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URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM***

**Annual Action Plan
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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Urbana HOME Consortium and the City of Urbana Annual Action Plan for FY 2023-2024 identifies activities that Consortium members and the City plan to implement during the period beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024. This Annual Action Plan budgets the use of two federal housing entitlement funds, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. The Annual Action Plan for FY 2023-2024 furthers strategies that were identified in the Urbana HOME Consortium and City of Urbana Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2020-2024.

The City of Urbana and the Urbana HOME Consortium will undertake the activities identified in this Annual Action Plan during the fourth year of the five-year Consolidated Plan period. The CDBG portion of the Annual Action Plan identifies the planned uses of CDBG entitlement funds by the City of Urbana for FY 2023-2024. The HOME portion of the Annual Action Plan identifies uses of HOME funds by members of the Urbana HOME Consortium. The members of the Urbana HOME Consortium are the City of Urbana, the City of Champaign, and Champaign County.

The Annual Action Plan was on file for public review and comment during the period beginning March 1, 2023, through March 31, 2023. The City held three public hearings to obtain citizen comments regarding the draft Annual Action Plan on October 25, 2022, January 23, 2023, and March 28, 2023. The hearings took place in person in the City of Urbana Council Chambers. Information regarding the hearings was published on the City's website, via the City's social media accounts, and sent to local social services listservs. All comments received at these hearings either in person or electronically, as well as other written comments submitted during the public review period, have been included in the Annual Action Plan.

The City of Urbana and Consortium members continue to partner with local nonprofit agencies and the IL-503 Continuum of Care to identify needs and resources for residents. Staff have worked closely with Illinois Emergency Management Agency to increase the Cities' readiness for disaster prevention, recovery, and resiliency, and to ensure the needs of vulnerable individuals and families in protected classes are integrated into disaster plans and activities.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

Below is a summary of the Consolidated Plan Objectives and Outcomes. Each project identified in this Annual Action Plan provides the applicable Objectives and Outcomes. The anticipated results are provided as “Outcome Indicators.”

3. Evaluation of past performance

CDBG funds committed by the City of Urbana resulted in twelve (12) owner-occupied housing units being rehabilitated through the City's Emergency, Access, and Senior Repair Program. In FY 2022-2023, CDBG Public Service funds supported the City's Youth Services grant program, which provided funding to six community-based organizations to support seven programs. The programs and services provided by these agencies address violence prevention, trauma support, after-school programming, and recreation, and are targeted toward Urbana youth from low-income families. The grant period for the Youth Services funding expires on June 30, 2023, and accomplishments will be reported in the FY 2022-2023 CAPER. Public service funds were also used to provide three formerly homeless families with stable housing and case management through the City of Urbana's Transitional Housing Program.

HOME funds were used to support TBRA programs through the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) and Courage Connection. Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County continued its outstanding work as a high-performing local Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) by completing four (4) new affordable single-family home projects with the assistance of HOME funding. FirstFollowers was certified as a CHDO and completed renovation on two rental units.

On March 11, 2021, the American Rescue Plan (ARP) was signed into law to address the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Urbana HOME Consortium received a HOME ARP allocation of \$2,970,773. The Consortium's Allocation Plan was approved by HUD in September 2022. Based on the public input and other information gathered during the planning process, the Consortium has allocated \$1,000,000 to Supportive Services, \$1,000,000 to Development of Affordable Rental Housing, \$400,000 to Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter, \$148,359 to Non-Profit Operating, \$148,539 to Non-Profit Capacity Building, and \$273, 875 to Administration and Planning. In November 2022, the Cities of Urbana and Champaign jointly issued a Request for Proposals for agencies and developers to address affordable housing and homelessness issues in the community. To date, \$940,074 in HOME ARP funding has been committed to projects and program.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of the plan.

The Annual Action Plan is developed by the City of Urbana in accordance with its Citizen Participation Plan included as part of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan process. The 30-day public comment period took

place from March 1, 2023 – March 31, 2023. During that period, City staff posted a Community Needs Survey on the City’s website and social media accounts, and also sent the survey to various community groups. City staff also held three public hearings to gain citizen input on the plan, and presented the draft to City Council in order to receive feedback. To encourage public participation by the broadest audience possible, staff also presented the Annual Action Plan to various community groups made up of housing, social service, and financial agencies, including the Champaign County Continuum of Care.

5. Summary of public comments

The results of the Community Needs Survey are attached to this plan. In summary, citizens expressed a need for infrastructure improvements throughout the City, including the need for additional street lighting, sidewalk improvements, and improvements to public spaces such as parks. Funding for youth violence prevention activities was identified as a high priority. In addition, the Urbana Park District submitted a letter of support for the City’s CDBG program, and expressed a desire to continue partnering with the City to serve low-income residents. This letter is attached to the plan.

The rising cost of housing was also a common theme in the feedback received. Survey respondents expressed a need for rent assistance to low-income families. 44% of survey respondents said there was not sufficient affordable housing in Urbana, and 87% of respondents said rent in Urbana is too high. 50% of respondents indicated that finding an affordable unit was a significant barrier to secure housing.

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

Not applicable

7. Summary

The Annual Action Plan reflects the coordinated efforts of the Urbana HOME Consortium and its citizens, as well as the expansive network of housing and human service providers in Champaign County. Through strategies documented in this plan, the effectiveness and impact of federal funds will be maximized through thoughtful investment of resources, reduced duplication of services, and improved service delivery. The goals and objectives identified in this plan aim to improve the quality of life in Champaign County, particularly for low-income, homeless, elderly, and/or special-needs individuals and families.

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

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

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

Agency Role		Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	URBANA		Community Development/Grants Management Division
HOME Administrator	URBANA		Community Development/Grants Management Division

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The City of Urbana, through the Grants Management Division of its Community Development Services Department, acts as the lead agency for the Urbana HOME Consortium. As such, Urbana staff took the lead role in developing the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Annual Action Plan for FY 2023-2024 especially as it relates to policies, procedures, programs, and activities, and other issues specifically involving the City. However, the overall development of the Annual Action Plan is a cooperative effort involving the City of Urbana, the City of Champaign, and the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (representing the unincorporated areas of Champaign County). These regions are geographically contiguous and the areas of responsibility of the entities tend to overlap. These factors have contributed to an open and cooperative relationship among the municipalities, which extends to both staff and elected officials. For example, Consortium members collaborated closely in the creation of the HOME ARP Allocation Plan that was submitted to HUD in September 2022. This cooperation is essential in assessing and attending to the needs of the greater community and is the foundation for the Consortium's successes. The Grants Management Division also administers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), on behalf of the City of Urbana.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

During the 30-day public comment period, copies of the draft Annual Action Plans were available for public review on the City of Urbana website at www.urbanaininois.us and the following locations:

- Urbana Free Library, 210 West Green Street, Urbana

City of Champaign Annual Action Plan:

- Champaign Public Library, 200 West Green Street, Champaign

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

1. Introduction

The Consortium regularly participates in meetings and public hearings with community organizations, commissions, and citizen groups. These meetings occurred regularly throughout the year, and enable staff to develop and maintain partnerships with community organizations, and receive continual feedback on the needs and trends in the community. Consortium members also continually look for new opportunities to disseminate information about the programs and services it provides. Staff members of the Consortium entities often serve on committees and sub-committees, taking a very active and visible role in the community. In addition to the municipalities, many public and private entities play key roles in the health of the community. The Consortium makes every effort to include these organizations in the planning and implementation of the Annual Action Plan. Input from the public was also sought through public hearings and virtual meetings.

