

CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

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I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is an annual performance and evaluation report required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The report for Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015 identifies the level of progress and accomplishments in meeting the priority goals, strategies, and proposed activities of the City of Urbana's Consolidated Plan 2010-2014 (Con Plan) and Annual Action Plan (AAP) 2014-2015 during the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015. The Consolidated Plan is a five-year planning document, while the Annual Action Plan (AAP) is a yearly update to the Consolidated Plan. This CAPER presents information on the progress and accomplishments made toward achieving the goals and strategies during the fifth year of the five-year Consolidated Plan.

This CAPER details the use of the federal funds that the City of Urbana and the Urbana HOME Consortium receive from HUD on an annual basis. Also included in this report is information regarding funds received by the Grants Management Division of the City of Urbana's Department of Community Development Services on behalf of the City of Urbana from agencies other than HUD. Because the City of Urbana is the lead entity for the Urbana HOME Consortium, which includes the City of Champaign and Champaign County, reporting for the Consortium's HOME expenditures is reflected in the City of Urbana's CAPER for FY 2014-2015.

The AAP for the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium is submitted annually by the City of Urbana in order to receive HUD entitlement funds and is developed in accordance with the City of Urbana's Citizen Participation Plan. The City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium AAP FY 2014-2015 was approved by the Urbana City Council on April 21, 2014 and was subsequently submitted to HUD on May 16, 2014. The AAP lists the proposed projects and associated budgets for the fiscal year, as well as providing the required certifications. After the AAP was submitted to HUD, the projects were implemented in accordance with the approved one-year budget that was adopted by the City of Urbana's City Council on June 16, 2014.

The CAPER will be made available for public review and comment for 15 days from September 9, 2015 through September 24, 2015. Public comments, if any, will be incorporated into the CAPER, which will be submitted to HUD before the deadline of ninety (90) days after the end of the program year.

Information supplied in the CAPER is organized into chapters in accordance with HUD's reporting requirements. In addition to the required IDIS tables, narratives are provided to outline the City's progress in meeting affordable housing goals and objectives, Continuum of Care activities, lead-based paint hazard removal projects, and anti-poverty initiatives. Information is also provided to describe actions taken by the City to further fair housing, eliminate barriers to affordable housing, and enhance coordination among agencies involved in the delivery of services to low-income households.

Questions regarding the information provided in this document, the Consolidated Plan, or the Annual Action Plan should be directed to the Grants Management Division of the Department of Community Development Services, City of Urbana, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801. The Grants Management Division can also be contacted by phone at (217) 384-2447 or via email at khmierkowski@urbanaininois.us

II. SUMMARY OF RESOURCES AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

Federal funds made available for furthering the objectives of the Consolidated Plan FY 2010-2014 are the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds. The agencies and Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) listed below service low-income persons/households and minority-concentrated areas in the Cities of Urbana and Champaign. A map of the Census Tracts in Urbana is included in this report, along with an updated CDBG Financial Summary Report (PR26).

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):

Total Amount of FY 14-15 Funds Available	\$ 373,708.00
Program Income (FY 14-15)	\$ 1.00
 Total Amount of Funds Expended	 \$ 272,075.86

The geographic distribution and location of expenditures from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 is listed below:

AGENCY	Funding	City	Cunningham Township	CDBG	Service Location
Consolidated Social Service Funding:					
Courage Connection – Domestic Violence Services	\$13,300	\$0	\$9,300	\$4,000	Urb & Cmi
Community Elements - Roundhouse	\$8,396	\$7,396	\$0	\$1,000	Urb & Cmi
Total funding	\$21,696	\$7,396	\$9,300	\$5,000	

The HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME):

Total amount FY 2014-2015 HOME Allocation	\$	754,106.00
Match Obligation FY 2014-2015	\$	160,247.00
[Program Income (FY 14-15)]	\$	38,121
Amount of HOME funds expended*	\$	895,331.60
Urbana Cash Match Expended	\$	**

The geographic distribution and location of expenditures from July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 is listed below:

HOME Consortium	Administration	Projects	Location
City of Champaign	\$ 7,131	\$ 226,232	Champaign
Champaign County	\$ 0	\$ 281,046	Champaign County
City of Urbana*	\$ 75,410	\$ 273,264.74	Urbana
Community Development Housing Organizations (CHDOs)			
Ecological Construction Laboratory	\$0	\$0	Urbana
Homestead Corporation	\$0	\$0	Urbana
Habitat for Humanity of Champaign Co.	**	\$ 150,000	Champaign

* Includes carryover funds expended on projects allocated in previous FY AAP's

**Information unavailable at time of publication for comments, will be submitted with final draft to HUD

III. ASSESSMENT OF THE FIVE-YEAR GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

The Urbana City Council, Champaign City Council, and the Champaign County Board adopted the *Urbana HOME Consortium and City of Urbana Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2010-2014* in Spring 2010. The plan covers the five-year period beginning July 1, 2010, and ending June 30, 2015. The plan includes strategies for addressing affordable housing and non-housing community development needs in the City of Urbana, and affordable housing needs in the City of Champaign and unincorporated Champaign County.

The period beginning July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015 represents the fifth year of the five-year planning period. This section of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report reviews progress made by the City of Urbana and the Urbana HOME Consortium in meeting their respective five-year Consolidated Plan strategies, taking into account all funding sources available to the jurisdictions, including CDBG, HOME, and Supportive Housing Program.

The five-year community development mission of the City of Urbana is to provide decent, safe, and affordable housing; to provide a suitable and safe living environment; and to expand economic opportunities particularly for low- and very low-income persons. The City of Urbana has pursued specific strategies to address both housing and non-housing community development needs within its jurisdiction. These strategies are categorized as housing, homelessness, non-housing community development needs, anti-poverty, and other special needs.

The high priority needs for homeless and special needs populations are Transitional Housing and Permanent Housing. The City of Urbana and the Urbana HOME Consortium continue to pursue addressing these needs through the Council of Service Providers to the Homeless (CSPH) and the Champaign County Continuum of Care. Urbana's Transitional Housing Program for Homeless Families with Children and the Supportive Housing Program Homeless Families in Transition Grant (funded by HUD through the Continuum of Care) has provided significant resources to meet these needs.

The high priority needs for community development concerns are neighborhood facilities, handicapped services, and senior services. Urbana has invested a considerable amount of CDBG funding in neighborhood facilities and access grants to help persons with disabilities. The City of Urbana also maintains a local TTY line for the hearing impaired, which is periodically tested by PACE.

Although the City has not directly invested a great amount in senior services, it has provided funding to agencies that provide these services, such as Family Service Senior Resource Center and Champaign County Regional Planning Commission Senior Services through the Consolidated Social Service Funding process. City staff meets regularly with the Senior Task Force which includes several local agencies who meet to address the needs of seniors through advocacy, information, and community collaborations.

The following narrative provides information regarding specific strategies to assess the progress made toward achieving these five-year goals:

A. GOALS, STRATEGIES, AND ACTIVITIES TO ADDRESS LOCAL FUNDING PRIORITIES AND COMMUNITY NEED

Goal 1: Provide decent affordable housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income households

Strategy 1: Increase supply of affordable housing available to low and moderate income households.

Activity 1: Provide 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.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: Sixty-nine (69) households were assisted during FY 2014-2015. Champaign County allocated its FY 2014-2015 funding toward its Tenant Based Rental Assistance "No Limits" Program. The program incorporates a self-sufficiency component, assisting residents in meeting their career and life goals. Community Elements and Courage Connection, local Not-for-Profits, also continued their Tenant Based Rental Assistance program for disabled adults. Courage Connection's program also incorporates a self-sufficiency component.

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by increasing capacity of Community Development Housing Organizations (CHDOs) to identify and implement programs that will provide affordable housing opportunities to income-qualified recipients (at or below 60% of area median for rental and at or below 80% of the area median for homeownership.)

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: A total of sixty-nine (69) households were served in FY 2014-2015, twenty-nine (29) by Champaign County, twenty-one (21) by Community Elements, and nineteen (19) by Courage Connection.

Activity 2: Support new construction for homeownership sponsored by CHDOs and other nonprofits.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: The City of Urbana will promote new construction efforts providing affordable housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income households: Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County closed on eight (8) units this past year as part of its Affordable Homeownership Program.

The City of Urbana continues to be a part of the community team that applied for Attorney General funds for Habitat for Humanity Champaign County (as Beneficiary) to use funds to build or rehabilitate eighteen (18) affordable homes for sale or lease on donated land to be occupied by selected families. This program purchased six properties to be rehabilitated or redeveloped and sold to low income families of which one was completed and sold during the reporting year.

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by increasing capacity of Community Development Housing Organizations to identify and implement programs that will provide affordable housing opportunities to income-qualified recipients (at or below 60% of area median for rental and at or below 80% of the area median for homeownership.)

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: Number of affordable homes built or rehabilitated for sale or lease to selected families; eight (8) units were completed in FY 2014-2015.

Activity 3: Support new construction of affordable rental units sponsored by CHDOs and other nonprofits.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: *The City, along with the Housing Authority of Champaign County, began working with two developers on two different development/redevelopment projects: Highland Green (Kerr Ave Site) with Brinshore Corporation, and The Havens at Prairie Park (former Urbana Townhomes and Aspen Court sites) with Herman & Kittle.*

The City also applied for funds from the Illinois Housing Development Authority's (IHDA) Blight Reduction Program (BRP). The City and its non-profit partner, Habitat for Humanity, were selected by IHDA in April of 2015 to receive \$525,000 for BRP activities. This program is being implemented in FY 15-16.

Objective: *Provide Decent Housing by creating or maintaining affordable rental housing opportunities for households with incomes at or below 60% of the area median.*

Outcome: *Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.*

Outcome Indicators: *Between the two sites, over one hundred (100) units of new affordable housing will be added to the affordable housing stock in Champaign County.*

Activity 4: Support and provide guidance for for-profit developers building new affordable renter and owner units.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: *The City of Urbana began assisting two developers with Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) applications to the Illinois Housing Development Authority: Brinshore will be applying for 9% LIHTC for Highland Green (Kerr Ave) development and Herman & Kittle will be applying for 4% LIHTC for The Havens at Prairie Park (former Urbana Townhomes & Aspen Court sites)*

Objective: *Provide Decent Housing by creating or maintaining affordable rental housing opportunities for households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median.*

Outcome: *Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.*

Outcome Indicators: *Two (2) LIHTC applications will be submitted by private developers.*

Activity 5: Support construction of new affordable rental units through LIHTC, in compatible areas.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: *The City of Urbana began working with the Housing Authority of Champaign County (HACC), along with Brinshore and Herman & Kittle on Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) applications to IHDA for the redevelopment of the Urbana Townhomes & Aspen Court (The Havens on Prairie Park) site with Herman & Kittle, and the development of Highland Green (Kerr Ave) with Brinshore.*

Objective: *Provide Decent Housing by creating or maintaining affordable rental housing opportunities for households with incomes at or below 60% of the area median.*

Outcome: *Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.*

Outcome Indicators: *The City is currently working with the Housing Authority of Champaign County along with developers to submit LIHTC applications to IHDA for The Havens at Prairie Park project and Highland Green project.*

Activity 6: Encourage the development of non-profit housing development organizations eligible for CHDO status.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: No progress made during this Fiscal Year.

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by increasing capacity of Community Development Housing Organizations to identify and implement programs that will provide affordable housing opportunities to income-qualified recipients (at or below 60% of area median for rental and at or below 80% of the area median for homeownership.)

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: No progress made during this Fiscal Year.

Strategy 2: Expand homeownership opportunities for low and moderate income households.

Activity 1: Support and encourage homeownership education programs.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: Local mortgage lenders who are involved with homebuyer assistance programs require potential homebuyers to complete homeownership training programs, which are provided by Parkland College. The City of Champaign provides home maintenance workshops for their clients, as well as clients referred from other agencies.

The PACE Homeownership Coalition, of which the City of Urbana is a member, provides credit, homebuyer, home maintenance (in partnership with the City of Champaign), and post-purchase homeowner support and counseling. Urbana also supports other local credit counseling agencies and provides their resources when distributing information on first time homebuyer programs.

The City of Urbana is also an active member of the Community Reinvestment Group (CRG). The group also organizes an annual housing fair for the community, providing various workshops on lending, credit, and home maintenance issues.

Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing by expanding homeownership opportunities for low and moderate income households.

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: A first time homebuyer course is currently offered through Parkland College and staffed by various banks in CRG, at least once a month throughout the year, and the City of Urbana assists in marketing this tool to the community.

Activity 2: Support the Housing Authority of Champaign County's Section-8 (Housing Choice Voucher) Home Ownership program.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: The Housing Authority of Champaign County (HACC) has partnered with Habitat for Humanity to utilize its MTW flexibility to fill a gap in affordable homeownership needs in Champaign County. A Memorandum of Agreement has been executed with Habitat to administer the local homeownership program.

Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing by allowing eligible HAC participants to purchase single-family homes.

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing to low-income persons.

Outcome Indicators: Two new homeowners entered the Housing Authority of Champaign County's Housing Choice Voucher (Section-8) Homeownership Program during the program year.

Activity 3: Support the development of local Lease Purchase Programs

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: Ecological Construction Laboratory completed a lease purchase, new construction unit before the end of FY 2011-2012 at its 1302 W Dublin, Urbana project; the unit was converted to a sale on April 10, 2015.

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by increasing capacity of Community Development Housing Organizations to identify and implement programs that will provide affordable housing opportunities to income-qualified recipients (at or below 60% of area median for rental and at or below 80% of the area median for homeownership.)

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: One (1) lease purchase was completed during FY 2014-2015.

Activity 4: Directly encourage homeownership through down payment programs and programs funded with Private bond activity funds.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: The City of Urbana began the Urbana Dream Down Payment Program, which offers down payment and closing cost assistance using HOME funds to low-income buyers.

