

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Albany receives four entitlement grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) each year. These grants are secured and managed by Albany Community Development Agency (ACDA). ACDA allocates the HUD funds to sub-recipients through strategic grants or to the community through housing programs and City-wide neighborhood development or public improvement projects. The primary purpose of these programs is to create viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities principally for low and moderate income people. The decisions for allocating funds are made based on a data-driven needs assessment, extensive consultation and citizen participation. These determinations are defined and summarized in the City's five-year Consolidated Plan FY 2020 – 2024 in a very transparent process involving multiple reviews and feedback sessions from the community. ACDA is committed to providing all members of the community with opportunities to participate in an advisory role in the planning, implementation and evaluation of the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). The process included both formal and informal opportunities for participation. The CPP is designed to encourage participation by low- and moderate-income persons, particularly residents of blighted areas and low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. Participation is also encouraged by non-English speaking persons, persons with disabilities and residents of public and assisted housing developments, residents of targeted revitalization areas and other special populations

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

As an entitlement city, the City of Albany receives funding through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in the form of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program, and Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). These funds are combined with several local funding sources and private funds to support housing and community development initiatives. The City of Albany has prepared a Five Year Consolidated Plan covering fiscal years 2020-2024 to guide the

development and implementation as well as a tool to leverage federal, private, and state funding to accomplish and maximize results of defined goals and objectives on a yearly basis.

The City prepares an Annual Action Plan yearly based on the goals and strategies as outlined in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and to carry out HUD's national objectives, to provide decent housing, provide suitable living environment and expand economic opportunities. With this plan, the city has a number of local partners, and the citizens to assist with the implementation of the plan. This plan identified activities for Housing, neighborhood revitalization, homeless prevention and programs, housing for people with AIDS and public services. These activities are focused in the City's Neighborhood Strategy Area, but emphasize the important the importance of working towards improving the City of Albany.

Objectives and needs have been identified through needs assessments and public input include the following:

Priority Housing Needs

- Target available resources into Albany's neighborhoods to spur private investment
- Increase quality homeownership and rental options
- Rehabilitate existing rental and owner-occupied housing
- Address the blighting influence of vacant properties
- Increase cooperation between public and private sectors
- Increase the number of minority homeowners
- Provide expanded public improvements and facilities
- Fund public services that support housing initiatives identified in this consolidated plan and other neighborhood planning initiatives

Priority Homeless Needs

- Emergency Shelter for:
- Chronically homeless individuals who are not able to comply with admission requirements of the existing emergency shelters;
- Emergency shelter for families; and
- Supportive housing for populations with disabilities Permanent supportive housing for chronically homeless persons

Priority Special Needs

- Additional housing and services for persons with mental illness, persons with substance abuse problems, persons with HIV/AIDS, persons with developmental disabilities
- Supportive services for elderly persons

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

Previous activities implemented met the goals established in the previous 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. Overall the activities have been very successful and in many cases have exceeded expectations. Funds are being spent in a timely manner with most funds being spent prior to the end of each program year

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) is a description of the public participation process envisioned for the development of the 5- year Consolidated Plan, including but not limited to public hearings and public comment periods. The CPP sets forth the City's policies and procedures for citizen involvement. It establishes the City's roadmap to encourage citizens and entitlement grant beneficiaries to participate in the planning, execution, and evaluation of the five-year Consolidated Plan (ConPlan), the Annual Action Plan (AAP), and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

Citizen input is crucial in shaping the allocation of HUD entitlement resources and evaluation of the strategic planning process for the 2021 Program Year. This document provides information about the various opportunities available for involvement of affected persons and other concerned citizens in the planning process. The City will ensure that there is complete transparency in the planning process and complete access to the draft Plans. There are detailed instructions in this document to guide the public's submission of comments and redresses. In an effort to ensure continuity of participation throughout all stages of the Plan's development, this document provides the timelines of the public hearings and meetings, along with the locations where physical copies of the survey and draft plans will be made available.

5. Summary of public comments

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

n/a

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

n/a

7. Summary

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	ALBANY	Albany Housing and Community Development
HOPWA Administrator	ALBANY	Albany Housing and Community Development
HOME Administrator	ALBANY	Albany Housing and Community Development
ESG Administrator	ALBANY	Albany Housing and Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

As designated by the Mayor and authorized by the Common Council of The City of Albany; the Albany Community Development Agency (ACDA) is the Lead Agency responsible for development of the Consolidated Plan. ACDA secures and manages the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funds each year, which are allocated through strategic grants to the community through housing programs or to citywide neighborhood development or public improvement projects. The Agency has administered the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the past 35 Years. ACDA operates under the Department of Development and Planning and ACDA's governing board consists of the Mayor, City Treasurer, City Clerk, President of the Common Council, the City's Corporation Counsel and the Agency Director. Staffing of the ACDA is provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development.

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

1. Introduction

By the Mayors initiative, the consolidated plan and each consecutive annual action plan were developed with the goals and mission of the Albany 2030 plan in mind.

The plan was developed with full collaboration and input from all City departments. Additionally, the Agency consulted with state and county agencies as well as non-profit groups. Several not for profit service providers were encouraged to participate in the consolidated plan process. These groups are the "front-line" in many aspects of community development in the City

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

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

The City of Albany plays a major role in the Continuum of Care (CoC) coordinating body. Specifically, the City of Albany is a CoC member and the Development Agency Director participates as a current member of the Continuum's Strategic Planning Committee. The CoC works diligently with the City of Albany, Albany Department of Social Services, and New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance to most effectively utilize CoC, local and State ESG, and private funding to prevent homelessness within the CoC geographic area. Specifically, the CoC works with systems partners including the City Mission, the Veterans Administration, and the Albany Housing Authority to ensure a no wrong door entry for households seeking assistance. Utilizing funds from the City and State, the CoC has developed financial assistance programs, legal assistance programs, including eviction prevention and representation, and has improved client participation within mainstream benefits and case management. The CoC supports over 960 beds of permanent supportive housing with 98 beds designated for chronically homeless persons.

As a member of the CoC Strategic Planning Committee, the City of Albany supports identification of homelessness needs in the community and creation of strategies to collaboratively address those needs. The Committee also oversees implementation of the CoC Strategic Plan, ensuring progress towards preventing and reducing homelessness in the community.Â

The Continuum of Care coordinates with other federal, state, local, and private entities serving the homeless and the at-risk population in the planning and operation of projects in order to ensure a full continuum of care including HOPWA, TANF, RHY, Head Start and other entities. An example of this Demo

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coordination includes the Alliance for Positive Health (formerly known as the AIDS Council of Northeastern New York) administration of HOPWA funds and participation in the CoC. Through the CoC Systems subcommittee, representatives from the CoC, ESG, private and government funded housing services, including emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, prevention services, and permanent supportive housing programs, work together to ensure that services are coordinated in an appropriate and efficient fashion for clients. The subcommittee meets on a monthly basis and reports to the Board and Membership on a quarterly basis.

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

The City of Albany fully consults with the Continuum of Care (CoC) as an active partner in determining the allocation of ESG funds and evaluation of the performance of ESG program sub-recipients. Each year the CoC, through the CoC Systems Committee, proposes updates to the City of Albany regarding the ESG policies and procedures manual, funding allocations, application, and evaluation tool to reflect HUD requirements and best practices, as well as local needs

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	CARES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Albany Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Albany Police Dept
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	violence prevention

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
4	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF ALBANY DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	youth needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Capitalize Albany Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
6	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF ALBANY DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	infrastructure
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Albany Housing Coalition
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs - Veterans

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Equinox
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
9	Agency/Group/Organization	INTERFAITH PARTNERSHIP FOR THE HOMELESS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
10	Agency/Group/Organization	CAPITAL DISTRICT HABITAT FOR HUMANITY, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
11	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF ALBANY OF EEO/FH
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	mwbe/eeo/section 3
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

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

n/a

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	CARES	The City of Albany is a member of the CoC and works with CARES through its ESG programs to administer its ESG program
various neighborhood plans	City of Albany	The goals of the consolidated plan were developed with the needs and priorities outline in the neighborhood plans
Albany 2020	City of Albany	The goals of the consolidated plan were based on community needs and those needs identified in the Albany 2030 Plan

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: spanish, traditional chinese, simple chinese, arabic, pashto	a meeting with the ACDA board of directors was held to discuss priorities and spending plans for 2023	n/a	n/a	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Public Hearing	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	a public meeting was held with the City's common council to discuss priorities and spending plan for 2023	n/a	n/a	
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	a newspaper ad announced the availability of the draft action plan and ERR. Both were posted online and available for email or regular mail if requested	n/a	n/a	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

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Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	3,148,475	90,000	0	3,238,475	10,000,000	expected amount available is averaged with anticipated funding remaining level

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	1,035,064	1,500	0	1,036,564	3,200,000	expected amount available is averaged with anticipated funding remaining level
HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	813,499	0	0	813,499	2,100,000	expected amount available is averaged with anticipated funding remaining level

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	285,615	0	0	285,615	870,000	expected amount available is averaged with anticipated funding remaining level
Other	public - federal	Other	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

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

ACDA owns a number of properties in its NSAs that will be used for neighborhood revitalization throughout the course of the 5 year plan. Plans are in process to transfer buildings owned by ACDA to Habitat for Humanity. In addition, ACDA is in the negotiation stage of a purchase and sale contract for 25 Delaware Ave. If approved, the buyer will provide 52 units of affordable housing on this property and three adjacent properties located at 16, 18 and 20 Morris Street.