Staff from the City of Urbana, Champaign, and Champaign County Regional Plan Commission work closely with Illinois Emergency Management Agency to increase the Cities' readiness for disaster prevention, recovery, and resiliency. Staff works to ensure the needs of vulnerable individuals and families in protected classes are integrated into disaster plans and activities.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health, and service agencies (91.215(I)).

The Housing Authority of Champaign County continues to inform local jurisdictions of major housing opportunities and collaborates on major redevelopments in Champaign and Urbana. Consortium members provided feedback to the Housing Authority on the creation of a landlord incentive program and collaborated to develop tenant's rights workshops that were available to landlords, tenants, and service providers county-wide. Consortium members also collaborated closely with the CoC and Housing Authority to administer the EHV process in 2021. The Housing Authority also has several new developments in the county and has sought collaboration with Consortium members on LIHTC applications to further support their work.

In the fall of 2022, Consortium members coordinated with United Way of Champaign County and the Champaign County Mental Health Board to facilitate the sharing of information on local resources among private and governmental health, mental health, and service agencies. The findings were shared at a public study session sponsored by the Mental Health Board. Staff will continue to coordinate with other funding groups to discuss and monitor ongoing needs for persons with mental health and other needs, particularly low-income persons and youth.

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 Urbana HOME Consortium have all served as current or past chairs for the Continuum of Care, which is known locally as the Champaign County Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless (CSPH). In FY 2022-2023, the City of Urbana administered Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Emergency Solutions Grant CARES Act (ESG-CV) funding for Cunningham Township Supervisor’s Office, which works closely with homeless populations to operate street outreach, emergency shelter, and rapid rehousing programs in Urbana and county-wide. The CSPH also coordinates closely with the local homeless shelter to develop training and funding opportunities related to mental health and substance abuse support.

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 Champaign County Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless (CSPH) is the name of the CoC that covers Champaign County. In FY 2020, 2021, and 2022, the CoC received ESG and ESG-CV allocations from the State of Illinois. Agencies in Champaign County are invited to apply to the CoC for ESG funds. During the review process, the CoC Rating & Ranking Committee convenes to review agency applications and make funding determinations. The Committee uses standardized scoring criteria for each review. The Rating & Ranking Committee also takes into account the past performance of agencies that have received ESG funding, to determine how to allocate ESG funds in the community. Once the Committee has reviewed the applications, recommendations for ESG funding are presented to the full membership of the CoC for a vote.

The Champaign County Regional Planning Commission administers the HMIS system under an agreement with the CoC. HMIS staff assigns access and provides initial training for authorized users, maintains oversight and continuing training updates for quality of data entry, collects HMIS data for HUD Exchange and other grant reports, and supports CoC planning efforts requiring data about clients served. At this time, most data is entered by a single user from hard copy documents collected at agency intake and data is shared among agencies only in aggregated formats to preserve the confidentiality of households.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, and organizations that participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization Name	City of Champaign
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Champaign, as an Urbana HOME Consortium member, has gathered substantial public input regarding consortia-wide projects. City of Champaign staff attended a public hearing for social service agencies, as an Urbana HOME Consortium member, to provide input regarding community needs.
2	Agency/Group/Organization Name	Champaign County Regional Planning Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Employment Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children 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?	The Champaign County Regional Planning Commission is a member of the Urbana HOME Consortium and administers services and programs that provide assistance to low-

		income residents, as well as individuals and families experiencing homelessness. CCRPC gathers substantial data on local conditions, and this information is a vital component to the Consortium’s planning efforts.
3	Agency/Group/Organization Name	IL-503 CoC Champaign County Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Over 40 homeless service provider agencies, including municipal and nonprofit partners are members of the IL-503 Continuum of Care. The Urbana HOME Consortium members have all served on the Executive Committee or past chairs for the CoC, and the three participating jurisdictions/subrecipients to the HOME Consortium continue to be active on the Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless. During the March 7, 2023 meeting, the Urbana HOME Consortium solicited input on the Annual Action Plan from the group. The Community Needs Assessment Survey was sent out to the CoC and members were encouraged to participate.
4	Agency/Group/Organization Name	Champaign County Human Services Council
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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?	The Human Services Council is made up of local healthcare and behavioral healthcare providers, municipalities, and non-profits organizations that meet monthly to discuss issues facing low-mod residents of Champaign County. At the March meeting, Consortium members solicited input on the Annual Action Plan from the group. The Community

		Needs Assessment Survey was sent out to the group and members were encouraged to participate.
5	Agency/Group/Organization Name	Community Reinvestment Group
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Community Reinvestment Group is made up of local Community Reinvestment Act bankers, non-profit housing providers, municipalities, and the Housing Authority of Champaign County. The group meets monthly to discuss affordable housing and lending issues facing low-mod residents of Champaign County. At the March meeting, Consortium members provided a presentation on the Annual Action Plan and solicited feedback on affordable housing needs from the group.

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

Not applicable

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	CCRPC	The CoC Strategic Plan overlaps with regard to housing, i.e. by PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE CONTINUUM OF HOUSING SERVICES, Increase affordable housing

Table 3 – Other local/regional/federal planning efforts

Narrative

Affordable rental units are in great demand in the community. As a member of the Urbana HOME Consortium, the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission continues to operate a Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program that is countywide. The City of Urbana also supports a Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program operated by Courage Connection, which targets victims of domestic violence. The City will continue to

work closely with all Consortium members to support this important program in the community.

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

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

A draft of the FY 23-24 Annual Action Plan was made available to the public during the 30-day public comment period, which took place from March 1, 2023, to March 31, 2023. Copies were made available at the Urbana City Building, the Urbana Free Library, and the City's website. Information about public hearings was posted on the City of Urbana's website, and the city's calendar for public review.

