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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Hennepin County Consortium 2017 Action Plan is prepared to meet statutory planning and application requirements for the receipt and use of three Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding programs in suburban Hennepin County:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG);
- HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME); and the
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program.

The Hennepin County Consortium ("Consortium") is comprised of five entitlement jurisdictions:

- The City of Bloomington
- The City of Eden Prairie
- The City of Minnetonka
- The City of Plymouth
- The "Urban County" which includes 39 cities in suburban Hennepin County.

The 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan set community development and affordable housing goals for the use of CDBG, HOME, and ESG for five program years.

The Action Plan outlines the specific ways in which CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding will be used in the program year from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. At the end of each program year, the Consortium will prepare a Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) to evaluate its performance relative to the Consolidated Plan.

****Please note that HUD has not announced funding awards for the 2017 program year. All funding amounts are estimates based on the 2016 allocations and are subject to change.*****

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan seeks to address the both HUD and local objectives and outcomes for low to moderate income residents in suburban Hennepin County. The 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan priorities were developed after a thorough review of demographic data, citizen and community input, other public policy and community plans, and past funding results in suburban Hennepin County. Additionally, Hennepin County's housing-related policies are enacted and implemented with consideration of other valid and legitimate interests of the county.

Congress set forth three basic goals that are closely related to the major commitments and priorities of the HUD Programs:

First, the programs are to **provide decent housing**. Included within this broad goal are the following:

- Assisting homeless persons obtain affordable housing;
- Retaining the affordable housing stock;
- Increasing the availability of permanent housing that is affordable to low-income Americans, without discrimination; and
- Increase supportive housing that includes structural features and services to enable persons with special needs, including persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, to live in dignity and independence and provide affordable housing that is accessible to job opportunities.

Second, the programs are to **provide a suitable living environment**. This includes:

- Improving the safety and livability of neighborhoods;
- Increasing access to quality facilities and services;
- Reducing the isolation of income groups within areas by deconcentrating housing opportunities and revitalizing deteriorating neighborhoods, restoring and preserving natural and physical features of special value for historic, architectural, or aesthetic reasons.

Third, the programs are to **expand economic opportunities**. This includes:

- Creating and retaining jobs;
- Stabilizing and expanding of small business (including micro businesses);
- The provision of public services concerned with employment;
- Providing jobs involved in carrying out activities, under programs covered by the Plan, to low-income persons living in areas affected by those programs and activities;
- Providing access to credit for community development that promotes long-term economic and social viability; and
- Empowering low and moderate-income persons, in federally assisted and public housing, to achieve self-sufficiency.

Through a collaborative process including city, non-profit, citizen participation the following Priority Needs have been established for the use of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding in suburban Hennepin County for the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan:

- Preserve and Create Multifamily Rental Opportunities
- Preserve and Create Single Family Homeownership Opportunities
- Create Housing Opportunities for Homeless Populations
- Promote Education, Outreach, and Services

- Support Neighborhood Revitalization
- Stimulate Economic Development

Goals were developed to meet these Priority Needs. Proposed program year 2017 Projects are in alignment with the identified Goals and Needs.

3. Evaluation of past performance

Each year the Consortium evaluates its performance relative to the Consolidated Plan through Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER). The 2016 Program Year (the second year of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan) will be evaluated in the fall of 2017.

The most recent CAPER evaluates the 2015 Program Year:

The 2015 CDBG grant served approximately 15,000 people through public services (including family, youth, senior, emergency, and neighborhood services), and assisted the development/renovation of three public facilities/infrastructure projects which benefited over 10,000 people.

Over 190 affordable housing opportunities were created utilizing CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds during the program year. Housing projects include a 26 unit affordable apartment building in Medina, renovation and resale of nine affordable properties to owner occupants, the rehabilitation of 51 owner-occupied housing units, and the rehabilitation of 24 rental units in St. Louis Park and Maple Grove.

Additionally, 56 homeless households received ESG rapid rehousing assistance and 26 homeless households received tenant based rental assistance through the Stable HOME program.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The nine cities that receive a "direct allocation" of CDBG funding through Hennepin County (Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, Crystal, Edina, Hopkins, Maple Grove, New Hope, Richfield, St Louis Park) held public hearings and provided council resolutions of support for the funding allocations in those cities.

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, April 18 at 1:30 the Hennepin County Government Center, 300 S 6th St, Minneapolis, MN 55487.

Copies of the 2017 Action Plan are available March 31, 2017 through May 1, 2017 at the Southdale, Ridgedale, and Brookdale libraries. Additionally, the 2017 Action Plan is available on the Hennepin County website: <http://www.hennepin.us/housing-plans>.

Notice of the public comment period was sent to the Hennepin County egov list, emailed to cities within Hennepin County for city newsletters and social media, and fliers were sent to the public housing agencies within Hennepin County.

5. Summary of public comments

N/A

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

N/A

7. Summary

Assuming funding is level in 2017, the projects in the 2017 Action Plan will:

- Serve approximately 14,000 people through public services (including family, youth, senior, emergency, and neighborhood services)
- Renovate two public facilities/infrastructure projects which will benefit approximately 5,000 people.
- Construct 92 rental units in Plymouth and Eden Prairie
- Renovate and sell 19 affordable properties to owner occupants
- Rehabilitate 64 owner occupied houses
- Rehabilitate 133 rental units in Golden Valley, Hopkins, and Maple Grove
- Support 38 homeless households will receive rapid rehousing assistance through ESG.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	HENNEPIN COUNTY	Community Works
HOME Administrator	HENNEPIN COUNTY	Community Works
ESG Administrator	HENNEPIN COUNTY	Community Works

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

Hennepin County is the lead entity and responsibility for overseeing the development, implementation and evaluation of the Consolidated Plan for the Hennepin County Consortium. The allocation of funds differs by program:

CDBG: The cities of Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Minnetonka and Plymouth are "entitlement jurisdictions" and receive direct CDBG allocations from HUD. The balance of the CDBG resources are administered by Hennepin County Community Works Department ("Community Works") who allocates the funds to the remaining suburban Hennepin County municipalities by applying same formula used by HUD in its national allocation to each community: population, poverty levels (double weighted), and overcrowding. Cities with allocations above 3.5% of the total award receive a proportional, direct allocation of funds through the county and determine, through a public process, how CDBG funds should be used in their community. The cities of Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Crystal, Edina, Hopkins, Maple Grove, New Hope, Richfield, and St. Louis Park currently fall into that category. The remaining funds are pooled (the "Consolidated Pool") and CDBG funds are offered on a request for proposal basis to the Consolidated Pool communities.

HOME funds are administered by Community Works and are offered on a request for proposal basis throughout suburban Hennepin County.

ESG funds are administered by Community Works in cooperation with the county's Human Service & Public Health Department. Historically, funds have been used for rapid re-housing through the Rapid Exit from Shelter Program, which operates in county contracted homeless shelters.

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AP-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

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(l)).

Hennepin County is responsible for providing an array of social services to Hennepin County residents including special needs populations and homeless persons. The need requires resources beyond those available to the county. Therefore, it is essential that we increase coordination of resources with other public, nonprofit, and for-profit agencies. Hennepin County continues to improve the coordination between housing and social service departments. This includes coordinating Supportive Housing Initiative Fund and Group Residential Housing (GRH) funds with the HOME request for proposals and the implementation of monthly meetings between the Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department and Community Works (Housing Development and Finance) departments.

The county developed a new unit to focus specifically on Housing Stability for all county clients. This team is developing strategies to enhance prevention, support, and development of housing to meet the needs of county clients. A Housing Inventory tool and triaging system is being developed to place the most vulnerable clients into supportive housing. The Leadership Council for this work involves upper management from all county departments to ensure coordination across systems.

The Adult Mental Health Local Advisory Council provides input into priorities around people with mental illness. For that group, housing is the highest priority.

The Funders Council of Heading Home Hennepin's Plan to End Homelessness facilitates the coordination of capital and support services funding for housing within the Continuum of Care homeless strategy. Some projects funded with HOME funds or the county's local Affordable Housing Incentive Fund include units with targeted support services for persons with special needs. County housing and human service staff review proposed services and funding sources. Contracts are executed between Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department and the housing provider that define the type and level of services to be provided.

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.

Members of the Mpls/Hennepin Co Continuum of Care (CoC) & the Office to End Homelessness (OEH) help coordinate funding by participating on funding review committees and working to ensure consistent goals & data from all providers. The CoC's funding committee actively evaluates existing and proposed

projects for service to the chronically homeless and reallocates funds to meet emerging needs. All CoC funded permanent supportive housing projects now prioritize chronically homeless persons and families.

The Coordinated Assessment/Entry system identifies people most in need of permanent supportive housing and those who can benefit from rapid rehousing. Length of stay in shelter is currently tracked and efforts are focused on those in shelter the longest to prioritize them for permanent housing opportunities. The Office to End Homelessness has hired three Housing Referral Coordinators to match those in shelter to available openings in housing. The community has very few homeless families that meet the HUD definition of chronically homeless, due to the “shelter all” policy, the focus on rapidly rehousing families in shelter, and the provision of progressive engagement to repeat shelter users. For example, the Office to End Homelessness completed a Young Parent Pilot where single parenting youth who frequently cycled back to shelter were matched with more intensive support, especially around employment. The success of this project contributed to a decline in the number of families in emergency shelter. With Coordinated Entry for singles, the highest priority is on chronically homeless single adults to find the appropriate housing that meets their needs. The community developed an “Adult Shelter Connect” for single adults entering shelter, using the VI-SPDAT to assess for housing needs.

Domestic violence agencies are part of the CoC's Family Services Network planning process as well. In Minnesota, all openings in domestic violence shelters are coordinated in the Day One system. As Coordinated Entry is implemented, domestic violence services and shelters will be encouraged to participate and features of the Day One system will be mimicked acknowledging the unique needs of families facing domestic violence and protecting their privacy.

CoC Youth strategies: Prevention & RRH services by a network of providers, Youth Mental Health Outreach, Youth In-reach Worker for age 24 & younger in adult shelters, drop-in centers, StreetWorks Collaborative street outreach, housing opportunities & services for youth 17 & younger and 18-24, self-support assistance and training, annual Youth Connect events, Youth Opportunity Center, and Youth Service Coordination meetings. Minnesota recently enacted legislation that youth under age 18 who are sexually exploited are victims, not perpetrators, of a crime. The MN legislature also enacted funding for emergency shelters for sexually exploited youth.

Veterans: OUTREACH: Hennepin County hosts an annual "Stand Down" for homeless veterans by Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans (MACV), in collaboration with Minneapolis VA Mental Health Homeless Programs & VISN Coordinator. Outreach is provided at the Adult Opportunity Center, shelters & Drop-in Centers, through the VA MH Homeless Mobile Outreach program, and Minneapolis VA's Community Resource & Referral Center in downtown Minneapolis. Minnesota has formed a homeless veteran registry to better identify and assist homeless veterans. SUPPORTIVE HOUSING: in collaboration with others, the CoC will solicit & support proposals for new housing opportunities for veterans using federal, state & local resources. The CoC works closely with VA's Coordinator for homeless programs to end veteran homelessness.