The City of Urbana ceded its Private Activity Bond Cap to the Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority (EIEDA) for possible uses included multi-family housing.

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by providing an opportunity for households with incomes at or below 50% of the area median to become homeowners.

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: The City of Urbana completed nine (9) projects in FY 14-15.

Activity 5: Develop new down-payment assistance programs for low-income buyers.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: The City of Urbana completed the design of a new down payment assistance program called the Urbana Dream Downpayment Program using HOME funds. The Program began in May 2013, with a total of eight projects completed in FY 2014-2015.

The City of Urbana also applied to the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago (FHLBC) through their Affordable Housing Program (AHP) application for the Affordable Housing Program (AHP). The funds will augment the current Urbana Dream Downpayment Program. The City of Urbana carried out the program during FY 2014-2015, a total of nine projects were completed.

Objective: Provide decent housing by providing opportunities for low-income households at or below 80 percent of the area median to pursue homeownership.

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicator: The City of Urbana created a down payment assistance program using HOME funds and completed two projects in June 2013. The City of Urbana also applied to the FHLBC through their AHP application for the DPP program; nine (9) projects were completed.

Goal 2: Address barriers to obtaining affordable housing.

Strategy 1: Address issues faced by certain special populations, such as seniors and individuals in need of supportive service/substance abuse treatment.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: Consolidated Social Service Funding: Family Service of Champaign County, through the Senior Resource Center, provides services to seniors and received \$20,480 (\$22,776 overall) in funding from the City of Urbana General Fund; over eighteen hundred (1,800) persons assisted.

Prairie Center Health Systems (PCHS), who provides individuals with supportive services and substance abuse treatment, received \$11,896 from City of Urbana General Funds; roughly two-hundred and forty (240) persons were served.

PCHS is also a participant in the Shelter Plus Care Rent Assistance Program, as administered by the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission and as a member of the Champaign County Continuum of Care.

Objective: Create a Suitable Living Environment by providing better access to social services in the community for low-income residents.

Outcome: Accessibility for the purpose of providing suitable living environment.

Outcome Indicators: Over eighteen hundred (1,800) persons were assisted with Consolidated Social Service funds used to provide new or improved access to a public service.

Strategy 2: Partner with other municipalities and agencies in the Consortium area to complete a housing needs study that will identify gaps in the housing stock, including an analysis of current housing availability and a projection of future housing needs.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: In 2011, the Cities of Urbana and Champaign, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, Village of Rantoul, and the Housing Authority of Champaign County completed the procurement process and draft of a Regional Housing Study encompassing the housing needs in the countywide area.

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by identifying housing needs in the community in order to implement programs that will address these needs.

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing Decent Housing.

Outcome Indicators: The final report was completed in August 2011. The results of the report have assisted Consortium staff in making policy and program decisions for the coming fiscal years and have been incorporated into each entity's Annual Action Plan every year.

Strategy 3: Provide assistance for affordable permanent housing for persons with targeted disabilities.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: Four members of the Champaign County Continuum of Care, i.e. Developmental Services Center, Greater Community AIDS Project, Community Elements, Inc., and Prairie Center Health Systems, provide referrals and case management services to persons with disabilities, specifically persons with HIV/AIDS, persons suffering from chronic mental illness, persons recovering from substance abuse issues, and persons with developmental disabilities, through Shelter Plus Care I, IV, & V Rent Assistance programs, as administered by the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission.

Objective: Provide Decent Housing to persons with disabilities by providing easier access to their living facility.

Outcome: Accessibility for the purpose of providing suitable living environment.

Outcome Indicators: Thirty-six (36) one-bedroom and eight (8) two-bedroom units leased in the Champaign County Shelter Plus Care Program.

Strategy 4: Support efforts to increase accessible and visitable housing units for persons with disabilities.

Activity 1: Encourage housing developers to include visitability/accessibility measures in new construction efforts.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: New construction activities funded through the HOME Consortium in Champaign and Urbana require housing developers to build homes that are "visitabile". Work was completed on four (4) visitable units in FY 2014-2015. Both the City of Urbana and City of Champaign require housing constructed using federal funding to meet adaptability/accessibility requirements.

Objective: Create Suitable Living Environment by encouraging housing developers to include visibility/accessibility measures in new construction housing units for persons with disabilities.

Outcome: Sustainability for the purpose of providing suitable living environments.

Outcome Indicator: Four (4) single-family housing units were completed in FY 2014-2015 Using HOME funds and that comply with the City's Visitability Ordinance.

Activity 2: Access Grants: Provide grants for approximately 25 low-income residents over a five-year period to increase the supply of accessible and visitable housing.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: CDBG funds are used to modify or renovate existing structures making them more accessible to persons with disabilities. The Urbana Access Grant program retrofitted four (4) households.

Objective: Create Suitable Living Environment by addressing conditions that are a threat to the health and safety of homeowners and/or making housing accessible to persons with disabilities.

Outcome: Sustainability for the purpose of providing suitable living environments.

Outcome Indicators: Four (4) households were retrofitted for persons with disabilities.

Strategy 5: The Urbana Human Relations Division will promote community awareness of the Urbana Human Rights Ordinance and will provide fair housing training for landlords and tenants.

Activity 1: Education and training opportunities, which focus on eliminating barriers to affordable housing, will be encouraged.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: *The City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium had participated in the coordination and implementation of Money Smart Week-Illinois in years past, which included workshop sessions on credit issues, affordable homeownership, and down payment assistance.*

Parkland College also offers a Home Buyer's Seminar through the Parkland Business Development Center throughout the year.

Objective: *Create Suitable Living Environment by providing education and training opportunities, which focus on eliminating barriers to affordable housing.*

Outcome: *Sustainability for the purpose of providing suitable living environments*

Outcome Indicator: *The City of Urbana did not participate in Money Smart Week in FY 14-15.*

Activity 2: Encourage the Urbana Human Relations Division, the Building Safety Division, and PACE, Inc. 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.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: *No progress has been made towards completing this goal in FY 2014-2015. City staff will continue to work on this issue.*

Objective: *Provide Decent Housing to developmentally disabled persons by providing easier access to their living facility.*

Outcome: *Accessibility for the purpose of providing suitable living environment.*

Outcome Indicators: *Zero (0) persons assisted with new or improved access to a public service. No further progress on this goal.*

Activity 3: Support tenant advocacy and educational efforts by agencies such as the C-U Tenant Union.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: *Through a direct mailing, the City has sent a "Living in Urbana" brochure to students and others in the community to education them regarding City services. The City is also involved with U of I Campus Community Connections and has worked with them on a door hanging campaign to provide information to students regarding City services and resources.*

The C-U Tenant Union is involved in the Emergency Tenant Relocation Task Force, along with the City and other governmental entities.

Objective: *Create Suitable Living Environment by providing education and training opportunities, which focus on eliminating barriers to affordable housing.*

Outcome: *Sustainability for the purpose of providing suitable living environments.*

Outcome Indicator: *The City is actively involved in sending information to residents in the community regarding City services and resources, and has worked with the C-U Tenant on various committees.*

Activity 4: Encourage landlord and community group distribution of information in multiple languages to help overcome language and/or cultural barriers.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: The East Central Illinois Refugee Mutual Assistance Center (ECIRMAC) provides resources to local residents needing translation services. These services are complementary for individuals, and for businesses a nominal fee is charged. ECIRMAC also received \$5,996 from the City through the Consolidated Social Service Funding (CSSF) pool.

Objective: Provide Decent Housing to residents requiring language translation services.

Outcome: Sustainability for the purpose of providing suitable living environments.

Outcome Indicator: ECIRMAC provided these services to over 750 Urbana residents.

Activity 5: The City could consider undertaking a discrimination-testing program to obtain preliminary results to determine if further programs are necessary.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: City staff works closely with the Human Relations Officer, who handles fair housing complaints. The Human Relations Officer tracks all complaints received each year, watching for trends or spikes in complaints received by the City.

Objective: Create Suitable Living Environment by protecting fair housing laws in the Community.

Outcome: Sustainability for the purpose of providing suitable living environments

Outcome Indicator: The City continues to provide fair housing information to clients of the HOME program where applicable and closely follows the regulations in order to affirmatively further fair housing.

Goal 3: Preserve and improve supply of affordable housing as a community resource.

Strategy 1: Continue and expand city's repair and rehab programs.

Activity 1: Senior Repair: Provide home repair service for approximately 175 very low-income elderly households over a five-year period to help maintain those households in their homes longer thus reducing demand for higher levels of sheltered care. In addition to home repair, the service would provide referrals to other home-care programs such as Meals on Wheels, etc.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: Urbana Senior Repair Service served fourteen (14) households. Staff continues to refer seniors to other services and resources, such as Meals on Wheels, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Weatherization, and Do Not Call Registry List. If a homeowner does not have a smoke/carbon monoxide detector, or needs batteries, they are referred to the Urbana Fire Dept.

Staff also provides other information, such as: "Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home," "Renovate Right," Family Service HELP Book, "Tips to Prevent Consumer Fraud," "Recommendations to Put Your Home on an Energy Diet," "Free Legal Help for People in Danger of Losing Their Homes," and "Need Help Paying for Medicine?"

Objective: Create Suitable Living Environment by addressing conditions that are a threat to the health and safety of homeowners and making housing accessible to persons with disabilities.

Outcome: Sustainability for the purpose of providing suitable living environments.

Outcome Indicators: Fourteen (14) rehabilitated owner-occupied units were assisted through the Urbana Senior Repair program. Ten (10) owner occupied units had household incomes between 31%-50% of MFI, while four (4) had household incomes below 30% of MFI.

Activity 2: Emergency Grants: Provide emergency repair service for approximately 55 low-income residents over a five-year period to help maintain those households in their homes longer thus reducing demand for higher levels of sheltered care.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: *Emergency Grant Program served one (1) household.*

Objective: *Create Suitable Living Environment by addressing conditions that are a threat to the health and safety of homeowners and/or provide lead safe housing and making housing accessible to persons with disabilities.*

Outcome: *Sustainability for the purpose of providing suitable living environments*

Outcome Indicators: *One (1) household between 51% - 80% MFI was assisted.*

Activity 3: Whole House Rehab: Provide loans and grants for major home improvements for low-income homeowners to approximately 25 households over the next five years.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: *Two (2) Whole House Rehabilitations were completed in Urbana.*

Objective: *Provide Decent Housing to owner-occupants by addressing conditions that are a result of deferred maintenance through rehabilitation of homes of recipients from two income categories, at or below 50% MFI and between 51-80% MFI. Program is intended to improve the quality of the housing stock by bringing units into compliance with applicable code requirements, eliminating lead base paint hazards, and improving exterior appearance.*

Outcome: *Sustainability for the purpose of providing decent housing.*

Outcome Indicators: *Two (2) households were assisted in Urbana – both households were below 80% MFI.*

Activity 5: Purchase Rehab Resale: Purchase housing that is structurally sound, but in need of major code-related renovation, and rehabilitate property for sale as affordable housing to income-qualified households.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: *The City did not identify any available properties for this program in this report year.*

Objective: *Provide Decent Affordable Housing by expanding homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income households.*

Outcome: *Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.*

Outcome Indicators: *No properties were identified for this program.*

Activity 6: Acquisition-Rehab: Provide funds for down payment and rehab to low-income homebuyers to purchase and rehab properties that may be in need of repair.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: *The City did not identify any available properties for this program in this reporting year.*

Objective: *Provide Decent Affordable Housing by expanding homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income households.*

Outcome: *Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.*

Outcome Indicators: No properties were identified for this program.

Strategy 2: Support and encourage home maintenance programs.

Activity 1: Encourage counseling and educational opportunities and resources, which teach homeownership maintenance skills.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: Local mortgage lenders who are involved with homebuyer assistance programs require prospective buyers to attend homeownership programs, which are provided by Parkland College.

The City of Champaign provides home maintenance workshops for their clients, as well as clients referred from other agencies. A Certificate of Attendance to their workshop is a requirement.

The PACE Homeownership Coalition, of which the City of Urbana is a member, provides credit, homebuyer, home maintenance (in partnership with the City of Champaign), and post-purchase purchase homeowner support and counseling.

Habitat for Humanity requires completion of ten homebuyer and homeowner courses for participants in its Affordable Homeownership Program. Eight buyers completed the courses and closed in FY 14-15. 135 people attended classes on credit, budgeting, insurance, and pre purchase classes. The courses include topics on homeownership maintenance.

Objective: Provide Decent Affordable Housing by expanding homeownership opportunities for low- and moderate-income households.

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: Eight (8) homebuyers completed the courses offered to Habitat buyers participating in its Affordable Homeownership Program. Six (6) homebuyers completed HUD-certified pre-purchase counseling through Navicor as part of the City's down payment program.

Goal 4: Work with Housing Authority of Champaign County (HACC) to improve conditions for residents of public housing.

Strategy 1: Promote substantial upgrading of the living environment for residents of Urbana public housing, particularly family units.

Activity 1: Assist in developing a plan, which partners with the private sector, to use private dollars to leverage HOPE VI or other Federal funds, to redevelop units and to replace demolished units with a combination of new on-site units, scattered-site units and Section 8 rent subsidies.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: Staff assisted the HACC in planning for the redevelopment of the Urbana Townhomes/Aspen Court (The Havens on Prairie Park) and Kerr Ave Development (Highland Green), and by assisting in completing the application process for funding.

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by creating or maintaining affordable rental housing opportunities for households with incomes at or below 60% of the area median.

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing

Outcome Indicators: The City of Urbana assisted the HACC and its development partners in the completion of applications for funding at both of the prospective development sites.