ACDA has transferred several properties over the course of the past few years that will be rehabilitated and will provide housing for homeless veterans, families and low to mod income individuals in the City.

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Decent Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	ALBANY North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill	Affordable Housing Homeless Services improvement of existing structures Code Enforcement	CDBG: \$672,000 HOPWA: \$717,371 HOME: \$640,000 ESG: \$291,772	Rental units rehabilitated: 6 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 30 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 15 Households Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 25 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 500 Persons Assisted Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added: 70 Household Housing Unit Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 50 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Public Services Assistance	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	ALBANY North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill	Public Services	CDBG: \$472,339	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3000 Persons Assisted
4	Neighborhood Revitalization	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	ALBANY North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill	Affordable Housing improvement of existing structures improve infrastructure	CDBG: \$238,662 HOME: \$191,011	Other: 5 Other
5	Economic Development	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	ALBANY North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill	Economic development	CDBG: \$165,843	Businesses assisted: 6 Businesses Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Decent Housing
	Goal Description	
3	Goal Name	Public Services Assistance
	Goal Description	
4	Goal Name	Neighborhood Revitalization
	Goal Description	
5	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

the following projects will be funded in 2023:

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Small Business Technical Assistance
2	Grassroot Givers
3	Albany Level Up
4	Ezra Prentiss Program
5	Supporting Our Seniors
6	Teen Program
7	Senior Veterans Outreach
8	Lwanga House
9	Community Outreach
10	Summer PRogram
12	2023 Property Management
13	Value in Your Profession
14	Sweet Dreams
15	West Hill Blueberry Farm
16	Families in Need of Assistance
17	Student Internship
18	Hunger Doesn't Take a Summer Vacation
19	2023 CDBG Admin
20	HMIS
21	ACDA In house CDBG Programs
22	CDBG Direct Delivery
23	HOME Admin
24	Sheridan Hollow
25	ACDA in house HOME program
26	HOME HIP Program
27	streets sidewalks ramps
28	Career Pathways
29	HESG Program Admin/shelter/prevention
30	Alliance for Positive Help HOPWA

#	Project Name
31	HOPWA Damien Center
32	HOPWA Mohawk Opportunities
33	HOPWA Support Ministries
34	HOPWA AHANA House
35	HOPWA Unity House
36	CARES HOPWA Admin
37	HOPWA Admin

Table 7 - Project Information

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

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Small Business Technical Assistance
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic development
	Funding	CDBG: \$165,843
	Description	The Capitalize Albany Corporation will provide technical assistance to small businesses located in the identified target areas of the City of Albany
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Capitalize Albany will provide Technical Assistance to at least 6 small businesses located within the City's target neighborhoods
	Location Description	Activities take place throughout ACDA's targeted neighborhoods
	Planned Activities	
2	Project Name	Grassroot Givers
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Public Services Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000

	Description	The Feed and Read program provides 400 low-income elementary and middle school students in the City School District of Albany with a backpack of food and a new book each weekend throughout the school year. Participating students are referred to the program by school staff who notice signs of hunger such as stealing food from other children, removing food from trash cans, etc. Food provided through the program includes fresh fruit, whole grain bread, shelf-stable meals, and coupons redeemable for milk and eggs from local stores.
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This program anticipates serving 400 students each week
	Location Description	City School District of Albany schools located in target neighborhoods
	Planned Activities	The Feed and Read program provides 400 low-income elementary and middle school students in the City School District of Albany with a backpack of food and a new book each weekend throughout the school year. Participating students are referred to the program by school staff who notice signs of hunger such as stealing food from other children, removing food from trash cans, etc. Food provided through the program includes fresh fruit, whole grain bread, shelf-stable meals, and coupons redeemable for milk and eggs from local stores.
3	Project Name	Albany Level Up
	Target Area	West Hill Arbor Hill
	Goals Supported	Public Services Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
	Description	this program will provide care management for chronic conditions via mobile and telehealth tools for Albany's vulnerable population with chronic diseases.
	Target Date	5/31/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	this program will primarily be in the west hill west end and arbor hill neighborhoods
	Planned Activities	this program will provide care management for chronic conditions via mobile and telehealth tools for Albany's vulnerable population with chronic diseases.
4	Project Name	Ezra Prentiss Program
	Target Area	SOUTH END
	Goals Supported	Public Services Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	The B&G club is requesting funding to provide after school, teen and summer camp programming in the Ezra Prentiss Homes Housing Authority locations. The after school program will serve 25-30 low to moderate income youth ages 6-12 and an additional 15-20 teens. During the summer months a full day summer camp will operate with an estimated 25-30 youth. The teen program will consist of a traveling program that travels to other Albany Housing locations, serving an additional 20 teens per site.
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	the Boys and Girls Club expects to serve 50 youth with this program
	Location Description	Programming will take place at the Ezra Prentiss Housing Development

	Planned Activities	The B&G club is requesting funding to provide after school, teen and summer camp programming in the Ezra Prentic Homes Housing Authority locations. The after school program will serve 25-30 low to moderate income youth ages 6-12 and an additional 15-20 teens. During the summer months a full day summer camp will operate with an estimated 25-30 youth. The teen program will consist of a traveling program that travels to other Albany Housing locations, serving an additional 20 teens per site.
5	Project Name	Supporting Our Seniors
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Public Services Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	the LGBT 50+ supporting our seniors is a new program at IOOV designed to support members of the LGBT community over the age of 50 with support services such as: access to educational, recreational, health and wellness and peer support through a series of workshops designed to limit isolation, increase quality of life and reduce negative outcomes associated with this underserved population.
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	this program aims to serve 75 L/M seniors from the LGBT community
	Location Description	245 Lark St Albany
	Planned Activities	the LGBT 50+ supporting our seniors is a new program at IOOV designed to support members of the LGBT community over the age of 50 with support services such as: access to educational, recreational, health and wellness and peer support through a series of workshops designed to limit isolation, increase quality of life and reduce negative outcomes associated with this underserved population.
6	Project Name	Teen Program

	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Public Services Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$45,000
	Description	BGCCA is requesting funding to provide Teen Programming at our Albany Clubhouse. The Teen Program will run from June 2023 through May 2024. We estimate serving 40-50 low income youth ages 13-18. BGCCA's teen program provides youth with a safe place to learn and grow during the peak hours identified for risky behaviors. Using best practice programming , our Teen program helps cult members develop a sense of self worth and build their social skills in a safe environment
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	this program will serve 40 l/m youth between the ages of 13-18
	Location Description	21 Delaware Ave Albany
	Planned Activities	BGCCA is requesting funding to provide Teen Programming at our Albany Clubhouse. The Teen Program will run from June 2023 through May 2024. We estimate serving 40-50 low income youth ages 13-18. BGCCA's teen program provides youth with a safe place to learn and grow during the peak hours identified for risky behaviors. Using best practice programming , our Teen program helps cult members develop a sense of self worth and build their social skills in a safe environment
7	Project Name	Senior Veterans Outreach
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing