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

The Minneapolis/Hennepin County Continuum of Care (CoC), along with the Office to End Homelessness, works to establish priority populations and needs based on data and feedback collected from HMIS, the shelters, and service providers. The CoC also staffs multiple workgroups that identify trends and priorities for the coming years in consultation with Hennepin County research staff dedicated to homelessness trends and outcomes. The CoC has developed performance measures for programs funded with ESG, CoC, and other funding sources in the community. ESG funds are awarded based on a request for proposal process that is combined with other family homelessness assistance funds to maximize coordination and results. The CoC also regularly has members sit on funding approval committees for ESG and other funds. On behalf of this jurisdiction, the CoC is represented in the administration and implementation of the statewide HMIS. The CoC holds an annual meeting to solicit feedback from community members, providers, and policy makers on the gaps and challenges we are facing as a community, and does extensive focus groups and community conversations with people who are experiencing homelessness.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	MINNESOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Other government - State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Minnesota Housing was consulted in the analysis of HOME applications

2	Agency/Group/Organization	Brooklyn Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Brooklyn Center holds a public hearing to determine the housing and economic development needs in the city. CDBG funded activities reflect those needs to the extent that the needs are eligible CDBG expenses.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Brooklyn Park
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Brooklyn Park holds a public hearing to determine the housing and economic development needs in the city. CDBG funded activities reflect those needs to the extent that the needs are eligible CDBG expenses.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	CRYSTAL
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Crystal holds a public hearing to determine the housing and economic development needs in the city. CDBG funded activities reflect those needs to the extent that the needs are eligible CDBG expenses.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Edina
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Edina holds a public hearing to determine the housing and economic development needs in the city. CDBG funded activities reflect those needs to the extent that the needs are eligible CDBG expenses.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	HOPKINS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Hopkins holds a public hearing to determine the housing and economic development needs in the city. CDBG funded activities reflect those needs to the extent that the needs are eligible CDBG expenses.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	MAPLE GROVE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Maple Grove holds a public hearing to determine the housing and economic development needs in the city. CDBG funded activities reflect those needs to the extent that the needs are eligible CDBG expenses.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	NEW HOPE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	New Hope holds a public hearing to determine the housing and economic development needs in the city. CDBG funded activities reflect those needs to the extent that the needs are eligible CDBG expenses.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	RICHFIELD
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Richfield holds a public hearing to determine the housing and economic development needs in the city. CDBG funded activities reflect those needs to the extent that the needs are eligible CDBG expenses.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of St. Louis Park
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	St. Louis Park holds a public hearing to determine the housing and economic development needs in the city. CDBG funded activities reflect those needs to the extent that the needs are eligible CDBG expenses.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Office to End Homelessness
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - Federal Other government - State Other government - County Other government - Local Regional organization Planning organization Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Office to End Homelessness has played a key role in the development of all housing and homeless-related sections of the plan. Coordination will continue throughout the plan.

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

Through coordination with internal Hennepin County departments such as the Office to End Homelessness and Human Services and Public Health Department, and coordination with external partners such as Minnesota Housing and cities, all agency types identified by HUD have been consulted.

Please see the Consolidated Plan for a list of all agencies consulted in the creation of the the needs and goals which shape the Action Plan.

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	Hennepin County	The Continuum of Care has adopted the goals in the Heading Home Hennepin 10 Year Plan. Of those, goal#1-(Prevent Homelessness) and goal #3 (Develop Housing Opportunities) overlap with the Priority Needs and Goals of the Consolidated Plan.
Housing Policy Plan	Metropolitan Council	The goal of the Metropolitan Council's Housing Policy Plan (HPP) is to "Create housing options that give people in all stages of life and of all economic means viable choices for safe, stable and affordable homes". The Consolidated Plan, and the associated funding, is a tool to cities in meeting the affordable housing goals outlined in the HPP.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
PHA 5-Year Annuals Plans	Metropolitan Council HRA, Mound HRA, Hopkins, St. Louis Park HRA	The missions of the PHAs in suburban Hennepin County are, in general, to create safe, affordable, suitable living environments for low-income households. This overlaps the goals of the Consolidated Plan related to rental housing, housing homeless populations, and economic development.
Comprehensive Economic Development (CEDS)	Hennepin County	The goals relating to economic development and workforce development overlap with the CEDS goals of "promoting employment growth and developing the workforce; and providing basic infrastructure and amenities (transportation, service buildings, libraries, and parks."
Choice, Place and Opportunity	Metropolitan Council	The Fair Housing Equity Assessment for the Twin Cities region analyzes regional equity and access to opportunity. This overlaps with the goals of the Consolidated Plan related to rental housing, housing homeless populations, education, outreach and services, and economic development.
2014 Regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice	Fair Housing Implementation Council	The 2014 AI will be updated by June 15, 2017

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The Hennepin County Consortium supports and encourages the participation of citizens, community groups, and other interested agencies in the development and the evaluation of the 5-year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans programs and activities. The citizen participation process is designed to encourage all residents, including non-English-speaking and minority populations to participate. In development of the current Consolidated Plan, the Consortium sought feedback from area community-based organizations and agencies, obtaining input from target populations through surveys and meetings. The Consortium also coordinated to the Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) within the jurisdiction for coordination with public housing residents. The Consolidated Plan was developed in conjunction with Hennepin County's Human Services and Public Health Department, including the Office to End Homelessness. The Continuum of Care and the Office to End Homelessness hold monthly and biannual meetings to gather information from services agencies and individuals. Surveys were advertised at Hennepin County libraries and on the front page of the county's website. Goals were set to best serve community and population needs.

This 2017 Action Plan is the third annual action plan in the 5-year 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan cycle. Copies of the Action Plan were made available at regional libraries and residents were encouraged to provide input at a public meeting before the county board. The county also coordinates with suburban cities in the Hennepin Consortium to conduct additional citizen participation. Nine suburban cities held their own public hearings prior to selecting projects for 2017 CDBG funding, in addition to conducting other community engagement in the form of web surveys, listening sessions, and newsletter/website/and social media communications to inform the development of goals. By working with cities to collect input on goal-setting, the county is able to evaluate potential CDBG projects in the context of locally-identified needs and with the consideration of the availability of other non-federal funding sources.

The Hennepin County Consortium has a detailed Citizen Participation Plan which sets forth the process to be followed at the community and county levels through the duration of the Consolidated Plan. The Citizen Participation Plan is attached as an Appendix. The county will accept and evaluate any future public comments received during the implementation of the Action Plan. Any resulting changes to the Action Plan would be made in accordance with the Citizen Participation Plan.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach
1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community
3	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community
4	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	2,464,782	500,000	204,139	3,168,921	5,821,070	Projected Program Income (PI) will likely be used within the same project. Projected PI is not included in 2017 project budgeting.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	1,350,392	68,471	0	1,418,863	1,789,835	
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	227,202	0	0	227,202	453,104	

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Continuum of Care	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Housing Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services TBRA Transitional housing Other	1,967,504	0	0	1,967,504	4,448,496	Includes Tier 1 only

Table 1 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

Federal funds will be leveraged by funds from Minnesota Housing, multi-family housing revenue bonds, mortgage revenue bonds, project-based Section 8, low income housing tax credits, and the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance programs, Hennepin County Affordable Housing Incentive Funds (local), developer equity, and philanthropic sources such as the Family Housing Fund or the Local Initiatives Support Corporation.

The following describes how required Consolidated Plan formula matches will be obtained:

HOME funds are generally a small financial contribution to a much larger project total development cost and so the 25% match can be met through a variety of sources. HOME projects are awarded additional points based on the percent of match funding available for that project. Cumulatively, the Consortium has exceeded match requirements with approximately \$30 million in excess match.

The 1:1 match for ESG will be obtained via the activities of the Hennepin County Rapid Rehousing Grant.

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

Hennepin County will consider the Consolidated Plan goals, along with other county priorities, when disposing of excess parcels remaining from transit projects or development projects. Hennepin County Community Works may request a price reduction from Hennepin County Resident and Real Estate Services (RRES) for tax forfeit property when used for affordable housing. Hennepin County will continue to work with RRES and the cities to explore potential sites for future affordable housing projects.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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Goals Summary Information

	Goal Name	Category	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Capital Funding to Build/Rehab Units	Affordable Housing Public Housing	Preserve/Create Multifamily Rental Opportunities	CDBG: \$81,153 HOME: \$835,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 228 Household Housing Unit
2	Capital Funding for Special Needs Housing	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	Preserve/Create Multifamily Rental Opportunities	CDBG: \$15,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 1 Household Housing Unit
3	Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	Preserve/Create Single Family Homeownership	CDBG: \$1,096,543	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 52 Household Housing Unit
4	Property Acquisition/Rehabilitation/Construction	Affordable Housing	Preserve/Create Single Family Homeownership	CDBG: \$440,660 HOME: \$398,824	Homeowner Housing Added: 25 Household Housing Unit
5	Rapid Rehousing	Homeless	Housing Opportunities for Homeless Populations	ESG: \$227,202	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 38 Households Assisted
6	Fair Housing Activities	Non-Housing Community Development	Support Education, Outreach and Services	CDBG: \$32,000	
7	Financial Capability	Non-Housing Community Development	Support Education, Outreach and Services	CDBG: \$29,900	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 343 Persons Assisted
8	Tenant Advocacy	Non-Housing Community Development	Support Education, Outreach and Services	CDBG: \$52,375	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1807 Persons Assisted
9	Homelessness Prevention and Support Services	Homeless	Support Education, Outreach and Services	CDBG: \$38,977	Homelessness Prevention: 300 Persons Assisted
10	Emergency Assistance	Non-Housing Community Development	Support Education, Outreach and Services	CDBG: \$57,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate

					Income Housing Benefit: 562 Persons Assisted
11	Senior Center Programming	Non-Housing Community Development	Support Education, Outreach and Services	CDBG: \$12,200	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 8150 Persons Assisted
12	Senior Services	Non-Housing Community Development	Support Education, Outreach and Services	CDBG: \$11,290	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 475 Persons Assisted
13	Youth Counseling	Non-Housing Community Development	Support Education, Outreach and Services	CDBG: \$43,252	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 846 Persons Assisted
14	Job Training	Non-Housing Community Development	Support Education, Outreach and Services	CDBG: \$6,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 208 Persons Assisted
15	Acquisition or Demolition of Structures	Non-Housing Community Development	Encourage Neighborhood Revitalization	CDBG: \$69,350	Buildings Demolished: 1 Buildings
16	Code Enforcement	Non-Housing Community Development	Encourage Neighborhood Revitalization	CDBG: \$185,000	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 1300 Household Housing Unit
17	Build or Improve Public Facilities/Infrastructure	Non-Housing Community Development	Encourage Neighborhood Revitalization	CDBG: \$123,881	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing

					Benefit: 5045 Persons Assisted
18	Youth Programming	Non-Housing Community Development	Support Education, Outreach and Services	CDBG: \$11,290	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 475 Persons Assisted
19	CHDO Operating	Affordable Housing	Preserve/Create Single Family Homeownership	HOME: \$50,000	
20	Domestic Abuse Counseling	Non-Housing Community Development	Support Education, Outreach and Services	CDBG: \$9,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 Persons Assisted

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Capital Funding to Build/Rehab Units
	Goal Description	Provide low interest loans/grants to developers for property acquisition, multi-family rehab, new construction, and related site improvements to increase and preserve affordable rental housing stock.
2	Goal Name	Capital Funding for Special Needs Housing
	Goal Description	Provide capital funding assistance to development agencies in the support of new construction and rehabilitation of affordable housing stock for low income special needs households.