Strategy 2: Encourage the Housing Authority of Champaign County to increase the number of affordable housing units available to extremely low-income households. Seek additional means of subsidizing very low-income households with rental assistance.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: *The Housing Authority is partnering with the City, along with two developers, for development/redevelopment projects in Urbana, specifically the Urbana Townhomes/Aspen Court site (The Havens at Prairie Park) and Kerr Ave Development (Highland Green).*

Objective: *Provide Decent Housing by creating or maintaining affordable rental housing opportunities for households with incomes at or below 60% of the area median.*

Outcome: *Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.*

Outcome Indicators: *The Housing Authority of Champaign County is working with the City as well as Herman & Kittle Properties and Brinshore Developers on the prospective developments at The Havens at Prairie Park and Highland Green respectively.*

Strategy 3: Encourage the Housing Authority of Champaign County to increase the earning potential of extremely low-income households.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: *In December 2009, the HACC submitted an application for HUD's Moving-to-Work Demonstration Program (MTW Program). In the Fall of 2011, HUD notified the HACC that it was officially a Moving to Work Agency.*

One of the three goals of the Program is to provide "alternate incentives designed to motivate families to actively seek financial independence and transition from dependency on housing subsidy" and to "carefully measure success of each incentive to identify and replicate the greatest motivators."

The four (4) activities that the HACC chose to implement are: (a) Mandatory Local Family Self-Sufficiency, (b) Employment Requirement, (c) Minimum Rents by Bedroom Size and (d) Tiered Flat Rents.

Beginning with the implementation of the Mandatory Local Self-Sufficiency Plan in October 2012, the HACC is meeting individually with each family to set annual self-sufficiency goals.

The University of Illinois has been and continues to conduct initial baseline evaluations of additional families as families drop off the program, and identify key personal development indicators that impact economic independence. They also are conducting annual evaluations to measure the overall changes to these key personal development factors to determine which incentives provide the most motivation for the families to achieve their annual self-sufficiency goals.

There is one new activity proposed for 2014-2015: Emergency Family Shelter. This program will be housed in nine (9) units of Urban Park Place which were acquired in August 2014. There will be eight (8) apartments for families and one (1) unit to be used for case management.

Objective: *Increase earning potential for residents living in housing owned by public housing authority affiliates.*

Outcome: *Increased earning potential for subsidized households.*

Outcome Indicators: *Requirement activity was implemented on October 1, 2012. Average earned income increased from \$9,751 to \$12,470 among households affected by this policy; 852 households are now receiving self-sufficiency services, eighty-one (81) households were self-sufficient after implementation in 2013.*

Strategy 4: Strongly encourage the Housing Authority of Champaign County to rehabilitate existing units and develop new units, which would be accessible to families, which include persons with disabilities.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: *The Housing Authority of Champaign County (HACC), along with the City and two developers, are in the process of redeveloping two sites: The Havens at Prairie Park (former Urbana Townhomes/Aspen Court site) and Highland Green (Kerr Avenue). The Highland Green project will include Veteran's housing, where the HACC will use HUD-VASH project vouchers. It is anticipated that The Havens will include seniors from Skelton Place, which is slated to be sold.*

Objective: *Provide Decent Housing to developmentally disabled persons by providing easier access to their living facility.*

Outcome: *Accessibility for the purpose of providing suitable living environment.*

Outcome Indicators: *It is anticipated that nine (9) units will be set aside for Veteran's housing, and eighty-four (84) units for Senior Housing.*

Strategy 5: Encourage the Housing Authority of Champaign County to follow a similar process and design as the Burch Village and Lakeside Terrace redevelopment projects for the demolition or redevelopment of any other Public Housing units.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: *With its selection as an MTW Agency, the HACC has more flexibility in funding redevelopment. The HACC has purchased land in the Village of Mahomet for future development and is seeking property in the Village of Savoy, to develop affordable elderly and/or family housing.*

Objective: *Provide Decent Housing by creating or maintaining affordable rental housing opportunities for households with incomes at or below 60% of the area median.*

Outcome: *Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.*

Outcome Indicators: *Number of families and elderly to receive new or improved housing will be determined following construction of affordable units.*

Goal 5: Support community efforts to provide services and training for low- and moderate-income residents.

Strategy 1: Encourage and support appropriate area social service agencies to provide additional economic assistance for persons who pay out-of-pocket expenses for medical and psychological services, perhaps by developing a centralized process to contact pharmaceutical companies with requests for donations of medicines.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: *The City of Urbana used CDBG & City General Funds to assist non-profit agencies that provide medical and psychological care to very-low and low-income persons who must assume out-of-pocket expenses for such services. The following agencies received allocated funds through the Consolidated Social Service Funding pool:*

CDBG/City General Funds: Community Elements/Roundhouse Shelter Program received \$8,396 (\$7,396 from City of Urbana General Funds and \$1,000 from CDBG funds);

City General Funds: Community Health Improvement Center/Urbana School-Based Health received \$11,496; and

Cunningham Township: Champaign County Health Care Consumers received \$13,800; Community Elements received \$14,200 for the TIMES Center; Family Service of Champaign County received \$2,296 for Counseling/\$996 for Senior Counseling & Advocacy.

Objective: *Create a Suitable Living Environment by providing better access to social services in the community for low-income residents and/or persons with disabilities.*

Outcome: *Accessibility for the purpose of providing suitable living environment.*

Outcome Indicators: *In total, over forty-four hundred (4,400) persons assisted with new or improved access to a public service.*

Strategy 2: Encourage appropriate area social service agencies to expand recreational, educational, and cultural opportunities, and alternatives for very low-income youth and young adults.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: *The following agencies were funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through the Consolidated Social Service Funding Pool: Community Elements/Roundhouse Youth Shelter (\$8,396 from City of Urbana General Funds and \$1,000 from CDBG funds).*

Other agencies funded through the Consolidated Social Service Funding (CSSF) pool include: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Illinois (\$15,596); Champaign County Regional Planning Commission/Court Diversion Services (\$3,296); The Conservatory of Central Illinois (\$2,296); The Urbana School District/SPLASH Program (\$17,096); The Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center/Community Study Center Program (\$13,400) and UNCC/Urbana Youth Development & Employment Program (\$12,100).

Objective: *Create a Suitable Living Environment by providing better access to social services in the community for low-income residents and/or persons with disabilities.*

Outcome: *Accessibility for the purpose of providing suitable living environment.*

Outcome Indicators: *In total, over one thousand (1,000) persons assisted with new or improved access to a public service.*

Strategy 3: Support expansion of job-training programs for low-income individuals by area social service agencies, and encourage them to conduct a review of all available programs to determine if they meet current need.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: *Through the Consolidated Social Service Funding Pool, the Urbana Neighborhood Connections Center received \$13,400 from the Cunningham Township General Funds for the Community Study Center Program and \$12,100 from the City of Urbana General Funds for the Urbana Youth Development & Employment Program.*

Also, the Education for Employment System #330 received \$3,996 from the City of Urbana General Funds for the Construction Education Summer Program through the Consolidated Social Service Funding Pool.

Objective: *Create a Suitable Living Environment by providing better access to social services in the community for low-income residents and/or persons with disabilities.*

Outcome: *Accessibility for the purpose of providing suitable living environment.*

Outcome Indicators: *In total, over one hundred sixty (160) persons from Urbana were assisted with new or improved access to job-training programs by area social services in the community.*

Strategy 4: Support area providers such as the Senior Services Division of Champaign County Regional Planning Commission and Family Service of Champaign County in their efforts to provide supportive services to low-income elderly persons residing in Urbana.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: Through the Consolidated Social Service Funding pool, the following agencies received funds from the City of Urbana General Fund: Family Service of Champaign County for Senior Transportation, RSVP, and other services available to senior citizens in Champaign County (\$20,480) ; Champaign County Regional Planning Commission for Senior Services (\$1,596).

Objective: Create a Suitable Living Environment by providing better access to social services in the community for low-income residents.

Outcome: Accessibility for the purpose of providing suitable living environment.

Outcome Indicators: In total, over fifty-eight hundred (5,800) persons assisted with new or improved access to a public service.

Strategy 5: Support efforts by local service providers to area youth to increase supportive services available to at-risk youth.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: The City supported local service providers through the Consolidated Social Service Funding process (City of Urbana General Funds, Cunningham Township Funds, Community Development Block Grants, or a combination):

\$15,596 – Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Illinois (to expand mentoring services for Urbana schools);

\$3,596 - Champaign County Court-Appointed Special Advocates (recruits, trains, and monitors volunteers who advocate for the best interest of abused and neglected children, i.e. work through the juvenile court system to facilitate prompt delivery of services and make independent recommendations to the court concerning the child's well-being);

\$3,296 – Champaign County Regional Planning Commission-Youth Assessment Center (to assist youth between the ages of 10 and 17 years of age who commit a crime and/or are exhibiting challenging behaviors);

\$8,396 – Community Elements-Roundhouse Homeless Youth Shelter (provides a safe haven for runaway and homeless youth);

\$11,496 – Community Health Improvement Center/Urbana School-Based Health Center (provides comprehensive care to all students enrolled in the Urbana School District; major service strands include physical health, mental health counseling, substance abuse counseling, nutritional counseling, and dental health services);

\$2,296 - The Conservatory of East Central Illinois (provides financial aid to low-income urban youth in Urbana, so as to offer an opportunity to study an instrument or voice, to enhance self-esteem, and overall development of youth);

\$17,096 - Urbana School District/SPLASH Program (provides before and after school programs for at-risk youth in Urbana to participate free of charge if qualify for free and reduced lunch);

Objective: Create a Suitable Living Environment by providing better access to social services in the community for low-income residents.

Outcome: Accessibility for the purpose of providing suitable living environment.

Outcome Indicators: In total, over three thousand (3,000) persons assisted with new or improved access to a public service.

Strategy 6: Encourage existing childcare facilities to expand services to late night/overnight and weekend hours.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: Through the Consolidated Social Service Funding: Crisis Nursery received \$8,096 from City of Urbana General Funds for their Safe Children Program.

Objective: Create a Suitable Living Environment by providing better access to social services in the community for low-income residents.

Outcome: Accessibility for the purpose of providing suitable living environment.

Outcome Indicators: Over six hundred twenty (620) persons in Urbana assisted with new or improved access to a public service.

Strategy 7: Support development of a program(s) by area agencies to provide transitional housing services and/or foster care to teen parents of young children.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: Through Consolidated Social Service Funding: Community Elements Inc., Roundhouse Homeless Youth Shelter, which provides affordable housing and/or temporary shelter to homeless youth, received \$8,396 (\$7,396 from City General Funds and \$1,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds).

Objective: Create a Suitable Living Environment by providing better access to social services in the community for low-income residents.

Outcome: Accessibility for the purpose of providing suitable living environment.

Outcome Indicators: Over one hundred fifty (150) persons assisted with new or improved access to a public service.

Strategy 8: Encourage current and newly created companies to hire low-income persons by providing public incentives linked directly to hiring local residents.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: The City of Urbana implements Section 3 policies for all eligible projects funded with HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Community Development Block Grant Program funds.

The Housing Authority of Champaign County (HACC), with the redevelopment of the former Urbana Townhomes/Aspen Court site (The Havens at Prairie Park), and Kerr Avenue (Highland Green), will be using its approved Section 3 Plan in order to comply with Section 3 regulations.

Objective: Create a Suitable Living Environment by providing better access to job opportunities for low-income residents in the community.

Outcome: Accessibility for the purpose of providing suitable living environment.

Outcome Indicators: The City of Urbana did not participate in any eligible projects during FY 14-15.

Strategy 9: Support agencies that provide services to victims of domestic violence.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: Through Consolidated Social Service Funding: Courage Connection (formerly The Center for Women in Transition) Domestic Violence Services (A Woman's Place), which assists victims of domestic violence gain control of their lives and seek a healthy environment free from abuse and violence, received \$13,300 (\$9,300-Cunningham Township and \$4,000 CDBG).

Objective: Create a Suitable Living Environment by providing better access to social services in the community for victims of domestic violence.

Outcome: Accessibility for the purpose of providing a suitable living environment.

Outcome Indicator: Over one hundred ten (110) residents were served.

Goal 6: Provide Support for existing agencies delivering services to homeless individuals and families and encourage the expansion of local services to meet community homeless needs.

Strategy 1: Support the existing network of local homeless services.

Activity 1: Continue to provide leadership and support of Continuum of Care.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: City staff continue to participate in the Champaign County Continuum of Care as a member of the Executive Committee, continued implementation steps for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

Objective: Create Decent Affordable Housing by supporting the existing network of local homeless services.

Outcome: Availability/Accessibility for the purpose of providing suitable living environment.

Outcome Indicators: 421 clients were entered into the HMIS system in FY 2014-2015.

Activity 2: Provide support to emergency and transitional shelters through Consolidated Social Service Pool fund allocations.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: From the City of Urbana General Fund/CDBG: Community Elements-Roundhouse Homeless Youth Shelter received \$8,396 (\$7,396 City; \$1,000 CDBG).

From Cunningham Township: Community Elements/TIMES Center received \$14,200; Courage Connection (formerly The Center for Women in Transition) received \$13,300 for their Domestic Violence Services (A Woman's Place) program and \$17,300 for their Homeless Services program;

City staff are involved in the Emergency Family Shelter Steering Committee, along with the United Way, City of Champaign and others to bring an emergency family shelter to the community. The HACC has received approval from IHDA to use one of the buildings originally designated for permanent supportive housing to be converted to the shelter, which will consist of eight (8) units.

Objective: Create a Suitable Living Environment by providing better access to social services in the community for low-income residents.

Outcome: Accessibility for the purpose of providing suitable living environment

Outcome Indicators: Over three hundred fifty (350) persons were served by these programs.