	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,000
	Description	The SVOI is a program that supports the needs of Albany's senior Veterans. ACDA funding will be used to provide a portion of staff expense for the services of veteran casen managers who identify the needs of at risk elderly veterans, and offers linkages to services relative to health, housing, grants, employment, entitlements, food and clothing for these senior veterans and their families. The veteran case manager travels throughout Albany, making face to face contacts and serves 100 unduplicated seniors annually. The SVOI program offers case management, short term assistance to help senior veterans remain safely housed in the community to prevent episodes of homelessness, and to reduce costs by reducing dependence and use of emergency services in the City of Albany.
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 low income veterans at risk of being homeless
	Location Description	the programming is offered throughout the City - AHC's offfices are located at 278 Clinton Ave
	Planned Activities	The SVOI is a program that supports the needs of Albany's senior Veterans. ACDA funding will be used to provide a portion of staff expense for the services of veteran casen managers who identify the needs of at risk elderly veterans, and offers linkages to services relative to health, housing, grants, employment, entitlements, food and clothing for these senior veterans and their families. The veteran case manager travels throughout Albany, making face to face contacts and serves 100 unduplicated seniors annually. The SVOI program offers case management, short term assistance to help senior veterans remain safely housed in the community to prevent episodes of homelessness, and to reduce costs by reducing dependence and use of emergency services in the City of Albany.
8	Project Name	Lwanga House

	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	funding was requested to assist with adding an evening case manager located at Lwanga House Shelter. Offering evening case management will help the implementation of the individualized service plan and improve productivity. An evening case manager will help clients to pursue employment opportunities and enable the shelters to offer support in the evening to ensure sobriety and stability with mental health concerns.
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The agency estimates serving 100 clients with this funding
	Location Description	Lwanga house is located at 115 Grand St
	Planned Activities	funding was requested to assist with adding an evening case manager located at Lwanga House Shelter. Offering evening case management will help the implementation of the individualized service plan and improve productivity. An evening case manager will help clients to pursue employment opportunities and enable the shelters to offer support in the evening to ensure sobriety and stability with mental health concerns.
9	Project Name	Community Outreach
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Public Services Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services

	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	COVID19 led us to develop two new outreach strategies for making our services more accessible to people in Albany: book bikes and pop-up shops. CDPHP has generously provided us with funding for two book bikes to act as our library on wheels, giving us a creative and engaging way to make free books available throughout the city. Our volunteers will set up pop-up shops where clothing is beautifully displayed on racks and tables, creating a space where people can pick out items free of charge in a way designed to make them feel valued. Through our partners, we will identify specific community needs and encourage engagement
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 400 people will benefit from this program
	Location Description	522 Washington Ave Albany, NY
	Planned Activities	COVID19 led us to develop two new outreach strategies for making our services more accessible to people in Albany: book bikes and pop-up shops. CDPHP has generously provided us with funding for two book bikes to act as our library on wheels, giving us a creative and engaging way to make free books available throughout the city. Our volunteers will set up pop-up shops where clothing is beautifully displayed on racks and tables, creating a space where people can pick out items free of charge in a way designed to make them feel valued. Through our partners, we will identify specific community needs and encourage engagement
10	Project Name	Summer PRogram
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Public Services Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$16,000

	Description	"The Warren and Denyse Mackey Foundation, Inc., is sponsoring a week camp for 50 children between the ages of 6-12 years old who live in the Albany community. Camp will be held during the month of July 2023. The purpose is to bring youth summer recreation, reading program, health / exercise to an underserved community. This youth development program will provide a learning environment for the kids in the city area that are plagued with gun violence, poverty, and the lack of opportunity to learn, get introduced to healthy choices, prevent heart disease, address drug addiction. The camp will conclude with a community day event that will have basketball tournament, health/safety platforms to disseminate information with opportunity to engage in activity with City of Albany Police Department"
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This program will serve 50 youth
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	"The Warren and Denyse Mackey Foundation, Inc., is sponsoring a week camp for 50 children between the ages of 6-12 years old who live in the Albany community. Camp will be held during the month of July 2023. The purpose is to bring youth summer recreation, reading program, health / exercise to an underserved community. This youth development program will provide a learning environment for the kids in the city area that are plagued with gun violence, poverty, and the lack of opportunity to learn, get introduced to healthy choices, prevent heart disease, address drug addiction. The camp will conclude with a community day event that will have basketball tournament, health/safety platforms to disseminate information with opportunity to engage in activity with City of Albany Police Department"
11	Project Name	2023 Property Management

	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Neighborhood Revitalization
	Needs Addressed	improvement of existing structures
	Funding	CDBG: \$159,000
	Description	2023 funds will be used to maintain properties that are owned by ACDA - properties are acquired and sold according to ACDA's property acquisition and disposition policies
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	ACDA will administer the funds for its properties at its office located at 200 henry johnson blvd - properties are located throughout ACDA's target neighborhoods
	Planned Activities	2023 funds will be used to maintain properties that are owned by ACDA - properties are acquired and sold according to ACDA's property acquisition and disposition policies
12	Project Name	Value in Your Profession
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Public Services Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000

	Description	The Valued In your Profession (VIP) Program is a career development program designed to help professionals working in health care leverage their skills through occupational training and industry recognized certifications, leading to career growth and primary income growth. The VIP program is unique in that it offers non-traditional training hours, self-paced asset development workshops, and opportunities for professional social networking. Services provided through this program will include family case management, training and certification, one self-paced asset development workshop, and the development of a LinkedIn profile showcasing the customer's professional accomplishments.
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This program will serve 8 individuals
	Location Description	programming will take place at ACAP's offices on Sheridan Ave
	Planned Activities	<div>The Valued In your Profession (VIP) Program is a career development program designed to help</div><div>professionals working in health care leverage their skills through occupational training and industry recognized</div><div>certifications, leading to career growth and primary income growth. The VIP program is unique</div><div>in that it offers non-traditional training hours, self-paced asset development workshops, and opportunities</div><div>for professional social networking. Services provided through this program will include family case</div><div>management, training and certification, one self-paced asset development workshop, and the development of</div><div>a LinkedIn profile showcasing the customer's professional accomplishments. </div>
13	Project Name	Sweet Dreams
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Public Services Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services

	Funding	CDBG: \$22,000
	Description	"The Sweet Dreams program believes that every child, regardless of income, should have a good night's sleep and a bed to call their own. According to the National Sleep Foundation, the amount of sleep a child gets directly impacts their education, mental development, physical development, and overall well-being. Quality sleep also impacts a child's mood, behavioral problems, and cognitive development. We propose to use CDBG Funds to eradicate furniture poverty among low-income, formerly homeless children who are moving into unfurnished apartments by providing them with new mattress and bedframes.
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	it is estimated that this program will serve 300 low/mod youth
	Location Description	This program will be administered out HATAS' offices, but will be available throughout the City
	Planned Activities	"The Sweet Dreams program believes that every child, regardless of income, should have a good night's sleep and a bed to call their own. According to the National Sleep Foundation, the amount of sleep a child gets directly impacts their education, mental development, physical development, and overall well-being. Quality sleep also impacts a child's mood, behavioral problems, and cognitive development. We propose to use CDBG Funds to eradicate furniture poverty among low-income, formerly homeless children who are moving into unfurnished apartments by providing them with new mattress and bedframes.
14	Project Name	West Hill Blueberry Farm
	Target Area	West Hill
	Goals Supported	Public Services Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000

	Description	<p>"The West Hill Youth Blueberry Orchard program will amplify and cooperatively develop a youth focused approach incorporating community members into green spaces through artistic avenues. This program will beautify the current space of the Youth Blueberry Orchard in Albany's West Hill which is the single largest expanse of property adjacent to the Lucid Alleyway project. Cooperative investment will be leveraged in the space for the benefit of the west hill community. The reinvestment in this space will create vocational training and employment opportunities for over twenty community youth through the incorporation of community youth groups such as Rise Up in the South End and the Youth Employment Program. Completing necessary infrastructure will impact potentially all 15,000 residents of the West Hill community for generations to come through nutrition access to fresh blueberries and green space.</p>
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 low/mod income youth will benefit from this program
	Location Description	This activity will take place in Albany's West Hill Neighborhood in the alleyway located off of First St and Quail St
	Planned Activities	<p>The West Hill Youth Blueberry Orchard program will amplify and cooperatively develop a youth focused approach incorporating community members into green spaces through artistic avenues. This program will beautify the current space of the Youth Blueberry Orchard in Albany's West Hill which is the single largest expanse of property adjacent to the Lucid Alleyway project. Cooperative investment will be leveraged in the space for the benefit of the west hill community. The reinvestment in this space will create vocational training and employment opportunities for over twenty community youth through the incorporation of community youth groups such as Rise Up in the South End and the Youth Employment Program. Completing necessary infrastructure will impact potentially all 15,000 residents of the West Hill community for generations to come through nutrition access to fresh blueberries and green space.</p>
15	Project Name	Families in Need of Assistance

