy Number. NOTE: These goals objective and strategies will likely to change as the Consolidated Plan is being more fully developed.

A) Goal: Affordable Housing 3 - Down Payment Assistance

B) Objective: 2 - Increase Development of units and affordability of housing for homeownership

C) Strategy Number: 2.2 - Provide down payment and closing cost to low-moderate income households purchasing single family homes for homeownership

Does the agency provide Homelessness assistance, continued care or shelter? (regardless of funding source)

Yes, this information was provided in the CSCDC CDBG Applications.

Are all agency facilities accessible to those with mobility impairments?

- Yes
- No - Provide explanation in documents tab

If this is a new public service proposal, document the need and provide evidence to support the new service is not being provided elsewhere or is an increase in the level of services.

-no answer-

For CDBG Category 1 or 3 and for new construction, please insert the project address(es) below (if it is different from the agency address on the front application page).

N/A

Crawford Sebastian Community Development Council, Inc.
CSCDC Public Service: Dental Treatment**Requested Amount**

\$ 20,000.00

Organization Information

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Fort Smith, AR 72901
United StatesTel: (479)785-2303
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EIN: 71-0388927
DUNS: 174148247**Executive Director**Marc Baker
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(479)785-2303**What category are you applying for**

- Category 1 - Homelessness - \$130,200 - ESTIMATED
- Category 2 - Public Service - \$130,200 - ESTIMATED
- Category 3 - Community Development - \$82,460 - ESTIMATED FINAL (Residential Lot Purchase Only)
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objective and strategies will likely to change as the Consolidated Plan is being more fully developed.

- a) Goal 6: Improve living conditions in by addressing non-housing community development for special needs populations over a five-year period.
- b) Objective 1: Address community needs through community-based public service programs.
- c) Strategy Number 1.1: Utilize CDBG public service funding cap to assist public service programs, including, but limited to, fair housing, senior services, health care services, youth services, and child care services.

Does the agency provide Homelessness assistance, continued care or shelter? (regardless of funding source)

Yes. We, the Community Dental Clinic, provide professional dental care to many homeless individuals in our area. These individuals usually are referred from other agencies for which we have an Understanding of Treatment. These agencies include:

Riverview Hope Campus
 Salvation Army
 Harbor House
 Next Step Day Center
 Gateway House

We not only treat homeless individuals referred by other agencies but also provide immediate care for individuals who bring a complete application in to the clinic. These clients can then receive services including but not limited to cancer screenings, fillings, extractions, antibiotic prescriptions for abscesses or infections in the mouth, dentures, and oral surgery.

Are all agency facilities accessible to those with mobility impairments?

- Yes
- No - Provide explanation in documents tab

If this is a new public service proposal, document the need and provide evidence to support the new service is not being provided elsewhere or is an increase in the level of services.

This is not a new public service proposal.

For CDBG Category 1 or 3 and for new construction, please insert the project address(es) below (if it is different from the agency address on the front application page).

N/A

**Girls Incorporated of Fort Smith
 Membership services**

Requested Amount

\$ 12,850.00

Organization Information

PO Box 1253
1415 Old Greenwood Road
Fort Smith, AR 72903

Tel: 479-782-0375
Fax: 479-782-1726

Website: www.girlsincfortsmith.org
EIN: 71-0236893
DUNS: 96-476-151

Executive Director

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What category are you applying for

- Category 1 - Homelessness - \$130,200 - ESTIMATED
- Category 2 - Public Service - \$130,200 - ESTIMATED
- Category 3 - Community Development - \$82,460 - ESTIMATED FINAL (Residential Lot Purchase Only)
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Goal 6: Improve living conditions in by addressing non-housing community development for special needs populations over a five-year period.

Objective 1: Address community needs through community-based public service programs.

Strategy 1.1: Utilize CDBG public service funding cap to assist public service programs, including,

but limited to, fair housing, senior services, health care services, youth services, and child care services.

Does the agency provide Homelessness assistance, continued care or shelter? (regardless of funding source)

n/a

Are all agency facilities accessible to those with mobility impairments?

- Yes
- No - Provide explanation in documents tab

If this is a new public service proposal, document the need and provide evidence to support the new service is not being provided elsewhere or is an increase in the level of services.

n/a

For CDBG Category 1 or 3 and for new construction, please insert the project address(es) below (if it is different from the agency address on the front application page).

-no answer-

Organization Information

Executive Director

Program Contact - Name, Email, Telephone

What category are you applying for

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Does the agency provide Homelessness assistance, continued care or shelter? (regardless of funding source)

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Are all agency facilities accessible to those with mobility impairments?

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For CDBG Category 1 or 3 and for new construction, please insert the project address(es) below (if it is different from the agency address on the front application page).

Heart to Heart Pregnancy Support Center
Heart 2 Heart Public Services

Requested Amount

\$ 8,000.00

Organization Information

417 South 16th Street

Fort Smith, AR 72901
United States

Tel: 479-452-2260
Fax: 479-573-0700

Website: www.heart2heartpsc.org
EIN: 71-0696728
DUNS: 557348133

Executive Director

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Center Director
heart2heartpsc@gmail.com

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What category are you applying for

- Category 1 - Homelessness - \$130,200 - ESTIMATED
- Category 2 - Public Service - \$130,200 - ESTIMATED
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- Category 4 - HOME / CHDO - CHDO Reserve - \$62,960 and Housing Activities - \$314,774 - ESTIMATED

For the proposed project, review the 5 Year Goals, Objectives and Strategies in the Library tab and provide below A) The Goal, B) The Objective and C) The Strategy Number. NOTE: These goals objective and strategies will likely to change as the Consolidated Plan is being more fully developed.

Public Services

Goal: Improve living conditions in by addressing non-housing community development for special needs populations over a five-year period.

Objective 1: Address community needs through community-based public service programs.

Strategy 1.1: Utilize CDBG public service funding cap to assist public service programs, including, but limited to, fair housing, senior services, health care services, youth services, and child care services.

Performance Goal 1.1: \$115,184 in CDBG Funding allocated to public services in the 1st Year to assist approximately 10,000 low-moderate income individuals and \$460,736 in years 2 through 5 to assist approximately 40,000 low-moderate income individuals.

Does the agency provide Homelessness assistance, continued care or shelter? (regardless of funding source)

n/a

Are all agency facilities accessible to those with mobility impairments?

- Yes
- No - Provide explanation in documents tab

If this is a new public service proposal, document the need and provide evidence to support the new service is not being provided elsewhere or is an increase in the level of services.

This is not a new program proposal

For CDBG Category 1 or 3 and for new construction, please insert the project address(es) below (if it is different from the agency address on the front application page).

-no answer-

Next Step Day Room Inc
Case Management for Transitional Housing

Requested Amount

\$ 20,000.00

Organization Information

123 North 6th
Suite 200
Fort Smith, AR 72901

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Fax: 479-242-5432

Website: <http://thenextstepfs.org>
EIN: 71-0755680
DUNS: 807060751

Executive Director

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Sharon Chapman

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What category are you applying for

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- Category 2 - Public Service - \$130,200 - ESTIMATED
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The requested funding addresses the Five-Year Consolidated Plan Goal 6: Improving the conditions in Fort Smith by addressing non-housing community development for special needs populations. This project specifically targets Objective number 1: Address community needs through community-based public service projects under Strategy 1:1 to utilize CDBG public service funding cap to assist public service programs. This funding request also helps to achieve the national objective benefitting low and moderate income persons. 100% of our clients at Next Step are in the extremely low to low income categories.