In-person public hearings were held before the regularly scheduled Community Development Commission Meetings on October 25, 2022, January 24, 2023, and March 28, 2023 in the City of Urbana Council Chambers. The purpose of these public hearings was to obtain resident input regarding community development and housing needs. City Staff also presented the Annual Action Plan at regular meetings of various community groups made up of housing, social service, and financial agencies. The plan was also sent to the CSPH listserv for local service providers to have an opportunity to review the draft plan and provide comments. City staff also sent out a community needs survey to various neighborhood groups to gather input on the needs residents are seeing in their neighborhoods.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of Responses/Attendance	Summary of Comments Received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Staff from the City of Urbana held a public hearing before the October 2022 regular meeting of the Urbana Community Development Commission to gain feedback on	None	None	N/A

			community needs including housing and public services.			
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Staff from the City of Urbana held a public hearing before the January 2023 regular meeting of the Urbana Community Development Commission to gain feedback on the Annual Action Plan.	The City received a letter of support for the CDBG program from the Urbana Park District.	None	N/A
3	Public Meeting	Homeless Service Providers Minorities Housing Providers	Staff from the City of Urbana shared information on the plan and community needs at the March meeting of the Champaign County Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless and solicited feedback on the Annual Action Plan and housing and homeless service needs in the community	None	None	N/A
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Staff from the City of Urbana held a public hearing before the March 28, 2023 regular	None	None	N/A

			meeting of the Urbana Community Development Commission to gain feedback on the Annual Action Plan.			
4	Survey	Non-targeted/broad community	Survey respondents expressed a need for infrastructure improvements throughout the City, including the need for additional street lighting, sidewalk improvements, and improvements to public spaces such as parks. Funding for youth violence prevention activities was identified as a high priority.	None	None	N/A

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Allocations of federal funds are determined annually by Congress and will fluctuate from year to year. These fluctuations will be taken into account during the annual budgeting process.

The Urbana HOME Consortium will receive a HOME allocation of \$779,013 in FY 2023-2024 and an estimated allocation of \$725,000 the following year for a total allocation of \$1,504,013 expected during the remainder of the 2020-20204 Consolidated Plan period. Prior year resources as noted in the FY 2023-2024 budget consist of uncommitted HOME-ARP funds. The Urbana HOME Consortium HOME-ARP Allocation Plan was approved in August 2022, and all HOME-ARP funds will be distributed within the Consortium-wide area based on the priorities identified in the Allocation Plan.

The City of Urbana will receive an FY 2023-2024 CDBG allocation of \$498,343 and an estimated allocation of \$420,000 the following year for a total of \$918,343 available during the remainder of the 2020-20204 Consolidated Plan period. Funds will be allocated to priorities set by the community and staff over the five years. Prior Year Resources are unexpended CDBG funding from program years 2018-2022.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	498,343	0	750,000	1,248,343	1,668,343	Funding will support neighborhood revitalization, public services, acquisition and demolition, and housing rehabilitation activities. Public Services include the City's Youth Services Grant Program and annual Neighborhood Cleanup Day. Rehabilitation activities include the Emergency Grant, Access Grant, and Senior Repair Service Grant. The Emergency Grant Program allows up to \$15,000 in repairs to address risks to the health and safety of household occupants, and the Access Grant provides \$15,000 for improvements necessary to remove barriers to accessibility to a person with disabilities. The Senior Repair Service Program provides home maintenance repair for the elderly or persons with disabilities who are at or below 80% of the Median Family Income. The ultimate goal of these programs is to sustain housing so occupants can remain in their homes. All CDBG activities must benefit renters or homeowners who earn less than 80% of the Median Family Income.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	779,013	0	1,756,824	2,535,837	3,260,837	Acquisition, Homebuyer assistance, Homeowner rehab, Multifamily rental new construction, multifamily rental rehab, new construction for ownership, and TBRA. Funds, including carryover funds, may be allocated by the City of Urbana to programs such as Acquisition-Rehab, Purchase-Rehab-Resale, Rental Rehab, Lot Acquisition/Demolition, and/or other programs currently under development or may be proposed that further the affordable housing goals and mission of the City, Council, and Community Development Services Department. Funds may be allocated by the City of Champaign to new or existing programs, such as TBRA, the Acquisition-Rehab, Full Home Improvement, or Lot Acquisition programs, to promote revitalization efforts of targeted neighborhoods. Funds may be allocated by Champaign County to TBRA or to provide rehabilitation assistance to both investor-owned properties as well as single-family owner-occupied projects. Admin and Planning: Funds will be contributed to personnel costs as well as supplies and other expenses.

Table 2 - 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

All Consortium members continue to seek private investment, tax credits, and grant opportunities from the State of Illinois that further the goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan. Tax credit developments are anticipated in the City of Urbana in the Consolidated Plan period, such as an affordable housing development for low-income families and individuals on Lierman Avenue, as well as the renovation of a motel for use as a single-room occupancy shelter. The City of Champaign and Urbana continue to work with private developers applying for tax credit incentives on future developments. Champaign will focus its HOME funds on the continued development of Bristol Place and owner-occupied rehab programs. The City of Urbana is also continuing to collaborate with non-profit stakeholders and healthcare providers in the community to develop a tiny homes facility that will support medically fragile individuals who are experiencing homelessness.

The 25% match requirement for the HOME program utilizes a variety of leveraging sources to fulfill this obligation. The City of Urbana and Champaign contribute cash matches towards its HOME projects from private investment in development projects. Land donations for developments will contribute to the program in the coming year, as well as sweat equity and cash contributions provided by the volunteers of Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County. The Consortium has a large carryover match balance that will exceed the anticipated match requirement in the coming years.

CDBG funded City of Urbana projects for public facility and infrastructure leverage general funds and State of Illinois Motor Fuel Tax dollars to have a greater impact on the projects. The City of Urbana has also leveraged funds through the State of Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to support public service programming and capital improvement projects. This practice will continue through the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. If appropriate, describe publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

City Code Enforcement staff will continue to identify blighted properties that may be purchased with CDBG funds, demolished, and then donated to a not-for-profit developer or CHDO such as Habitat for Humanity. These lots will be used to address affordable housing needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. The City does not keep an inventory of land.