FY 14-15: Through the 2014 NOFA: Homeless Families in Transition (Program Year 19: 3/1/14 – 2/28/15), was awarded \$166,720 for operating and supportive services (Federal Supportive Housing Program).

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by providing access to services and counseling for homeless families with children to assist with transition into more permanent housing.
Outcome: Accessibility for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.
Outcome Indicators: Based on the most recent Annual Progress Report (APR), during Program Year 19, fifty-six (56) adults and fifty-three (53) children entered the program and were assisted to prevent homelessness.

Strategy 2: Improve and expand the existing network of local homeless services.

Activity 1: Support and encourage local efforts to acquire additional grant funding.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: City Staff co-managed the completion of the 2015 NOFA application through the Champaign County Continuum of Care, to renew the Supportive Housing Program/Homeless Families in Transition grant.

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by providing access to services and counseling for homeless families with children to assist with transition into more permanent housing.

Outcome: Accessibility for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: Number of persons served during Program Year 19: fifty-six (56) adults and fifty-three (53) children, based on Annual Progress Report (APR).

Activity 2: Support accurate and comprehensive data management through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and annual surveys.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC), through the Continuum of Care, is continuing to implement and administer the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS).

Objective: Create Decent Affordable Housing by supporting the existing network of local homeless services.

Outcome: Availability/Accessibility for the purpose of providing suitable living environment.

Outcome Indicators: 412 clients were entered into the HMIS system in FY 2014-2015.

Activity 3: Encourage and support the expansion of transitional housing for women and children.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: Through the Consolidated Social Service Funding Pool, Courage Connection (formerly The Center for Women in Transition) received \$17,300 for homeless services, and \$13,300 for homeless/domestic violence services.

The City encourages and supports the expansion of transitional housing for women and children through the Council of Service Providers to the Homeless (CSPH) and the Champaign County Continuum of Care.

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by providing access to services and counseling for homeless families with children to assist with transition into more permanent housing.

Outcome: Accessibility for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: A total of one-hundred thirteen (113) individuals were served through Courage Connection's two programs noted above. Two units in the City's Transitional Housing Program were being rehabilitated during the fiscal year, therefore no families were served.

Activity 4: Encourage development of emergency shelter services or transitional housing for homeless two-parent households with children.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: City of Urbana's Transitional Housing for Families with Children did not serve any homeless families with children during program year, as the units were being rehabilitated with the use of Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago affordable housing funds and HOME funding.

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by providing access to services and counseling for homeless families with children to assist with transition into more permanent housing.

Outcome: Accessibility for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: City of Urbana's Transitional Housing for Families with Children did not serve any homeless families with children during program year.

Activity 5: Encourage development of transitional living facilities for adults and youth with substance abuse issues.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: The Pavilion provides inpatient and partial hospitalization programs for children, adolescents, adults, and the geriatric population in need of treatment for psychiatric and chemical dependence/addiction disorders.

Run by Canaan Baptist Church - The Men's SAFE (Substance Abuse Free Environment) House is a twelve-month residential program for men recovering from substance abuse, while the Women's SAFE (Substance Abuse Free Environment) House is a twelve-month residential program for women recovering from substance abuse.

Prairie Center Health Systems is a comprehensive treatment facility that provides a full range of services to individuals and families affected by alcoholism and chemical dependency. Services include residential treatment, detoxification, crisis intervention, outpatient, intensive outpatient, DUI evaluation and education, and prevention programs for schools and the community.

The City encourages the development of transitional living facilities for adults and youth with substance abuse issues, but there is no funding available at present for this type of facility.

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by providing access to services for adults and youth with substance abuse issues to assist with transition into more permanent housing.

Outcome: Accessibility for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: No transitional living facilities for adults and youth with substance abuse issues are in operation. However, there are three to four (3-4) local facilities that provide substance abuse services to children and adults.

Activity 6: Encourage the development of a shelter facility to provide emergency services for elderly persons who are victims of domestic violence.

PROGRESS

***FY 14-15:** Courage Connection, (formerly The Center for Women in Transition) Domestic Violence Services (A Woman's Place) is a domestic violence shelter and does accept elderly females who are victims of domestic violence.*

***Objective:** Provide Decent Housing by providing access to services and counseling for homeless families with children to assist with transition into more permanent housing.*

***Outcome:** Accessibility for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.*

***Outcome Indicators:** No additional shelters developed for elderly persons who are victims of domestic violence, however, elderly female victims of domestic violence can receive services through Courage Connection (formerly The Center for Women in Transition) Domestic Violence Services (A Woman's Place).*

Strategy 3: Regularly review and evaluate the needs of the community for homeless and homeless prevention service, and encourage local agencies to match service provided to community needs.

Activity 1: Encourage and support area agencies to develop services such as Supportive Housing and Safe Havens for targeted populations such as homeless teens, teen parents, families, persons with disabilities, etc.

PROGRESS

***FY 14-15:** The City of Urbana administers the Supportive Housing Program/Homeless Families in Transition (SHP/HFiT) grant, of which Courage Connection (formerly The Center for Women in Transition) and Salvation Army provides supportive services to homeless families.*

Community Elements Roundhouse is a temporary homeless shelter serving community referred youth who are runaway, homeless, or at-risk for runaway or homelessness. Counseling and supportive services are provided in a community-integrated home-type setting.

Champaign County Continuum of Care, of which the City of Urbana is a member, has discussed the issue regarding Safe Havens in the community, a part of the 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness, and has updated its Strategic Plan for FY 2014-2015, but no further progress has been made as of reporting period on this particular issue.

***Objective:** Provide Decent Housing by providing access to services and counseling for homeless families with children to assist with transition into more permanent housing.*

***Outcome:** Accessibility for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.*

***Outcome Indicators:** Number of runaway, homeless, and at-risk for runaway or homelessness who received services in the past agency fiscal year (350). During Program Year 19, number of adults (56) and children (53) who entered the program under the SHP/HFiT grant and were assisted to prevent homelessness.*

Activity 2: Participate in the Champaign County Continuum of Care, Council of Service Providers to the Homeless, Supportive Housing Program.

PROGRESS

***FY 14-15:** City staff continue to serve on the Executive Committee of the Champaign County Continuum of Care (CoC). Staff also participates in the Council of Service Providers to the Homeless (CSPH), and administers the Supportive Housing Program/Homeless Families in Transition.*

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by providing access to services and counseling for homeless families with children to assist with transition into more permanent housing.

Outcome: Accessibility for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicator: Participation in the Champaign County Continuum of Care and CSPH.

Strategy 4: Take steps to stabilize households at risk of homelessness.

Activity 1: Develop and support rental assistance programs (such as Tenant Based Rental Assistance, the No Limits Program, and Shelter Plus Care) with and without supportive services for extremely low and very low income persons.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: The City of Urbana continued to administer the Transitional Housing Program for Homeless Families with Children; due to significant rehabilitation of the two units using HOME funds and Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago funds, no families were served during FY 2014-2015.

Champaign County began a TBRA program for low income households using HOME funds; twenty-nine(29) families were assisted in FY 14-15 with Champaign County's allocation

The No Limits Program and Shelter Plus Care programs are also administered by Champaign County Regional Planning Commission.

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by providing access to services and counseling for homeless families with children to assist with transition into more permanent housing.

Outcome: Accessibility for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: Twenty-nine (29) families were served in the County's TBRA program.

Activity 2: Work with regional group to provide information and a support network in the case of a need for emergency relocation of residents of multifamily apartments with utilities are disconnected.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: The City of Urbana was instrumental in forming an Emergency Relocation Task Force with other municipalities and agencies in the community to provide information and a support network; the Task Force did not meet during FY 2014-2015.

Objective: Create a Suitable Living Environment by providing better access to social services in the community for low-income residents.

Outcome: Accessibility for the purpose of providing suitable living environment.

Outcome Indicators: The Task Force created a Quick Help Guide for use by the public as well as public service employees to assist in responding to emergency situations, including eviction that may result in temporary homelessness.

Activity 3: Support programs offering permanent housing solutions for low and extremely low income households (see Goal 1)

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: As a member of the Champaign County Continuum of Care, City staff assisted in preparing the 2014 NOFA that included renewal of the Shelter Plus Care I, IV & V Rent Assistance Programs, which provides permanent housing solutions for low and extremely low income households.

Objective: Provide Decent housing to persons with disabilities by providing easier access to their living facility.

Outcome: Accessibility for the purpose of providing suitable living environment.

Outcome Indicators: Thirty-six (36) one-bedroom and eight (8) two-bedroom units leased under the Champaign County Shelter Plus Care Program.

Activity 4: Support educational services including financial literacy, homeowner education and debt management.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: Consolidated Social Service Funding: From City general funds, PACE (Persons Assuming Control of Their Environment) received \$5,096 in funding for their Housing Education & Advocacy Program.

Habitat for Humanity, a HOME CHDO, provides homeowner education for the families who are chosen for their affordable housing program.

Objective: Create a Suitable Living Environment by providing better access to social services in the community for low-income residents and/or persons with disabilities.

Outcome: Accessibility for the purpose of providing suitable living environment.

Outcome Indicators: Number of persons assisted with new or improved access to a public Service; twenty-one (21) Urbana residents were served by the Housing Education & Advocacy Program.

Goal 7: Support efforts to reduce the exposure of young children to lead-based paint hazards in their homes.

Strategy 1: Coordinate public and private efforts to reduce lead poisoning hazards and protect young children.

Activity 1: Encourage Private Funding

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: The City will continue to look for funding opportunities for this program.

Objective: Create Suitable Living Environment by addressing conditions that are a threat to the health and safety of homeowners and/or provide lead safe housing and making housing accessible to persons with disabilities.

Outcome: Sustainability for the purpose of providing suitable living environments

Outcome Indicators: Staff will continue to pursue funding opportunities as they arise.

Activity 2: Expand Childhood Testing

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: The City of Urbana continues to coordinate with the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District to establish lead hazard control and childhood testing.

Objective: Create Suitable Living Environment by addressing conditions that are a threat to the health and safety of homeowners and/or provide lead safe housing and making housing accessible to persons with disabilities.

***Outcome:** Sustainability for the purpose of providing suitable living environments.*
***Outcome Indicators:** The City, in coordination with the C-U Public Health District and Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), will continue to pursue other funding opportunities as they arise.*

Activity 3: Prevention Education

PROGRESS

***FY 14-15:** Staff continues to provide educational literature to all persons who apply for assistance to any Urbana housing program, to encourage testing for elevated levels of lead. Urbana also provides public service announcements regarding the dangers of lead-based paint in its Neighborhood Newsletter, and at events including Market at the Square, Neighborhood Nights, National Night Out, the, and on the City website.*

***Objective:** Create Suitable Living Environment by addressing conditions that are a threat to the health and safety of homeowners and/or provide lead safe housing and making housing accessible to persons with disabilities.*

***Outcome:** Sustainability for the purpose of providing suitable living environments.*

***Outcome Indicators:** An estimated 150 persons received information regarding lead hazards, as pamphlets were given out at various events, i.e. Market at the Square and Neighborhood Nights. The information is also available on the City website.*

Strategy 2: Reduce lead-based paint hazards in residential housing, particularly homes occupied by young children.

Activity 1: Lead Assessment in Housing Assistance Programs

PROGRESS

***FY 14-15:** Per the Urbana Housing Program Manual, procedures have been developed to ensure that lead hazard evaluations are performed as required by HUD and the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH); Staff continue to ensure that these procedures are implemented.*

***Objective:** Create Suitable Living Environment by addressing conditions that are a threat to the health and safety of homeowners and/or provide lead safe housing and making housing accessible to persons with disabilities.*

***Outcome:** Sustainability for the purpose of providing suitable living environments.*

***Outcome Indicators:** Staff intends to pursue future funding opportunities as they arise.*

Activity 2: Preserve and Expand Funding for Lead Hazard Reduction Activities

PROGRESS

***FY 14-15:** Urbana continues to coordinate efforts with Champaign and the Illinois Department of Public Health to pursue funding opportunities as they become available, as Urbana has expended funds made available under an agreement with the Illinois Department of Public Health's "Get the Lead Out (GLO)" Program.*

***Objective:** Create Suitable Living Environment by addressing conditions that are a threat to the health and safety of homeowners and/or provide lead safe housing and making housing accessible to persons with disabilities.*

***Outcome:** Sustainability for the purpose of providing suitable living environments*

Outcome Indicators: *The City, in coordination with C-U Public Health Department and IDPH, will continue to pursue future grant opportunities as they arise.*

Activity 3: Temporary Relocation of Occupants during Lead Hazard Work

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: *Per HUD Guidelines and regulations, the City of Urbana has a relocation plan and agreement in place should occupants of a dwelling unit need to be temporarily relocated during the construction phase of a rehabilitation project.*

Objective: *Create Suitable Living Environment by addressing conditions that are a threat to the health and safety of homeowners and/or provide lead safe housing and making housing accessible to persons with disabilities.*

Outcome: *Sustainability for the purpose of providing suitable living environments.*

Outcome Indicators: *Zero (0) occupants served in need of temporary relocation.*

Activity 4: Lead Contractor Incentives

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: *Processes have been developed to distribute lead-based paint hazard reduction information to clients that are participating in a CDBG/HOME funded housing project, and continue to be used by the City of Urbana.*

The City also has a Contractor/Employee Certification of Worker Training to be signed by the Contractor Supervisor and the Property Owner before the rehabilitation project begins.

Objective: *Create Suitable Living Environment by addressing conditions that are a threat to the health and safety of homeowners and/or provide lead safe housing and making housing accessible to persons with disabilities.*

Outcome: *Sustainability for the purpose of providing suitable living environments*

Outcome Indicators: *Zero (0) new contractors received certification during FY 2014-2015.*

All general contractors on the City's Bidder's List have attended a one-day training course sponsored by USEPA that requires contractors working on any home built before 1978 to be certified; one USEPA refresher course was offered in April 2015 (during FY 2014-2015.)