This funding request also dovetails with the Five-Year Consolidated Plan Goal 7: Facilitate the expansion of housing and supportive services offered to homeless families and individuals. This project addresses Objective #1 of supporting services targeted to transitional housing; and the Strategy#1.1 of providing CDBG funds to support Transitional Housing... operations and supportive services for facilities that provide transitional housing for homeless persons and families.

Does the agency provide Homelessness assistance, continued care or shelter? (regardless of funding source)

Next Step Homeless Services meets the community need of finding solutions for our homeless population with a dual approach: emergency day shelter services and a transitional and permanent supportive housing program. NSHS operates our emergency day shelter every weekday from 8 am to 4 pm. Each client is treated with respect and dignity and is assigned a professional case manager to assess their individual needs. We assist an average of 80-120 men, women and children per day and on average 400 separate individuals every month. In 2020, we served 1400 separate individuals.

The second part of our approach to ending homelessness is our community housing program. This program is the area that we are seeking funding for. Our agency continues to grow our housing program with both group and single family housing that is located out in our community. By locating our housing in the community, we believe that clients can become accustomed to living and working amongst the other citizens in our city and will prepare them for life outside of our housing program. We currently have 3 group homes: Buddy Smith Home, a 15 bed transitional residence for male veterans, the Esther House, an 8 bedroom transitional home for females and children, and the Gabriel House, an 8 bed permanent supportive home for men. We also own 4 single family two bedroom transitional homes for families and a transitional duplex for two families or individuals. We also partner with a local church to provide 3 single transitional apartments as part of our housing program.

One of the key components to the success of our transitional housing program is that gaining entry into our program comes with the benefit of intensive case management services. The case manager helps the client secure employment, improve upon life skills and holds the client accountable for meeting the requirements of the program. One of the requirements of the program is that the client must be drug and alcohol free. Our case managers spend a lot of time holding our clients to this requirement either through collaboration through drug and alcohol service providers, drug court officers, giving drug screens and assisting with resources for addiction issues. Our housing clients are required to participate in a savings program that is returned to them once they exit. We ask each client to save 80% of their income into that savings program since most of their expenses are covered for a great deal of the time they stay with us. The average stay in one of our homes is 6 months.

Are all agency facilities accessible to those with mobility impairments?

- Yes
 No - Provide explanation in documents tab

If this is a new public service proposal, document the need and provide evidence to support the new service is not being provided elsewhere or is an increase in the level of services.

CDBG has supported the Next Step housing program with funding for utilities in our housing facilities last year. This year the project is directed at providing funding for increased case management in our housing program. We believe that we would be able to assist more individuals with community housing, life skills training, assistance with job searches and monitoring their progress to independence if we are able to increase our case management services. This funding would help greatly with that goal and would provide an increase in the level of services.

For CDBG Category 1 or 3 and for new construction, please insert the project address(es) below (if it is different from the agency address on the front application page).

-no answer-

**Riverview Hope Campus
Campus Improvements**

Requested Amount

\$ 82,554.00

Organization Information

301 South E street

Fort Smith, AR 72901
United States

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What category are you applying for

- Category 1 - Homelessness - \$130,200 - ESTIMATED
- Category 2 - Public Service - \$130,200 - ESTIMATED
- Category 3 - Community Development - \$82,460 - ESTIMATED FINAL (Residential Lot Purchase Only)
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Goal: Facilitate an expansion of housing and supportive services offered to homeless families and individuals

Objective #1: Support projects and services targeted to transitional housing, homeless prevention, and the elimination of homelessness and Rapid Re-housing

Strategy #1.1- Provide CDBG funds to support Transitional Housing, facility repairs/renovations, Operations and Supportive services for facilities that provide transitional housing for homeless persons and families and person at risk of becoming homeless

Goal: Facilitate improvements to public community facilities

Objective #1: Support projects that provide improvements and repairs to public and community facilities.

Strategy #1.1- Provide CDBG funds to support public and community facilities that serve residents of Fort Smith.

Does the agency provide Homelessness assistance, continued care or shelter? (regardless of

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funding source)

Yes, the mission of Riverview Hope Campus is to provide a safe environment, through a network of regional partners, comprehensive services to impoverished individuals and families in the River Valley to improve their livelihood and in return, strengthen the community. Riverview Hope Campus will address acute needs as well as help individuals identify root causes of the challenges they face so that these individuals can pursue a path to self-sufficiency. Hope Campus is focused on providing services and programs that are consistent with our FOUR PILLARS OF HOPE; Educating Families, Mental Health and Addiction, Homeless Prevention and Management, which encompasses housing options and Healthcare and Nutrition.

Are all agency facilities accessible to those with mobility impairments?

- Yes
 No - Provide explanation in documents tab

If this is a new public service proposal, document the need and provide evidence to support the new service is not being provided elsewhere or is an increase in the level of services.

Hope Campus recently implemented a mental health day treatment and clinical program, "Hope Cares" through evidence-based practices, focusing on mental illness, substance abuse and trauma recovery to increase stabilization and self-sufficiency. Our goal is to prepare our community homeless population to be able to manage symptoms and independently engage in activities of daily living so that they will be well prepared to successfully live independently and reduce the rates of long-term homelessness.

In October of 2020, Hope Cares earned National Accreditation through The Joint Commission to become an Outpatient Behavioral Health Agency through Arkansas Department of Human Services. The next and final step to this process is applying for state certification through Arkansas Department of Health Services to become an Outpatient Behavioral Health Agency. To apply, our office suite needs ceilings and doors for the clinicians offices. This is a compliance of HIPPA, The Joint Commission, Arkansas Department of Health Services and each of our clinician's licensure and certifications. Without this certification from the Arkansas Department of Health Services, our agency is not able to bill Medicaid insurance. Hope Campus operates through grants and private donations. The revenue from our mental health department would provide secure services for our residents who suffer from mental health and substance use disorders and offer them a more stable path to independent living.

For CDBG Category 1 or 3 and for new construction, please insert the project address(es) below (if it is different from the agency address on the front application page).

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Riverview Hope Campus
Case management
Requested Amount

\$ 20,000.00

Organization Information

301 South E street

Fort Smith, AR 72901
United StatesTel: 479-668-4764
Fax:Website: www.riverviewhopecampus.org
EIN: 47-4783296
DUNS: 080664090**Executive Director**Chris Joannides
Executive Director
chris@riverviewhopecampus.org**Program Contact - Name, Email, Telephone**Chris Joannides
chris@riverviewhopecampus.org
479-668-4764**What category are you applying for**

- Category 1 - Homelessness - \$130,200 - ESTIMATED
- Category 2 - Public Service - \$130,200 - ESTIMATED
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Goal #7 Facilitate an expansion of housing and supportive services offered to homeless families and individuals.

Objective #1 Support projects and services targeted to transitional housing, homeless prevention, and the elimination of homelessness and Rapid-Re-housing

Strategy #1.1- Provide CDBG funds to support Transitional Housing, facility repairs/renovations, Operations and Supportive services for facilities that provide transitional housing for homeless

persons and families and persons at risk of becoming homeless

Does the agency provide Homelessness assistance, continued care or shelter? (regardless of funding source)

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Are all agency facilities accessible to those with mobility impairments?

- Yes
 No - Provide explanation in documents tab

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Continuation and increase of case management services for homeless individuals.

For CDBG Category 1 or 3 and for new construction, please insert the project address(es) below (if it is different from the agency address on the front application page).

-no answer-

**Sebastian Retired Citizens Association, Inc.
 SRCA - Senior Nutrition Foods for Elderly**

Requested Amount

\$ 15,000.00

Organization Information

2700 Cavanaugh Road
 P.O. Box 181030
 Fort Smith, AR 72918
 United States

Tel: 479-648-9970
 Fax: 479-648-3468

Website: NA
 EIN: 71-0487301

DUNS: 164589772

Executive Director

Deanna Rice
 SRCA Executive Director
 srca1@sebastian.kscoxmail.ocm

Program Contact - Name, Email, Telephone

Deanna Rice
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 479-648-9970

What category are you applying for

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Goal: Improve living conditions by addressing non-housing community-development for special needs population over a five year period.