	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Public Services Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	FINA provides support in the home for seniors including, grocery shopping, meal planning, arranging home care and cleaning services as well as exploring alternative living arrangements when necessary. They help seniors maintain their physical and mental health by helping them navigate the health care system, making doctor appointments, picking up prescriptions and serving as medical advocates. Support elderly clients in building and maintaining community and identifying social, emotional and spiritual needs in the face of physical, health-related or other constraint, by providing transportation, ensuring access to resources and maintain regular contact.
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 low/mod income seniors
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	<table border="0" cellpadding="0" cellspacing="0" width="1464" height="143"><tbody><tr height="187"><td height="187" class="xl66" width="366">FINA provides support in the home for seniors including, grocery shopping, meal planning, arranging home care and cleaning services as well as exploring alternative living arrangements when necessary. They help seniors maintain their physical and mental health by helping them navigate the health care system, making doctor appointments, picking up prescriptions and serving as medical advocates. Support elderly clients in building and maintaining community and identifying social, emotional and spiritual needs in the face of physical, health-related or other constraint, by providing transportation, ensuring access to resources and maintain regular contact.</td></tr></tbody></table>

16	Project Name	Student Internship
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Public Services Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
	Description	Channel Albany provides public television studio access at the Albany Public Library Washington Avenue Branch, and has a strong partnership with the Albany High School and hosts a myriad of digital film interns as well as class field trips to the community media studio. The purpose of this application is to seek additional support for our studio coordinator and increase studio hours and capacity, as well as enhance training and improve production. Increased support will help Channel Albany expand partnerships with the City of Albany School District middle and elementary schools. Channel Albany requests funds to support 2 part-time, paid fellowships. These implementations will enable Channel Albany to increase engagement and access to our community.
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This is a paid internship program that will benefit two low mod income youth
	Location Description	tbd

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17	Project Name	Hunger Doesn't Take a Summer Vacation
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Public Services Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$22,000
	Description	Hunger Doesn't Take a Summer Vacation is a weekend food delivery program that will pick up where AFE's school year Feed and Read Program leaves off, providing hungry children with deliveries of food each weekend to supplement weekday meal programs. School staff have identified students in need of nutritional assistance, and will coordinate with them to make sure that food packages are picked up at schools or delivered to student homes. This program will serve 350 of the most socioeconomically challenged students in the City School District of Albany and their families (est. 3 per household), for a total of 1,400 unduplicated individuals, providing a bag of food each Thursday for eight weeks with food to last the weekend, including staples such as rice, pasta, bread, and soup, along with fresh produce and weekly coupons redeemable for a gallon of milk and a dozen eggs at any Stewarts Shop. CDBG funds will be used primarily to pay for food and milk/egg coupons purchased from the Regional Food Bank, with most labor, supplies, and transportation provided in-kind by the school district.

	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1400 low mod youth will benefit from this program
	Location Description	throughout ACDA's Target neighborhoods
	Planned Activities	<p><div>Hunger Doesn't Take a Summer Vacation is a weekend food delivery program that will pick up where AFE's school year Feed and Read Program leaves off, providing hungry children with deliveries of food each weekend to supplement weekday meal programs. School staff have identified students in need of nutritional assistance, and will coordinate with them to make sure that food packages are picked up at schools or delivered to student homes. This program will serve 350 of the most socioeconomically challenged students in the City School District of Albany and their families (est. 3 per household), for a total of 1,400 unduplicated individuals, providing a bag of food each Thursday for eight weeks with food to last the weekend, including staples such as rice, pasta, bread, and soup, along with fresh produce and weekly coupons redeemable for a gallon of milk and a dozen eggs at any Stewarts Shop. CDBG funds will be used primarily to pay for food and milk/egg coupons purchased from the Regional Food Bank, with most labor, supplies, and transportation provided in-kind by the school district. </div></p>
18	Project Name	2023 CDBG Admin
	Target Area	ALBANY North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing Public Services Assistance Neighborhood Revitalization Economic Development

	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homeless Services improvement of existing structures Public Facilities improve infrastructure Public Services Economic development Code Enforcement
	Funding	CDBG: \$483,070
	Description	2023 ACDA Administrative costs charged to CDBG
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	200 Henry Johnson Blvd Albany, NY
	Planned Activities	2023 ACDA Administrative costs charged to CDBG
19	Project Name	HMIS
	Target Area	ALBANY North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	The primary goal of CARES is to help with the HMIS and planning for ACDA. CARES provides an unduplicated count of homeless individuals and families in the City of Albany.
	Target Date	5/31/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	5 Pine West Plaza Suite 503 Albany, NY 12203
	Planned Activities	
20	Project Name	ACDA In house CDBG Programs
	Target Area	ALBANY North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing Neighborhood Revitalization
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing improvement of existing structures
	Funding	CDBG: \$635,668
	Description	ACDA will utilize these funds to assist with rehabilitation needs of low to moderate income homeowners - programs will include Senior Rehab Program, Rehabilitation Assistance Program and Home Owner Assistance Program, and its homeowner assistance program (HAP)
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that between 15-20 families/homeowners will be assisted by this funding - numbers assisted depends on the individual cost of rehab
	Location Description	Program funds are available to low to moderate income homeowners throughout the City of Albany
	Planned Activities	ACDA will utilize these funds to assist with rehabilitation needs of low to moderate income homeowners - programs will include Senior Rehab Program, Rehabilitation Assistance Program and Home Owner Assistance Program, and its homeowner assistance program (HAP)

21	Project Name	CDBG Direct Delivery
	Target Area	ALBANY North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing Public Services Assistance Neighborhood Revitalization Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing improvement of existing structures Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,152,426
	Description	ACDA staff expense for yearly program delivery
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	200 Henry Johnson Blvd
22	Planned Activities	funding is utilized for staff to provide the inhouse programming at ACDA
	Project Name	HOME Admin
	Target Area	ALBANY North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing improvement of existing structures
	Funding	HOME: \$102,999

	Description	funds allocated to staff for HOME program administration
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	200 Henry Johnson Blvd
	Planned Activities	HOME funds allocated to the administration of ACDA's HOME program
23	Project Name	Sheridan Hollow
	Target Area	Arbor Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$155,260
	Description	HOME CHDO funds allocated to the creation of new affordable housing in Sheridan Hollow
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2 low/mod income families will benefit from these funds
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	HOME CHDO funds will be utilized to create 2 new affordable homes in Sheridan Hollow
24	Project Name	ACDA in house HOME program
	Target Area	ALBANY North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill

	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing improvement of existing structures
	Funding	HOME: \$550,000
	Description	funds will be utilized to assist homeowners, landlords with rehabbing existing housing and new homeowners with down payment assistance
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	it is estimated that between 15 and 20 homeowners/new home owners will be assisted with these funds
	Location Description	program is available to eligible households throughout the City -
	Planned Activities	funds will be utilized to assist homeowners, landlords with rehabbing existing housing and new homeowners with down payment assistance
25	Project Name	HOME HIP Program
	Target Area	ALBANY
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$228,305
	Description	Program funds will be utilized to support larger housing redevelopment programs located in target areas of the City
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	TBD
	Location Description	TBD
	Planned Activities	Program funds will be utilized to support larger housing redevelopment programs located in target areas of the City
26	Project Name	streets sidewalks ramps

	Target Area	SOUTH END
	Goals Supported	Neighborhood Revitalization
	Needs Addressed	improve infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$121,996
	Description	Monies granted under this (CDBG) proposal will be utilized for the resurfacing of public streets and reconstruction of public sidewalks with handicap accessibility. Work shall include the cold milling of deteriorated pavements and resurfacing with new "hot mix" asphalt concrete, the excavation and removal of deteriorated sidewalks and curbs and construction of new cement concrete sidewalks with drop granite curbing and embedded detectable warning units for handicap accessibility. This project provides a structurally safe, durable and smooth road surface along with safe pedestrian walkways that meet federal ADA requirements for handicap accessibility
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	roughly 4000 people live in the south end neighborhood and will benefit from the street improvements
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Monies granted under this (CDBG) proposal will be utilized for the resurfacing of public streets and reconstruction of public sidewalks with handicap accessibility. Work shall include the cold milling of deteriorated pavements and resurfacing with new "hot mix" asphalt concrete, the excavation and removal of deteriorated sidewalks and curbs and construction of new cement concrete sidewalks with drop granite curbing and embedded detectable warning units for handicap accessibility. This project provides a structurally safe, durable and smooth road surface along with safe pedestrian walkways that meet federal ADA requirements for handicap accessibility
27	Project Name	Career Pathways