Activity 5: Distribution of Lead Contractor List

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: *Processes continue to be implemented to distribute lead-based paint hazard reduction information to clients that are participating in a CDBG/HOME funded housing project.*

Objective: *Create Suitable Living Environment by addressing conditions that are a threat to the health and safety of homeowners and/or provide lead safe housing and making housing accessible to persons with disabilities.*

Outcome: *Sustainability for the purpose of providing suitable living environments.*

Outcome Indicators: *Lead-based paint hazard reduction information is distributed to clients participating in a CDBG/HOME funded housing project.*

Goal 8: Support infrastructure improvements in Urbana’s Community Development Target Area.

Strategy 1: The majority of CDBG funds will be targeted toward improvements in and services to the City's Community Development Target Area.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: *Emergency Grants, Access Grants, Senior Repair Service, Whole House Rehab, and Neighborhood Cleanup continue to be targeted toward improvements in and services to the City's Community Development Target Area.*

Objective: *Create Suitable Living Environment by addressing conditions that are a threat to the health and safety of homeowners, and/or provide lead safe housing, and making housing accessible to persons with disabilities.*

Outcome: *Sustainability for the purpose of providing suitable living environments.*

Outcome Indicators: *Five (5) households were assisted under the Emergency/Access grants; fourteen (14) households were assisted under the Senior Repair Program; two (2) households were assisted under Whole House Rehab; and four hundred eighty-six (403) households were assisted under the Spring/Fall Neighborhood Cleanup.*

Strategy 2: The City shall allocate to its designated Community Development Target Area a proportionate share of City capital improvement funds for upgrading infrastructure. CDBG funds may be set-aside during one fiscal year for infrastructure projects scheduled in another fiscal year in order to fulfill a commitment to a scheduled project.

	Estimated Funding	Anticipated Time Frame
Sidewalks: Division (Oakland - Thompson); Busey (south of Sunset) CT 54	\$ 70,000	2010-2011
Division Street Reconstruction (South of Kerr)	\$ 225,000	2010-2013
Mathews Street Reconstruction (Church - Ellis) CT 53	\$ 250,000	2012
Kerr Project Subdivision Infrastructure CT 54	\$ 30,000	2013

The City has recognized Census Tracts 53, 54, and 55 as the City's target area since the early 1980's; Census Tract 56, Block Group 1 was added by City Council on April 18, 2005, based on the 2000 Census and Dept. of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) guidelines. CDBG funds can be contributed for the above projects, identified in the City's Capital Improvement Plan, as these projects are eligible for CDBG funding due to the location of the projects meeting HUD regulations that at least 51% of the persons benefiting from the project must be below 80% of the community's median family income.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: *CDBG funding in the amount of \$49,404 was utilized for the construction of a multi-use path in one of the City's Target Areas, using grant funds that were received in FY 2013-2014, with the completion during FY 2014-2015.*

Objective: *Create a Suitable Living Environment by providing access to improved infrastructure in the targeted neighborhood.*

Outcome: *Accessibility for the purpose of providing a suitable living environment.*

***Outcome Indicators:** Number of households/persons served in the targeted neighborhoods; 1,460 residents of Census Tract 56 Block Group 1 are able to benefit from the improvement.*

Goal 9: Preserve and support Urbana's neighborhoods as vibrant places to live.

Strategy 1: Identify and encourage or assist in removal of blighting and deteriorated structures from neighborhoods.

Activity 1: Perform regular surveys of City to identify deteriorated housing and accessory structures that need to be addressed either through repair or removal.

PROGRESS

***FY 14-15:** Grants Management Division staff, along with Building Safety staff, regularly perform surveys of the City's Target Area in order to identify deteriorated housing and accessory structures that need to be addressed through repair or removal.*

***Objective:** Create a suitable living environment by removing blighted structures from the Community Development Target Area.*

***Outcome:** Sustainability for the purpose of providing suitable living environments.*

***Outcome Indicator:** Zero (0) applications from the Secondary Structures Program were received during FY 2014-2015.*

Activity 2: Using CDBG funds, clear dilapidated accessory structures such as sheds and garages from income qualified owner-occupied properties

PROGRESS

***FY 14-15:** Grants Management Division staff, along with Building Safety staff, regularly perform surveys of the City's Target Area in order to identify deteriorated housing and accessory structures that need to be addressed through repair or removal.*

***Objective:** Create a suitable living environment by removing blighted structures from the Community Development Target Area.*

***Outcome:** Sustainability for the purpose of providing suitable living environments.*

***Outcome Indicator:** Zero (0) applications from the Secondary Structures Program were received during FY 2014-2015.*

Strategy 2: Acquire and clear deteriorated housing and vacant lots for donation to non-profit home construction programs. Acquisition and clearance efforts may be implemented in the CD Target Areas and will be focused on the King Park Neighborhood in accordance with the King Park Neighborhood Plan.

Activity 1: Using HOME and/or CDBG funds to acquire vacant properties and deteriorated and/or substandard structures that will be cleared as necessary, for donation to a non-profit housing developer for the purpose of new construction of affordable housing. The City will properly maintain such properties until transfer of ownership occurs.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: One (1) new property was acquired by the City with CDBG funds. The City conveyed three (3) properties to two (2) different parties for the purpose of new construction and future development of affordable single-family homes. The City also continues to maintain properties owned by the City, which will eventually be used for affordable housing.

Objective: Provide Decent Housing by creating or maintaining affordable housing opportunities for households with incomes at or below 80% of the area median.

Outcome: Affordability for the purpose of providing decent affordable housing.

Outcome Indicators: One (1) new property was acquired by the City of Urbana; approximately six (6) properties are maintained by the City of Urbana for future use for affordable housing; Habitat for Humanity received two (2) properties to develop affordable housing. A third property was transferred to an individual for housing redevelopment.

Strategy 3: Explore the creation of a Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy for low-income Urbana residents.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: No progress on this goal.

Strategy 4: Clearly identify and document designated brownfields and seek additional funding sources to alleviate same.

PROGRESS

FY14-15: Related to the former Denny's Cleaners site in Downtown Urbana, the City sold the property to the neighboring restaurant owner for continued use as customer parking. The neighboring parcel, which also was identified as having some environmental contamination from the former Denny's, was privately sold to new owners who are currently working on a redevelopment proposal at that site.

Related to former Allman's Auto Repair, the property is in use as an auto repair facility by the current property owner.

Related to the Urbana Goodyear Tire Company site, the property is now being leased from the City by a new business owner. Shortly after the sale of the business, the City negotiated with the former property owner to discontinue the escrow account in favor of a direct payment to the City which is now being held in reserve for environmental cleanup at the time of redevelopment. The City issued an RFQ to brokers in March 2014 to represent the City in marketing the entire block to developers and investors. The City will ensure that the limited environmental contamination that exists on the site is remediated as part of any future development of the block.

Objective: Create Economic Opportunities by redeveloping existing inactive business sites while addressing conditions that are a threat to the health and safety of employees for any future business located on site.

Outcome: Sustainability for the purpose of creating economic opportunities.

Outcome Indicator: It is expected that those sites not already in use by a business will eventually be utilized in some way as part of larger mixed-use redevelopment projects that could create and enhance the vibrancy of the area, create new jobs, and attract additional investment. The City issued an RFP in conjunction with its broker for the redevelopment of the Urbana Goodyear Tire Company site, and is currently considering proposals for redevelopment.

Strategy 5: Through its Neighborhood Organizations, the City will support resident involvement in neighborhood housing development projects.

Activity 1: Encourage the creation and development of local groups concerned with furthering the interests of their neighborhood. Specifically, encourage such groups to accomplish non-profit status by obtaining a 501(c)(3) designation, thus making them eligible for grant funding.

PROGRESS

FY 14-15: The City of Urbana encouraged the creation of the Lierman Neighborhood Action Committee (LNAC), who achieved 501(c)(3) status in order to be eligible for grant funding.

LNAC is presently using a plot of land that the City purchased for a community garden in their neighborhood.

Objective: Create Suitable Living Environment by supporting the development of private non-profit organizations that deliver programs on the neighborhood level.

Outcome: Sustainability for the purpose of providing suitable living environments.

Outcome Indicators: Number of persons served by the community garden; 1,460 residents of Census Tract 56 Block Group 1 are able to benefit from the garden.

IV. AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING:

The City of Urbana continues to work closely with the City of Champaign to further fair housing, as both cities have a common border and face similar challenges. The City of Urbana updated its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice in January 2010 in an effort to identify strategies to affirmatively further fair housing. Among the strategies proposed, the City successfully coordinated with other local key stakeholders to contract with a consultant for the purpose of drawing up a Regional Housing Needs Study. The report was finalized at the beginning of FY 2011-2012 and will continue to be used by each entity, which included members from the City of Champaign, the Village of Rantoul, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, and the Housing Authority of Champaign County, in updating affordable housing policies and subsequent strategies.

Fair Housing Inquiries/Complaints

The City of Urbana Human Relations Division is responsible for addressing complaints and maintaining records that concern fair housing.

During the 2014-2015 program year, the Urbana Human Relations Division reported two (2) inquiries/complaints regarding alleged violations of the City's fair housing ordinance; the following table shows the type of alleged discrimination, the protected class basis (if applicable), the disposition of the case, and the date of the incident:

TYPE OF DISCRIMINATION ALLEGED	PROTECTED CLASS BASIS	DISPOSITION	DATE
HOUSING	RACE	RESOLVED	Sep-14
HOUSING	RACE	NO JURISDICTION	Feb-15

Action: Eliminate Barriers to Affordable Housing

The City of Urbana has continued to pursue the following activities to remove barriers to affordable housing:

- The City of Urbana has adopted a Human Rights Ordinance, implemented by the Human Relations Division and Human Relations Commission, which prohibits landlords from using source of income as a reason to deny rental to a tenant:
 - The Human Relations Division of the Executive Department:
 - Investigates and responds to discrimination and fair housing claims under State laws and the City of Urbana Human Rights Ordinance.
 - Implements affirmative action for City contractors and vendors to include on-site inspections of construction sites.
 - Assists the Personnel Division with recruitment of minorities, women, and handicapped persons
 - Implements internal programs, assists other departments (Police) and represents the City with various community related programs to improve community relations among diverse ethnic and racial segments of the City.
 - Monitors programs that make citizens aware of their fair housing rights, using printed and electronic media and group forums.
 - Monitors the City's compliance with federal A.D.A. laws to ensure equal access to city employment, services, activities, and physical structures for handicapped person.

- The Human Relations Commission, appointed by the Mayor, advises the Mayor and City Council on matters concerning fair and equal treatment under the law to all citizens for equal services, access to facilities, and equality in employment without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, disability, or sexual orientation. Members serve 3-year alternating terms.

Actions Taken Regarding the Completion of the Analysis of Impediments

The City of Urbana adopted a new Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice at the December 14, 2009 meeting of the Urbana City Council. The City continues to utilize this analysis and its recommendations in its work with the Human Relations Commission, Community Development Commission, and City Council. The Commission will review and update this document as required.

Other Actions Taken to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing

As part of its Consolidated Plan for Program Year 2010-2014, the City incorporated the following activities to address fair housing:

Goal 2: Address barriers to obtaining affordable housing

Strategy: The Urbana Human Relations Division will promote community awareness of the Urbana Human Rights Ordinance and will provide fair housing training for landlords and tenants.

Activity: Education and training opportunities, which focus on eliminating barriers to affordable housing, will be encouraged.

Activity: Encourage the Urbana Human Relations Division, the Building Safety Division, and PACE, Inc. 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.

Activity: Support tenant advocacy and educational efforts by agencies such as the C-U Tenant Union.

Activity: Encourage landlord and community group distribution of information in multiple languages to help overcome language and/or cultural barriers.

Activity: The City could consider undertaking a discrimination testing program to obtain preliminary results to determine if further programs are necessary.

V. AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The following table summarizes the number of households assisted by each of the Affordable Housing programs carried out during FY 2014-2015:

Households Assisted			Source of Funding		
Income Level	Occupancy Type	Program	HOME	CDBG	
Household Income < 30% MFI	Renter	<i>Tenant Based Rent Assistance (TBRA)</i>	38		
		<i>City Transitional Housing</i>		0	
		<i>Access Grants / Emergency Grants</i>		1	
	Owner	<i>Access Grants / Emergency Grants</i>			1
		<i>Senior Repair Service</i>			4
		<i>Whole-house Rehab: Urbana</i>	0		
		<i>Whole-house Rehab: County</i>	0		
		<i>Whole-house Rehab: Champaign</i>	0		
Household Income > 31 to < 50% MFI	Owner	<i>Access Grants / Emergency Grants</i>		1	
		<i>Senior Repair Service</i>		10	
		<i>Whole-house Rehab: Urbana</i>	0		
		<i>Whole-house Rehab: Champaign</i>	0		
		<i>Habitat for Humanity</i>	4		
		<i>Whole-house Rehab: County</i>	0		
Household Income > 51 to < 80% MFI	Renter	<i>Access Grants</i>		0	
		<i>Homestead Transitional Housing</i>	1		
	Owner	<i>Whole-house Rehab: Urbana</i>	2		
		<i>Acquisition Rehab: Champaign</i>	2		
		<i>Whole-house Rehab: County</i>	0		
		<i>Habitat for Humanity</i>	1		
		<i>Homestead Homeownership Program</i>	0		
<i>Access Grant</i>		2			

VI. CONTINUUM OF CARE:

Actions to Plan and/or Implement Continuum of Care

City staff continues its commitment to the local homeless service system with ongoing leadership in the *Champaign County Continuum of Care*.