3	Goal Name	Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance
	Goal Description	Provide loans to low to moderate income homeowners for necessary home improvements or emergency repairs. (Note that Program Income is often recycled in this goal.)
4	Goal Name	Property Acquisition/Rehabilitation/Construction
	Goal Description	Acquisition of single-family properties for rehabilitation and resale designed to stabilize neighborhoods and preserve existing housing stock, providing housing opportunities for low to moderate income households. (Note that Program Income is often recycled in this goal.)
5	Goal Name	Rapid Rehousing
	Goal Description	Provide housing relocation and stabilization services and short and medium term rental assistance to transition households living in shelters or inhabitable living conditions into permanent housing and achieve sustainable living/stability.
6	Goal Name	Fair Housing Activities
	Goal Description	The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, conducting an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions.
7	Goal Name	Financial Capability
	Goal Description	Provide counseling services to homeowners for foreclosure prevention, consumer education and awareness, and homeowner purchase counseling for low to moderate income households.
8	Goal Name	Tenant Advocacy
	Goal Description	Provide assistance to agencies that provide legal advice to renters regarding tenant law.
9	Goal Name	Homelessness Prevention and Support Services
	Goal Description	In collaboration with Hennepin County departments and initiatives, and other appropriate organizations, identify and implement housing and supportive services required to house homeless or at-risk households.
10	Goal Name	Emergency Assistance
	Goal Description	Provide emergency assistance services to low income household for basic needs, resources or information.

11	Goal Name	Senior Center Programming
	Goal Description	Provide ongoing support through senior centers outreach and education on topics of interest to seniors such as health and wellness, recreation activities, associated transportation programs and coordination of meals programs.
12	Goal Name	Senior Services
	Goal Description	Provide assistance in funding youth programming with focus on providing a healthy and positive atmosphere.
13	Goal Name	Youth Counseling
	Goal Description	Provide youth counseling interventions for at-risk teens to address serious current or potential issues.
14	Goal Name	Job Training
	Goal Description	Fund job training, job placement, and other employment support services carried out by qualified entities specifically designed to increase HUD-approved revitalization strategies that promote economic opportunities.
15	Goal Name	Acquisition or Demolition of Structures
	Goal Description	Provide funding for activities associated with blighted, deteriorated, undeveloped, or inappropriately developed real property that prevents sound community development and growth.
16	Goal Name	Code Enforcement
	Goal Description	Provide targeted code enforcement in low and moderate income areas to complement strategic efforts that abate neighborhood decline and preserve affordable housing stock.
17	Goal Name	Build or Improve Public Facilities/Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Provide financing for public facility new construction, rehabilitation, infrastructure and streetscape improvements.
18	Goal Name	Youth Programming
	Goal Description	Provide assistance in funding youth programming with a focus on providing a healthy and positive atmosphere.
19	Goal Name	CHDO Operating
	Goal Description	A Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) is a private nonprofit, community-based organization that has staff with the capacity to develop affordable housing for the community it serves.

20	Goal Name	Domestic Abuse Counseling
	Goal Description	Provide counseling and support services for victims of domestic abuse.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

The Needs identified in the Consolidated Plan are to:

- Preserve/Create Multifamily Rental Opportunities,
- Preserve/Create Single Family Homeownership Opportunities,
- Housing Opportunities for Homeless Populations,
- Support Education, Outreach and Services,
- Encourage Neighborhood Revitalization, and
- Stimulate Economic Development.

Projects are selected based on the population served and the needs and goals identified in the Consolidated Plan.

#	Project Name
1	Administration
2	Fair Housing Outreach and Assistance
3	Hammer Residences
4	Maple Grove Scattered Site Rental Rehab
5	Hickory Ridge Townhomes
6	West Hennepin Affordable Housing Land Trust (WHAHLT)
7	Home Rehabilitation Assistance
8	Richfield Scattered Site Acquisition/Rehab
9	Avenues for Homeless Youth
10	Timber Bay Youth Counseling
11	West African Family and Community Services
12	Youth Engaging Success
13	Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin
14	CEAP Meals on Wheels
15	HOME Line Tenant Hotline
16	Resource West Emergency Assistance
17	ICA Emergency Assistance
18	IOCP Emergency Assistance
19	PRISM Emergency Assistance
20	Senior Community Services Gillespie Center
21	Maple Grove Senior Center

#	Project Name
22	Dayton Trailer Court Mobile Hope
23	Bridging Homelessness Prevention and Support Services
24	Senior Community Services Household and Outside Maintenance for Elderly
25	Sojourner Domestic Abuse Support
26	Meadowbrook Summer Youth Program
27	The Family Partnership Youth Services
28	TCHFH scattered site acquisition & rehab
29	Beacon - West Metro Family Housing
30	Raspberry Ridge
31	SW Station Apartmernts
32	CHDO Operating
33	Treehouse Youth Counseling
34	WeCAN Emergency Assistance
35	Champlin Community Center
36	Brooklyn Park Code Enforcement
37	Brooklyn Center Code Enforcement
38	Zanewood Recreation Center
39	New Hope Scattered Site Blight Removal
40	CAPIS Senior Services
41	CAPSH Emergency Housing Rehab
42	ESG Rapid Re-Housing

Table 3 – Project Information

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

All underserved needs are not able to be met due to a lack of sufficient funding. Selected projects meet the highest needs identified by the Consolidated Plan and the needs in the communities.

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Project Summary Information

Table 2 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$288,422 HOME: \$135,039
	Description	Twelve percent of Urban Hennepin County CDBG Program funds and ten percent of HOME Consortium funds will be used to help defray the costs incurred by Hennepin County for general program administration costs (planning, general management, oversight, coordination, evaluation and reporting).
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A- general administration of the CDBG and HOME programs. Beneficiary numbers are reported under the specific projects/activities.
	Location Description	N/A- general Administration for the CDBG and HOME Programs in Hennepin County.
	Planned Activities	General Administration for the CDBG and HOME Programs.
2	Project Name	Fair Housing Outreach and Assistance
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$3,200,000
	Description	This project funds the ongoing Fair Housing activities of the Hennepin County Consortium. Activities may include outreach, education and enforcement in suburban Hennepin County, and coordination with similar, metro-wide activities through the Fair Housing Implementation Council.
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	TBD- specific fair housing activities will be determined upon completion of the regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Addendum, which is currently being completed.
	Location Description	Throughout Hennepin County and the Twin Cities metro area.
	Planned Activities	Fair housing activities will be determined based on the regional Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Addendum, which is currently being completed.
3	Project Name	Hammer Residences
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Capital Funding for Special Needs Housing
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Create Multifamily Rental Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	This project will address rehabilitation needs of a group home operated by Hammer Residences for adults with developmental disabilities.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Six individuals living with developmental disabilities.
	Location Description	Hammer Residences, Inc. "Lee Avenue" group home located in Golden Valley, MN.
Planned Activities	Improvements to the exterior of the home to improve accessibility, safety, and quality of life for those who call it home.	
4	Project Name	Maple Grove Scattered Site Rental Rehab
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Capital Funding to Build/Rehab Units
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Create Multifamily Rental Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$26,153
	Description	Rehabilitation of current HRA rental properties to benefit tenant households with incomes at or below 50% of the area median.

	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3 households at or below 50% of AMI.
	Location Description	Various units throughout the City of Maple Grove Scattered Site Program in need of rehabilitation.
	Planned Activities	Rehabilitation of 3 of the 28 dwellings in the City's Scattered Site Rental Housing Program. Work may include repairs and upgrades to windows, flooring/carpeting, cabinetry, decks and similar improvements.
5	Project Name	Hickory Ridge Townhomes
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Capital Funding to Build/Rehab Units
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Create Multifamily Rental Opportunities
	Funding	:
	Description	Twin Cities Housing Development Corporation (TCHDC) a nonprofit developer, has acquired and is substantially rehabilitating the Hickory Ridge Townhomes (HRT) development in Maple Grove. HRT consist of 32 units with project based subsidy. Significant rehabilitation improvements with other funding sources, preserving affordable units to families in the northwestern suburban Hennepin County region. The project was awarded CDBG & HOME funds in 2014. This is a supplemental award. They decided to add a key safety feature, a sprinkler system, which added costs beyond their original funds. HOME funds are provided in the form of a deferred loan with 1% simple interest. They must follow the PBA requirements for marketing and filling vacancies by date of the application form their waiting list.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Hickory Ridge Townhomes is comprised of twenty one (21) two-bedroom townhomes including two accessible units, and eleven (11) three-bedroom, 1.5 bath, townhomes. Target clientele are family households earning less than 50% of AMI.

	Location Description	6316 Quinwood Lane N., Maple Grove, MN 55369
	Planned Activities	Finish the substantial rehabilitation of the property to preserve and stabilize multifamily rental opprtunites serving low-income households who qualify for Section 8 housing for the next 20 years.
6	Project Name	West Hennepin Affordable Housing Land Trust (WHAHLT)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Property Acquisition/Rehabilitation/Construction
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Create Single Family Homeownership
	Funding	CDBG: \$295,660 HOME: \$300,000

<p>Description</p>	<p>West Hennepin Affordable Housing Land Trust (WHAHLT), a nonprofit and a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO), will create affordable homeownership opportunities and preserve affordable homeownership in suburban Hennepin County for workforce families of low-to-moderate income households at or below 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI). WHAHLT, through its program called Homes Within Reach, will purchase and resell homes under the land trust model of ownership. Under this model, the land trust owns the land and leases it to the buyers of the improvements on the land. The improvements are the house and other structures on the property. WHAHLT retains ownership of the land and sells the improvements only to households at an affordable price. When selling the homes to eligible homebuyers, a 99 year ground lease is signed by the buyer which places restrictions on future resale of the property to only qualified buyers and it limits the equity they are able to take with them. So, the land and the equity limits ensure that it remains affordable, regardless of the number of resales. Even though there are restrictions, it also allows the homeowner secure, long-term rights to the use of the land and the ability to earn equity. The homeowner is responsible for the payment of all real estate taxes on the house and on the land. The CDBG funds are a grant. The HOME funds are structured as a repayable grant to ensure resale of the property for at least the required affordability period. The grant is forgiven at the end of the affordability if WHAHLT has met all of the requirements of the program. The sites to be funded have yet to be identified. The land trusts location choice criteria includes: cost, condition of the property, availability (i.e. the home being available on the open market), location/proximity to transportation, schools, employment, etc. WHAHLT has informational meetings throughout the year and accepts applications for their program throughout the year. As the only CHDO, this award includes the minimum 15% CHDO set aside funds of \$50,000.</p>
<p>Target Date</p>	<p>6/30/2018</p>
<p>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</p>	<p>Ten to Twelve Households between 50% and 80% of the AMI will be targeted. For the planned 10 homes, all will be or below 80% of AMI and it is expected that 5 homes will be at 60% AMI and 1 home at 50% AMI</p>
<p>Location Description</p>	<p>Suburban Hennepin County including but not limited to: Bloomington, Minnetonka, Wayzata, Golden Valley, Edina, Eden Prairie, St. Louis Park, Deephaven, Brooklyn Park, Richfield, Maple Grove</p>

	Planned Activities	WHAHLT intends to create affordable homeownership by purchasing property and completing rehabilitation. Then using the land trust model, which removes the market value of the land from the improvements. When selling the homes to eligible homebuyers, a 99 year ground lease is signed by the buyer which places restrictions on future resale of the property to only qualified buyers and limits the equity sellers are able to take with them. The land and the equity limits ensure that it retains long term affordability no matter how many times the home is resold.
7	Project Name	Home Rehabilitation Assistance
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Create Single Family Homeownership
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,096,543
	Description	Administration of deferred loans of up to \$30,000 to assist low- and moderate-income owner-occupants in carrying out repairs to sub-standard homes. Eligible work includes, but is not limited to addressing: health, safety, accessibility, energy efficiency and lead-based paint and radon hazards. Applications are accepted throughout the year on a "first-come-first-served" pipeline basis. To the greatest extent feasible, these funds are leveraged with resources from HUD Lead Hazard Demonstration Grants, Healthy Homes Grants and Minnesota Housing Loans also administered by Hennepin County. Weatherization funds may also be accessed through the Sustainable Resources Center. Using a scope of work prepared by Hennepin County staff, the homeowner secures competitive bids with contracts awarded to the lowest acceptable bidder. Upon completion of work, Hennepin County reimburses the contractor directly following the homeowner's approval.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	52 households at or below 80% of AMI.
Location Description	Owner-occupied homes throughout suburban Hennepin County. Applications are accepted throughout the year on a "first-come-first-served" pipeline basis.	