Target Area	ALBANY North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
Goals Supported	Public Services Assistance
Needs Addressed	Public Services
Funding	CDBG: \$73,472
Description	The proposed program is aimed at providing members of our priority population including justiceinvolved opportunity youth, out-of school individuals between the ages of (14-24), females, and other minority groups typically not represented in demand industry career clusters. Our goal is to offer opportunities for youth to learn about new emerging career fields, including Video Gaming, Animation, Artificial Intelligence, Manufacturing, Solar Power & Wind Industries, Building & Construction Trades, Health Care, and careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) as well as careers in civil service and government. The program will serve 45 youths at a cost of approximately \$2,000 to \$2,700 per participant.
Target Date	5/31/2024
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The program will serve 45 youth
Location Description	388 Clinton Ave

	Planned Activities	The proposed program is aimed at providing members of our priority population including justice involved opportunity youth, out-of school individuals between the ages of (14-24), females, and other minority groups typically not represented in demand industry career clusters. Our goal is to offer opportunities for youth to learn about new emerging career fields, including Video Gaming, Animation, Artificial Intelligence, Manufacturing, Solar Power & Wind Industries, Building & Construction Trades, Health Care, and careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) as well as careers in civil service and government. The program will serve 45 youths at a cost of approximately \$2,000 to \$2,700 per participant.
28	Project Name	HESG Program Admin/shelter/prevention
	Target Area	ALBANY North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	ESG: \$285,615
	Description	\$21,421 ESG funding allocated to the administration of the City's ESG program \$160,000 allocated to shelter \$104,194 allocated to eviction prevention
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	throughout the City of Albany

	Planned Activities	\$21,421 ESG funding allocated to the administration of the City's ESG program \$160,000 allocated to shelter \$104,194 allocated to eviction prevention
29	Project Name	Alliance for Positive Help HOPWA
	Target Area	ALBANY North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOPWA: \$100,000
	Description	Alliance for Positive health will provide HOPWA related services in the form of long term rental assistance
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Alliance for Positive health will provide HOPWA related services in the form of long term rental assistance for 25 individuals
	Location Description	927 Broadway, Albany, NY 12207
	Planned Activities	Alliance for Positive health will provide HOPWA related services in the form of long term rental assistance
30	Project Name	HOPWA Damien Center
	Target Area	ALBANY North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homeless Services

	Funding	HOPWA: \$99,700
	Description	HOPWA services will be provide at the Albany Damien Center
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	728 Madison Ave
	Planned Activities	HOPWA services will be provide at the Albany Damien Center
31	Project Name	HOPWA Mohawk Opportunities
	Target Area	ALBANY
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOPWA: \$142,439
	Description	Mohawk opportunities will provide HOPWA services in the form of long term rental assistance
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Mohawk opportunities provides HOPWA services for 13 long term rental assistance
	Location Description	201 Nott Terrace, Schenectady, NY 12307
	Planned Activities	Mohawk opportunities will provide HOPWA services in the form of long term rental assistance
32	Project Name	HOPWA Support Ministries
	Target Area	ALBANY
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOPWA: \$114,537

	Description	funding will be utilized to support HOPWA programming through Perry House
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	funding will be utilized to support HOPWA programming through Perry House
33	Project Name	HOPWA AHANA House
	Target Area	ALBANY
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOPWA: \$62,439
	Description	funding will be utilized to support HOPWA programming through Ahana House
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	31 6th St Waterford, NY
	Planned Activities	funding will be utilized to support HOPWA programming through Ahana House
34	Project Name	HOPWA Unity House
	Target Area	ALBANY
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOPWA: \$237,439

	Description	Unity House will provide HOPWA related services in the form of long term rental assistance for 25 individuals
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Unity House will provide HOPWA related services in the form of long term rental assistance for 25 individuals
	Location Description	2431 Sixth Avenue Troy, New York 12180
	Planned Activities	Unity House will provide HOPWA related services in the form of long term rental assistance for 25 individuals
35	Project Name	CARES HOPWA Admin
	Target Area	ALBANY
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOPWA: \$32,540
	Description	CARES admin activities to carry out the HOPWA programming
	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	5 Pine West Plaza Suite 503 Albany, NY
	Planned Activities	CARES admin activities to carry out the HOPWA programming
36	Project Name	HOPWA Admin
	Target Area	ALBANY
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOPWA: \$24,405
	Description	Activities related to ACCAs administration of the HOPWA program

	Target Date	5/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Activities related to ACDAs administration of the HOPWA program
	Planned Activities	Activities related to ACDAs administration of the HOPWA program

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

The city has identified two target areas for reinvestment for the next five-years. These target areas were identified through a community assessment process including, census and demographic data, community needs assessment, housing market analysis, and community participation. The City's target areas include, North Albany, West Hill/West End, Arbor Hill, South End and Capital Hill. These target areas represent the highest residential densities, highest concentration of low income residents, highest concentration of subsidized units, highest concentration of poverty, highest number of vacant building and surplus housing units, largest decline in assessed taxable property values and the largest outmigration of residents and family households. Funding will be distributed as equally as possible throughout the target neighborhoods.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
ALBANY	
North Albany	20
West Hill	20
SOUTH END	20
Arbor Hill	20
Capital Hill	20

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City of Albany primarily funded activities benefitting census the target neighborhoods which have above average levels of minorities and/or low income residents.

In identifying priorities the City of Albany will use a ranking system to determine needs as low, medium, high, or no need. In ranking needs within the community the City of Albany will take into consideration information from the Needs Assessment, Housing Market Analysis, citizen participation process, and agency consultation. The City will assess the amount of funding available, the target areas within the city with the most need for assistance, and the type of activities that will best address those needs to determine geographical allocations.

The priority ranking system is as follows:

- High Priority: Activities determined as a critical need and will be funded during the Consolidated Plan period.

- Medium Priority: Activities determined to be a moderate need and may be funded during the Consolidated Plan period as funds are available.
- Low Priority: Activities determined as a minimal need and are not expected to be funded during the Consolidated Plan period.
- No Need: Activities determined as not needed or are being addressed in a manner outside of the Consolidated Plan programs. Funding will not be provided for these activities during the Consolidated Plan period

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

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

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

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

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

Discussion

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Currently AHA has a total of 4,736 families on the Public Housing and Section 8 waiting lists. 51% of the waiting list consists of families with children, 11% are elderly, and 15% are families with disabilities. AHA's Section 8 waiting list has been closed since 2015. We recently closed the Public Housing waiting list to purge applicants who are no longer interested. The combined Public Housing and Section 8 waiting lists show 61% of the persons on the waiting lists are under 30% of AMI.

Most AHA public housing developments are located in impacted census tracts. One of the largest needs that AHA can address on a limited basis is to provide apartments for the large family. AHA has 291 families on its waiting list who need a 4-bedroom or larger apartment. Affordable large units that meet minimum inspection standards are not readily available in the private sector.

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

1. Continue to prepare for end of initial compliance period and readiness for refinancing
1. Explore RAD including Needs Assessment.
1. Continue to explore disposition of units for Homeownership
1. Westview HomesApply for any grants that become available to rehabilitate the building.Explore Phased 9% and 4% LIHTC projects with RAD including exterior makeover and retrofit designs of the tower, and renovations
1. General Planning and Development InitiativesConduct market studies, meet with prospective partners and watch for funding availabilityMeet with the City zoning staff as necessary-AHA picked a developer Partner to work with for the next 5 years on strategies for LIHTC projects along with RAD at the public housing sitesAHA is working on ways to increase the use of renewable energy and work with the 2019 Governor's renewable energy goals which includes exploring solar for the Authority and tenant paid utilities

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

The second key innovation strategy will empower residents in neighborhoods of opportunity to acquire the education, awareness, and employment necessary to advocate for continued stability in their living conditions. Renters will receive education and empowerment through a Renter's Bill of Rights and the guidance of a Housing Services Advocate. Both renters and landlords will be given the opportunity to participate in a Good Neighbor School, with the goal of having City Court Judges mandate attendance for some individuals. Amendments to the ROP program will give the city a greater ability to ensure that all rental units are high quality rental units and build in incentives for the Good Neighbor School. Historically marginalized neighborhoods will receive an influx of city resources through a Deep Dive Block program.