Objective 1: Address community needs through community-based public service programs.

Strategy 1.1: Utilize CDBG public service funding cap to assist public service programs, including but limited to fair housing, senior services, health care services, youth services, and child care services.

Does the agency provide Homelessness assistance, continued care or shelter? (regardless of funding source)

SRCA will provide meals to anyone homeless 60 years of age or older providing they can provide us a drop off point to make contact with them. This is the extent of what we can do under assistance.

Are all agency facilities accessible to those with mobility impairments?

- Yes

No - Provide explanation in documents tab

If this is a new public service proposal, document the need and provide evidence to support the new service is not being provided elsewhere or is an increase in the level of services.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic our program has had an increase in the need for meals to be delivered to those who are at high-risk of contracting COVID-19. There has been an increase in Disabled Veterans, Caregivers taking care of their loved ones who are high risk, and those on hospice. Our most vulnerable population is in fear of leaving their home to even get groceries. Overall food needs has sky rocketed.

For CDBG Category 1 or 3 and for new construction, please insert the project address(es) below (if it is different from the agency address on the front application page).

-no answer-

**Western Arkansas Counseling & Guidance Center, Inc., dba WestArk RSVP
Free Income Tax Preparation and Filing Assistance**

Requested Amount

\$ 10,000.00

Organization Information

401 North 13th Street

Fort Smith, AR 72901
United States

Tel: 4797834155
Fax: 4797822269

Website: www.westarkrsvp.org
EIN: 23-7015826
DUNS: 071260202

Executive Director

Susan Reehl
RSVP Executive Program Director
susie.reehl@westarkrsvp.org

Program Contact - Name, Email, Telephone

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susie.reehl@westarkrsvp.org
4797834155

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Public Services

Goal: Improve living conditions in by addressing non-housing community development for special needs populations over a five-year period.

Objective 1: Address community needs through community-based public service programs.

Strategy 1.1: Utilize CDBG public service funding cap to assist public service programs, including, but limited to, fair housing, senior services, health care services, youth services, and child care services. Specifically senior services - Tax Counseling for the Elderly.

Does the agency provide Homelessness assistance, continued care or shelter? (regardless of funding source)

WestArk RSVP provides free income tax preparation and electronic filing of state and federal tax returns to the homeless. This is especially important this year in order for the homeless to access stimulus funds.

Are all agency facilities accessible to those with mobility impairments?

- Yes
- No - Provide explanation in documents tab

If this is a new public service proposal, document the need and provide evidence to support the new service is not being provided elsewhere or is an increase in the level of services.

WestArk RSVP has been providing free tax assistance since 2008.

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Not applicable.

**Western Arkansas Counseling & Guidance Center, Inc., dba WestArk RSVP
Medicare Assistance**

Requested Amount

\$ 10,000.00

Organization Information

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Objective 1: Address community needs through community-based public service programs.

Strategy 1.1: Utilize CDBG public service funding cap to assist public service programs, including, but limited to, fair housing, senior services, health care services, youth services, and child care services. Specifically: Senior services and health care services.

Does the agency provide Homelessness assistance, continued care or shelter? (regardless of funding source)

WestArk RSVP provides free income tax preparation assistance and electronic filing of state and federal income tax returns to the the homeless in addition to providing Medicare assistance to the homeless who are aged or disabled.

Are all agency facilities accessible to those with mobility impairments?

- Yes
 No - Provide explanation in documents tab

If this is a new public service proposal, document the need and provide evidence to support the new service is not being provided elsewhere or is an increase in the level of services.

Not applicable - WestArk RSVP has been providing Medicare assistance to the citizens of Fort Smith since 2006.

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-no answer-

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(Signature)

Sworn before me on the 26th day of February 2021

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Tawana D. Wright
Notary Public



CDBG Homelessness - Category 1

Proposal ID	Organization Name	Proposal Title	Requested Amount	Score	Funding Recommendation
I-333345	Riverview Hope Campus	Campus Improvements	\$ 82,554	90.67	\$82,554

Motion made by:
Cinda Rusin

Yea
7

Seconded by:
Claudia Bratcher

Nay
0

\$ 82,554
Available

\$82,554
\$134,725
\$ (52,171)

CDBG Community Development - Category 3

Proposal ID	Organization Name	Proposal Title	Requested Amount	Score	Funding Recommendation
B-333269	Crawford Sebastian CDC, Inc.	Lot Acquisition	\$ 95,000	81.36	\$85,330.00
					\$ 85,330.00

Motion made by: Cinda Rusin Yea 7	Seconded by: George Willis Nay 0	Available \$85,330.00
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HOME - Category 4

Proposal ID	Organization Name	Proposal Title	Requested Amount	Score	Funding Recommendation
C-333172	Crawford Sebastian CDC, Inc.	New Construction	\$ 450,000	77.71	\$273,215.00
D-333268	Crawford Sebastian CDC, Inc.	Down Payment Assist. (DPA)	\$ 185,000	87.14	\$100,000.00

Motion made by: Claudia Bratcher Yea 7	Seconded by: Olan James Nay 0	Available CHDO Reserve \$311,010.00 \$62,205.00
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REVIEW AND COMMENT PERIOD

The Review and Comment period for the DRAFT Copy of the Five Year Consolidated Plan for Program Years (PY) 2021-2025 (also contains the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan) and the DRAFT Citizen Participation Plan will expire on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. No physical copies will be available at this time due to ongoing concerns to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. Both documents are accessible online at: <https://www.fortsmithar.gov/sites/pla/compendia/development/category/50-communitydevelopment>

Information presented in the 5 Year Consolidated Plan 2021-2025 and Citizen Participation Plan will be submitted to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Little Rock Field Office on or about May 15, 2021, subject to the City Board of Directors' amendment or approval on May 4, 2021.

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Consolidated Plan for 2021-2025

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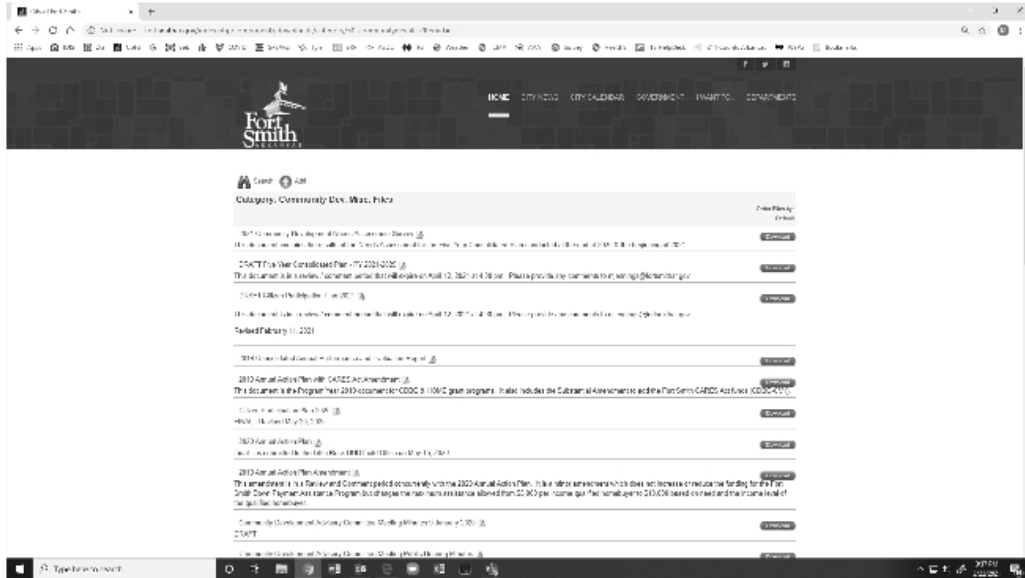
Jane Lynch
(Signature)

Sworn before me on the 12th day of March 2021

My Commission expires April 10, 2026

Dorinda D. Wright
Notary Public





From: [Jennings, Matt](#)
To: [Ken Kupchick](#)
Cc: [James Gillevlen](#); [Robert Joiner](#); [Candyce Gabucci](#); [Charollette Tidwell](#)
Subject: RE: [EXT]Re: DRAFT Five Year Consolidated Plan - Review and Comment Period
Date: Friday, March 12, 2021 10:34:00 AM
Attachments: [image005.png](#)

Ken,

I am providing your comments to our consultants JQUAD Planning Group, LLC. They may have something to add or provide additional guidance. We appreciate the comments that is what this time period is to allow.