Discussion

Not applicable

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Urbana Consortium-wide Area Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan Area	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$149,343 HOME: \$780,033.34	Rental units rehabilitated: 2 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 4 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 3 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 10 Households Assisted Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 150 Household Housing Unit
2	Address Barriers to Affordable Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Urbana Consortium-wide Area Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan Area	Community Development Needs	CDBG: \$24,000 HOME: \$59,926	Tenant-based rental assistance Support Services
3	Preserve Existing Affordable Housing Supply	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Urbana Consortium-wide Area	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$87,500 Home: \$1,000,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Coordinate with Housing Authority	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Public Housing	Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Urbana Consortium-wide Area Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan Area	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$295,877.66	Rental units constructed: 30 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 60 Household Housing Unit
5	Support Services & Training for Low-Income Persons	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Urbana Consortium-wide Area	Community Development Needs Homeless Prevention & Services Youth Services	CDBG: \$50,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10 Households Assisted Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 9 Beds
6	Support Homeless Needs	2020	2024	Homeless Non-Housing Community Development	Urbana Consortium-wide Area	Homeless Prevention & Services	HOME: \$400,000	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 10 Households Assisted
7	Reduce Lead Exposure Risk	2020	2024	Lead-Based Paint Hazard Removal	Urbana Consortium-wide Area	Community Development Needs	CDBG: \$12,500	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit
8	Support Infrastructure Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Census Tracts 53, 54,55,56, and 57	Community Development Needs	CDBG: \$875,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25 Households Assisted
9	Preserve Consortium Neighborhoods	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Census Tracts 53, 54,55,56, and 57	Affordable Housing Community Development Needs Homeless Prevention & Services Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$50,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25 Households Assisted Buildings Demolished: 2 Buildings

Table 3 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities
	Goal Description	<p>Increase the supply of affordable housing available to low and moderate-income households, by providing Tenant Based Rental Assistance to households with incomes at or below 60% of the area median, targeting those at or below 125% of the poverty level, supporting new construction for homeownership sponsored by CHDOs and other nonprofits, support new construction of affordable rental units sponsored by CHDOs and other nonprofits, support and provide guidance to for-profit developers building new affordable renter and owner units, support construction of new affordable rental units through LIHTC including the Bristol Park Phase II Redevelopment Project, in compatible areas, encourage the development of non-profit housing development organizations eligible for CHDO status. Expand homeownership opportunities for low and moderate-income households, by providing support and encouraging homeownership education programs, support the Housing Authority of Champaign County Section 8 Homeownership program.</p>

2	Goal Name	Address Barriers to Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	Address barriers to obtaining affordable housing, by addressing issues faced by certain special populations, such as seniors and individuals in need of supportive service/ substance abuse treatment, provide assistance for affordable permanent housing for persons with targeted disabilities; support efforts to increase accessible and visit-able housing units for persons with disabilities; encourage housing developers to include visit-ability/accessibility measures in new construction efforts; Access Grants that provide grants for approximately 25 low-income residents over a five-year period to increase the supply of accessible and visit-able housing; Consortium members and community partners will promote community awareness of fair housing laws and ordinances, and provide training for landlords and tenants; Education and training opportunities, which focus on eliminating barriers to affordable housing, will be encouraged; encourage the Urbana Human Relations Division, the Building Safety Division, and Persons Assuming Control of their Environment, Inc. (PACE) to join forces in an effort to acquaint developers with local codes and fair housing laws to insure that handicapped units are produced when new housing is constructed; support tenant advocacy and educational efforts by agencies such the C-U Tenant Union; encourage landlord and community group distribution of information in multiple languages to help overcome language and/or cultural barriers; and the City could consider undertaking a discrimination testing program to obtain preliminary results to determine if further programs are necessary.
3	Goal Name	Preserve Existing Affordable Housing Supply
	Goal Description	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit
4	Goal Name	Coordinate with Housing Authority
	Goal Description	Rental units constructed: 30 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 60 Household Housing Unit
5	Goal Name	Support Services & Training for Low-Income Persons
	Goal Description	Public services for low to moderate-income residents including Transitional Housing, Neighborhood Cleanups, youth services, and other programming Transitional Housing is funded through public services. 9 beds added.

6	Goal Name	Support Homeless Needs
	Goal Description	TBRA for low-income families and individuals experiencing homelessness.
7	Goal Name	Reduce Lead Exposure Risk
	Goal Description	Support opportunities that address lead hazards that are outside the scope of our other programs. The City will continue to use Lead Safe Practices in implementing its various rehabilitation activities. Education opportunities will be provided at public workshops. Lead-based paint remediation policies and procedures are included in each housing rehabilitation contract funded with federal funds. Contractors are required to follow lead-safe work practices to be in compliance with local, state, and federal requirements.
8	Goal Name	Support Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit
9	Goal Name	Preserve Consortium Neighborhoods
	Goal Description	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing, Capital Improvement Projects, Blight Reduction, Code Enforcement, Public Facility

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City of Urbana made its funding allocation decisions based on public input received during the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan process. Social service funding allocations are determined by a committee of City staff and City Council representatives, with input and direction provided by the City’s Community Development Commission. Funding is awarded based on eligible activities and priorities identified in the application. The following is a list of proposed programs for the 5-year Consolidated Plan period. All of the proposed projects are in response to an identified need in the Consolidated Plan. Consideration has also been given to program delivery and staffing requirements to successfully operate the grant activities, various objectives of leveraged funding available, as well as programmatic constraints of both the HOME Investment Partnerships and Community Development Block Grant programs. The projected target start date for the proposed programs is July 1, 2023, and the projected commencement of proposed programs is June 30, 2024.

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Planning & Administration
2	CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization
3	CDBG Public Services
4	CDBG Housing Activities
5	CDBG Property Acquisition/Demolition/New Construction
6	HOME Planning & Administration
7	HOME CHDO Reserve
8	HOME CHDO Operating
9	HOME City of Champaign Neighborhood Revitalization
10	HOME City of Urbana Neighborhood Revitalization
11	HOME ARP Supportive Services
12	HOME ARP Acquisition/Development of Non-Congregate Shelter
13	HOME ARP Development of Affordable Rental Housing
14	HOME ARP Non-Profit Operating
15	HOME ARP Non-Profit Capacity Building

Table 4 – Project Information

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

Allocation priorities are based on the statutory requirements of the HOME Investment Partnership program, Community Development Block Grant programs, and HOME ARP program. Needs have been prioritized in keeping with identified needs in the Consolidated and HOME-ARP Allocation Plans. Although the City of Urbana is not a recipient of ESG funds directly from

HUD, the City of Urbana may receive ESG funds from the State of Illinois Department of Human Services.