	Planned Activities	Eligible work includes, but is not limited to addressing: health, safety, accessibility, energy efficiency, and lead-based paint and radon hazards.
8	Project Name	Richfield Scattered Site Acquisition/Rehab
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Property Acquisition/Rehabilitation/Construction
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Create Single Family Homeownership
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	The Richfield HRA will acquire and rehabilitate one single family home. The home will be sold to a household earning less than 80% of the Area Median Income. CDBG funds will close the gap between the cost of acquisition and rehab and the affordable sale price of the rehabilitated property. The process used to purchase and rehabilitate foreclosed homes through the Neighborhood Stabilization Program will serve as the model for this activity. Any affordability gap will be addressed by offering buyers a deferred, second mortgage or by working with a land trust to acquire the property through their land trust program.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	One low to moderate income household earning up to 80 percent of the AMI seeking to purchase an affordable home.
	Location Description	One home within the City of Richfield, MN.
	Planned Activities	Through the City's New Home Program, the Richfield Housing and Redevelopment Authority purchases substandard housing, rehabilitates it and sells it to a household earning less than 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI). CDBG funds are used to close the gap between the cost of acquisition and rehab and the sale price of the rehabilitated property. Funds may also be used to fill any affordability gap through the issuance of a deferred, second mortgage. In some cases, a house may be so substandard, it needs to be demolished. If an identified property is a candidate for demolition, CDBG funds will be used to purchase the house. The HRA will demolish the house and then sell the vacant lot to a non-profit housing developer for the construction of a new home to be sold to a household earning less than 80 percent of the AMI.
	Project Name	Avenues for Homeless Youth

9	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Homelessness Prevention and Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Support Education, Outreach and Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,998
	Description	Provides shelter and services to homeless youth while working on transitioning to stable housing.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Avenues for Youth anticipates serving 100 homeless youth ages 16-21 living in the northwest suburbs of Hennepin County.
	Location Description	Avenues for Youth serves youth in the northwest suburbs of Hennepin County from its facility located in Brooklyn Park.
	Planned Activities	Avenues provides shelter and wrap around supportive services to homeless youth. While at Avenues, youth receive basic needs such as meals three times a day, shelter, and laundry facilities as well as services including case management, education/career support, nursing and mental health.
10	Project Name	Timber Bay Youth Counseling
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Youth Counseling
	Needs Addressed	Support Education, Outreach and Services
	Funding	:
	Description	Timber Bay supports students in the Brooklyn Center Community School through after school hours counseling, activities, and mentoring groups.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	215 students in grades 6 through 12 in the Brooklyn Center Community School.
	Location Description	Brooklyn Center, MN

	Planned Activities	Timber Bay supports students in the Brooklyn Center Community School through after school hours counseling, activities, and mentoring groups.
11	Project Name	West African Family and Community Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Job Training
	Needs Addressed	Support Education, Outreach and Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,000
	Description	The Brooklyn United Methodist Church will provide job training services and career development skills to the West African immigration population.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	208 low- and moderate-income West African immigrant households.
	Location Description	Program participants complete computer training, employment support services, and other career development skills at Brooklyn United Methodist Church.
Planned Activities	West African Immigrants and other program participants are referred to the program by school counselors, police departments, outreach workers, faith-based organizations and non-profit partners. At Brooklyn United Methodist Church, program participants undergo computer training, employment support services, and other career development skills in order to function effectively in the community.	
12	Project Name	Youth Engaging Success
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Youth Counseling
	Needs Addressed	Support Education, Outreach and Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	Youth Engaging Success, Inc. will provide programming for low-income youth ages 15 - 19. The Life Skills program includes the following- mentoring, personal success plans, money matters financial capability, job readiness, civic involvement, family planning.
	Target Date	6/30/2018

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 youth aged 15-19 from low- and moderate-income households.
	Location Description	Brooklyn Park, MN
	Planned Activities	The proposed program is a continuation of the success coaching model in which all participants will participate in weekly academic coaching sessions to help them achieve their goals.
13	Project Name	Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Financial Capability
	Needs Addressed	Housing Opportunities for Homeless Populations
	Funding	CDBG: \$29,900
	Description	Community Action Partnership of Suburban Hennepin (CAPSH) provides full-cycle homeownership services for low to moderate-income homeowners and prospective homeowners in Hennepin County. Full-Cycle Homeownership Services include: foreclosure prevention counseling and loan assistance; first-time homebuyer education and counseling; financial capability and budget counseling; reverse mortgage counseling; home rehabilitation and maintenance counseling and education.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	CAPSH anticipates serving 343 households.
	Location Description	CAPSH's services are available to residents throughout suburban Hennepin County.
Planned Activities	This program provides first time homebuyers and homeowners with tools and services that they need in order to make informed decisions regarding housing. This is done through the homestretch workshops where homebuyers and homeowners learn about foreclosure prevention, home repair skills, home purchase education and financial counseling.	
	Project Name	CEAP Meals on Wheels

14	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Senior Services
	Needs Addressed	Support Education, Outreach and Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,835
	Description	CEAP's Meals on Wheels delivers hot, nutritious meals to home-bound elderly and disabled individuals in Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	820 low/moderate-income senior households in Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center.
	Location Description	Brooklyn Park and Brooklyn Center
	Planned Activities	CEAP's Meals on Wheels delivers nutrition, companionship, and safety to seniors with disabilities in the community. Through the delivery of a hot meal from a friendly volunteer, residents find community connection, and family members receive piece of mind knowing that someone will make sure their loved one is safe and nourished. This program allows long-time residents to age with dignity in their own home.
15	Project Name	HOME Line Tenant Hotline
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Tenant Advocacy
	Needs Addressed	Support Education, Outreach and Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$52,375
	Description	HOME Line tenant hotline service provides free legal counseling to tenants to help resolve lease disputes, maintenance problems, and prevent displacement of low-income households.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	HOME Line anticipates serving 1,807 renter households in suburban Hennepin County.

	Location Description	HOME Line's services are available to tenant households throughout suburban Hennepin County.
	Planned Activities	HOME Line operates a tenant hotline that gives free legal advice to tenants about landlord/tenant law. Where language translation is needed, there is direct phone lines for Somali and Spanish speaking renters. HOME Line's goal is to give tenants the information they need to solve their rental problems. This is often handled in one call, one on one meetings, or in the case of building wide problems or where there are language barriers, meeting with residents on the property or nearby location is done.
16	Project Name	Resource West Emergency Assistance
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Emergency Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Support Education, Outreach and Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	Resource West administers three programs designed to assist children and families in the Hopkins/Minnetonka area to households at or below 80 percent of AMI. The Back-to-School program provides grade specific school supplies to over 1,000 children in the Hopkins and Minnetonka school districts. The Winter Warm Wear program provides winter clothing to children from newborn to age 18. Project Starfish offers intensive, personalized support for individuals and families, helping them with budgeting, housing and job search problems and locating low cost auto repair assistance. Resource West works closely with school staff, Hennepin County Social Services and other nonprofit agencies.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Resource West expects to serve 400 households in Hopkins. Target clientele are below 50% of AMI.
	Location Description	Hopkins, MN

	Planned Activities	This project provides school supplies, winter outer wear and holiday gifts for children aged 0-18 who are low-income families in the City of Hopkins. These families qualify for free & reduced lunch program in the Hopkins and Minnetonka School Districts. The Children and Youth programs lessen the financial strain on low-income families when they receive their children's school supply list (average of \$75 per child), when they need to purchase new winter jackets, snow pants and boots (average \$100 per child), and during the holidays (averages \$60 per child). This project allows the participating families to redirect the dollars they would have spent on these items to housing, energy bills, food, and other family necessities. This redirecting of dollars helps maintain financial stability in the home.
17	Project Name	ICA Emergency Assistance
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Emergency Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Support Education, Outreach and Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	ICA provides assistance with rent/mortgage assistance to avoid eviction and prevent homelessness for clients living within the service area.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 households at or below 80% of AMI. 94% of ICA's clients earn less than 200% Federal Government poverty guidelines.
	Location Description	Hopkins, Deephaven, Excelsior, Greenwood, Shorewood, and Woodland
Planned Activities	ICA assists neighbors in need who are unable to pay their rent/mortgage payment. Those in need meet with case managers to determine feasibility and payment options. The assistance with one rent/mortgage payment alleviates the client from being evicted or housing going into foreclosure.	
18	Project Name	IOCP Emergency Assistance
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Emergency Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Support Education, Outreach and Services

	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Interfaith Outreach and Community Partners (IOCP) provides emergency financial assistance on behalf of low-income families and individuals facing emergency situations. The funding will be distributed as rental assistance to prevent homelessness, assist with emergency car repairs (a significant need for suburban families with limited public transportation options), utility payments to prevent or correct disconnection, and other basic needs.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	IOCP anticipates serving 165 low income households facing emergency situations. Approximately 15 of those will be served directly with CDBG funds.
	Location Description	Suburban west Hennepin County, including the communities of Hamel, Long Lake, Medicine Lake, Medina, Minnetonka Beach, Orono and Wayzata.
	Planned Activities	These funds will provide emergency housing, utilities, and car repair for low-income families.
19	Project Name	PRISM Emergency Assistance
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Homelessness Prevention and Support Services Emergency Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Support Education, Outreach and Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	People Responding in Social Ministry (PRISM) provides emergency financial assistance on behalf of low-income families and individuals facing emergency situations. The funding will be distributed as rental assistance to prevent homelessness. Case managers also assist participants with applying for energy assistance programs, and provide referrals for community resources to address other issues like transportation, childcare, employment, senior-related services, and mental health care.
	Target Date	6/30/2018

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	PRISM anticipates serving at least 100 households through the Homelessness Prevention program during the contract period. Approximately 25% (25) of those households will be residents of Robbinsdale or Golden Valley. Hennepin County CDBG Consolidated Pool funds will directly serve 17 of these Robbinsdale and Golden Valley households.
	Location Description	PRISM's Homelessness Prevention Program's service area encompasses the following cities: Golden Valley, Robbinsdale, Independence, Medina, Maple Plain, Plymouth, Minnestrista, Mound, Spring Park, Shorewood, Tonka Bay, Minnetonka Beach, Orono, Excelsior, Greenwood, Deephaven, Woodland, Wayzata, Long Lake, Loretto, St. Louis Park, Crystal, Hopkins, New Hope, Medicine Lake, and Minnetonka. Individuals residing in any of the above listed cities are invited to meet with a PRISM case manager to complete an intake and determine if they are eligible for services. Funds from Hennepin County CDBG Consolidated Pool will be provided to residents of Robbinsdale and Golden Valley only.
	Planned Activities	PRISM's Homelessness Prevention program helps individuals and families avoid homelessness when facing a financial crisis. In addition to providing emergency assistance for rent, security deposits and other housing costs, PRISM's case managers are in close contact with landlords, often advocating for families to keep them stably housed and negotiating to help participants avoid costly housing court proceedings. Case managers also assist participants with applying for energy assistance programs, and provide referrals for community resources to address other issues like transportation, childcare, employment, senior-related services, and mental health care. PRISM typically provides 100 households with financial assistance to obtain and maintain housing each year; approximately 25% of these households are Robbinsdale and/or Golden Valley residents. Participants learn about the Prevention program when coming to access the Food Shelf, or through referrals from community partners.
20	Project Name	Senior Community Services Gillespie Center
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Senior Center Programming
	Needs Addressed	Support Education, Outreach and Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,200