While you are correct that CDBG is directed more towards housing and the homeless, the city has traditionally allowed the 15% maximum use of these funds to support public service activities where other cities do not. Typically these are activities that should be funded by VOCA, USDA & DHHS. This assistance is needed because of the poverty rate in FS.

While not specifically called out as "food", I consider every time health care is mentioned, food is a base line of health. It is a high priority in the last plan and this one as well.

View Page 124, about Public Service where it reads "including but not limited" which is Goal 5.

Page 46, it indicates services for youth & seniors

Page 62, Paragraph 3

Page 78, Items 4 and Page 80, Item 8

Page 83, Item 13

Page 84, Senior Nutrition

Lastly, we plan to direct CDBG-CV3 money towards food in the coming months.

One thing I don't understand is why you all are not spending the 2020 money you have right now.

Matt

From: Ken Kupchick <kkupchick@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 12, 2021 10:03 AM
To: Jennings, Matt <mjennings@FortSmithAR.gov>
Subject: [EXT]Re: DRAFT Five Year Consolidated Plan - Review and Comment Period

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Matt, I am confused. It seemed to me that food the need for food assistance was strongly indicated in the survey, yet it is barely mentioned in the Comprehensive Plan. I know Charollette responded to the survey, but Antioch is not listed as providing insights.

I know CDBG is heavily weighted towards housing and homelessness. But, I would

have thought food assistance would have been mentioned more in the plan following the survey, particularly when discussions of preventing people from becoming unsheltered.

On Fri, Mar 12, 2021 at 7:39 AM Jennings, Matt <mjennings@fortsmithar.gov> wrote:



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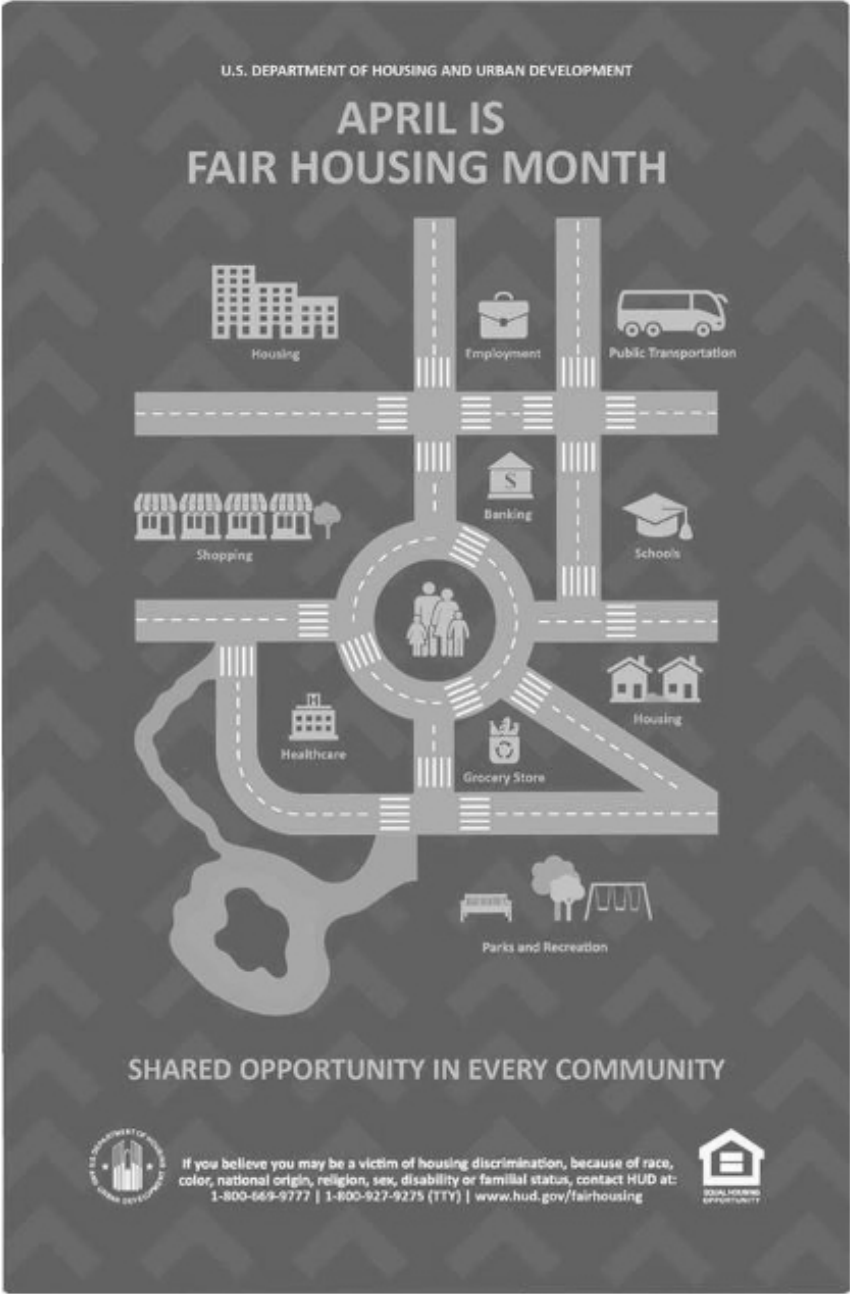
<http://www.fortsmithar.gov/index.php/component/jdownloads/category/50-communitydevfiles?Itemid=> The Mayor & Board of Directors will review the draft document at the study session on Tuesday, March 30, 2021 at 6:00 pm at the Fort Smith Convention Center located at 55 South 7th Street in Exhibit Hall Rooms A1 and A2.

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J. Matt Jennings, AICP
 Director of Community Development

City of Fort Smith
623 Garrison Avenue – Suite 331
Fort Smith, Arkansas 72901
479-784-2209



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Ken Kupchick
479-883-9273

From: [Reese Brewer](#)
To: [Jennings, Matt](#)
Subject: [EXT]"Con" Plan
Date: Friday, March 26, 2021 8:57:53 AM

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Greetings Director Jennings,

We are very interested in following the development of the "Con" Plan as it relates to public facilities and transportation infrastructure especially as it relates to affordable housing areas. Of course, historically marginalized neighborhoods have faced less investment in sidewalks, transit, parks, etc. than wealthier neighborhoods across the nation. As you may know, Frontier Metropolitan Planning Organization is mandated by Congress to undertake regional transportation planning. Recently, we won a grant from the CDC Directors Association to bring a regional team of engineers, developers, healthcare professionals, etc. together to work on walkability. Individuals representing Fort Smith are: Jurena Storm, Talicia Richardson, Jackie Krutsch, Dr. Lisa McClain, and Keley Simpson. Our work focuses on improving equity to transportation facilities for all users; especially for those diverse and communities of color in Fort Smith. Since transportation is key to access to healthcare, education, and improved quality of life, will the "Con" Plan provide some infrastructure criteria and priorities?