AP-35 Projects

Description

1	Project Name	CDBG Planning & Administration
	Target Area	Census Tracts 53, 54,55,56, and 57
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities Address Barriers to Affordable Housing Support Infrastructure Improvements Preserve Consortium Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homeless Prevention & Services Community Development Needs Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$99,343
	Description	Funds will be used to support the administrative activities associated with carrying out the goals and objectives of the CDBG program.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Low to moderate-income households from community development target areas will be served.
	Location Description	The City of Urbana and targeted neighborhoods.
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support administrative activities for the Community Development Block Grant funds.
2	Project Name	CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization
	Target Area	Census Tracts 53, 54,55,56, and 57
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities Support Infrastructure Improvements Preserve Consortium Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Community Development Needs Economic Development

	Funding	CDBG: \$925,000
	Description	Funds will be used to support neighborhood revitalization programs including code enforcement, blight reduction, and capital improvement projects.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Low to moderate-income individuals and households within the City of Urbana will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	The City of Urbana and targeted neighborhoods.
	Planned Activities	Capital improvement projects, blight reduction, public facilities, economic development, property acquisition/demolition/new construction
3	Project Name	CDBG Public Services
	Target Area	Census Tracts 53, 54,55,56, and 57
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities Address Barriers to Affordable Housing Support Services & Training for Low-Income Persons
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$74,000
	Description	Funds will be used to support the public services undertaken by the City of Urbana.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Assistance estimated at 100 households
	Location Description	The City of Urbana and targeted neighborhoods
	Planned Activities	Transitional housing, neighborhood cleanup, Consolidated Social Service funding.
4	Project Name	CDBG Housing Activities
	Target Area	Census Tracts 53, 54,55,56, and 57

	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities Preserve Existing Affordable Housing Supply
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	Funds will be used to support housing rehabilitation activities undertaken by the City of Urbana, as well as the acquisition of available properties to further affordable housing.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated ten households will be assisted by these activities.
	Location Description	The City of Urbana and targeted neighborhoods
	Planned Activities	Emergency Grant, Access Grant, Senior Grant, and Roof Repair Grant programs will be funded under this project.
5	Project Name	CDBG Property Acquisition/Demolition/New Construction
	Target Area	Census Tracts 53, 54,55,56, and 57
	Goals Supported	Preserve Consortium Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	Funds will be used to support property acquisition, demolition, and new construction projects undertaken by the City of Urbana.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Low to moderate-income individuals and households within the City of Urbana will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	The City of Urbana and targeted neighborhoods
	Planned Activities	Anticipate removing or rehabilitating two abandoned blighted homes from targeted neighborhoods
6	Project Name	HOME Planning and Admin
	Target Area	Urbana Consortium-wide Area

	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities Address Barriers to Affordable Housing Preserve Existing Affordable Housing Supply
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$77,900
	Description	Funds will be used to support the administrative activities associated with carrying out the HOME program goals and strategies.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Funds will be used to support City staff administering the HOME program
	Location Description	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Planned Activities	Reporting, ongoing monitoring,
7	Project Name	HOME CHDO Reserve
	Target Area	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$116,800
	Description	Funds will be used to support the projects undertaken within the Consortium-wide area by Community Housing Development Organizations. CHDO Reserve funds are being set aside to be allocated to CHDOs whose proposed project(s) meet project readiness requirements. To meet project readiness, the CHDO project(s) receiving reserve allocations must be able to begin construction within one year from the date of execution of the agreement. Staff is continuing to work to identify feasible projects in the Consortium area. A rolling CHDO project application is utilized.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Primary estimates indicate 5 households will benefit from the proposed activities.

	Location Description	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to construct or rehab five new affordable housing projects for homeownership and rental
	Project Name	HOME CHDO Operating
8	Target Area	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities Address Barriers to Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$26,000
	Description	Funds will be used to support projects undertaken within the Consortium-wide area by Community Development Housing Operations.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Funds will go to certified CHDOs to support their mission of expanding affordable housing opportunities in Champaign County.
	Location Description	Urbana Consortium-wide Area.
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support projects undertaken within the Consortium-wide area by Community Development Housing Organizations.
9	Project Name	HOME City of Champaign Neighborhood Revitalization
	Target Area	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities Preserve Existing Affordable Housing Supply Coordinate with Housing Authority
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$334,987

	Description	Funds will be used to support neighborhood revitalization activities undertaken by the City of Champaign including acquisition-rehab, purchase rehab resell, rental rehab, new construction activities, tenant-based rental assistance, owner-occupied rehab, lot acquisition/demolition and/or other programs currently under development or may be proposed that further the affordable housing goals and missions of the City and Council. Programs must comply with applicable local, state, and federal regulations including. but not limited to, HOME regulations.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Funds will support proposed activities and projects that benefit low-income Champaign residents.
	Location Description	Urbana Consortium-wide Area.
	Planned Activities	HOME funds will be used to support the neighborhood revitalization activities undertaken by the City of Champaign, including Phase II of the Bristol Place housing development.
10	Project Name	HOME City of Urbana Neighborhood Revitalization
	Target Area	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$223,326
	Description	Funds will be used to support neighborhood revitalization activities undertaken by the City of Urbana, acquisition rehab resell, rental rehab, new construction activities, tenant-based rental assistance, owner-occupied rehab, lot acquisition/demolition and/or other programs currently under development or may be proposed that further the affordable housing goals and mission of the City, Council, and Grants Management Division. Programs must comply with applicable local, state, and federal regulations including, but not limited to, HOME regulations.
	Target Date	6/30/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Funds will support proposed programs and activities that benefit low-income residents of Urbana and Champaign County.
	Location Description	Urbana Consortium-wide area.
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support the neighborhood revitalization activities undertaken by the City of Urbana, including but not limited to resale, rental, rehab, new construction activities, Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Owner-occupied rehabilitation, and/or proposed projects that further the affordable housing goals and mission of the City and Council.
11	Project Name	HOME ARP Supportive Services
	Target Area	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Goals Supported	Support Homeless Needs
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention & Services
	Funding	HOME: \$59,926
	Description	Supportive Services funding to nonprofit agencies to assist homeless or near homeless individuals
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Assist 30 individuals with supportive services and case management to address the needs of homeless and near-homeless individuals
	Location Description	Services will be available consortia wide
	Planned Activities	This funding allocation will allow the Consortium to address underlying issues and the underlying struggles that qualified populations are coping with and contribute to instability. Investments in case management and other supportive services will allow the funding to serve the distinct needs of the many vulnerable populations in our community
12	Project Name	HOME ARP Acquisition & Dev of Non-Congregate shelter
	Target Area	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities

	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention & Services
	Funding	HOME: \$400,000
	Description	Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter provide the flexibility of safe shelter for a variety of household compositions and identities that is difficult in congregate shelters.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimate serving 30 families
	Location Description	Urbana Consortium-wide area
	Planned Activities	Acquisition and development of non-congregate shelter
13	Project Name	HOME ARP Dev of Affordable Rental Housing
	Target Area	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$1,000,000
	Description	The affordable housing produced with HOME-ARP funding will address the lack of area housing that is simultaneously affordable, high quality, accessible, and available to low-income households or those seeking public assistance. Building brand new units funded through HOME-ARP would ensure that all of these attributes are met, while renovations would more significantly increase the number of quality affordable housing units.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimate 4 new affordable housing units
	Location Description	Urbana Consortium-wide area
	Planned Activities	Construction of four new affordable housing units or rehabilitation of 15 housing units
14	Project Name	HOME ARP Non-Profit Operating

	Target Area	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Goals Supported	Support Homeless Needs
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention & Services
	Funding	HOME: \$148,359
	Description	HOME ARP funds will be provided to Non-Profit agencies for operating costs
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 30 families
	Location Description	Urbana Consortium-wide area
	Planned Activities	HOME ARP funds will be provided to Non-Profit agencies for operating costs
15	Project Name	HOME ARP Non-Profit Capacity Building
	Target Area	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Goals Supported	Support Homeless Needs
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention & Services
	Funding	HOME: \$148,539
	Description	HOME ARP funds will be provided to Non-Profit agencies for capacity building
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 families may be assisted with the increased capacity
	Location Description	Consortia wide
	Planned Activities	HOME ARP funds will be provided to Non-Profit agencies for operating costs

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

Urbana is a city in and the county seat of Champaign County, Illinois. The population is estimated at 38,336 as of June 1, 2020. Urbana is the tenth-most populous city in Illinois outside of the Chicago metropolitan area. Urbana is notable for sharing the campus of the University of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign with its sister city of Champaign. The three largest employers in Urbana are two non-profit hospitals and the University of Illinois.

The City of Urbana focuses its community development activities, goals, and objectives on its low-income census tracts which include CT 53, 54, 55, 56, and 57. The Code Enforcement activities are focused on these areas as well.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area	0
Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan	0
Urbana Consortium-wide Area	100
Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan Area	0
Census Tracts 53, 54,55,56, and 57	80

Table 5 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Target neighborhoods are those census tracts with populations of at least 51% of the total number of households at or below 80% of the area's median family income.

Discussion

Federal funds are targeted to low- moderate-income families throughout the Urbana Consortium-wide area.

Affordable Housing

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

Introduction

The City of Urbana will use its HOME funds to support its Neighborhood Revitalization program activities, including Acquisition-Rehab, Purchase-Rehab-Resale, Rental Rehab, New Construction activities, Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation, Lot Acquisition/Demolition, and/or other programs currently under development or may be proposed that further the affordable housing goals and mission of the City, Council, and Grants Management Division. Programs must comply with applicable local, state, and federal regulations, including but not limited to HOME regulations.

One-Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	60
Non-Homeless	75
Special-Needs	0
Total	135

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

One-Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	10
The Production of New Units	5
Rehab of Existing Units	20
Acquisition of Existing Units	63
Total	98

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

Discussion

Not applicable.

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

Introduction

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

The Housing Authority of Champaign County (HACC) is a Move to Work (MTW) organization. This innovative approach to housing takes into account the impact work has on an individual, his or her personal growth, as well as an ability to provide for themselves and any other members of the household. Able-bodied public housing residents are required to work a minimum of 20 hours a week, and case management is provided to assist tenants in the job search process. Move to Work (MTW) is a demonstration that provides a limited number of Public Housing Authorities with the ability to design and test innovative approaches tailored to their communities, using federal dollars more efficiently, providing increased support for families to become economically self-sufficient, and increasing housing choice for low-income households. The broad flexibility to waive statutes and regulations allows HACC to better serve and house residents while streamlining internal operations.

The seven-member HACC Board of Commissioners consists of two commissioners appointed by each of the Cities of Urbana and Champaign, an appointee that rotates between the two cities called a “floating” appointee, a commissioner appointed by the Champaign County Board, and a commissioner appointed from among residents of the HACC properties.

During the next year, Consortium member agencies will be collaborating with the Housing Authority and other housing service providers in the community on piloting a landlord risk mitigation fund. This program will provide reimbursements to landlords who have agreed to participate in voucher programs, and have experienced damage to their units from voucher holders. Consortium members, in coordination with the Housing Authority and CSPH, will also organize a series of workshops on tenant rights. These workshops will be made available for tenants, landlords, and service providers. The City will continue to work with the HACC to develop other collaborative measures to further each organization's programmatic goals in the community regarding affordable housing initiatives.

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

The HACC continues its partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County and FirstFollowers to provide affordable homeownership and rental opportunities to residents. Habitat and FirstFollowers are both certified Community Housing Development Organizations for the Urbana HOME Consortium. The Consortium will seek ways to continue to support Habitat and FirstFollowers, which will in turn further the goals set by the HACC for its public housing residents seeking to transition into homeownership.

If the PHA is designated as troubled, describe how financial assistance will be

provided or other assistance

The Housing Authority of Champaign County is not designated as a troubled PHA.

Discussion

Not applicable.

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

Introduction

The Champaign County Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless surveys homeless persons in Champaign County each January as required by HUD to count the number of individuals and families experiencing homelessness to better understand the causes of homelessness and to plan services that will effectively address the needs of this population. The 2023 Point in Time Count took place on Thursday, January 26, 2023. Data from the 2023 PIT Count will be made available in late April of 2023.

The 2022 PIT Count found approximately 137 individuals and 98 households living in shelters in Champaign County. Of those surveyed, two were classified as unsheltered individuals, 16 adults without children were classified as chronically homeless i.e. having been homeless for more than one year or having suffered homelessness four or more times in the past three years and have a disabling condition.

Describe the jurisdiction's one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including:

The City of Urbana, in coordination with the Champaign County Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless and other non-profit partners, has developed a two-pronged strategy to reduce homelessness over the next year. This strategy involves streamlining and professionalizing the County's emergency shelter and street outreach services, as well as expanding the capacity of permanent housing options in the community. To effectuate this strategy, the City and its partners have focused specifically on improving communication and information sharing among all government and non-government homeless service providers, and identifying gaps in the current county-wide continuum of services.