	Description	The Gillespie Center focuses on the physical, mental and social well-being of seniors, as well as providing tools, resources and education necessary to achieve optimal health and promote self-sufficiency. Activities include health screenings, physical exercise, foot clinics, support groups, Medicare and health insurance counseling, tax preparation and energy assistance, daily noon meals, educational and recreational activities, off-site day and extended trips further widen senior's horizons and opportunities, Meals on Wheels, Licensed Social Worker to provide geriatric care coordination.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	SCS anticipates serving 4,150 seniors through the Gillespie Center programming.
	Location Description	The Gillespie Center is located in Mound, MN and serves residents of Mound and the surrounding communities.
	Planned Activities	The services and programs provided by SCS through the Gillespie Center include: nutritional meals, transportation, health and wellness screenings and programs, social and recreational events and trips, educational and enrichment opportunities, tax assistance, counseling and case management helping people to remain independent, information and referral, advocacy and friendship.
21	Project Name	Maple Grove Senior Center
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Senior Center Programming
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,200
	Description	Funding will provide ongoing support to the Maple Grove Senior Center. The center provides a variety of programs, events and trips including exercise classes, educational opportunities, general socialization opportunities, volunteer opportunities, and trips to local events.
	Target Date	6/30/2018

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The Maple Grove Senior Center will serve 4,000 older adults aged 55 and above, with a primary focus on those 65 and older.
	Location Description	The Maple Grove Senior Center is located at 12951 Weaver Lake Road, Maple Grove, MN.
	Planned Activities	Continuation and growth of programming for older adults in Maple Grove. Providing social, recreational, physical, educational, artistic and health programming for older adults. Activities provided at the Maple Grove Community Center, and in cooperation with Senior Housing, and area Churches.
22	Project Name	Dayton Trailer Court Mobile Hope
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Youth Counseling
	Needs Addressed	Support Education, Outreach and Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,200
	Description	Mobile Hope provides academic counseling and after-school programming for children residing in the Dayton Trailer Court in Dayton, MN.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Mobile Hope anticipates serving 260 children from the Dayton Trailer Park from kindergarten through 12th grade. A majority of those served come from households below 30% of AMI.
	Location Description	The Dayton Trailer Court in Dayton, MN
	Planned Activities	After-school tutoring and programming for youth.
23	Project Name	Bridging Homelessness Prevention and Support Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Homelessness Prevention and Support Services
	Needs Addressed	Support Education, Outreach and Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,979

	Description	Bridging works in partnership with local social service agencies to provide a complete, basic home set up (furniture and household goods) for individuals transitioning out of homelessness and poverty. Clients are referred to Bridging through their caseworkers.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Bridging anticipates serving 200 Richfield residents, most of whom will have incomes below 30% of AMI.
	Location Description	Bridging serves residents in Richfield from its location at 201 W. 87th St., Bloomington, MN 55420.
	Planned Activities	In partnership with local social service agencies, Bridging provides a complete, basic home set up (furniture and household goods) for individuals transitioning out of homelessness and poverty. Clients are referred to Bridging through their caseworkers. They “shop” at the Bridging warehouse and select the items that they need. Items can either be taken home that day by the client or delivered next day to their residence. The service provides a vital role in helping households transition out of homelessness, as most do not possess furniture and household goods and thus need to secure these essentials to complete their transition to permanent housing.
24	Project Name	Senior Community Services Household and Outside Maintenance for Elderly
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Senior Services
	Needs Addressed	Support Education, Outreach and Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$59,585
	Description	The Household and Outside Maintenance for Elderly (HOME) program provides affordable home maintenance and chore services to help seniors continue to live independently in their own homes.
	Target Date	6/30/2018

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	SCS anticipates serving 430 seniors in the areas of suburban Hennepin County served by Hennepin Count CDBG program.
	Location Description	The SCS HOME program is available to seniors throughout suburban Hennepin County. The areas served through the County CDBG program include Brooklyn Center, Brooklyn Park, Edina, Maple Grove, Hew Hope, Richfield, Golden Valley, and Robbinsdale.
	Planned Activities	The goal of the HOME Program is to assist seniors to remain in their homes, providing them with affordable services they can no longer do for themselves and preventing unnecessary nursing home placement. The HOME program assists seniors age 60+ with home maintenance and repair. Services are provided on a sliding fee scale based on income, and completed by paid staff, independent contractors, and volunteers. Services include interior & exterior painting, minor repairs, housecleaning, snow shoveling, lawn mowing, leaf raking, window washing, and in-home safety assessments.
25	Project Name	Sojourner Domestic Abuse Support
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Domestic Abuse Counseling
	Needs Addressed	Support Education, Outreach and Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,000
	Description	The Sojourner project supports a coordinated response to domestic assault among law enforcement, criminal justice, and social service agencies. Victims of domestic violence receive a variety of ongoing support and information and access to advocacy services that help them understand and navigate the court system as they pursue criminal charges against an assailant. The project aims to create a safe environment and better quality of life for all members of the community.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Sojourner Project anticipates serving 500 residents of the Hennepin County Consolidated Pool cities.

	Location Description	Services are available to residents throughout southwestern Hennepin County.
	Planned Activities	Sojourner's Community Legal Advocacy Program provides victims of domestic violence and their children with 24 hour crisis intervention response, legal advocacy, safety assessment & planning, personal support, therapy, referral, court process information and options, court accompaniment, sexual assault advocacy, preparation of Protective Orders, transportation, transition and follow-up support, and comprehensive victim support that extends beyond legal issues.
26	Project Name	Meadowbrook Summer Youth Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Youth Programming
	Needs Addressed	Support Education, Outreach and Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,500
	Description	The St. Louis Park and Recreation Department will provide an enhanced level of summer programming for youth at Meadowbrook Park, which serves a predominantly low/moderate-income youth population. This program provides a healthy and positive atmosphere that promotes many of the 40 developmental assets for children that are promoted through Children First. Arts and culture, nature related activities, and general recreation are all components of the program.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	St. Louis Park anticipates serving 25 youth through the Meadowbrook Youth Park Programming activity.
	Location Description	Meadowbrook Park, 4272 Meadowbrook Lane, St. Louis Park, MN 55426
	Planned Activities	Provide summer programming for youth in and near the Meadowbrook Manor apartment complex.
27	Project Name	The Family Partnership Youth Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Youth Counseling
	Needs Addressed	Support Education, Outreach and Services

	Funding	CDBG: \$12,000
	Description	The Family Partnership serves youth age 10-17 who are referred by police, Hennepin County Attorney's Office, schools and parents. These youth are referred for committing property offenses, assaults toward peers or family members, absenting from the home, substances abuse, truancy and curfew violations. These youth are most often referred following a first offense or by a school or parent who is seeking help for escalating behaviors or recent trauma.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The Family Partnership anticipates serving 266 at-risk youth in the northwest Hennepin suburbs.
	Location Description	Various locations; the school support program occurs at the Maple Grove, Osseo, and Champlin High Schools and the property offender groups are held at the Brooklyn Center Police Department.
	Planned Activities	The Youth Services Program located at the Northwest Hennepin Branch of The Family Partnership provides provides intervention services for youth in the northwest Hennepin suburbs. The program serves youth who are involved or who are at-risk for involvement with law enforcement and/or the juvenile justice system, out of home placement or referral to inpatient psychiatric or chemical dependency treatment programs. The Youth Services Program provides a property offender program, individual and family counseling, and support groups for middle and high school students.
28	Project Name	TCHFH scattered site acquisition & rehab
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Property Acquisition/Rehabilitation/Construction
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Create Single Family Homeownership
	Funding	HOME: \$98,824

	Description	Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity (TCHFH) proposes to acquire four existing single family properties. They will have approximately 1,500 sq. ft. of living space and four bedroom units for large families. TCHFH offers homeownership opportunities to very low income populations that typically have only rental housing opportunities. They look for families already living in the neighborhoods to volunteer in a support capacity to assist the new homeowners, helping them to learn about the community and supporting them in both achieving successful homeownership and learning the responsibilities of ownership. TCHFH has created a new loan fund, Impact 2020, under TCHFH Lending, LLC. TCHFH Lending charges a modest amount of interest that is still below the market. TCHFH Lending does not require PMI or a down payment and buyers at 50% of AMI pay a 3% interest rate - 2% if they are at or below 40% of AMI). With that modest amount of interest, TCHFH Lending is able to bring in Loan Fund participants who can provide the capital to fund the mortgages.
	Target Date	12/31/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	TCHFH intends to sell the home(s) to large households earning up to 50% of AMI. However, occasionally families have veteran benefits or their income increases between matching and closing, so some units may be sold to households with incomes just over the 50% limit, but under the 60% limit.
	Location Description	Robbinsdale, Crystal, Golden Valley, or Brooklyn Park
	Planned Activities	Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity (TCHFH) proposes to acquire and rehabilitate two existing single family property with approximately 1,500 sq. ft. of living space and four bedroom units for large families.
29	Project Name	Beacon - West Metro Family Housing
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Capital Funding to Build/Rehab Units
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Create Multifamily Rental Opportunities
	Funding	HOME: \$350,000

	Description	Beacon, a nonprofit developer, is proposing West Metro Family Housing. West Metro Family Housing is comprised of 47 units of housing, including 5 one-bedroom, 21 two-bedroom, 17 three bedroom, and 4 four-bedroom units, in a 3 story elevator building with underground and surface parking in Plymouth. The project will be a new construction development that offers a mix of bedroom sizes, with an emphasis on larger 3 and 4-bedroom units. Units will be filled first come first serve. The homeless units will be filled through coordinated entry. HOME funds are provided in the form of a deferred loan with a to be determined simple interest rate.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	West Metro Family Housing will be a new construction development with 47 units that offer a mix of bedroom sizes, with an emphasis on larger 3- and 4-bedrom units, and targets 20% of units (10) for households experiencing homelessness, with rents tied to 30% AMI. The remaining units will be available to families at or below 50% AMI.
	Location Description	18140, 18220 and 18240 Highway 55, Plymouth, MN
	Planned Activities	Acquisition of property to constuction West Metro Family Housing, which will be comprised of 47 units of housing, including 5 one-bedroom, 21 two-bedroom, 17 three bedroom, and 4 four-bedroom units, in a 3 story elevator building with underground and surface parking in Plymouth.
30	Project Name	Rasberry Ridge
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Capital Funding to Build/Rehab Units
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Create Multifamily Rental Opportunities
	Funding	HOME: \$175,000
	Description	CHDC, a nonprofit developer, currently owns Rasberry Ridge. Rasberry Ridge is 101 units of Project-Based Section 8 Assistance (PBA). Rasberry Ridge serves very low-income households. Located in Downtown Hopkins, Rasberry Ridge is a multi-family and townhome housing project built and the school was converted in 1980. The three-story elevator apartment buildings contain 39 one-bedroom and 26 two-bedroom units, and the two-story townhomes contain 26 two-bedrooms, and 10 three-bedroom units. HOME funds are provided in the form of a deferred loan with a to be determined simple interest rate. Units are filled following the PBA requirement of taking households off the waiting list by the date of their application.