In addition, Frontier MPO is the Civic Co-Principal for the National Science Foundation's Civic Innovation Stage 1 funding grant with Dr. Mitra Suman of the University of Arkansas (Fayetteville) Civil Engineering acting as the Principal Investigator. We are seeking to understand the mismatch between shared micromobility options (such as bikeshare; e-bikes) and affordable housing in vulnerable neighborhoods such as Fort Smith. We are holding a stakeholders meeting next Tuesday from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. and would welcome your participation and thoughts; we also have a survey available. Below is the Webex information.

Look forward to following the "Con" Plan work and achievements.

Respectfully,
Reese M. Brewer

The Shared Micromobility for affordable-accessible housing (SMILIES) is a joint effort with partners the University of Arkansas Frontier MPO and the City of Fort Smith. The specific objective of this planning grant proposal (Stage 1) is to strengthen collaborations with relevant stakeholders solidify academic and civic team members roles and refine the vision and plan for executing this research-centered pilot project. This Stage 1 funding is provided by the National Science Foundation. We are seeking community input for potential locations for such shared services and other additional stakeholders and agencies that we should seek to engage in these conversations. The overall goal of the project is to determine the degree of impact of shared micromobility services on accessibility to jobs and essential activities household transportation costs and energy consumption for affordable housing communities in small and mid-sized cities and rural areas. This objective will be accomplished by developing a community engaged research-centered pilot project in the City of Fort Smith Arkansas.

<https://PublicInput.com/Y207>

Stacy Willinger is inviting you to a scheduled Webex meeting.

Tuesday, March 30, 2021

12:30 PM | (UTC-06:00) Central Time (US & Canada) | 1 hr 30 mins

Join meeting

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From: [Reese Brewer](#)
To: [Jennings, Matt](#)
Subject: [EXT]RE: Micromobility
Date: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 2:13:12 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

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Matt,

Thank you so much for your input; I have forwarded your thoughts onto Dr. Mitra. We hope to put together a robust Stage 2 funding grant application and design and deploy a service that fits the needs of the vulnerable communities in Fort Smith.

Reese

From: Jennings, Matt <mjennings@FortSmithAR.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 1:19 PM
To: Reese Brewer <rbrewer@wapdd.org>
Subject: Micromobility

Reese,

I was able to set-aside some work and listen to the presentation. I'm not sure that I could comment about where and who would use this service in our LMI community. It seems that the end users are the important people to answer the questions about where they should be located. I agree with Chris that the homeless campus is a number one candidate.

I am providing a copy of our own survey that was recently completed in mid-January from Fort Smith residents/stakeholders. Transportation is mentioned and is a high community needs in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. Additionally, it will be a goal in the plan as well.

I understand that City is getting ready to hire a micromobility coordinator which is great since this person can fill in to assist with ensuring that these facilities are located properly.

Thanks for contacting me about this item, it is very interesting. If there is something you need us to do specifically, please let me know. The next funding cycle will be in January 2022.

Matt

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Memo

1.A.

To: Carl E. Geffken, City Administrator

From: Matt Jennings, Director of Community Development

CC: Jeff Dingman, Deputy City Administrator and Maggie Rice, Director of Development Services, and the Community Development Advisory Committee Members

Date: 3/24/2021

Re: Five Year Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2021-2025

CONSOLIDATED PLAN REQUIREMENT

Each entitlement city that receives funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is required to prepare a Consolidated Plan, with input from citizens, which defines the goal, objectives, strategies, and performance measures. The plan describes how these CDBG and HOME funds granted to the city will be expended over the next five-year period. CDBG and HOME programs are administered on a July 1 – June 30 program year. The draft document of the subject plan is attached for review.

CONSOLIDATED PLAN PROCESS

The Consolidated Plan is designed to help states and local jurisdictions to assess their affordable housing and community development needs and market conditions, and to make data-driven, place-based investment decisions.

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- ***The Annual Action Plan.*** The Consolidated Plan is carried out through Annual Action Plans, which provide a concise summary of the actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified by the Consolidated Plan.

- Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). In the CAPER, grantees report on accomplishments and progress toward Consolidated Plan goals in the prior year.

On September 30, 2020, the city contracted with JQUAD Planning Group, LLC to provide primary support for the completion of the document. The cost is not to exceed \$30,000 and is being paid with CDBG and HOME administrative funds. James Gilleylen and Robert Joiner have been involved from the start of the process. Both will attend virtually for any questions.

The city staff facilitates these processes to ensure that regulations are met. It is set up as a grass roots process from citizens and stakeholders comments plus the analysis of housing and economic market conditions and funding sources available. It is designed so that everyone is on equal footing in the process. Once this process is completed, the staff ensures that projects are implemented according to the relevant federal regulations, state statutes and city ordinances. The reason the city hires a consultant to complete the plan is so our citizens, stakeholders and the board are assured an independent professional consultant supplies an unbiased plan.

PLAN ELEMENTS

The plan describes the consolidated plan development process, the demographic and economic profile, the housing market analysis, the housing and homeless needs assessment, the community development needs assessment and finally the strategic plan for the next five years. Performance measures are also included with each goal.

I consider key elements of the plan to be SP-25 Priority Needs on plan pages 78-96 and SP-45 Goals Summary on plan pages 105-110 with Goal Outcome Indicators.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Executive Summary (plan pages 1—3) provides a description of how the CDBG and HOME funding will be spent over the next five program years for affordable housing, homelessness, special needs, non-housing community development, an anti-poverty strategy and coordination with other housing and community development agencies and organizations. There are no changes in the category allocation percentages from the previous five-year plan as it relates to CDBG funding with the exception that agency rehabilitation is no longer a goal although it is still a high priority. The percentages to meet the goals over the next five program years for CDBG and HOME is shown in the tables on page 3.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

The citizen participation plan is the document that outlines various public notification and participation processes throughout the administration of the HUD programs. A minor update has been included to add a definition of a minor amendment and clarify an exemption in the event of a natural disaster as well as the pandemic.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION OUTREACH

The City conducted a survey of residents through a survey link was posted on the website and sent out by email messages, newspaper publications, face book, Instagram and regular mail. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the surveys were primary to establish the needs assessment. Public hearings were held on March 4, 2021, relative to community needs from the public; no comments were received. This survey exceeded the 2016 survey number of 202. This community needs assessment had 387 surveys completed which is a 47.8% increase in participation.

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The results of these surveys were used by the city and consultant to allocate priorities among the various facility, infrastructure, service, housing and economic development needs.

A 30-day review and comment period for the consolidated plan expires on April 12, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. As of the date of this memo, one comment has been received. I will advise the Board if additional comments are received by the deadline at the voting session. No physical copies are available at this time due to ongoing concerns to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. The plan is posted on the city web page.

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Category 3	Community Development	47.5% - Consolidated Plan	
		FS Housing Assistance	80% of 47.5% - Consolidated Plan
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HOME Program		
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Category 4	Affordable Housing	75% - Consolidated Plan
	Administration	10% Max. - Fed. Regulation
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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Community Development Advisory Committee will review the five-year consolidated plan on April 15, 2021 and provide a recommendation to the Board of Directors.