Albany Housing Authority's Resident Participation

Residents of Covered Projects with assistance converted to Project Based Vouchers (PBVs) will have the right to establish and operate a resident organization for the purpose of addressing issues related to their living environment and be eligible for resident participation funding. There is a defined grievance procedure made available to the residents. For issues related to tenancy and termination of assistance, PBV program rules require the Project Owner to provide an opportunity for an informal hearing, as outlined in 24 CFR § 982.555. The Project Owner gives residents notice of their ability to request an informal hearing as outlined in 24 CFR § 982.555(c)(1) for informal hearings that will address circumstances that fall outside of the scope of 24 CFR § 982.555(a)(1)(i)-(vi).d. The Project Owner provides opportunity for an informal hearing before an eviction.

Access to Records, Including Requests for Information Related to Evaluation of Demonstration. PHAs and the Project Owner must cooperate with any reasonable HUD request for data to support program evaluation, including but not limited to project financial statements, operating data, choice-mobility utilization, and rehabilitation work.

Choice-Mobility. One of the key features of the PBV program is the mobility component, which provides that if the family has elected to terminate the assisted lease at any time after the first year of occupancy in accordance with program requirements, the PHA must offer the family the opportunity for continued tenant-based rental assistance, in the form of either assistance under the voucher program or other comparable tenant-based rental assistance. If as a result of participation in RAD a significant percentage of the PHA's HCV program becomes PBV assistance, it is possible for most or all of a PHA's turnover vouchers to be used to assist those RAD PBV families who wish to exercise mobility.

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

n/a

Discussion

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

Introduction

To reduce the average length of emergency housing stays, the community plans to (1) apply for funds to increase the number of RRH beds, (2) coordinate with local housing providers to encourage Housing First policies, and (3) continue participation in the implementation of the Coordinated Entry system. In order to increase the amount of appropriate housing available, the community will again apply for State and HUD funding to support the increase of RRH beds within the district. The RRH program strives to house clients within 30 days and plays a vital role in reducing lengths of stay in emergency housing. In terms of implementing policies to reduce barriers to housing, the community will continue to engage and support the local Continuum of Care's focus to encourage Housing First policies within all programs. Additionally, the CoC will continue to implement the Coordinated Entry (CE) system. The CE system works to reduce length of time homeless by prioritizing those with the longest length of time homeless and connecting them to the most appropriate housing. Finally, the community will apply for State and HUD funding to increase homelessness prevention funding with the goal of preventing homelessness episodes to begin with.

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

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

In the community, street outreach is conducted in a manner that allows for quick identification and engagement of all people experiencing unsheltered homelessness. Within the community there are two active Street Outreach teams: Joseph's House & Shelter (Outreach Van) and St Catherine's Center for Children (through Project Connect). Both programs conduct outreach to unsheltered homeless individuals, often who are chronically homeless. Outreach is conducted daily with fluctuating day/evening hours. Outreach staff identify and engage households, obtain emergency housing, and conduct Coordinated Entry assessments. Street outreach services are tailored using a client-centered, trauma informed approach. Street outreach teams focus outreach activities to those that are least likely to request assistance by: hiring staff with lived experience to conduct outreach; determining locations most visited by the unsheltered and building trust over time through consistent engagement. In addition to the above-mentioned street outreach teams, the district also coordinates with local Veteran street outreach. The VA programs, Health Care for Homeless Veterans (HCHV) as well as Supportive Services for Veteran's Families (SSVF) help veterans in the community who are street homeless. Street Outreach teams and VA program staff connect those who are unsheltered with VA services, and drop-in centers/warming stations, such as the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless Safe Haven. Street Outreach teams and VA program staff also have a relationship with County Mental Health who administers the Assertive Community Treatment program (ACT). The ACT team is a multidisciplinary team that provides street outreach and individualized services to each client

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Essential services provided at Albany County emergency shelters and transitional housing programs include case management, childcare, education services, employment assistance and job training, outpatient health services, legal services, life skills training, mental health services, substance abuse treatment services, transportation, and services for special populations. All persons in Albany County emergency shelters and transitional housing programs are offered the opportunity to complete a Coordinated Entry Assessment, effectively connecting the individual or family to supportive housing in the community

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

The CoC developed strategies to increase the rate at which households in ES, TH, and RRH (and particularly chronically homeless households, families, Veterans, and unaccompanied youth) exit to permanent destinations. Current strategies are: 1) connect unsheltered persons and the most vulnerable in ES to RRH and PSH through an efficient and effective Coordinated Entry (CE) System 2) expand housing opportunities through CE by forging partnerships with non-CoC-funded options, such as OMH housing (i.e. Albany County Dept. of Mental Health) and affordable housing (i.e. DePaul) 3) connect households to housing subsidies (i.e. Section 8) 4) connect households to community support services and benefits & 5) connect households to education/employment training opportunities to improve income. Those experiencing chronic homelessness, Veterans, and youth are prioritized through the Coordinated Entry system for housing. These strategies together ensure households are linked to affordable housing options, have necessary income to access that housing, and have support services within the community to ensure ongoing housing stability. The Coordinated Entry Committee oversees these strategies. For persons not eligible for Permanent Supportive Housing which requires a HUD defined disabling condition, these persons are connected to Affordable Housing options and referrals are made by staff to the Albany Housing Authority (AHA) and other affordable housing providers serving the community. These other housing options may include the Community Builders, Catholic Charities Housing Organization, Home Leasing, Housing Visions, Beacon Communities, Norstar Development, and Winn Companies. Persons are also connected with needed support services such as health, mental health, vocational, employment and other client driven identified needs. Preventing homelessness means that families and individuals have the resources they need to maintain stable housing. Prevention is successful when the number of households who become homeless for the first time and when the returns to homelessness decrease. Prevention is an important step in addressing homelessness, as it reduces the number of individuals and families who reach or who return to the homelessness system. It is also cost effective to focus on prevention

solutions to addressing homelessness. As stated above, according to the Homeless and Travelers Aid Society, 30 days in an emergency homeless shelter for a single cost approximately \$135 a night on average (although it varies based on the shelter), which totals \$4,050 every 30 days. Prevention services frequently total \$1,000 or less. In addition, a prevention focus is supported by the County. The Albany County DSS Commissioner has placed a priority on utilizing available benefits and programs and working with community providers to divert people from homelessness, resulting in a reduction in the need for shelter placement. ACCH will work to prevent homelessness by increasing the amount of prevention funding homeless service providers have to support clients with court mediation, arrears, and utility payments. ACCH will also prevent homelessness by raising awareness of educational resources for providers and those at-risk of losing their housing, such as tenants' rights and responsibilities and financial management skills. During consumer focus groups it was made clear that one of the challenges households face when they first thought they may become homeless is knowing where to access resources. Families and individuals reported that it took the experience of being homeless to become aware of provider resources. ACCH would like to focus efforts on promoting prevention and homeless resources to community members at large to help those who are at-risk of becoming homeless access these early on.

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

The Albany Continuum of Care (CoC) implements strategies from its Albany County Strategic Plan to Prevent, Reduce, and Combat Homelessness to prevent households from becoming homelessness. These strategies were selected by the community and are to (1) increase resources to prevent at-risk individuals and families from entering homelessness, (2) prevent discharges to homelessness from a variety of systems whenever possible, and (3) ensure the community is rich with quality affordable housing and employment opportunities, preventing additional need for homelessness resources.

Specifically, the CoC works to:

- Expand upon existing eviction prevention funding to serve additional households.
- Support community partners (i.e. food pantries, faith-based organizations, Health Homes) to identify households at-risk of becoming homeless and connect them with necessary funding and services, thereby reducing evictions.
- Improve coordination and discharge planning for clients leaving jails/prisons, mental health facilities, hospitals, and the foster care system by increasing coordination with these systems. DSS has been committed to improving discharge planning from these systems by participating in ongoing workgroups and planning sessions led by the CoC.

- Support the development of affordable housing by building relationships with affordable housing developers and supporting applications for funding.
- Continue referral of homeless clients from DSS to the One-Stop Center for employment services; and participate in ongoing conversations with the Continuum of Care to identify how to better partner with workforce development programs, creating more direct links for homeless clients with employment programming.