	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The three-story elevator apartment buildings contain 39 one-bedroom and 26 two-bedroom units, and the two-story townhomes contain 26 two-bedrooms, and 10 three-bedroom units.
	Location Description	27 14th Ave N., Hopkins, MN 55343
	Planned Activities	The rehab of Raspberry Ridge will preserve 101 units of multifamily rental housing with federal Project-Based Section 8 rental assistance. Raspberry Ridge provides a range of apartment sizes, one-bedroom, two-bedroom and three-bedroom units, as well as apartment style and townhome style living.
31	Project Name	SW Station Apartmernts
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Capital Funding to Build/Rehab Units
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Create Multifamily Rental Opportunities
	Funding	HOME: \$250,000
	Description	Timberland Partners, a for-profit developer, is proposing property acquisition and new construction of SW Station Apartments. The project be a mixed-income, mixed-use project that will include approximately 13,000 SF of retail/restaurant space with 222 apartment units above. Of the 222 units, 177 of the units will be market rate and 45 will be affordable to those earning 50 percent or less of the area median income. The unit mix for the entire project will consist of: 60 Studios; 103-1BR; 19-1 BR + Den; and 40-2 BR for a total of 222 units. The affordable unit mix will consist of 11 Studio; 26 -1BR; 8-2BR to total 45 units. The site is redevelopment of two closed restaurants and is located adjacent to the future Southwest Station LRT Stop and Southwest Transit bus hub and Park & Ride. HOME funds are provided in the form of a deferred loan with a to be determined simple interest rate. Units will be filled first come first serve.
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The affordable unit mix will consist of 11 Studio; 26 -1BR; 8-2BR to total 45 units serving small households at or below 50% AMI.
	Location Description	12900 and 12950 Technology Drive, Eden Prairie, MN
	Planned Activities	Acaquisition of property and new construction.
32	Project Name	CHDO Operating
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	CHDO Operating
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Create Single Family Homeownership
	Funding	HOME: \$50,000
	Description	The Consortium is setting aside CHDO operating funds in the form of a grant. One of the requirements of the HOME Program is the support of special nonprofits called Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO). HOME allows for the Consortium to set-aside up to 5% of the HOME allocation for the CHDO operating funds. The Consortium has decided to provide support for the CHDO, West Hennepin Affordable Housing Land Trust (WHALHT) through assistance with operating costs to enable them to expand their staff capacity to manage all of the funding requirements, of funds remaining in previous years CHDO set aside to be able to provide the maximum allowed by the HOME regulations for one CHDO.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	CHDO Operating
	Location Description	CHDO Operating
Planned Activities	CHDO Operating	
33	Project Name	Treehouse Youth Counseling
	Target Area	

	Goals Supported	Youth Counseling
	Needs Addressed	Support Education, Outreach and Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,752
	Description	TreeHouse provides youth development services for at-risk 7th-12th grade teens throughout Hennepin County. Programs include one-to-one mentoring, support groups, skill building activities, growth groups, and community service.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	TreeHouse anticipates serving 335 youth through the Hennepin County CDBG-funded program.
	Location Description	TreeHouse provides programming at nine locations throughout the Twin Cities, including six locations in Hennepin County.
	Planned Activities	TreeHouse provides youth development services for at-risk 7th-12th grade teens in Hennepin County and the surrounding area. TreeHouse provides the following programs to give teens the resources, skills and support they need to transform their lives and overcome challenges they face: one-to-one mentoring, support groups, skill building activities, growth groups, and community service.
34	Project Name	WeCAN Emergency Assistance
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Emergency Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Support Education, Outreach and Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,000
	Description	Western Communities Action Network (WeCAN) provides services to assist families in building self-sufficiency and preventing homelessness. A family advocate meets with low income clients living in the Consolidated Pool area to address the underlying problems causing them to need financial assistance. Several funding sources are utilized for rent and mortgage assistance. Referrals are made to other programs and resources that the clients can use to help their situation. Funds will be used to help cover administration costs of WeCAN's Emergency Assistance Program.
	Target Date	6/30/2018

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	WeCAN anticipates serving 80 households who are at or below 200% of the federal poverty guidelines or who are at risk of losing their housing.
	Location Description	WeCAN serves households in the cities of Mound, Minnetrista, St. Bonifacius, Rockford, Spring Park, Tonka Bay, Minnetonka Beach, Orono, Loretto, Maple Plain, Independence, and Greenfield.
	Planned Activities	WeCAN's Emergency Assistance program helps low-income clients with emergency rent and mortgage assistance to prevent the loss of housing. The program provides one-time payments of monthly housing expenses to help households overcome financial emergencies. Clients also receive budget counseling and assistance with job training and employment searches.
35	Project Name	Champlin Community Center
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Build or Improve Public Facilities/Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Encourage Neighborhood Revitalization
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Rehabilitate the Champlin Community Center, which serves as the regular meeting place of the Rockford Senior Citizens, as well as for other community groups.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The Champlin Community Center serves approximately 750 people annually. The primary users of the facility are a senior citizens group and a Hennepin County Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).
	Location Description	12450 Gettysburg Ave N, Champlin, MN.

	Planned Activities	The Champlin Community Center was built in the 1980's for the purpose of having a location for senior activities and community groups to meet. The facility is currently used primarily for senior groups and the Hennepin County Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program. This activity will replace 35 year old flooring, windows, and bathroom facilities to allow the facility to continue functioning as a meeting place for seniors and community groups.
36	Project Name	Brooklyn Park Code Enforcement
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$35,000
	Description	Code Enforcement assists to remedy code violations in neighborhoods in Brooklyn Park. The foreclosures and subsequent vacant homes over a number of years have impacted the number of code violations. The allocation of CDBG funds have increased code enforcement activity in eligible deteriorated neighborhoods heavily impacted by code violations, and enables additional staff time to manage code violations, in addition to tracking and monitoring foreclosed and vacant properties.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	400 homes will have code violations corrected.
	Location Description	City of Brooklyn Park, MN.
	Planned Activities	The Code Enforcement Program and Public Health Division continues to handle high levels of code violations in specific neighborhoods. The increase in foreclosures and subsequent vacant homes over the last few years has increased the workload for code enforcement staff. The need for additional staff continues in 2017 to manage the high number of code violations, and track and monitor foreclosed and vacant properties.
37	Project Name	Brooklyn Center Code Enforcement
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Code Enforcement

	Needs Addressed	Encourage Neighborhood Revitalization
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000
	Description	Code Enforcement assists to remedy code violations in neighborhoods in Brooklyn Center. The foreclosures and subsequent vacant homes over a number of years have impacted the number of code violations. The allocation of CDBG funds have increased code enforcement activity in eligible deteriorated neighborhoods heavily impacted by code violations, and enables additional staff time to manage code violations, in addition to tracking and monitoring foreclosed and vacant properties.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	900 properties will have code violations corrected.
	Location Description	City of Brooklyn Center
	Planned Activities	Code enforcement inspection and monitoring of vacant properties.
38	Project Name	Zanewood Recreation Center
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$108,881
	Description	Improvements to the Zanewood Recreation Center
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The Zanewood Recreation Center is located in a majority low/mod-income area, with approximately 4,300 residents in the directly adjacent census block groups.
	Location Description	Zanewood Recreation Center, 7100 Zane Ave N, Brooklyn Park, MN 55429.
	Planned Activities	Rehabilitation of a city owned public facility to improve its functionality and safety while providing specific programming activities that benefits low and moderate income households, youth and young adults.

39	Project Name	New Hope Scattered Site Blight Removal
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Acquisition or Demolition of Structures
	Needs Addressed	Encourage Neighborhood Revitalization
	Funding	CDBG: \$69,350
	Description	Acquisition and demolition of blighted structures. If the structure is found to be suitable for rehabilitation, the rehabilitated home will be sold to a low/moderate income household.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	One blighted property property (Ispecific address TBD) in the City of New Hope.
	Planned Activities	The City of New Hope will acquire and demolish one blighted property.
40	Project Name	CAPI Senior Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Senior Services
	Needs Addressed	Support Education, Outreach and Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$3,500
	Description	CAPI USA will conduct a monthly fresh produce distribution to Hmong seniors in Brooklyn Center. CAPI's multi-lingual staff will also provide additional services to assist seniors in maintaining self-sufficiency.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	CAPI anticipates serving 95 Brooklyn Center senior households, the majority of which are at or below 200% of the federal poverty guideline.
	Location Description	The fresh produce distributions will take place at Kashia Adult Day Services, 5650 Lilcac Drive, Brooklyn Center, MN.

	Planned Activities	CAPI will implement a monthly fresh produce distribution serving low-income Hmong seniors. CAPI's multi-lingual staff will also provide information and resources to assist seniors in maintaining self-sufficiency.
41	Project Name	CAPSH Emergency Housing Rehab
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Homeowner Rehabilitation Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Preserve/Create Single Family Homeownership
	Funding	CDBG: \$45,000
	Description	Emergency grant funds to St. Louis Park homeowners with an income at or below 50% of AMI for emergency repairs and to address code violations.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	12 homeowners with incomes below 50% of AMI. The majority of residents that benefit from this program are seniors or disabled residents
	Location Description	St. Louis Park, MN.
Planned Activities	The St. Louis Park Single Family Emergency Repair Grant provides emergency grant funds to St. Louis Park homeowners with an income at or below 50% of AMI for emergency repairs and to address code violations. The maximum grant amount is \$4,000.	
42	Project Name	ESG Rapid Re-Housing
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Rapid Rehousing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Opportunities for Homeless Populations
	Funding	ESG: \$227,202
	Description	ESG funds will be used for housing stabilization, housing location, and short- and medium-term rental assistance, the key priorities for ESG-funded service providers.
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	38 homeless households will be served.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

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

Assistance is directed to all cities in suburban Hennepin County. The City of Woodland opted not to participate in these programs.

CDBG funding is distributed throughout the jurisdiction according to a formula based on poverty, population, and housing overcrowding. Using this calculation, and assuming a CDBG allocation of \$2,464,782, the following will cities receive direct allocations of funding:

- Brooklyn Center will receive \$255,616
- Brooklyn Park: \$401,331
- Crystal: \$85,951
- Edina: \$118,424
- Hopkins: \$140,915
- Maple Grove: \$165,953
- New Hope: \$111,000
- Richfield: \$236,533
- St. Louis Park: \$162,078
- The remaining 30 cities will receive approximately \$466.559 in a "Consolidated Pool."

The cities of Brooklyn Park, Brooklyn Center, and Eden Prairie have racially concentrated census tracts (Eden Prairie is a CDBG entitlement city and has a separate Action Plan attached to this document).

HOME funds are allocated in response to a request for proposals. In 2017, selected new construction rental projects are located in Plymouth and Eden Prairie and rehabilitation rental projects are in Hopkins and Maple Grove. Single family projects are located throughout suburban Hennepin County.

ESG funds are available throughout suburban Hennepin County.

Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The allocation of CDBG investment mirrors HUD's allocation to entitlements. HUD measures community need using poverty, population, and housing overcrowding indicators. As such, assistance is directed proportionally to the areas of greatest of need.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.420, 91.220(g)

Introduction

The Consortium ranks affordable housing as a high priority. This is evidenced, in part, by the resources dedicated to affordable housing. Approximately, \$2.87 million (\$1.23 million of HOME, \$1.63 million of CDBG, and \$227,202 of ESG funds) will be used in suburban Hennepin County to assist in the development of new affordable units, rehabilitating existing affordable single and multifamily housing units, and rapid rehousing.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	52
Non-Homeless	291
Special-Needs	1
Total	344

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	38
The Production of New Units	92
Rehab of Existing Units	197
Acquisition of Existing Units	17
Total	344

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

Discussion

Homeless and Rental Assistance goals above include the estimated number of households served by ESG rapid rehousing (38). Additionally, it is expected that 45 homeless households will be served through a HOME tenant based rental assistance program (Stable Home) which was funded in previous program years.