CITY'S COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

The strategies and goals meet most of the following goals and policies from the Comprehensive Plan:



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FINAL PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION

Subject to the Board of Directors placement, we are requesting this item be added to the May 4, 2021 agenda. A final public hearing will be scheduled with the Board agenda item. Following the public hearing, the Board of Directors will consider a resolution that would amend, adjust or approve the plan and authorize its submission to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Mr. James Gilleylen of JQUAD Planning Group, LLC, consultant, and I will be available should there be any questions about the plan. Mr. Gilleylen will be attending virtually.

Should you have any questions, comments or need additional information, please let me know.

- Attachment A – Draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan 2021-2025
- Attachment B – Citizen Participation Plan
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- Attachment D – Consolidated Plan comment & response

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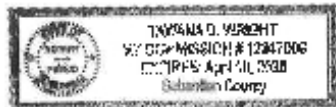
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Tara Lynch
(Signature)

Sworn before me on the 28th day of April, 2021

My Commission expires April 10, 2026

Jawana D. Wright
Notary Public



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The agenda for the May 11, 2021 regular meeting will be posted to the City of Fort Smith website on Thursday, May 6, 2021. Notice of said posting will be duly provided. For agenda information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 479-784-2208 or sgard@fortsmithar.gov.

The above media release has been posted to the City of Fort Smith website and below is the associated link:

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Memo

To: Carl Geffken, City Administrator
From: Matt Jennings, Director of Community Development
CC: Maggie Rice, Director of Development Services & Jeff Dingman, Deputy City Administrator
Date: April 28, 2021
Re: Five Year Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2021-2025

At the March 30, 2021 city study session, the Board of Directors reviewed the 5-Year Consolidated Plan, the 2021 Annual Action Plan and the Citizen Participation Plan. All proposed projects/activities are included in the Consolidated Plan Document.

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Community Development Advisory Committee Recommendation

The Community Development Advisory Committee met via a virtual meeting on April 15, 2021 and recommended approval of all documents to the Board of Directors.

FINAL PUBLIC HEARING AND RESOLUTION

Following tonight's public hearing the Board of Directors will take action on the plans, goals and projects and authorize its submission to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The funding percentages for each program (CDBG and HOME) by category are provided on page two. The percentages are determined through the consolidated plan goals. Applications can be viewed at the following link: <https://www.zoomgrants.com/readonly.asp?akey=BBHFJEEJWD3092>

For ease of review, the goals been appended from the 5-Year Consolidated Plan on pages 3 - 5 of this memo.

I have attached a map that shows the housing activities from 2013-2019. CDBG & HOME funds for program year 2019 have not been fully expended due to the pandemic.

Gina Smith, CDAC Chair, Mr. Robert Joiner of JQUAD Planning Group, LLC, consultant, and I will be available should there be any questions about the plans or projects. Mr. James Gilleylen, also of JQUAD Planning Group, will participate by Zoom.

Should you have any questions, comments or need additional information, please let me know.

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5-Year Consolidated Plan Goals Recommended

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	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Improve the condition and availability of affordable housing over a five-year period.</p> <p>Objective 1: Improve the condition of housing for low-income homeowners.</p> <p>Strategy 1.1: Provide Housing Rehabilitation funding to homeowners with housing repair needs. Activities include Demolition, Rehabilitation and Reconstruction.</p>
2	Goal Name	Affordable Housing 2 - CHDO
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Improve the condition and availability of affordable housing over a five-year period.</p> <p>Objective 2: Increase Development of units and affordability of housing for homeownership.</p> <p>Strategy 2.1: Provide funding to CHDO organization for program cost and development fees to develop affordable housing for low-moderate income homeownership and rental housing.</p> <p>The city is also using \$330,000 in program income for HOME activities including \$273,000 for new construction, \$30,000 to down payment assistance and \$27,000 to administration.</p>
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	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Improve the condition and availability of affordable housing over a five-year period.</p> <p>Objective 2: Increase Development of units and affordability of housing for homeownership.</p> <p>Strategy 2.3: Provide funding for lot acquisition / Demolition for new construction to CHDO to assist low-moderate income households purchasing single-family homes for home ownership.</p>

4	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Improve living conditions in by addressing non-housing community development for special needs populations over a five-year period.</p> <p>Objective 1: Address community needs through community-based public service programs.</p> <p>Strategy 1.1: Utilize CDBG public service funding cap to assist public service programs, including, but limited to, fair housing, senior services, health care services, youth services, and child care services.</p>
5	Goal Name	Homelessness
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Facilitate an expansion of housing and supportive services offered to homeless families and individuals over a five-year period.</p> <p>Objective 1: Support projects and services targeted to transitional housing, homeless prevention, and the elimination of homelessness and Rapid Re-housing.</p> <p>Strategy 1.1: Provide CDBG funds to support Transitional Housing, facility repairs/ renovations, Operations and Supportive services for facilities that provide transitional housing for homeless persons and families and persons at risk of becoming homeless.</p>

6	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	<p>Goal: Plan, Monitor and Administer Entitlement Grant Programs. Evaluate upcoming needs related to affordable housing, fair housing, non-housing and the non-homeless special needs populations.</p> <p>Objective 1: Continue to Plan, Monitor and Administer Entitlement Grant Programs and insure compliance with Federal Regulations.</p> <p>Strategy 1.1: Program Administration: Develop, Administer, revise, implement and evaluate the day-to-day operation of entitlement program. Activities include program design; grant administration, Sub recipient compliance monitoring, program outreach, public relations and training.</p> <p>The city is using \$100,000 in program income for CDBG activities including \$85,000 to Housing assistance and \$15,000 to administration. The city is also using \$330,000 in program income for HOME activities including \$273,000 for new construction, \$30,000 to down payment assistance and \$27,000 to administration.</p>

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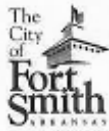
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The agenda for the May 11, 2021 regular meeting will be posted to the City of Fort Smith website on Thursday, May 6, 2021. Notice of said posting will be duly provided. For agenda information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 479-784-2208 or sgard@fortsmithar.gov.

The above media release has been posted to the City of Fort Smith website and below is the associated link:

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Sherrri Gard, MMC
City Clerk
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479-784-2207



**Community Development Block Grant Program
HOME Investment Partnership Program**



May 5, 2021

Ms. Lisa Spigner
Office of Community Planning & Development
Department of Housing and Urban Development
423 West Capitol – Suite 1000
Little Rock, AR 72201

RE: 5-Year Consolidated Plan PY 2021-2025
PY 2021 Annual Action Plan

Dear Ms. Spigner:

On behalf of Mayor George McGill and City Administrator, Carl Geffken, I am requesting a 30-day time extension from the deadline submission date of May 15, 2021 for the referenced plans.

The final public hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. A strong storm knocked out power on Monday night in several locations within the city including the convention center, which was the location of the final public hearing. Attached is a copy of the original a hearing notice with the city clerk's media release for cancellation and rescheduling agenda items. All forms of public hearing notice will occur again seven days prior to May 18, 2021 in accordance with the citizen participation plan.

Thanks for your consideration of this unfortunate situation. Should you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to give me a call at 479-784-2212.