One example of these efforts involves the HOME ARP funding allocation that the Urbana HOME Consortium received to address the housing affordability and homelessness crisis. Once the Consortium's allocation plan was approved by HUD in the fall of 2022, staff from both cities worked together to develop a consolidated grant application process that brought together several funding sources including HOME ARP, regular HOME, CDBG, and city general funds into one streamlined funding opportunity. Termed Housing & Homeless Innovation (HHI), this consolidated grant program greatly streamlined the funding process for local agencies and enabled both cities to work collaboratively toward funding gaps and solutions to the housing and homelessness needs in the community.

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

Priority is given to programming that meets the needs of the chronically homeless population and homeless households with children. Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons continues to be a priority. The City works closely with Cunningham Township Supervisor's

Office, and other service providers to address the needs of all persons experiencing homelessness.

The Champaign County Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless manages the centralized intake system to assist persons experiencing homelessness find the services they need. As the lead agency of the CSPH, the Champaign County Regional Plan Commission oversees the Coordinated Entry System.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

There are several emergency shelter options in the community offering both congregate and non-congregate settings operated by non-profits as well as government entities. Champaign County's primary homeless shelter is operated by the City of Champaign Township and operates a year-round program. This shelter is committed to low/no barrier service and coordinates with the Champaign County Public Health District and other local agencies to provide services to clients. This shelter also participates in Coordinated Entry.

In addition, the City of Urbana's transitional housing has provided transitional housing and case-management services to three households. The City has partnered with local agencies to provide wrap-around services to these households to ensure success in the program. This partnership provides for better connectivity of services, as well as avoids duplication of services to persons experiencing homelessness.

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

Many government and non-government agencies in the community work to help homeless individuals meet these goals. During the HOME ARP Allocation Plan public input process, Consortium members received useful feedback from community partners that one of the most significant barriers to achieving these goals locally is the capacity to expand the supportive service programs that already exist. In response to this feedback, members of the Urbana HOME Consortium tailored the Housing & Homeless Innovations Consolidated Grant Program to address this need. HOME ARP funds were included in the Housing & Homeless Consolidated Grant Program.

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 Champaign County Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless seeks to address homelessness at each stage of homelessness, beginning with prevention. Several CoC member agencies provide utility assistance, as well as connections to job training programs in the community. In addition, the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission continues to provide security deposit assistance to low-income households. The City of Urbana uses CDBG Public Service funding to support the City's Youth Services Grant Program. The goal of this funding opportunity is to fund community-based solutions for youth from low-income households. In past years, this funding has gone toward recidivism prevention programs, job training opportunities, and violence intervention programming.

Discussion

Not applicable.

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

Introduction

Barriers to affordable housing are largely financial. The need for affordable housing units far outweighs the funding available to construct or subsidize those units. In addition to financial gaps, other social aspects play a role in an individual or family's ability to secure affordable housing, including mental illness, unemployment, drug and/or alcohol addictions, as well as a criminal record. Residents seeking assistance from the Housing Authority of Champaign County must have a clean criminal record over the past five years. This policy is imposed at a federal level and cannot be amended. Persons or families affected with a criminal history often cannot secure housing in the larger metropolitan area and are forced to seek housing in outlying areas that may be more relaxed regarding background and credit checks.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The cost of housing within the Consortium is not significantly affected by local public policies. The City of Champaign, the City of Urbana, and Champaign County have policies on taxation, land use, zoning, building codes, fees, etc., that are conventional and similar to other downstate Illinois and Midwest communities. Housing costs are influenced by a large number of transient tenants and homebuyers who are attending the University of Illinois. This high demand for housing has resulted in increased housing costs, especially in the rental housing market. Because the City zoning code is one of the primary tools used to regulate development, staff from the City of Urbana's Planning Division actively monitors its use. Careful attention is paid to addressing any issues that may impact the development of affordable housing. Urbana started its Comprehensive Planning Process in FY 20/21 and hopes to finalize it in FY 23/24. Barriers to affordable housing will be one of the items under review during the process.

Discussion

Not applicable.

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

Introduction

Proposed actions associated with the City's 2023-2024 Annual Action Plan are described primarily in the specifically related sections of the Plan. This section describes any actions to be undertaken by the City of Urbana that will further the goals of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City of Urbana will continue to focus its community development efforts on expanding affordable housing opportunities and fostering strong and vibrant neighborhoods to meet underserved needs in the community. Affordable housing needs will be addressed by focusing on the housing cost burden. Investments in affordable housing developments will continue to address the limited supply and rising cost of housing, which has exacerbated challenges like homelessness and racial inequity in housing. The creation of strong and vibrant neighborhoods will focus on support for low- and moderate-income persons. Needs addressed through strategic investments in infrastructure, public facility improvements, and community assets will strengthen and enhance the health of the neighborhoods.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City will partner with the Housing Authority of Champaign County, housing developers, and non-profit partners to foster and maintain high-quality affordable housing throughout Urbana. These partnerships will include pursuing LIHTC opportunities as well as vouchers to support the creation of affordable units.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City continues to use Lead Safe Practices in implementing its housing rehabilitation activities. Lead-based paint remediation policies and procedures are included in each housing rehabilitation contract funded with federal funds. Contractors are required to follow lead-safe work practices to comply with local, state, and federal requirements. City staff will also consider funding opportunities for lead abatement activities outside of existing programs based on availability and capacity.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The Tenant-Based Rental Assistance programs in the Consortium area are targeted toward persons who are below the poverty level. The combination of self-sufficiency case management and stable housing is intended to assist households in escaping poverty. Staff will evaluate these programs for their effectiveness during the Annual Action Plan year. Economic Development opportunities will be provided to small businesses located in Community Development Target areas. Priority funding will be made

available to social service agencies that target youth programming for low-income families.

The City will continue its poverty reduction strategy by focusing its programs in geographic areas. By working closely with residents and concentrating programs and public improvements in a specifically targeted neighborhood, the community will feel a greater impact. Key strategies include:

- Improve public infrastructure within target areas
- Coordinate city-funded programs and services with other funders, businesses, and neighborhood groups.

Actions planned to develop an institutional structure

Urbana staff work to foster creative ideas for improving the institutional structure that is part of a larger, more holistic network of services that benefit low-income households. By supporting various social service agencies through staff participation in the Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless, the City of Urbana plays a role in developing programmatic improvements that will further the impact of these services in the community. Staff collaborated closely with the local homeless shelter in developing and managing a low-barrier winter shelter option and served on the shelter's newly formed steering Committee. In addition, staff will continue to review internal and external policies and procedures to eliminate barriers.