AP-60 Public Housing - 91.420, 91.220(h)

Introduction

Hennepin County maintains strong relationships with the eight Public Housing Agencies (PHAs) within suburban Hennepin County and the Minneapolis Public Housing Agency.

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

The capital needs of the PHAs (discussed in detail in the Consolidated Plan section MA-25) will be addressed through funding sources outside of CDBG and HOME, including formula-allocated Capital Improvement grants from HUD and state allocation rehab funds from the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency.

However, the needs of public housing residents as identified by the PHAs (discussed in detail in section the Consolidated Plan NA-35) are addressed, in part, through the public service contracts made possible by CDBG grants. While these services are not specifically targeted at public housing residents, residents may make use of financial capability/economic self-sufficiency courses (provided by CAPSH), emergency assistance programs (provided by IOCP, ICA, and WeCan) and job training (CAPI), to name a few. As Hennepin County residents, public housing residents in Mound, Hopkins, St. Louis Park, Maple Grove, and Minneapolis have access to a wide spectrum of supportive services, some of which are supported by CDBG service contracts.

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

While fostering public housing resident involvement is primarily the responsibility of the respective PHA, Hennepin County will continue to support local PHAs in their efforts and offer programs that positively impact the health and welfare of residents. Resident involvement plans vary based on the size and capacity of the local PHA, the details of which can be found in the most recent five-year plan each agency has submitted to HUD.

Several PHAs have relationships with West Hennepin Affordable Housing Land Trust (WHAHLT) and Habitat for Humanity which provide homeownership opportunities for low income families. WHAHLT is funded by HOME and CDBG. Habitat is funded by HOME.

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

There are no PHAs in suburban Hennepin County that are designated as troubled.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities - 91.420, 91.220(i)

Introduction

A significant new activity this past year for homeless services was the phase-in of Coordinated Entry for single adults, youth, and families. Activities included the development of “Adult Shelter Connect,” a center where single adults could present during the day to reserve a shelter bed for the night. Families and singles are assessed for housing with the VI-SPDAT, and those with high vulnerabilities are prioritized for homeless-specific permanent supportive housing. Those who are less vulnerable are assigned to Rapid Rehousing providers to find market-rate housing. The community also directs support for street outreach and reviews proposals for housing developments that result in affordable units that meet the needs of homeless persons and special needs populations. Efforts this year will be to streamline the Coordinated Entry system into the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for quicker housing placement.

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

Hennepin County is committed to outreach and engagement and has a robust street outreach program. Hennepin County has outreach services to the unsheltered homeless populations provided by nonprofit and faith-based organizations. Outreach is provided at locations where homeless individuals are known to congregate, including parks, overpasses, abandoned structures, and other places not meant for human habitation. Outreach efforts have extended to public transit over this past year, as people experiencing homelessness have gravitated to the new light rail system that operates all night. Through outreach efforts, professionals are able to develop relationships with individuals, understand their service and housing preferences, utilize best practices in engagement, and recommend policy changes and resource development priorities. In 2016, Hennepin County worked with a Native American-specific agency to develop strategies to address the disproportionate number of unsheltered Native Americans in the community and more work is extended in 2017 to develop a set of Native-specific services to address the unique needs of unsheltered individuals.

In the next year, Hennepin County will continue its support of the Opportunity Centers, which serve as one-stop shop service centers for single adults and youth. Both centers opened in 2010 and each one has over twenty agencies co-located on site. The Opportunity Centers are a key component to engage people into the shelter and Coordinated Entry systems for single adults.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Hennepin County funds the majority of single adult, family, and youth-specific shelters in the

community. Coordinated Assessment/Entry continues to be refined for families, singles, and youth. A structure is in place to identify and assess people for Coordinated Entry but the system needs to be streamlined into HMIS in order for it to work more efficiently and broaden its reach into the community. Additionally, some transitional housing units have been reshaped into Rapid Rehousing opportunities in line with HUD's overall direction on transitional housing. All of the Permanent Supportive Housing programs now prioritize chronically homeless individuals and families for their openings.

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 Coordinated Entry System identifies people most in need of permanent supportive housing and those who can benefit from rapid rehousing. The efforts in 2017 will lead to a more purposeful identification of individuals and families in need of the assessment. Length of stay in shelter is currently tracked and efforts are focused on those in shelter the longest to ensure they are assessed and prioritized for permanent housing opportunities. The county has a "top 51" project to identify single adults in shelter the longest and the family shelter system develops a list of families in shelter over 30 days to focus on each month. The Office to End Homelessness has three Housing Referral Coordinators to match those in shelter to available openings in housing. Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance monies as well as ESG focus on funding prevention services, with a specific focus on covering all geographic areas of the county with rapid rehousing and prevention services. We will continue to work with specific cities and their food shelves to ensure that residents can get support in their local communities. Hennepin County social services are dispersed to "service hubs" in the northwest, west, and south suburbs to enable people to access services where they live. The community has few homeless families that meet the HUD definition of chronically homeless, due to the focus on rapidly rehousing families in shelter and providing progressive engagement to repeat shelter users. With Coordinated Entry for singles, the highest priority is on chronically homeless single adults to find the appropriate housing that meets their needs.

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

The Office to End Homelessness employed a full-time Adult Discharge Planning Coordinator to work

directly with Hennepin County Corrections and the Hennepin County Medical Center to improve discharge strategies and outcomes. Many of those exiting institutions meet the definition of long-term and often also chronic homelessness. The work of the discharge planner has been embedded as “business as usual” through Hennepin County Medical Center’s work with Hennepin Health. The Correction Department developed an effort with “Discharge from Jail to Community” programming, which included stable housing as part of the discharge planning from jail for those with serious behavioral health needs. This successful initiative is on-going. More recently, Hennepin County has developed a program to identify people with serious mental illness booked into the pre-adjudication jail for in-reach by mental health professionals prior to release from jail. In addition, prevention dollars for families have been focused on repeat shelter users, those most at risk of returning to shelter and becoming chronically homeless.

Discussion

Over the next year, the focus of the Office to End Homelessness is to continue the work of ending veteran homelessness and pivot attention to chronically homeless single adults and unaccompanied minors. We continue to look for opportunities to develop affordable and permanent supportive housing for families and youth. The community has a “Pipeline” committee that examines all proposed housing development and looks for specific opportunities to partner with Public Housing to develop units affordable to extremely low income families and individuals. In addition to rapid rehousing funded through ESG, CDBG will fund operating support for a youth shelter in Brooklyn Park, and emergency assistance throughout the county. CDBG and HOME will fund the new construction and/or redevelopment of several mixed-income apartment buildings with units serving individuals experiencing homelessness and individuals with special needs.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing - 91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

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

Barriers to affordable housing will be addressed by providing resources in areas where there is a shortage of affordable units, primarily second-ring suburban communities. In the 2017 program year, assuming full funding, \$1.23 million of HOME and \$1.63 million of CDBG and \$227,202 of ESG will assist in the development of new affordable units, rehabilitating existing affordable single and multi-family housing units, and rapid rehousing in suburban Hennepin County. In addition, Hennepin County HRA will award \$2.7 million to affordable housing projects in 2017.

In 2017, the county proposes to allocate \$32,000 for the continuation of fair housing services in suburban Hennepin County. Some of these funds will support fair housing activities contracted through the Fair Housing Implementation Council (FHIC), a metrowide collaboration of HUD entitlement jurisdictions. In 2016, the FHIC contracted for the completion of the addendum to the Analysis of Impediments which is expected to be complete June 15, 2017. Once the impediments to fair housing choice are identified, the FHIC and Hennepin County will direct fair housing funding toward overcoming these barriers.

The ESG Program, which supports the Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program (FHPAP), assists homeless families in emergency shelters to relocate to permanent affordable housing in non-concentrated areas and to overcome barriers that may impede their housing stability.

In project sites where contamination is anticipated or known to exist, the Hennepin County Environmental Response Fund (ERF) has been used for both investigation and remediation. Priority in the allocation of funds is given to projects providing new, affordable housing.

The county, through its HRA, has invested over \$50 million dollars of local funds to offset costs associated with affordable housing.

Hennepin County works with its Residential Real Estate Services division and small cities to examine parcels which may be suitable for affordable housing sites.

Staff will continue to work with city staff, especially those with smaller staff capacity, to analyze the potential for affordable housing in a variety of locations.

Staff from the Hennepin County Housing Development and Finance Division and HSPHD will continue to

coordinate activities at the county and regional levels through the Metropolitan Engagement on Shelter and Housing, a nonprofit organization that works with metro-area Continuums of Care. This work includes sharing information and best practices, coordinating production goals and funding, and aligning policies affecting homeless families and individuals across jurisdictional boundaries.

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The county meets underserved needs in a variety of ways including the following:

- social programs (safety net services such as food support, emergency shelter and cash assistance);
- help for people who are developmentally disabled;
- services for seniors;
- services for veterans;
- behavioral and chemical health services;
- protective services for children and adults;
- child support; and
- health care through Medical Assistance.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

In addition to programs and projects funded by CDBG, HOME, and ESG, Hennepin County has a variety of programs which foster and maintain affordable housing. For example:

- Supportive Housing Initiative Fund which addresses one-time and time-limited gaps in supportive housing services for both site-based and scattered-site initiatives.
- The Environmental Response Fund addresses environmental assessment and clean-up of property
- The Affordable Housing Incentive Fund is a local fund that supports the development or rehabilitation of single family and multifamily affordable housing projects.
- Resident Real Estate Services has the ability to reduce the cost of land for affordable housing purposes.
- Continuum of Care Program provides resources for the development of supportive and transitional housing for homeless single adults, families and unaccompanied youth. Funding is used for the acquisition, construction, and rehabilitation of housing, as well as leasing and rental assistance, and support services.

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Hennepin County has two departments that address lead-based paint issues. The Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department case manage elevated blood-lead referrals from the Minnesota Department of Health (except in Bloomington and Richfield). All blood lead tests in the state must be reported to the Minnesota Department of Health who in turn informs the jurisdiction

responsible for investigating cases where children have been poisoned. When a child's blood lead level is over 15 µg/dl the Minnesota Department of Health performs a lead risk assessment inspection and where needed, they will issue corrective orders to fix lead-based paint hazards. Hennepin Public Health then monitors the case to ensure completion of the work. When the family is income eligible they are referred to the Community Works Department for grant assistance with the lead orders. Minnesota recently made an administrative change to the Lead Poisoning Prevention Rules that allows agencies to investigate at lower blood lead levels in response to changes from the Centers for Disease Control firmly stating that there is no safe level of lead in the blood and even low levels have deleterious health effects. CDC established a blood lead reference value of 5 µg/dl down from the previous level of 10 µg/dl. Income eligible families with children that have a blood lead level of 5-15 µg/dl are offered enrollment in the Community Works lead hazard reduction grant program on a voluntary basis.

Hennepin County actively engages in primary prevention of childhood lead poisoning through a multifaceted approach that includes community outreach and education, lead-based paint inspection/risk assessments, lead-safe work practices training for contractors and lead hazard reduction.

Hennepin County Community Works addresses lead-based paint hazards when it provides federal and state funds toward housing activities including CDBG and HOME funded activities and through federally-funded Lead Hazard Control Grants. Hennepin County has been awarded ten HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Grants and one Healthy Homes Production Grant often in partnership with St. Paul/Ramsey County, Duluth HRA, and Sustainable Resources Center. As of January 2016, the grants have completed over 4,338 lead-safe units for families in the combined jurisdictions, 2,996 in Hennepin County.

The most recent OLHCHH lead grant award of \$3.7 million was received in the fall of 2015 and funds the program through November of 2018. It includes \$325,000 in Healthy Homes Initiative funding to address other health related safety hazards found in the lead reduction project homes.