During the development of the Urbana-Champaign Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness in November 2003, the Continuum set initial local goals. Annually, the Continuum reviews progress on these strategic plan goals and drafts action steps to seek resources, coordinate activities, and address issues of homelessness, with emphasis on the chronically homeless and more recently youth and veteran subpopulations. Participation in this process is coordinated with the Council of Service Providers to the Homeless, also supported by the City staff, for the broadest possible input and action.

The Continuum's entire bed inventory and NOFA approval process were recently revised and a peer-monitoring tool was developed for HUD-funded providers. All participating HUD-funded agencies agreed to enter client data into the HMIS, used in the completion of the Annual Progress Reports due to HUD, which will provide a more comprehensive picture of local services and unduplicated client demographics.

Actions to Meet Supportive Housing Needs (including HIV/AIDS)

Champaign County Shelter Plus Care is administered by the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission. Through HUD NOFA PY19 funding of \$166,720, this permanent supportive housing program provides housing subsidies for at least thirty-six (36) one-bedroom units and eight (8) two-bedroom units for homeless persons in the community with targeted disabilities. Supportive services are provided for identified ongoing needs through four partnering agencies: Prairie Center Health Systems, Inc.; Community Elements; Greater Community AIDS Project; and Developmental Services Center.

Actions to Prevent Homelessness

Other efforts by the City of Urbana, through the Consolidated Social Service Funding Pool, to prevent homelessness for area persons and families consisted of providing Cunningham Township funds to PACE, Inc. in the amount of \$5,396 for a personal assistance program allowing persons with disabilities to continue in independent living situations, and \$5,096 for homeownership programs for persons with disabilities.

Actions to Develop Transitional Housing

In FY 2014-2015, the City rehabilitated two units in the Urbana Transitional Housing for Homeless Families with Children Program, which originated from a 1990 SHP grant, using HOME funds and Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago-Affordable Housing Program funds. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Service Funds contributed to ongoing operational expenses of this program.

Additionally, the City of Urbana administers and monitors Homeless Families in Transition (HFIT), a Supportive Housing Program (SHP) grant funded in 1994, made up of the following agency: Courage Connection (formerly The Center for Women in Transition). The renewal application is submitted to HUD on a yearly basis, in coordination with the Champaign County Continuum of Care. In FY 2014-2015, under the 2014 NOFA, the renewal application was submitted to HUD on October 27, 2014. On January 26, 2015, HUD notified the City that it had approved the renewal application for SHP funds. As noted in the PY19 Annual Progress Report (APR), fifty-six (56) adults and fifty-three (53) children were assisted with housing through this program.

Actions to address Emergency Shelter Needs

City of Urbana General Funds and Community Development Block Grant funds contributed to a program for homeless youth [\$7,396 (City) + \$1,000 (CDBG) = \$8,396]; Cunningham Township funds contributed to an emergency shelter for men (\$14,200), and City of Urbana funds contributed to a child care program providing emergency services to area families including homeless families (\$8,096). These monies were coordinated through the Consolidated Social Service Funding Pool, which was established to better coordinate funding to area social service providers. The United Way of Champaign County provided funds toward an Emergency Shelter for Families, which is slated to open something in Spring 2016.

Actions to Address Non-Homeless Special Needs

Actions that were taken to address special needs of persons that are not homeless, but require supportive housing, (including persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, alcohol/other drug addicted, persons with severe mental illness, developmentally disabled, physically disabled, elderly, public housing residents, and victims of domestic violence) were addressed by the following agencies and the source of funding they received:

Courage Connection (formerly The Center for Women in Transition)/A Woman's Place (AWP)

The mission of Courage Connection (formerly The Center for Women in Transition) is to provide a continuum of services so that individuals and families can achieve safety, stability and self-sufficiency. A Woman's Place provides emergency shelter and residential supportive services for up to 45 days and/or transitional shelter and residential supportive services for up to two years for women and children who are homeless due to domestic violence. AWP also provides non-residential counseling, advocacy and referral services, and legal advocacy in the court system.

Through the Consolidated Social Service Funding Pool, Courage Connection Domestic Violence Services (AWP) received \$13,300 from Cunningham Township.

Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC)

CCRPC provides a significant amount of information and referral (over 10,000 calls each year), including information on housing, medical services, insurance and public benefits, transportation, and other services specifically for persons with special needs. They provide transportation for rural county seniors who are no longer able to drive to medical appointments, including several seniors to adult day care.

Staff with the PAS/ISC program determines eligibility for persons with developmental disabilities to receive Medicaid-waivered services. They provide emergency rent assistance to prevent persons residing in the county from becoming homeless. They are one of three local sites that assist seniors and disabled persons with applications for Medicare Part D, IL Cares Rx, and Circuit Breaker benefits.

Through the Consolidated Social Service Funding Pool, the Senior Services program received \$1,596 in City of Urbana General Funds.

Community Elements, Inc.

Community Elements provides a full range of services to clients with severe mental illness and their families. Services include crisis management, crisis respite services, residential group homes, independent housing, case management, counseling, psychiatric services, and linkage. These services are available to homeless, as well as non-homeless clients based on clinical need. Community Elements provides counseling services to clients who are co-occurring substance abuse and mental illness, or co-occurring HIV/AIDS and mental illness, through the PH-ACT grant program. They work closely with the primary substance abuse provider, Prairie Center, in coordinating services for clients with substance abuse issues. They also work closely with CU Public Health and the Greater Community AIDS Project (GCAP) coordinating services for clients with HIV/AIDS. They maintain a relationship with the Housing Authority of Champaign County to ensure that they are meeting the needs of those in public housing.

Through the Consolidated Social Service Funding Pool, the TIMES Center received \$14,200 from the Cunningham Township Funds, and Roundhouse Youth Shelter received a total of \$8,396 in funding (\$7,396 in City General Funds and \$1,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds).

Family Service of Champaign County (FSCC)

Senior Resource Center: Through SRC programs, Family Service provides a broad array of services that support seniors so that they can continue to live in the community and prevent or delay nursing home placement. Many of their senior clients are low income and some live in public or subsidized housing. These services include information and referral, outreach, counseling, advocacy, senior protective services, caregiver support, transportation, home-delivered meals, and non-medical homecare. **First Call for Help (FCFH):** The FCFH program at Family Service also serves those with special needs of any age. This program provides comprehensive information and referral to other community services and resources and advocacy to assist clients to access these services and benefits. They also provide limited financial assistance to help clients meet their basic needs of food, rent, utilities, and prescription medications. **The Counseling Program:** The Counseling Program, through a special agreement with the Greater Community AIDS Project (GCAP), provides counseling services to clients with HIV/AIDS at the lowest rate on their sliding fee scale when referred by GCAP; the fee is paid by GCAP.

Through the Consolidated Social Service Funding Pool, Family Service received a total of \$22,776 for various programs within the agency from the City of Urbana General Fund.

Greater Community AIDS Project (GCAP)

GCAP provides AIDS information and education, and support and assistance for persons who are HIV-positive or living with AIDS. It provides food, rent assistance, medication assistance, utility assistance, and transitional housing for HIV-positive individuals. Support groups can be organized for HIV-positive persons and their families and/or caregivers.

Through the Consolidated Social Service Funding Pool, GCAP received a total of \$3,800 from Cunningham Township.

Housing Authority of Champaign County (HACC)

The Housing Authority provides housing and rental assistance for qualified individuals and families through several programs, such as the Public Housing and Housing Choice Voucher (Section-8) Programs. Both have waiting lists. Qualifying factors include: income, family status, disability and age. The HACC serves individuals who are elderly, disabled, and/or low-income families with rental assistance.

The Housing Authority of Champaign County's Moving to Work Local Self-Sufficiency program is designed to provide the support required to decrease the family/individuals' reliance on supportive programs (e.g. Public Housing). This program is a mandatory program for all able bodied family members between the ages of 18 and 54 inclusive.

There are a number of permanent supportive housing units scheduled to come on line over the next few years. Four (4) permanent supportive housing units are available at Hamilton on the Park. Fifteen (15) permanent supportive housing units are available at Urban Park Place.

The City of Urbana currently has three appointments to the Housing Authority of Champaign County Board of Commissioners.

People Assuming Control of their Environments (PACE, Inc.)

PACE offers services which assist persons with disabilities in achieving and/or maintaining independence. Their goal is full participation of people with disabilities in society.

Through the Consolidated Social Service Funding Pool, PACE received \$5,396 for the Personal Assistance Program and \$5,096 for the Housing Education & Advocacy Program; both programs were funded from City of Urbana General Funds.

Prairie Center Health Systems (PCHS)

Prairie Center is a comprehensive treatment facility providing a full range of services to individuals and families affected by alcoholism and chemical dependency. Services include residential treatment, detoxification, crisis intervention, outpatient, intensive outpatient, DUI evaluation and education, and prevention programs for schools and the community. All service plans are individualized to meet the needs of each client. Residential and detoxification services are provided at 122 W. Hill St., Champaign. Outpatient facilities are located in Danville and Urbana. Intake is located at 718 Killarney in Urbana and 128 N. Vermilion in Danville. Both the Champaign and the Danville locations have Day Treatment.

Prairie Center Health Systems is one of four agencies who receive housing vouchers for clients through the Shelter Plus Care grant program, as administered by the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission.

Through the Consolidated Social Service Funding Pool, Prairie Center Health Systems received \$11,896 from the City of Urbana General Funds.

New Federal Resources obtained from the Homeless SuperNOFA 2014

In FY 14-15, through the Champaign County Continuum of Care, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission's HUD funding of \$323,795 for Shelter Plus Care I was received, along with funds to the HMIS II grant for \$25,807, and Shelter Plus Care V grant for 9 one-bedroom units at \$75,767.

VII. OTHER ACTIONS:

As part of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan, the City of Urbana has taken other actions that address various community and housing needs. The actions are listed below under the following headings based on the specific issues they address:

- Obstacles to meeting underserved needs
- Foster and maintain affordable housing
- Eliminate barriers to affordable housing
- Overcome gaps in institutional structure & enhance coordination
- Improve public housing and resident initiatives
- Evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards
- Ensure compliance with program and comprehensive planning requirements
- Reduce the number of persons living below the poverty level

Action: Obstacles to Meeting Underserved Needs

The obstacles to meeting underserved needs are most often financial resources for staff, programs, and facilities. The City of Urbana continues to identify innovative and strategic opportunities to increase the financial resources of the community to address housing and community development needs. The opportunities include, but are not limited to, applying for funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health for funds to address lead based paint hazards when available, and responding to Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) applications to renew the Supportive Housing Program Homeless Families in Transition grant.

The City of Urbana distributes two-three newsletters throughout the year to the targeted neighborhoods in the community. The newsletter provides information on a variety of assistance programs. The City also serves as a referral center for many persons needing assistance.

Action: Foster and Maintain Affordable Housing

The City of Urbana ceded its 2014 Private Activity Bond Volume Cap of \$2,079,050 to the Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority towards a possible multi-family affordable housing project in the community.

Action: Eliminate Barriers to Affordable Housing

The City continues to work closely with the Community Reinvestment Group (CRG) in identifying and supporting efforts to increase homeownership and assisting in the production of affordable housing opportunities. The Community Reinvestment Group (CRG), a partnership of local lenders, non-profit agencies and municipalities.

The City of Urbana has continued to pursue the following activities to remove barriers to affordable housing:

- Continued housing rehabilitation programs to maintain the community's stock of affordable housing.
 - The Housing Program Manual was reviewed and updated in 2015. Changes were implemented to expand and improve existing programs, as well as to establish new programs, focusing on areas previously unaddressed.
- The City applied for funds from the Illinois Housing Development Authority's (IHDA) Blight Reduction Program (BRP). The City and its non-profit partner, Habitat for Humanity, were selected by IHDA in April of 2015 to receive \$525,000 for BRP activities. This program is being implemented in FY 15-16.
- Coordinated with the Housing Authority of Champaign County in the redevelopment of Dunbar Court (now Hamilton on the Park). This created 36 units of mixed income and affordable rental units; an additional 10 units with direct subsidy were added to the HACC's inventory. The City is continuing to partner with the HACC on other projects, including the prospective Highland Green and Havens at Prairie Park developments.
- The City of Urbana has adopted a Human Rights Ordinance, implemented by the Human Relations Division and Human Relations Commission, which prohibits landlords from using source of income as a reason to deny rental to a tenant:
 - The Human Relations Division of the Executive Department:
 - Investigates and responds to discrimination and fair housing claims under State laws and the City of Urbana Human Rights Ordinance.
 - Implements affirmative action for City contractors and vendors to include on-site inspections of constructions sites.
 - Assists the Personnel Division with recruitment of minorities, women, and handicapped persons
 - Implements internal programs, assists other departments (Police) and represents the City with various community related programs to improve community relations among diverse ethnic and racial segments of the City.
 - Monitors programs that make citizens aware of their fair housing rights, using printed and electronic media and group forums.

- Monitors the City's compliance with federal A.D.A. laws to ensure equal access to city employment, services, activities, and physical structures for handicapped person.
- The Human Relations Commission, appointed by the Mayor, advises the Mayor and City Council on matters concerning fair and equal treatment under the law to all citizens for equal services, access to facilities, and equality in employment without regard to race, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, disability, or sexual orientation. Members serve 3-year alternating terms.
- The City of Urbana continues to support housing developments that increase the supply of affordable housing by using innovative design features to keep costs down and increase affordability.

Action: Overcome Gaps in Institutional Structures & Enhance Coordination

Urbana staff is an acknowledged resource for information on housing, and social service programs and providers. Staff took calls and made referrals to appropriate housing and service agencies. These efforts will continue in the coming year, with an emphasis on increasing communication between agencies and updating information. Internet website applications can aid in this effort. In 2008, the City of Urbana also became an advisory member of the Community Housing Collaborative (CHC), a collection of non-profits dedicated to maximizing their resources and encouraging cooperation between the various agencies working on providing affordable housing opportunities in our community.