Sincerely,

Matt Jennings, AICP
Community Development
Director

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cc: Mayor George McGill
Carl Geffken, City Administrator
Maggie Rice, Director of Development Services

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CDBG and HOME Programs
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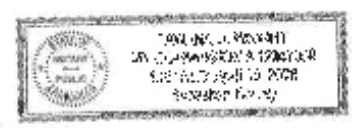
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My Commission expires April 10, 2026

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 Notary Public



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FINAL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

May 13, 2021

The Honorable George B. McGill
Mayor of Fort Smith
623 Garrison Avenue
Fort Smith, AR 72901-2508

Dear Mayor McGill:

I am pleased to inform you of your jurisdiction’s Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 allocations for the Office of Community Planning and Development’s (CPD) formula programs, which provide funding for housing, community and economic development activities, and assistance for low- and moderate-income persons and special needs populations across the country. Public Law 116-260 includes FY 2021 funding for these programs. Please note that this letter reflects a revised amount for the Community Development Block Grant and Section 108 borrowing authority. Your jurisdiction’s FY 2021 available amounts are as follows:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$911,422
Recovery Housing Program (RHP)	\$0
HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)	\$414,680
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)	\$0
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	\$0

Individuals and families across the country are struggling in the face of four converging crises: the COVID-19 pandemic, the resulting economic crisis, climate change, and racial inequity. Through these bedrock programs, CPD seeks to develop strong communities by promoting integrated approaches that provide decent housing and suitable living environments while expanding economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income and special needs populations, including people living with HIV/AIDS. We urge grantees to strategically plan the disbursement of grant funds to provide relief for those affected by these converging crises and help move our country toward a robust recovery.

Based on your jurisdiction’s CDBG allocation for this year, you also have \$4,557,110 in available Section 108 borrowing authority. Since Section 108 loans are federally guaranteed, this program can leverage your jurisdiction’s existing CDBG funding to access low-interest, long-term financing to invest in Opportunity Zones or other target areas in your jurisdiction.

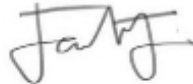
HUD continues to emphasize the importance of effective performance measurements in all its formula grant programs. Proper reporting in the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) is critical to ensure grantees comply with program requirements and policies, provide demographic and income information about the persons that benefited from a community’s activities, and participate in HUD-directed grantee monitoring. Your ongoing attention to ensuring

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complete and accurate reporting of performance measurement data continues to be an invaluable resource with regard to the impact of these formula grant programs.

The Office of Community Planning and Development is looking forward to working with you to promote simple steps that will enhance the performance of these critical programs and successfully meet the challenges that our communities face. If you or any member of your staff have questions, please contact your local CPD Office Director.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James', with a stylized flourish at the end.

James Arthur Jemison II
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Community Planning and Development

RESOLUTION NO. R-15-21

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR PROGRAM YEARS 2021-2025, THE YEAR 47 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT BUDGET, AND THE YEAR 28 HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ACT PROGRAM BUDGET, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR PROGRAM YEARS 2021-2025 AND THE 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

- WHEREAS,** the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires the City to prepare a Consolidated Plan, with input from citizens, which defines the goal, objectives, strategies, and performance measures and;
- WHEREAS,** it is the intention of the Board of Directors of the City of Fort Smith to allocate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in such a manner that the maximum feasible priority is given to activities which will benefit low to moderate income families or persons and eliminate slum and blight and;
- WHEREAS,** it is the intention of the Board of Directors of the City of Fort Smith to allocate HOME Investment Partnership Act (HOME) funds in such a manner as to provide affordable housing opportunities to low and moderate income persons or families and;
- WHEREAS,** there is a total of \$898,187 for Year 47 funds allocated to the CDBG Program for budgetary purposes; and
- WHEREAS,** there is a total of \$414,680 in Year 28 funds allocated to the HOME Program for budgetary purposes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE CITY OF FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS THAT:

- SECTION 1:** The Year Forty-seven CDBG estimated budget in the amount of eight hundred, ninety-eight thousand, one hundred, eighty-seven dollars (\$898,187) for budgeting purposes is adopted by reference to the attached budget sheet.
- SECTION 2:** The Year Twenty-eight HOME Program budget in the amount of four hundred, fourteen thousand, six hundred, eighty dollars (\$414,680) for budgeting purposes is adopted by reference to the attached budget sheet.
- SECTION 3:** The in-house Affirmative Action Policy which prescribes equal opportunity policies for the recruitment, hiring, training, promoting, demotions and termination of employees, with personnel goals revised annually, as stated in Resolution No. R 7-81 is reaffirmed.

- SECTION 4:** A Year Forty-seven CDBG Affirmative Action Plan is adopted to provide contractual procedures with regard to equal opportunity personnel policies on the part of CDBG project contractors.
- SECTION 5:** The Fair Housing Program/Policy of the City of Fort Smith as stated in Resolution No. 2214, is reaffirmed to affirmatively further Fair Housing practices in the sale, lease or rental of housing and to prevent discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, disability or familial status and to provide a procedure and Fair Housing Officer to assist and educate the public on their rights and procedures available to have complaints reviewed, investigated and resolved.
- SECTION 6:** The Five-Year Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2021-2025, the revised Citizen Participation Plan and the Program Year 2021 Annual Action Plan are hereby approved. The City Administrator or his authorized agent is authorized to submit the Five Year Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2021-2025, which contains the Program Year (PY) 2021 Annual Action Plan (AAP) to carry out the activities/projects identified to the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for review and approval. Once the approvals by HUD have occurred, the Mayor is authorized to execute agreements, his signature being attested by the City Clerk, with the agencies identified in the Community Development Department Budget as application numbers 21-A through 21-M to undertake the activities/projects in the 2021 Annual Action Plan.
- SECTION 7:** All approved agencies of CDBG and HOME funds will use, at a minimum, the city's procurement procedures for any services or contracts.
- SECTION 8:** Any P. Y. 2021 CDBG project not commenced by June 30, 2022 will be canceled and the project funding will transfer to the Fort Smith Housing Assistance Program # 410720001-70-HA unless the delay is no fault of the agency. All CDBG program income from prior projects will be distributed as follows: 80% to the Fort Smith Housing Assistance Program account code 410720001-70-HA and the allowed 20% for CDBG program administration account code 410720001-70-FA. Any CDBG funds not entirely spent by an agency or canceled due to closure will transfer to the Fort Smith Housing Assistance Program. In the event of a CDBG Project cost overrun the City Administrator or his designated agent may approve up to a 10% increase maximum from the un-programmed line item. On December 31, 2022 (or earlier if all construction projects have started) all un-programmed funding will be transferred to the Housing Assistance Program with no administrative funds reduction from the original entitlement allocation.
- SECTION 9:** Any P. Y. 2021 HOME project not commenced by December 31, 2022 will be canceled and the funding will transfer to the Down payment Assistance Program (DPA) account code 410721002-70-DP with the exception of the 15% CHDO Reserve funds. All HOME program income received by the City will be distributed as follows: 90 % to the Down payment Assistance Program account code 410721002-70-DP and 10% for HOME program administration account code 410721002-70-FS. HOME recaptured funds will be used according to federal regulations through the DPA program – no administrative funds can be deducted. All agency held Program Income / Project Proceeds will continue to be used in the new construction or acquire, rehabilitate and resale project.

SECTION 10: Subject to approval of form by the City Attorney, the City Administrator or his authorized agent is authorized to execute any documents related to real property transactions that are funded with the CDBG and / or HOME funds; this includes but is not limited to deeds, mortgage releases, and subordination agreements.

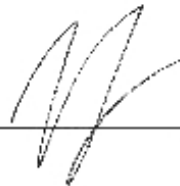
SECTION 11: The City Administrator is authorized to execute all grant documents and certifications required by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City Administrator or his authorized agent will be designated as the Environmental Certifying Officer.

SECTION 12: Any activity that is proposed to be altered in terms of its purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries to such an extent that it can no longer reasonably be construed as the activity reviewed by the public and approved by the Fort Smith Board of Directors will be canceled.

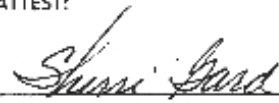
THIS RESOLUTION APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF MAY 2021.