In the 2017 program year, Hennepin County anticipates a high volume of lead hazard control activity to meet the 2015 lead grant benchmarks. To build lead hazard reduction capacity Community Works will assist at least two contractors to become licensed lead-abatement contractors and at least 20 other individuals will attend the EPA renovation Repair and Painting Rule training. Community works expects to contact at least 200 families through community lead education and outreach efforts and will complete over 140 lead hazard reduction projects. Hennepin County expects to remediate healthy homes hazards in 50% or around 60 of its lead hazard reduction projects.

Community Works will continue to follow the lead-safe housing rule in all its federally funded

activities. We will actively seek resources to provide families with homes that are affordable and safe.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Hennepin County assists individuals and families to access resources that help them move into self-sufficiency. Hennepin County Human Services delivers a variety of services to individuals or families that assists with basic needs or encourages client change around specific objectives. Efforts include:

- social programs (safety net services such as food support, emergency shelter and cash assistance);
- help for people who are developmentally disabled;
- services for seniors;
- services for veterans;
- behavioral and chemical health services;
- protective services for children and adults;
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Hennepin County workforce development efforts help alleviate poverty by improving family and individual economic opportunities that lead to a sustainable living wage. The county works with private and non-profit sectors to train and match employees; and partners with colleges, universities and training programs to develop a strong future workforce. Initiatives include:

- Workforce Activities Alignment - Creation of workforce coordinator position
- Workforce Entry Program (WEP) - Meeting the demand for skilled trade persons while developing the county's economic resources by providing unemployed individuals the means to earn a better living.
- A-GRAD Initiative - Improving high school graduation rates
- Workforce Investment Network - Partnerships to create workforce opportunities for targeted communities and reducing economic disparities
- Step-Up Program - High school internships at the county
- Employment Pays Program - Employment supports for individuals with high behavioral health needs
- NorthPoint/Urban League - Training and employment partnership

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Hennepin County will continue to build in the strengths of the delivery system which include a diverse and experienced base of housing, community development, and social service providers and

organizations. Coordination among the state, the county, and regional and local governments has resulted in significant planning initiatives and working policy groups, such as the Hennepin County and City of Minneapolis Commission to End Homelessness, and the City County Task Force on Lead Hazard Control.

Another result of this coordination has been the consolidated request for proposal (RFP) issued by public and private funders statewide, including Hennepin County. Annually, the county issues its Coordinated Request for Proposals (CRFP) that includes funding from the county's Affordable Housing Incentive Fund (AHIF), Transit Oriented Development (TOD), Supportive Housing Initiative Fund (SHIF), and Group Residential Housing (GRH), and federal funding from the HOME program and Continuum of Care program.

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

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Discussion

As part of the Action Plan submittal, entitlement jurisdictions are required to certify to HUD that the entitlement jurisdictions will affirmatively further fair housing, including completion of an Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice. Hennepin County participates, along with twelve other entitlement jurisdictions, in the Fair Housing Implementation Council (FHIC) to complete a regional AI. In the summer of 2015, the FHIC agreed that the current AI, the "2014 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice: Twin Cities", needed to be updated to better reflect fair housing issues affecting the region. The Addendum to the AI will be completed by June 15, 2017.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	500,000
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:	500,000

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.	95.48%

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 Consortium will only assist the HUD approved forms of homeownership as defined in 24 CFR § 92.2. Homeownership means: as ownership in fee simple title, a 99-year leasehold interest, ownership in a

cooperative or mutual housing unit, or an equivalent form of ownership approved by HUD, in a one to four unit dwelling, a condominium unit, a manufactured unit, or a cooperative or mutual housing unit.

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

The Consortium will provide assistance to Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity (TCHFH), which may in part, provide direct assistance to their homebuyers through the funded activities in this Action Plan. The recapture provision will be used in the in the form of a deferred, zero interest mortgage, held by the Hennepin Housing Consortium and TCHFH, the mortgage will be forgiven upon the maturity date, unless prior to that date, the homebuyer:

1. Voluntarily or involuntarily, no longer uses the property as their principal residence, or leases, sells, transfers, mortgages or pledges all or any part of their interest in the property without prior written consent of the Consortium;
2. Defaults on any terms, covenants or conditions of the note or the HOME mortgage; or
3. Defaults on any terms of the first mortgage secured by the property.

The exception to full repayment would be if there is a sale during the term of the loan and there are not sufficient “net sale proceeds” to repay the loan. The repayment would then be the amount of net sale proceeds available. Net sale proceeds are defined as the fair market value sale price of the property minus the balance of the superior loan(s), the homebuyer original investment and reasonable and customary closing costs.

The owner occupancy requirement will be secured by a Declaration of Covenant that will be filed on the property for the required affordability period (up to 15 years, based on the amount of HOME funds provided).

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:

For Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity (TCHFH) or West Hennepin Affordable Housing Land Trust (WHAHLT), if funds are provided to just to assist them with the acquisition of the land or rehabilitation of the improvements. Thus indirectly assisting the homebuyer, this requires the resale provision. The resale requirement will be secured by a Declaration of Covenant that will be filed on the property for the required affordability period (up to 15 years, based on the amount of HOME funds provided).

The Covenant filed contains provisions required by the HOME Program, as follows:

1. The Consortium or a representative may include the right of first purchase or the right of first refusal for a bona fide offer from any person to purchase an assisted property at the Consortium or

representative's option.

2. The property will be used as the low-income buyers' principal place of residence.
3. The declaration can terminate in the event of foreclosure, transfer of title in lieu of foreclosure, or assignment of a FHA insured mortgage to HUD.
4. The property must be sold at a price that provides the owner a fair return in their investment, while ensuring that the housing will remain affordable to a reasonable range of low-income buyers.

In a land trust model of ownership, the owner only owns the improvements (house/buildings) on the land and the land trust owns the land, which they lease to the owner. WHAHLT describes in its land lease the following three-step calculation to determine the required fair return on investment:

1. Subtract the initial appraised value of the improvements from current (time of sale) appraised value of the improvements to get the market appreciation.
2. The market appreciation is multiplied by 35 percent to get the owner's share of the appreciation.
3. The owner's original purchase price of the improvements is added to the owner's share of the appreciation to get the purchase option price. The purchase option price is the amount that will be used to sell it to the next purchaser.

The Consortium defines "affordable to a reasonable range of low-income homebuyers" as a family at 65 to 80 percent of area median income paying no more than 33 percent of income for principal, interest, property taxes, and insurance.

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 Consortium does not plan to use HOME funds to refinance existing debt.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

Reference 91.220(I)(4)

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

Eligibility and Prioritization Criteria: Hennepin County residents who are literally homeless at program entry, whose gross household annual income is at or below 30% of the Area Median Income, and whose score on the Coordinated Entry System assessment indicates rapid rehousing.

Referral: All rapid rehousing participants will be referred by a Coordinated Entry System Housing Referral Coordinator.

Housing Stability / Identification Service Standards: All households eligible for ESG-funded rapid rehousing services will receive housing identification and housing stability services.

- Services cannot exceed 30 days during the period the program participant is seeking permanent housing, and cannot exceed 24 months during the period the program participant is living in permanent housing.
- While the program participant is still experiencing homelessness, program will meet with the program participant weekly for first 2-3 months, and at least monthly thereafter.
- Housing identification services include recruiting landlords, addressing potential barriers to landlord participation, and assisting households to link to appropriate rental housing.
- Housing stability services include negotiating lease agreements and rental assistance agreements, completing Habitability Assessments, creating a Housing Stability Plan/Case Plan, and referring to on-going resources
- Participation in services should not be required to receive rapid rehousing assistance.

Direct Assistance Standards: Households may receive direct assistance for a maximum of 24 months, typically 6 months or less. Providers will pay full housing costs for households with no income, and progressively decrease subsidies as households increase income. Providers will complete re-certifications of continued need for direct assistance and services at three months from the date the household was housed, and every three months thereafter.

Data: Subrecipients that deliver ESG-funded rapid re-housing services will be required to ensure that data on all persons served and all activities assisted under ESG are entered in the Minnesota HMIS system. If the subrecipient is a victim service provider or a legal services provider, it may use a comparable database that collects client-level data over time and generates unduplicated aggregate reports based on the data. Information entered into a comparable database must not be entered directly into or provide to an HMIS.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that

meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

Hennepin County CoC completed initial launch of its full Coordinated Entry System (CES) in January 2017. The CES is the process by which households experiencing literal homelessness access, are assessed, and are prioritized for homeless-dedicated supportive housing programs. Hennepin has separate but coordinated CES's for families and singles. Both CES's:

- Cover and serve all of the Hennepin County CoC; use mobile outreach services, partnerships with geographically and culturally focused agencies, and after-hours crisis lines to assure easy access by households; and are promoted widely.
- Follow policies to address needs of households fleeing domestic violence, including privacy and confidentiality, safety planning, emergency management, and appropriate referrals.
- Employ standardized access and assessment. Trained assessors follow written policies to assess households using the Vulnerability Index – Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool (VI-SPDAT), the VI-SPDAT for families, and the VI-SPDAT for transition-aged youth. Households prioritized for supportive housing also complete a standard supplemental assessment of housing preferences.
- Use a uniform referral process to refer households to participating projects, which include rapid rehousing (including ESG-funded projects), transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing. Housing Referral Coordinators employ a standard process which utilizes VI-SPDAT and supplemental assessment score, and preference for households with the longest periods of homelessness and households who are chronically homeless.
- Offer referral denial protocol for both projects and households.
- Require housing providers to limit barriers to enrollment, such as income, disability status, substance use, and criminal history.

Hennepin County CoC does not fund homeless prevention services with ESG funds.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

ESG-funded services will be provided by subrecipients that are selected via a Request for Proposals (RFP) process. When the required planning has been done and authorizations have been given, a RFP will be sent to interested provider agencies. Provider agencies will be given the opportunity to develop proposals for the creation of new or the expansion of existing re-housing services. Proposals will be rated based upon the qualifications of the provider, the perceived effectiveness and efficiency of the proposal, cost factors, prospects for successful outcome delivery, timeline for implementation, and other critical factors. The programs rates as offering the greatest value of prospects for success will be implemented via contact agreement.

Hennepin County has an effective subrecipient management system that includes various elements. Execution of an agreement with each subrecipient is the first step in managing subrecipient compliance. This signed contract contains a scope of work and clearly specifies tasks to be undertaken and identifies

applicable ESG requirements. In addition, the agreement establishes benchmarks or measures of subrecipient performance. Subsequent procedures include technical assistance as appropriate.

Newly funded programs and programs with a shorter track record require a much higher level of oversight including training, technical assistance and monitoring. Orientation meetings are offered at the pre-application stage. The focus of these meetings is to clearly convey requirements and responsibilities as a subrecipient of ESG funds.

On-site monitoring is done annually. Staff will develop an annual monitoring plan for each ESG provider. These monitoring visits are an opportunity to provide technical assistance and individualized assistance to subrecipients.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

N/A

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

Of households served by rapid rehousing programs:

- 95% of participants will complete an intake within 7 days of referral to the rapid rehousing provider
- 90% of participants will obtain housing in fewer than 38 days from intake
- 25% of participants will increase their income through employment from program entry to exit
- 80% of all participants will be stably housed at program exit
- 85% of participants who were stably housed at exit will not enter shelter within 6 months after their exit from rapid rehousing assistance
- 75% of participants who were stably housed at exit will not enter shelter within 12 months after their exit from rapid rehousing assistance

HMIS data will be expected to meet the following outcome:

- 98% of the data will be complete and accurate during monthly data checks