Discussion

AP-70 HOPWA Goals– 91.220 (l)(3)

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	9
Tenant-based rental assistance	52
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	27
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	19
Total	107

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

Introduction:

Various elements can create barriers to affordable housing including negative effects of public policy as well as national, regional, and local housing market conditions. The City of Albany will continue to re-evaluate policies to ensure they do not interfere with affordable housing efforts. The City will also update their Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice which will include a complete evaluation and analysis of administrative policies and zoning codes.

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

The City of Albany Housing Affordability Task Force was convened by Mayor Kathy M. Sheehan on April 20, 2016. Made up of landlords, tenants, community and government leaders, the Task Force's goal is to study the issue of affordable housing in the City of Albany, assess the demand for and supply of it, and explore ways the City of Albany can protect existing opportunities for quality, stable, and affordable housing for city residents and extend those opportunities to underserved communities. The Task Force is called upon to release a report twice each year containing recommendations for the Mayor and Common Council concerning affordable housing in our City. The task force provides an opportunity for landlords, tenants, housing organizations and city residents to participate in workshops, public meetings and to provide input as to the state of affordable housing in the City. Information on the task force and its reports can be found here:

<https://www.albanyny.gov/Government/MayorsOffice/HousingAffordabilityTaskForce.aspx>

In 2017, the City of Albany adopted the Unified Sustainable Development Ordinance (USDO) to regulate land use and development within the City and promote sustainable and equitable economic development. As part of the USDO, Section 375-4(A)(4)(b) states that: "each new residential or mixed-use development or redevelopment containing 50 or more new dwelling units shall sell or rent at least five percent of its new dwelling units at sales or prices affordable to persons earning no more than 100 percent of the area median household income for the City of Albany, as determined by affordability methods used by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development."

In 2020, ACDA, through a grant for the NYS Attorney General's Office, created a new position called the Housing Services Advocate. This position was created in order to address issues between landlords and

tenants before they got to the point of needed to be remediated in court.

In 2023, the City of Albany created a new department called Neighborhood and Community Services. This department's mission is to bridge the gap between City residents and City offices by providing additional staff who will work in the community as Liasons - these staff persons, along with the City's Housing Services Advocate, and a newly created Fair Housing Officer will provide additional support to Albany's most vulnerable residents. The City Common Council, in March of 2023, passed a new inclusionary housing ordinance requiring developers to provide affordable housing in all new development projects that contain over 19 housing units. The City's Housing Services Advocate and Fair Housing Office will work together with the Planning and Codes Department to ensure adherence to the new ordinance.

Discussion:

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

There are various elements that produce obstacles to meeting need within the community. Addressing all housing, homeless, and community developments needs is a difficult task. The City utilizes all possible resources and continues to seek leveraging sources to meet as many underserved needs as possible. The current housing market and economic environment also serve as barriers to meeting needs.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

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Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

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<https://www.albanyny.gov/Government/MayorsOffice/HousingAffordabilityTaskForce.aspx> In addition two new city funded positions have been created by the City - a Housing Services Advocate and a Fair Housing Officer. These two positions will work with landlord, tenants, and developers to ensure that the City's Inclusionary Housing Ordinance will be adhered to

The City of Albany will also continue to administer its in house programs that will assist low/mod income homebuyers and homeowners with purchasing and maintaining their homes. These programs include:

Home Acquisition Program: The Home Acquisition Program (HAP) assists low-income households to purchase, and

Home Owner Assistance Program: The goal of the Home Owner Assistance Program (HOAP) is to provide assistance to low-income homeowners for the moderate rehabilitation of their owner-occupied 1 to 4 unit buildings to meet local housing quality standards and codes. Eligible applicants are low-income homeowners residing in the City of Albany and residing in the property to rehabilitate.

Senior Rehabilitation Program (SRP)and Rehabilitation Assistance Program: This program designed by the Albany Community Development Agency (ACDA) to provide substantial repair to housing units, owned by persons over the age of 62 or to low income homeowners, to eliminate conditions that pose a threat to the health, safety and welfare of their occupants. SRP, provides financial assistance in the form of a grant.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City of Albany will submit a Lead Hazard control application to HUD when the request for funding is announced. The City continues to aggressively identify lead hazards in all of its rehabilitation projects and to provide control in compliance with HUD regulations. With its most recent lead hazard control grant, the City of Albany will provide 165 units of lead safe housing units. The program serves privately owned housing, mostly 1-4 dwelling units that are available and affordable to low income households. The first priority for assistance will be for dwellings occupied by children under the age of six years old.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City of Albany is committed to eliminating the effects of poverty among its residents for those who fall on hard times, those who through no fault of their own find it difficult to care for themselves, and those especially at risk; single mothers, children, disabled, low income and the elderly. City officials recognize that it may not be possible to end poverty all together, but is dedicated none the less to better understanding its causes and finding a way to reverse the cycle of privation. Moreover, the limited funding available is eclipsed by the need for affordable housing, daycare, job training, life skills, health care, nutrition, education, stable neighborhoods, and access to basic services. Even more, what is discouraging is that poverty rates have remained stagnant or in many instances have increased at all levels of poverty, suggesting that programs aimed at the low-income populations have failed to substantially reduce income inadequacy. What this suggests is that the city needs to look at more effective ways to diminish the effects of poverty. Programs and projects that have a broader impact on beneficiaries and their environment as a whole will be the City's anti-poverty strategy. Programs and projects that connect beneficiaries to their neighborhood and community through targeted physical neighborhood infrastructure improvements will have a greater impact on upward mobility than direct benefit programs. The City will also aim to eliminate effects of unstable neighborhoods where isolation among its residents exist. A great deal of research indicates that various forms of social isolation have

damaging effects on health and social development. Projects and programs that create and promote social connectedness will allow residents, families, and children to interact within public spaces, recreational areas, and among other homeowners. These programs will help to build self-esteem, self-control, confidence, good decision making, and general social well-being among residents in targeted neighborhoods. These outcomes will help to eliminate poverty at a higher level by allowing low income people better opportunities in education and jobs.

The City will continue to carry out goals and objectives established within the Consolidated Plan to assist in reducing poverty. The overarching goal of the plan to benefit the greatest number of people to the greatest extent possible will resonate throughout the anti-poverty strategy. A comprehensive plan of infrastructure improvements and social design will include sidewalk replacement, street paving, public safety improvements, streetscape improvements, vacant building demolition, park and public space improvements, homebuyer incentive programs, and neighborhood resident awareness outreach initiatives. These improvements will provide the basic public goods that neighborhoods and its residents need in order to increase their opportunity for upward mobility, access to public services, transportation, job and social connectedness.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Albany is the local administrator of CDBG, HOME, HOPWA and ESG entitlement grant funding. The agency contracts with CARES Inc., to administer HOPWA funding and starting in year 44, ACDA began to contract with CARES to administer its ESG funding. Each year, the ACDA awards entitlement grant funding to local non-profit service providers through a competitive request for proposals process. Applications are reviewed for compliance with HUD regulations, for consistency with needs identified in the Consolidated Plan, past performance with entitlement awards (if applicable), capacity and proposed performance goals.

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

As designated by the Mayor and authorized by the Common Council of The City of Albany; the Albany Community Development Agency (ACDA) is the Lead Agency responsible for development of the Consolidated Plan. The Agency has administered the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the past 45 Years. The Agency is a public agency under the Department of Development and Planning. The governing board of the Agency consists of the Mayor, City Treasurer, City Clerk, Commissioner of Administrative Services, President of the Common Council, the City's Corporation Counsel and the Agency Director.

Public Sector

The City's Housing and Community Development Department has evolved into a key housing agency, and it is essential that the City foster and maintain partnerships with other public agencies for the successful delivery of its housing and community development programs. The City will coordinate with the following public agencies when carrying out its Consolidated Plan.

- Department of General Services;
- City of Albany Planning Department
- Department of Youth and Workforce Services
- Department of codes and regulatory compliance
- Albany County Department of Social Services
- Albany County Health Department
- Albany Housing Authority

The City continues to support several not for profit organizations throughout the City that are instrumental in meeting the needs of Albany's residents. These organizations play a key role in delivering services to the public and providing programs essential to the community such as homeless services, youth programs, domestic violence assistance, and special needs services.

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

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

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	98.00%

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

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

n/a

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

To ensure affordability and secure HUD HOME Program funds invested in a homebuyer unit, the Albany Community Development Agency (ACDA) will impose recapture requirements. The ACDA and HOME assisted CHDO's funded by the ACDA that produce homebuyer units will establish the recapture requirements that comply with HUD HOME program regulations at 24 CFR § 92.254 Qualification as Affordable Housing: Homeownership, specifically 24 CFR 92.254(a) (5), for each program budgeted with HOME funds.