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

The City of Urbana will continue its efforts to increase coordination and collaboration with the public and private housing and social service agencies in the community. Urbana staff regularly attend board meetings for the Housing Authority of Champaign County. The City also maintains an active presence on the Continuum of Service Providers to the Homeless, offering assistance with various reporting and application systems inherent to the successful delivery of the Continuum of Care network. City staff and the CSPH also worked closely with the Housing Authority of Champaign County in the creation of the Emergency Housing Voucher MOU and continued to collaborate during the referral process to make sure the 113 Emergency Housing Vouchers assigned to Champaign County were utilized in a timely manner. Furthermore, in their role as a member of the CoC Executive Committee, City staff have supported the Housing Authority in its decision to accept Stability Housing Vouchers. These vouchers will provide another important resource for individuals who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness in the community.

The City plays an active role in the Community Reinvestment Group, a group of local lenders looking to address affordable housing issues in the community. The City hosts a public input meeting each year specifically for social service agencies to gauge the evolving needs in the community and within the service network.

Discussion

Not applicable.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

The City uses CDBG funds to ensure decent affordable housing, to provide services to the most vulnerable in our community, to create jobs through the retention of businesses, and to support strong and healthy neighborhoods through infrastructure improvements and code enforcement. Fiscal years 2023 and 2024 are covered in this plan. A minimum of 70 percent of CDBG funds are used for activities that benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Each funded activity meets at least one of the following national objectives:

- To benefit low- and moderate-income persons;
- To prevent or eliminate slums or blight; or
- To address community development needs has a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent needs activities	0
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2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate-income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two, or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. 80.00%

**HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)**

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

The Urbana HOME Consortium will not be carrying out activities outside of those described in Section 92.205 in the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year.

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

For HOME-assisted projects that do not include direct buyer assistance, a resale restriction will be used, and be in effect for the duration of the affordability period. The affordability period is based on the amount of HOME assistance provided to the project. A land use restriction, mortgage, and promissory note shall be recorded against the title to the property. Each of these documents will include a provision restricting the sales price such that it must be “affordable” to low-income buyers. In this instance, the affordable price results in a monthly housing cost for principal, interest, taxes, and insurance of not more than 30% of the gross monthly income for a household below 80% of the area median income for the Champaign County Area. The term “low-income buyer” has an annual income, as adjusted for family size, that is less than or equal to eighty percent (80%) of the area median income (as defined by HUD) for the Champaign County area. The owner shall receive a fair return on his/her investment. The sales price may encompass the cost of any home investment documented with receipts, which can be defined as, but is not limited to, any additions to the home such as a bedroom, bathroom, or garage, replacement of heating, ventilation, or air conditioning systems, accessibility improvements such as bathroom modifications for disabled or elderly which were not installed through a federal, state, or locally-funded grant program, or outdoor improvements such as a new driveway, walkway, retaining wall, or fence. The sales price may also encompass the increase in the value of owner equity and investment as calculated by the cumulative percentage of change which is calculated by the Housing Price Index (HPI) calculator of the Federal Housing Finance Agency (X) plus 1.00 times the total owner investment at the time of purchase (Y) plus the documented capital improvements (Z). A complete description of the recapture and resale provisions is found in the attached Resale and Recapture Guidelines for HOME

Program Activities.

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

The City of Urbana, Urbana HOME Consortium members, and designated Community Housing Development Organizations agree that, to the extent allowable by law, to secure the HOME funds, an agreement with the homebuyer, as well as a mortgage and promissory note shall be executed for any HOME funded homeownership property. Each document will include the prescribed net sales proceeds provisions for the recapture of HOME funds as outlined below. The mortgage and promissory note are to be recorded against the title to the property. For HOME-assisted, homeownership units, wherein HOME funds are utilized to provide direct assistance to the homebuyer, net proceeds from the sale must provide the original homebuyer, now the home seller, a "fair return" on his/her investment (including any down payment and capital improvement investment made by the seller since purchase). The table in the attached City of Urbana Resale and Recapture Guidelines for HOME Program Activities provides for the minimum terms of affordability based on the amount of direct assistance provided to the homebuyer.

The period of affordability shall commence from the date the activity is identified as "completed" in HUD's Integrated Disbursement Information System (IDIS). Subject to recapture is the HOME funds that are invested in a HOME-assisted unit, as a direct subsidy to the homebuyer. The subsidy could include down payment assistance and the amount of each subsidy would be a minimum of \$1,000 and differ per homebuyer. The City will reduce the HOME investment amount to be recaptured from the Net Proceeds on a prorated basis for the time the Homeowner has owned and occupied the housing measured against the remaining years in the required Affordability Period. A five-year affordability period prorated basis is as follows:

First Year - 90% of HOME investment from available Net Proceeds
Second Year - 70% of HOME investment from available Net Proceeds
Third Year - 50% of HOME investment from available Net Proceeds
Fourth Year - 30% of HOME investment from available Net Proceeds
Fifth Year - 10% of HOME investment from available Net Proceeds

The amount of recapture funds is subject to the availability of Net Proceeds available from the resale of the property. The term "Net Proceeds" shall mean the proceeds as indicated upon a closing settlement statement of the net amount to be paid to the seller. In the event that no such statement exists, "Net Proceeds" shall mean the amount equal to the sales price (X) minus any superior private debt (Y) and minus any reasonable closing costs (Z), as determined by the City, including, but not limited to, title insurance, recording fees, Realtor's commissions or property taxes. A complete description of the recapture and resale provisions is found in the attached Resale

and Recapture Guidelines for HOME Program Activities.

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:

As a PJ, there are no plans to refinance existing debt. Refinancing of a project may occur only if specifically authorized in an approved Annual Action Plan, and then only if conditions of the refinancing are clearly stated in the Plan. To be eligible for refinancing a project must meet the following conditions:

- Refinancing cannot be the primary purpose of the HOME investment. Refinancing is only appropriate when HOME funds are loaned to rehabilitate the property for which refinancing is being requested and then only when necessary to permit or ensure continued affordability. To demonstrate that rehabilitation is the primary activity for which HOME funds have been expended in connection with the property, at least \$5,000 per unit average in HOME funds must have been provided for rehabilitation of the property.
- The project sponsor requesting HOME funds for debt refinancing must demonstrate, and the Consortium must confirm, that disinvestment in the property has not occurred, long-term needs of the project can be met through the refinancing, and servicing the targeted population over an extended affordability period is feasible.
- Refinancing may be approved either to maintain currently affordable units or to create additional affordable units.
- Properties for which refinancing is approved may be located anywhere within the corporate limits of the Consortium members.
- Properties for which refinancing is approved are subject to an affordability period of at least 15 years starting on the date the refinancing is closed.
- HOME funds cannot be used to refinance multiple-family loans made or insured by any other federal program, including but not limited to, the Community Development Block Grant Program.