City staff also served on a number of voluntary boards and commissions whose mission is to coordinate local social services and housing programs:

- Council of Service Providers to the Homeless
- Champaign County Continuum of Care
- Champaign County Community Action Board
- Local Funder's Group
- Community Reinvestment Group
- Human Services Council
- Senior Task Force
- PACE Homeownership Coalition

Action: Public Housing Improvements and Resident Initiatives

In addition to having redeveloped the former Dunbar Court Public Housing site (Hamilton on the Park), The Benoit Group and the HACC have also redeveloped other public housing sites, including the Joann Dorsey Family Homes, which was renamed Providence at Sycamore Hills, along with a 12.12 acre companion site in West Champaign, Providence at Thornberry.

The HACC has also acquired and is in the process of rehabilitating Urban Park Place, and is looking to acquire and develop affordable housing in other Champaign County villages, including the Villages of Rantoul and Mahomet. The HACC and two other developers are also involved in applying for LIHTC for two separate anticipated developments, referred to as Highland Green (Kerr Avenue) and The Havens at Prairie Park (Urbana Townhomes/Aspen Court), both located in Urbana.

City of Urbana staff assisted the HACC by regularly attending its Board of Commissioner meetings, working with developers on development/redevelopment projects, and coordinating efforts at the staff level.

Action: Evaluation and Reduction of Lead-Based Hazards

Addressing lead-based paint hazard requirements continue to be a priority activity for this reporting year. City staff continued to coordinate with contractors and environmental regulatory agencies, and securing additional funding from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Urbana continued to work together with the City of Champaign and the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District in identifying funds to assist with removing lead-based paint hazards. As of June 30, 2015, no new funding has been made available by the Illinois Department of Public Health.

Action: Ensure Compliance with Program and Comprehensive Planning Requirements

Every year, work plans are prepared by the Community Development Services Department and the respective divisions. These efforts provide opportunities for coordination of planning efforts and increase ability to identify and address community development and housing needs. The City is independently audited each year, and HUD staff monitors the City for compliance with federal regulations and certifications. No concerns were noted for this program year regarding the timely expenditure of CDBG funds, as the City met the CDBG timeliness test with a ratio of 1.34.

Action: Reducing the Number of Persons Living Below the Poverty Line

In FY 2014-2015, the City of Urbana (General Funds/CDBG) and Cunningham Township provided \$245,000 to social service agencies to assist persons in need through the Consolidated Social Service Funding (CSSF). Many of the funded projects are designed to assist lower-income households and persons below the poverty line. The projects range from shelters to tutoring at-risk youth. (See CSSF Recipient's Table in Appendix B - Financial Reports).

Urbana continues to operate a HUD-funded Supportive Housing Program - Homeless Families in Transition grant on behalf of Courage Connection, a not-for-profit entity. While Courage Connection delivers case management services, City staff administers the program, and aids in identifying and structuring strategic initiatives that enhance program opportunities. The City of Urbana administered these programs in-house, in addition to its Transitional Housing Homeless Families with Children Program.

City staff also continued to serve on and/or attend a number of voluntary boards and commissions whose mission is to assist in reducing the number of persons below the poverty level:

- Champaign County Community Action Board
- Housing Authority of Champaign County Board of Commissioners
- Council of Service Providers to the Homeless
- Champaign County Continuum of Care
- PACE Homeownership Coalition

VIII. LEVERAGING RESOURCES**First-Time Homebuyers**

During FY 2014-2015, the City of Urbana sought public and private funds for its affordable housing and community development programs to supplement and leverage CDBG and HOME funds. The City of Urbana ceded its 2014 Private Activity Bond Volume Cap of \$2,079,050 to the Eastern Illinois Economic Development Authority (EIEDA) for the possible use of multi-family affordable housing in the community.

Neighborhood Clean-Up

To cover expenditures at the Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 Neighborhood Cleanup events, \$7,689.37 in City Neighborhood Funds, as well as \$7,786.59 in City general funds, were provided to offset the cost of the Neighborhood Cleanups.

ADA Improvements

The City of Urbana, Department of Public Works, provides a considerable amount of time and funds to ensure that all sidewalks and related pedestrian areas are ADA compliant.

Transitional Housing

The City of Urbana collected \$0 in rental payments from participants in the Transitional Housing Program during the FY 2014-2015, as both units were rehabilitated during the fiscal year.

Program Income

The City of Urbana realized program income and recaptured funds in FY 2014-2015 in the amount of \$38,122 for both CDBG and HOME; following is a summary of program income and recaptured funds received:

- Program income was received in the HOME program (\$38,121).
- Rent payment for City-owned land to the CDBG program (\$1.00)

Consolidated Social Service Funding

As in past years, the City of Urbana again coordinated with Cunningham Township to create a Consolidated Social Service Funding Pool. Funds from the general funds of the City and Township were combined with CDBG public service monies of \$5,000, providing a total of \$245,000 in FY 2014-2015. These funds were then awarded to local not-for-profit agencies in support of programs benefiting low-income households and homeless persons. Below are the agencies that received Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, the amount of their award, and their leveraging resources:

- Courage Connection - Domestic Violence Services (A Woman's Place), received \$13,300 (\$9,300 Cunningham Township; \$4,000 CDBG). Courage Connection as an organization leveraged a total of over \$1,273,300 in Federal, State, and local grants.
- Community Elements, Inc., Roundhouse Youth Shelter, received \$8,396 (\$7,396 City; \$1,000 CDBG). Community Elements as an organization has leveraged a total of over \$5,192,500 in Federal, State, and local grants, as well as in contributions and contractual service fees.

Public Facilities & Improvement

On April 21, 2014, the Urbana City Council passed Ordinance No. 2014-04-020R approving the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Annual Action Plan FY 2014-2015. The projects and activities listed below are included in the Annual Action Plan as carryover activities:

- Property Acquisition in Support of New Construction and Relocation/Clearance/Disposition Activities (FY14-15) – Funds will be allocated for the purchase and maintenance of properties and structures primarily in Census Tracts 53, 54, 55, and 56 Block Group 1. These activities include in particular:
 - Donation to non-profit housing developers to build affordable housing
 - City sponsored rehabilitation and re-sale to qualified homebuyers
 - Donation to other organizations to support CDBG-eligible programs

- Capital Improvement Projects – Kerr Avenue Sustainable Development – Funds will be used towards installation of infrastructure at the Highland Green development
- City Infrastructure Projects - Funds were used toward the construction or reconstruction of City infrastructure in one or more of the following projects in the City's Target areas:
 - Neighborhood Sidewalks: Division (Oakland-Thompson)
 - Neighborhood Sidewalks: Busey (south of Sunset) CT 54
 - Division Street Reconstruction (South of Kerr)
 - Kerr Project Subdivision Infrastructure CT 54
- Neighborhood Streetlight Construction - Funds were used to construct new streetlights or reconstruct existing streetlights in target area neighborhoods
- Lanore/Adams/Fairlawn Multi-Use Path Project – Funds will be used to complete the construction of a concrete sidewalk, new pedestrian lights, and landscaping for a multi-use path located in Census Tract 56, Block 1.

HOME Match

The City of Urbana's Capital Improvement Fund provided approximately \$41,000 to serve as matching funds for Urbana HOME activities during FY 2014-2015. The City of Champaign provided cash match for HOME activities. Each of the CHDOS and subrecipients receiving HOME funds provided matching funds for their HOME projects and expenditures in FY 2014-2015. Information regarding these activities is provided in the HOME Match Report from and HOME Match Log in the appendix of this document.

IX. SELF EVALUATION

As FY 2014-2015 came to a close, the City of Urbana and the Urbana HOME Consortium community development programs remained in good standing with funding agencies. Progress toward obligating funds and providing services was consistent throughout the year. Over the past few years, for both the CDBG and HOME programs, some of the projects have been delayed due to staff changeover. In addition, the recent downturn in the economy has had a significant effect on both the housing market and the lending market. However, the City and Consortium have made significant progress in meeting the goals set forth in the Consolidated Plan for FY 2010-2014 and the respective Annual Action Plans.

City of Urbana -- Community Development Block Grant Program

Baker, Tilly, Virchow & Krause, LLP - auditors for the City of Urbana - completed the audit for FY 2013-2014 on May 29, 2015. The auditors are in the process of scheduling their field work for the FY 2014-2015 audit, which will begin in July 2015. The normal deadline for completion of the audit is December 31, 2015. In addition, the City met its timeliness requirements of the CDBG program.

Champaign/Urbana/Champaign County HOME Consortium Programs

During FY 2014-2015, City and Consortium staff continued to work diligently to close out projects and improve IDIS report results. The result of these efforts is extremely positive, as the Urbana HOME Consortium is ranked second out of the eighteen Illinois HOME Partnerships Program Participating Jurisdictions (PJs), as noted in the HUD *Snapshot of HOME Program Performance Report*, dated 6/30/2015.

City of Urbana – Supportive Housing Programs

PY 19 Annual Progress Reports (APRs) for Supportive Housing Program – Homeless Families in Transition were submitted to HUD electronically in e-snaps on May 29, 2015 and June 2, 2015.

Planning Efforts

The City of Urbana adopted a new *Comprehensive Plan* in April 2005 and a *Long Range Transportation Plan* for the metropolitan area in January 2010, with a new LRTP to be adopted in 2015.

Between 2005 and 2014, the City also adopted the *East Urbana Interceptor Study* (preliminary report accepted 11/2006), the *Route 130 Corridor Plan* (adopted 4/2007), the *Bicycle Master Plan* (adopted 4/2008, to be updated in 2014), the *Crystal Lake Neighborhood Plan* (adopted 11/2008), the *Champaign County Hazard Mitigation Plan* (adopted 8/2009, to be updated in 2015), and the *University Avenue Corridor Study* (accepted by resolution 5/2010), the *Climate Action Plan* (adopted 2012), the *Urbana Downtown Plan* (adopted 2012).

These documents are complementary to the Consolidated Plan and address future land use, transportation, and economic development in the City.

X. Performance Measurement System:

The City of Urbana and the Urbana HOME Consortium were required by HUD, beginning October 1, 2006 to begin addressing performance measurements to include the status of efforts toward implementing outcome performance measurement system requirements; to provide a description of how the jurisdiction's program provided new or improved availability/accessibility, affordability, sustainability of decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunity; and a comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted.

Staff attended required trainings to gain more information on the process, and has engaged a considerable amount of time discussing performance measurements for the housing rehabilitation programs. The City focuses on measuring the ability to increase the useful lifetime of the housing units and preserve affordable housing stock. The community's older, affordable housing stock is limited, and preservation is a key part of the affordable housing strategy. Many of the local charitable giving organizations, such as the United Way, are also promoting the use of performance measures.

Performance measurements for each activity are included with the "Assessment of The Five-Year Goals and Objectives" section of this report, and are reported in IDIS on the PR83 & PR84 reports, which are attached.

The following table that provides outcome totals for each activity was included in the FY 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan and was updated for this Report:

		Number Assisted	
<i>Program Name</i>		<i>FY 2014-2015</i>	<i>FY 2010-2014 Con Plan Period</i>
City of Urbana HOME & CDBG	Urbana Emergency Grant/Access Grant	5	31
	Urbana Whole House Rehabilitation	2	11
	Urbana Senior Repair Service	14	43
	Urbana Public Facilities Improvements	1,460	421
	Urbana Public Services		
	Transitional Housing Program	0 families	18 families
	Consolidated Social Service Funding	138	2378
	Neighborhood Cleanup	403	1528

HOME - City of Champaign & Champaign County	CHDO Consortium Homeownership Programs	9	12
	CHDO – HOME Consortium Rental Programs	0	3
	Champaign - Full Home Rehabilitation	0	1
	Champaign - New Rental Housing Units	0	0
	Champaign – Rental Rehabilitation	0	0
	Champaign – Lot Acquisition	0	10
	Champaign – Acquisition Rehab	2	9
	Champaign – TBRA	0	36
	County – TBRA	29	37
	County – Full Home Rehabilitation	0	1

XI. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

The City of Urbana published the availability of a draft Comprehensive Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for FY 2014-2015 on the City website; a copy of the website notice will be included in the final report to be submitted to HUD.

The draft was placed on file for public review during the period beginning Wednesday, September 9, 2015 and ending Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 5:00pm. Copies were placed for review in the City Clerk’s Office, Urbana Free Library, Community Development Services, and on the City website.

See attached minutes from the Community Development Commission and the Urbana City Council regarding the Annual Action Plan in Appendix C: Additional Documents.

XII. MONITORING

The purpose of a monitoring visit is to determine whether the subrecipient has implemented and administered CDBG or HOME funded activities, according to applicable Federal requirements. During the monitoring visit, files are reviewed for compliance with eligibility, recordkeeping, meeting national objectives, and performance measures. Subrecipients are monitored by the City of Urbana, in cooperation with the City of Champaign, particularly for agencies that receive grant funds from both, or are part of the Urbana HOME Consortium.

CDBG

For all CDBG grant subrecipients, there is an annual on-site monitoring review consisting of three parts: an initial consultation, the actual review, and a follow-up after to discuss any findings or concerns. Subrecipients are then given 30 days to address any findings or concerns. All grant subrecipients are also required, by contract, to report quarterly on progress and activities.

CDBG Public Service subrecipients are required to request disbursement of funds on a quarterly basis, along with a quarterly report. Upon completion of a CDBG Public Facilities project, the report is completed and the request is made for reimbursement. Requests are reviewed for compliance and accuracy, and are then disbursed in a timely manner. In general, expenditures and disbursements are the same.