APPROVED:

VICE-MAYOR

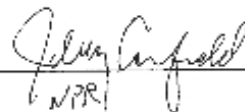


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Approved as to form:



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Program Year 2021 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BUDGET
City of Fort Smith, Arkansas
U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) & HOME Investment Partnership Act

Application Identifier	Agency	CDBG Year 47
A-157370-PS	Antioch CA for Youth and Family - Food	\$19,875
B-333269	Crawford Sebastian CDC, Inc. - Lot acquisition	\$85,330
E-333273-PS	Crawford Sebastian CDC, Inc. - Dental treatments	\$19,875
F-330576-PS	Girls Incorporated of Fort Smith - Membership and various fees	\$12,725
G-332862-PS	Heart to Heart Pregnancy SC - Baby cribs, mattresses & diapers	\$7,875
H-333371-PS	Next Step Day Room Inc. - Transitional housing case management	\$19,875
I-333345	Riverview Hope Campus – Campus improvements	\$82,554
J-333239-PS	Riverview Hope Campus – Case management	\$19,875
K-333303-PS	Sebastian Retired Citizens Assoc. - Food	\$14,875
L-330542-PS	WestArk RSVP - Income tax preparation	\$9,875
M-329791-PS	WestArk RSVP - Medicare case management	\$9,875
	Fort Smith Housing Rehabilitation Assistance	\$281,315
	FS Housing Rehab. Administration	\$60,000
	Fort Smith - Administration	\$179,500
	Un-programmed	\$22,592
	Totals	\$898,187
Application Identifier	Agency	HOME Year 28
C-333172	Crawford Sebastian CDC, Inc. – New Const or Acq/Rehab/Resale	\$273,215
D-333268	Crawford Sebastian CDC, Inc. – Down payment Assistance (DPA)	\$100,000
	Fort Smith - Administration	\$41,465
	Totals	\$414,680

Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

OMB Number: 4040-0004
 Expiration Date: 12/31/2022

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
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Division Name:	<input type="text" value="Development Services"/>	
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* Telephone Number:	<input type="text" value="479 784 2320"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text" value="479 784 2467"/>
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16. Congressional Districts Of:	
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17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date: <input type="text" value="07/01/2021"/>	* b. End Date: <input type="text" value="06/30/2025"/>
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
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* b. Applicant:	<input type="text"/>
* c. State:	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local:	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other:	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program income:	<input type="text" value="100,000.00"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.	
<input type="checkbox"/> c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.	
* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)	
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If "Yes", provide explanation and attach:	
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21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications" and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances" and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 28, Section 1001)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** AGRFF	
** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internal site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
Authorized Representative:	
Prefix: <input type="text" value="FBI"/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Carl"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text" value="E."/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Geilker"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="City Administrator"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="479-784-2901"/>	* Fax Number: <input type="text" value="479-784-2450"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="ogeilker@fortsmith.gov"/>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: <input type="text" value="Carl E. Geilker"/>	* Date Signed: <input type="text" value="05/19/2021"/>

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*1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	
*2. Type of Application: *If Revisor, select appropriate issue(s): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revisior	
*3. Date Received: <input type="text" value=""/>	
4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text" value=""/>	
5a. Federal Entry Identifier: <input type="text" value=""/>	5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text" value=""/>
State Use Only: 6. Date Received by State: <input type="text" value=""/>	
7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text" value=""/>	
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:	
*a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="City of Fort Smith, Arkansas"/>	
*b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (E-NTIN): <input type="text" value="71-6033937"/>	*c. Organizational DUNS: <input type="text" value="3710537000700"/>
d. Address:	
* Street1:	<input type="text" value="622 Commercial Avenue"/>
* Street2:	<input type="text" value="Room JSC"/>
* City:	<input type="text" value="Fort Smith"/>
County/Parish:	<input type="text" value="Baldwin"/>
* State:	<input type="text" value="AR: ARKANSAS"/>
Province:	<input type="text" value=""/>
* Country:	<input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>
* Zip / Postal Code:	<input type="text" value="72901-2408"/>
e. Organizational Unit:	
Department Name:	<input type="text" value="Community Development"/>
Division Name:	<input type="text" value="Development Services"/>
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:	
* Title:	<input type="text" value="Dir."/>
* First Name:	<input type="text" value="Gwen"/>
* Middle Name:	<input type="text" value="Sue Ann"/>
* Last Name:	<input type="text" value="Derringa"/>
* Suffix:	<input type="text" value=""/>
* Title:	<input type="text" value="Director of Community Development"/>
Organizational Affiliation:	
<input type="text" value="City of Fort Smith, Arkansas"/>	
* Telephone Number:	<input type="text" value="479-784-2220"/>
* Fax Number:	<input type="text" value="479-784-2452"/>
* Email:	<input type="text" value="gjderringa@fortsmithar.gov"/>

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*9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text" value="City or Political Government"/> Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/> Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>	
* 10. Name of Federal Agency: <input type="text" value="U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development"/>	
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: <input type="text" value="14.224"/> CFDA Title: <input type="text" value="000: Investment Partnership and Program"/>	
*12. Funding Opportunity Number: <input style="background-color: yellow; width: 100%;" type="text"/> * Title: <input style="background-color: yellow; width: 100%;" type="text"/>	
13. Competition Identification Number: <input type="text"/> Title: <input type="text"/>	
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*15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: <input type="text" value="The Program Year 2021 EOP program provides for activities to address affordable housing to include downpayment assistance and new single family homes at South Hill Park Hill."/>	
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* a. Start Date: <input type="text" value="07/01/2021"/>	* b. End Date: <input type="text" value="03/31/2022"/>
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="414,880.00"/>
* a. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
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* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
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* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="711,000.00"/>
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I AGREE	
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Authorized Representative:	
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Carl"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text" value="E."/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Steffen"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="City Administrator"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="479-784-2701"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text" value="479-784-2430"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="carl@cityoffortsmithar.gov"/>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: <input type="text" value="Carl E. Steffen"/>	* Date Signed: <input type="text" value="05/24/2021"/>

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:


1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 U.S.C. 910, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicap; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the sale of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles I and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7326) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are financed in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 278a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of any environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11986; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-203).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470); EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing the program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	City Administrator
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of Fort Smith, Arkansas	05/16/2021

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CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan -- The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.


Signature of Authorized Official

May 19, 2021
Date

City Administrator
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Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) PY 2021, 2022 & 2023 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.


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May 19, 2021
Date

City Administrator
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Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy layering -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;


Signature of Authorized Official

May 19, 2021
Date

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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Appendix - Alternate/Local Data Sources

1	Data Source Name Corrections
	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set. City of Fort Smith
	Provide a brief summary of the data set. Some items do not appear to be properly reported either through CHAS totals or public housing information. Corrections are made to reflect accurate totals.
	What was the purpose for developing this data set? Correcting eCon data downloads.
	How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population? These corrections are specific to data reported through eCon.
	What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set? These corrections are specific to data reported through eCon.
	What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)? These corrections are specific to data reported through eCon.
2	Data Source Name City of Fort Smith SF 424's and Certifications
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	What was the purpose for developing this data set?
	How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population?
	What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?

	What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?
3	Data Source Name 2015 - 2019 ACS 5 Year
	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.
	Provide a brief summary of the data set.
	What was the purpose for developing this data set?
	Provide the year (and optionally month, or month and day) for when the data was collected.
	Briefly describe the methodology for the data collection.
	Describe the total population from which the sample was taken.
	Describe the demographics of the respondents or characteristics of the unit of measure, and the number of respondents or units surveyed.
4	Data Source Name PIC (PIH Information Center)
	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.
	Provide a brief summary of the data set.
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	What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?

	What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?
5	Data Source Name 2014-2018 ACS (Workers), 2018 Longitudinal Employee
	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.
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