Resale

Resale provisions must ensure, if the housing does not continue to be the principal residence of the family for the duration of the period of affordability that the housing is made available for subsequent purchase only to a buyer whose family qualifies as a low-income family and will use the property as its principal residence. The resale requirement must also ensure that the price at resale provides the original HOME assisted owner a fair return on investment (inc. homeowner's investment and any capital improvement) and ensure that the housing will remain affordable to a reasonable range of low-income homebuyers. The period of affordability is based on the total amount of HOME funds invested in the housing.

The City of Albany CHDO's may use deed restrictions, covenants running with the land, or other similar mechanisms to impose the resale requirements. The affordability restrictions may terminate upon occurrence of any of the following termination events: foreclosure, transfer in lieu of foreclosure or assignment of an FHA insured mortgage to HUD. CHDO's may also use purchase options, rights of first refusal or other preemptive rights to purchase the housing before foreclosure to preserve affordability. The affordability restrictions shall be revived according to the original terms if, during the original affordability period, the owner of record before the termination event, obtains an ownership interest in the housing

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

Recapture provisions must ensure that ACDA and CHDO's recoup all or a portion of the HOME assistance that was given to the homebuyers, if the housing does not continue to be the principal residence of the family for the duration of the period of affordability. ACDA and CHDO's may structure their recapture provisions based on their specific program design and market conditions. The period of affordability is based upon the total amount of HOME funds subject to recapture described in 24 CFR 92.254 (a)(5)(ii)(A)(5). ACDA and CHDO's may adopt, modify or develop their own recapture requirements for HUD approval. ACDA and CHDO's are subject to the limitation that when the recapture requirement is triggered by a sale (voluntary or involuntary) of the housing unit, and there are no net proceeds or the net proceeds are insufficient to repay the HOME investment due, they can only recapture the net proceeds, if any. The net proceeds are the sales price minus superior loan repayment (other than HOME funds) and any closing costs.

Amount Subject to Recapture

The HOME investment that is subject to recapture for each respective program is based on the amount of HOME assistance that enabled the homebuyer to buy the dwelling unit. This includes any HOME assistance that reduced the purchase price from fair market value to an affordable price, but excludes the amount between the cost of producing the unit and the market value of the property (i.e., the development subsidy). ACDA and CHDO's will re-allocate the recaptured funds to carry out HOME-eligible activities. If the HOME assistance is allocated only for the development subsidy, this is not subject to recapture and the resale provision must be used

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

n/a

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).
7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
Reference 91.220(l)(4)

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

All agencies providing a service (i.e. prevention) will use the same eligibility determination form and will be required to collect the same supporting documentation to prove eligibility. Below is a summary of the eligibility criteria for Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing. The applicant must fully cooperate in an initial determination of basic program eligibility at which time the following must be verified:

1. The household is a resident of the City of Albany
2. The household has a combined income below 30% of area median income (50% area median income for ESG-CV funded support)
3. The household lacks identifiable financial resources and/or support networks
4. The household has documented proof of housing status as outlined below

Required Documentation for Homelessness Prevention Assistance—

- Copy of eviction notice from landlord/property manager of unit or court order based on eviction action that notifies the applicant they must leave AND of lease naming applicant as lessee
- Copy of notice indicating building in which applicant is renting or otherwise residing is being foreclosed on AND copy of lease naming applicant as leaseholder
- Copy of eviction letter from host family or friend who owns or rents the housing that notifies the applicant that they must leave AND copy of lease naming host family/friend as leaseholder
- Copy of utility shut off notice from utility company or notice of service denial.
- Copy of notice from landlord/property manager, public health, code enforcement, fire marshal, child welfare or other government entity that housing is condemned and copy of lease naming applicant as leaseholder
- Copy of written statement from hospital or other institution *Required Documentation for Rapid Rehousing Assistance—*
- Client must show proof of literal homelessness including but not limited to: A verifiable shelter letter; Self-declaration of street homelessness. Additional Criteria for Financial Assistance for Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing Applicants for short- or medium-term rental assistance must be assessed as having reasonable potential to maintain housing independently upon termination of the rental assistance, by meeting one or more of the following criteria.
- Are currently employed full or part-time and reasonably expected to maintain or improve their income level.
- Have a recent attachment to the workforce, defined as having worked full-time at least six months

in the last two years prior to the application for rental assistance.

- Have specific job or vocational skills that are immediately marketable and reasonably expected to result in obtaining employment.
- Are currently in receipt of or potentially eligible and willing to apply for SSI/SSDI, Veterans Administration or other similar benefits, that upon receipt would improve their income level.
- Are on a waiting list for and reasonably expected to obtain, within the program time-limits, subsidized housing under another program.
- Are in receipt of temporary assistance benefits through Albany County, are actively engaged in a specific job or skill training program, and are in full-compliance with their Department-mandated employment plan. In addition, all applicants must apply for all financial benefit programs for which they appear eligible (ex. Temporary Assistance, Medicaid, Food Stamps, SSI/SSDI, veterans benefits etc.)

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

Since May 2014 the Albany CoC has worked to design and establish a coordinated assessment process that prioritizes applicants for homeless services. The Albany CoC Systems committee was tasked with the development of the coordinated assessment system. The system is open and promotes efficient communication among service providers within the community. The committee chose a “no wrong door” system which means all participating homeless service providers are an access point for services. Households that enter any of the access points will complete initial assessments. Initial assessments are conducted by agency front line staff (i.e. intake specialists, case managers, social workers, etc.) using a standardized assessment tool. This assessment tool is designed to assess housing needs and vulnerability to identify eligibility and prioritize those most vulnerable. Each household is assessed based on specified criteria that the Albany CoC met and agreed upon.

Coordination of client centered service referrals and assignments is conducted by front line staff and the Coordinated Assessment Coordinator. The Coordinated Assessment Coordinator guides the system and tracks each household’s movement through the system. The Coordinator is primarily responsible for: organizing and reporting vacancies and anticipated vacancies, reporting the number of homeless households that enter the homeless system, reporting the number of homeless households eligible for permanent supportive housing, reporting permanent supportive housing referral options by client, reporting acceptance/denials by permanent supportive housing providers, and reporting eligible households whom become inactive. Agency front line staff meet bi-weekly to conduct case conferencing for those on the Coordinated Entry waitlist.

The Albany coordinated assessment system includes: Department of Social Services, the ESG Shelters, CoC funded and non-funded entities.

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

The following allocation parameters were utilized by the City of Albany in the process for making sub-awards for ESG funding: no more than 60 percent of the ESG funding less Administrative Costs and subsequently HMIS costs, were obligated for emergency shelter and/or outreach services. Of the remaining funds a minimum of 50 percent were obligated to services for homeless prevention. Of the remaining funds a maximum of 50 percent was obligated for rapid rehousing. The City worked closely with the Continuum of Care (CoC) NOFA Committee to outline the parameters above as well as to collaborate on a review process in order for funding recommendations to be made. Together the CoC and City enlisted knowledgeable and objective community representatives to review the applications received by the City. The reviews' recommendations were adopted by the committee on behalf of the CoC and presented to the City. Like-minded recommendations were made by the City and funding allocations aligned with the collaborative recommendations were made.

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

n/a

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The performance standards for evaluating ESG are based on the intended purpose of the service type and the expected outcome of fulfilling that purpose. The City of Albany collaborates with the Albany County Continuum of Care to set and evaluate required performance standards per ESG activity. Emergency shelter services are intended to reduce the rates of homelessness with the expected outcome that a minimum of 30% of households exit to permanent housing destinations. Street outreach activities are intended to expand outreach and services to homeless persons and expected to provide services to at least 10% more households than were reached the previous year. Homelessness prevention services seek to reduce the number of homeless households that seek emergency shelter. This is evaluated by the expected outcomes that there will be a minimum 20% increase in diversions for homeless households within the City of Albany and that at least 80% of households served will maintain permanent housing for 90 days after discharge. Rapid Rehousing services are intended to reduce the length of homelessness with the outcome expected that at least 80% of households served will be placed in permanent housing within 60 days and at least 80% of households served will maintain permanent housing for 90 days after discharge. The Homeless Management Information System is intended to increase and maintain the data quality of the ESG programs within HMIS with the expectation that no more than 5% miss or null data is required for all required fields.