The following agencies are being/will be monitored during the FY 2014-2015 program year:

- Courage Connection/Domestic Violence Services (A Woman's Place)'s monitoring is currently underway. Staff is monitoring the agencies policies and procedures for compliance with the national objective and the regulations of the CDBG Program. (CDBG CSSF)
- Community Elements/Roundhouse Youth Shelter's monitoring is currently underway. Staff is monitoring the agencies policies and procedures for compliance with the national objective and the regulations of the CDBG Program. (CDBG CSSF)

HOME

Staff selects several subrecipients each year on a rotating basis for a desk monitoring review consisting in three parts of an initial consultation, the actual review, and a follow-up. Subrecipients are then given 30 days to address any findings or concerns. All grant subrecipients are also required, by contract, to comply with regular monitoring via submission of quarterly reports. All subrecipients receiving grant funds are currently in compliance with expectations and regulations. All findings and concerns found during monitoring have been addressed within the allotted timeframe.

For CHDO operating expenses, CHDOs request quarterly disbursement of the funds and are required to submit a quarterly report. For project funding, when a request is received, it is reviewed for compliance and accuracy and then disbursed in a timely manner. In general, expenditures and disbursements are the same.

- Courage Connection, formerly The Center for Women in Transition, operates a Tenant Based Rental Assistance program. Urbana staff monitored the program in April of 2015. One finding was noted regarding the inclusion of a utility allowance in calculating a tenant's rental subsidy amount. This was being omitted, and Urbana staff worked with CWIT to reimburse the clients in the program for overpayment of rent. The utility allowance worksheet was provided to CWIT staff and has been incorporated into the calculation spreadsheet used by staff to compute each client's rent contribution. The program manual was also updated accordingly.
- Champaign County Regional Planning Commission received a desk monitoring by Jenna Gonzalez in April of 2015. No findings resulted, but five concerns and two programmatic changes were noted. The programmatic changes were the result of alterations to the HOME Final Rule that necessitated the CCRPC to amend its Program Manual.
- The City of Urbana is in the process of completing its desk monitoring of the City of Champaign, Community Elements, and Habitat for Humanity.

ESG

The City of Urbana currently has agreements with three subrecipient entities for the distribution of Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding. The subrecipient agencies are Community Elements, Crisis Nursery, and The Salvation Army. City staff is in the initial stages of preparing to monitor these agencies.

XIII. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Narrative:

A. Assessment of Relationship of CDBG Funds to Goals, Strategies, and Objectives

The use of CDBG funds by the City of Urbana in relation to the priorities, needs, goals, and specific objectives in the Consolidated Plan, particularly the highest priority activities, is listed below. The progress toward meeting the goals of providing affordable housing using CDBG funds has been evaluated, including the number and types of households served.

CDBG funds were used for activities that benefited extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons. Performance Measurements and Outcomes are included in the "Assessment of the Five-Year Goals and Objectives" section of this report. Listed below are specific projects that were funded in FY 2014-2015 and their relationship to Consolidated Plan Objectives:

PRIORITY NEED CATEGORY: Homelessness

Goal 6, Strategy 2:

Transitional Housing for Homeless Families With Children

Funds will be contributed to the City of Urbana's transitional housing program. Two (2) dwellings are available for homeless families with children. Rent receipts will be another source of revenue. Properties acquired by the City through a federal funding source will be properly mowed and cleaned according to city ordinance as long as they are the responsibility of the City. Funded: \$45,134 (Total); \$28,597 (personnel), \$16,177 (programming)

PRIORITY NEED CATEGORY: Affordable Housing

Goal 2, Strategy 1; Goal 9, Strategy 4:

Lot Acquisition in Support of New Construct and Relocation/Clearance/Disposition Activities

Funds will be allocated for the purchase and maintenance of properties and structures primarily in Census Tracts 53, 54, 55 and 56 Block 1. Projects and utilization of the properties may include donation to non-profit housing developers for new housing construction, City sponsored rehabilitation and re-sale to qualified homebuyers, and donation to other organizations to support CDBG-eligible programs. Funds may also be used for the purchase of homes previously assisted with Urbana CDBG or HOME Consortium funds that might become subject to foreclosure or related events that would jeopardize the projects ability to benefit low/moderate income persons. Funded: \$73,873.13

Goal 2, Strategy 1:

Hamilton on the Park (Dunbar Court Redevelopment)

The redevelopment of affordable rental housing units by the Housing Authority of Champaign County at the former site of Dunbar Court public housing (Hamilton on the Park) must be consistent with affordable housing goals as outlined in the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan and the 2005 Comprehensive Plan, and must comply with applicable local, state, and federal regulations. Funded: No City funding was involved with this project.

PRIORITY NEED CATEGORY: Special Populations & Affordable Housing

Goal 1, Strategy 1; Goal 3, Strategy 3; Goal 6, Strategy 4; Goal 7, Strategy 2:

Emergency Grants and Access Grants

Funds will be contributed toward three programs, which are all available citywide; all work activities will be accomplished through contract arrangements:

1. Providing repairs necessary to alleviate hazardous conditions, which pose a threat to the health and safety of a homeowner. Homeowners earning less than 50% of the Median Family Income for Champaign County are eligible for the Emergency Grant Program.
2. General improvements necessary to remove barriers to accessibility by persons with disabilities. The Access Grant Program is available for homeowners or renters who earn less than 80% of Median Family Income.

Funded: \$21,565 (Total): \$17,878 (FY 14-15); \$3,687 (Carryover)

PRIORITY NEED CATEGORY: Anti-Poverty Strategies & Community Development – Public Service

Goal 5, Strategy 3; Goal 5, Strategy 4; Goal 5, Strategy 5; Goal 5, Strategy 7; Goal 6, Strategy 1; Goal 6, Strategy 2:

Public Service Activities under Consolidated Social Service Funding Program

The balance of available funding at 15% of the current entitlement will be allocated for program activities yet to be determined which would benefit low-income residents of the CD Target Area. The Community Development Commission has designated the following priorities to be considered by the Urbana City Council for Public Service funding under CDBG. These are: 1) *Seniors/Youth*, 2) *Special (Needs) Populations*, and 3) *Homelessness*.

The following agencies were funded:

- (a) Center for Women in Transition/Domestic Violence Services
- (b) Community Elements/Roundhouse Youth Shelter

Funded: \$5,000

PRIORITY NEED CATEGORY: Community Development – Public Facilities & Improvements - Infrastructure

Goal 8, Strategy 1; Goal 8, Strategy 2:

Lierman Adams Fairlawn Multi-Use Path Project

Funds will be used toward the construction of a multi-use path in one of the City's Target areas.

Funded: \$49,910.00 (Balance remaining as of July 1, 2014 - \$15,514.65)

PRIORITY NEED CATEGORY: Community Development – Public Facilities & Community Development – Seniors

Goal 8, Strategy 1:

Neighborhood Clean Up

One-day neighborhood clean-up activities will be held in Fall 2014 and Spring 2015, in the Community Development Target Area. Activities will include disposal of junk, debris and recyclable metal. The program will be co-sponsored by the UCAP Committee.

Funded: \$7,689.37 (CDBG)

PRIORITY NEED CATEGORY: Community Development – Seniors

Goal 1, Strategy 1:

Urbana Senior Repair Service

Funds will be contributed to a home maintenance repair program for very low-income homeowners 62 years old or older and for very low-income homeowners with disabilities (any age). Household income must be less than 50% of the Median Family Income as established annually by HUD.

Funded: \$8,700 (Total): \$8,001 (FY 14-15); \$699 (Carryover)

B. CHANGES IN PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

There were no changes in program objectives.

XIV. HOME NARRATIVE

A. DISTRIBUTION OF HOME FUNDS

FY 2014-2015 saw the continuation of several successful programs and projects through the three (3) governmental entities, the two (2) Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), and other subrecipients that make up the Urbana HOME Consortium. These programs resulted in the following:

- Homeownership opportunities
- Rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing units
- Continuation of rental housing activities
- Lease purchase activities
- Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)

In total, \$527,874.20 in HOME funds were allocated to complete these projects.

City of Champaign

The City of Champaign undertook two (2) acquisition-rehabilitation projects.

City of Urbana

In FY 2014-2015, the City of Urbana focused mainly on owner-occupied rehabilitation and opportunities for new housing construction. Using HOME funds, Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County purchased, rehabilitated, or constructed eight (8) new construction projects for low-income homebuyers.

Champaign County

Champaign County pledged its share of HOME monies for the Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program.

Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) Activities

The Urbana Consortium certified the following Community Housing Development Organization for FY 2014-2015: Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County. The Consortium's total funding allocated to these CHDOs equals the fifteen-percent (15%) CHDO funding level prescribed in the HOME regulations. Homestead Corporation is currently applying for tax credit financing for a multi-unit affordable housing development at the Kerr Avenue Redevelopment site. Additional CHDO operating funds were allocated to Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County in FY 14-15.

Champaign/Urbana/Champaign County (Urbana) HOME Consortium

No members of the Consortium indicated the desire to discontinue their participation.

The Consortium members will be meeting quarterly. Members have found this arrangement to be very beneficial. Staff from all Urbana Consortium members will continue to implement HOME projects and commit and expend HOME monies in a timely manner to meet their Consolidated Plan objectives. Staff of Consortium members also are in regular contact, via email, telephone or in person to strategize and administer the HOME program.

Specific Projects Funded in FY 2014-2015 and Relationship to Consolidated Plan Objectives:

Affordable Housing-CHDO Development

Goal 2, Strategy 3, Activity 3

Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County

Funds allocated to Habitat to construct or rehab eight single-family CHDO project units in the Consortium-wide area.

Promote Renovation of Single Family Owner-Occupied Units for Low-Income Households
Goal 1, Strategy 1, Activity 3

City of Champaign Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab

Zero (0) units were completed as part of this program in FY 2014-2015. Two (2) units were approved as part of the Acquisition-Rehab program

Champaign County Housing Rehabilitation

Funding for this program was amended to go toward the County's No Limits Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program.

City of Urbana Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation

Two units were rehabilitated in FY 2014-2015 through a combination of grants and deferred-payment loans in the amount of \$25,000-\$28,000 per household, to address code deficiencies, major renovation needs, relocation expenses and lead-based paint issues.

B. MATCH CONTRIBUTIONS REPORT

HOME regulations require a contribution of non-federal funds totaling 25% of annual HOME allocation as a condition of accessing the federal program dollars. HUD form 40107-A identifies the Consortium's HOME match. (See attached HUD Form 40107-A)

C. RESULTS OF ON-SITE INSPECTIONS, Affirmative Marketing & Minority Outreach

All Consortium, CHDO and Subrecipient Projects are inspected before, during and at the completion of project to ensure compliance with local housing standards. For homebuyer projects, an official inspection and Certificate of Occupancy are required before closing of the project.

The City, CHDOs and other housing development partners recognize the need to be proactive in marketing affordable housing opportunities. The City of Urbana, through its citizen participation plan, provides information on affordable housing projects/activities being funded with HOME funding. The non-profit organizations use a variety of unique marketing techniques ranging from flyers at grocery stores and Laundromats, to maintaining websites, hosting open houses, to tapping into persons receiving weatherization, credit counseling, and other social service programs.

In FY 2014-2015, the HOME Consortium successfully utilized minority and woman owned businesses to carry out some of its HOME Program activities. To effectively continue minority outreach activities, the Urbana HOME Consortium plans to fully support use of minority- and women-owned businesses whenever possible in the future. See HUD 40107 in appendix for details.

D. GRANTEES RECEIVING ESG FUNDS

Grantee received ESG funds from the Illinois Department of Health and Human Services (DHS). See below regarding ESG funds allocated in the community.

E. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

Attached is a copy of the advertisement for the public comment period.

F. CHANGES IN PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

There were no significant changes to HOME program objectives in FY 2014-2015.

XV. EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS (ESG)

The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) will be providing ESG funds from the Dept of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to Continuums of Care who are not Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Recipients. The amount of funding will be provided to support emergency shelter operations, supportive or essential services, and street outreach in addition to Housing Prevention and Rapid Re-housing (HPRP) functions of the program.

The Executive Committee of the Continuum of Care, of which the City of Urbana is a member, is working to establish a centralized or coordinated assessment system that will meet HUD requirements for the ESG program. A centralized intake process will address a HUD priority and encourage intake through shelters that can triage for client needs.

Once implemented, shelter partners will utilize a centralized intake process, which will include a uniform screening that all shelter partners will use to screen persons for funding that includes prioritization/priority points. Shelter partners will refer persons to CCRPC for the rent assistance funding; a referral from the shelter partner would be required for RPC to process the funds.

The Executive Committee has made recommendations to the full Continuum of Care for recent ESG awards. Recommendations for Community Elements, Crisis Nursery, and The Salvation Army were approved. The City of Urbana will administer agencies who are receiving less than the threshold of \$25,000 for Emergency Shelter operations, essential services, and street outreach.

The Executive Committee is also working to improve performance standards and evaluation outcomes for the activities assisted with ESG funds to be in line with the HEARTH Act. The Monitoring & Compliance subcommittee is completing the final edits on a monitoring tool and will begin implementing its use after the Continuum approves the tool. The subcommittee will then complete desk and onsite reviews of Continuum-funded agencies on behalf of the Continuum. The monitoring subcommittee will report on its findings to the Executive Committee.

XVI. OTHER NARRATIVES

Training & Technical Assistance

The City of Urbana submits that the 2014-2015 program year has been a successful one. Staff engaged in a variety of training and technical assistance programs to improve program performance.

Urbana Staff has taken advantage of the following training and technical assistance opportunities:

- HUD – Basically CDBG training
- HUD – eCon Planning Suite training
- HUD – HOME Conference
- The 2015 Illinois Governor’s Conference on Affordable Housing
- Various Webinars sponsored by HUD