

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

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.

The annual action is a statement of how the City intends to spend its HUD Entitlement funding in the areas of housing and community development. Based on the goals and objectives of the Consolidated plan, this one year plan provides an assessment of housing, homeless, and community development needs, a strategic plan for addressing needs outlining specific objectives and outcomes for the use of HUD funds for the for program year 44 beginning in June 2018. The Consolidated Plan will identify housing and community development needs in the City of Albany and illustrate how the City will address these issues.

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 2015-2019 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 disabilitiesPermanent supportive housing for chronically homeless persons

Priority Special Needs

- Additional housing and services forpersons with mental illnesspersons with substance abuse problemspersons with HIV/AIDSpersons with developmental disabilities
- Supportive services for elderly persons

Priority Community and Economic Development Needs

- Results driven community based planning initiatives
- High impact neighborhood revitalization
- Comprehensive economic development programming
- Increased services to at risk populations (elderly, youth, etc.)

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 year 43 action 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.

Three joint public meetings were held with the Common Council's Housing and Community Development Committee, including one public hearing on March 22, 2018. These meetings were held to discuss both the year 44 action plan and budget. The Action plan and budget was approved by the full Common Council on June 18, 2018. In addition, draft copies of the year 44 action plan were made available for review and public comment at ACDA's office and on the City's website. Along with the public hearings/meetings with the common council, ACDA staff participated in year long public events held throughout the City. Both the City Hall on the Road events and the Community Pop up events co hosted by the police dept and ACDA, provided opportunity for staff to present information about ACDA's programs and to listen to the concerns and needs of the communities in the City.

The development of the Consolidated Plan included consultation with a wide array of both public and private sector groups, and review of a large amount of documentation. In November of 2014, ACDA took the lead in developing the city of Albany's Promise Zone application. Throughout this process, stakeholder meetings were held to discuss the City's need for promise zone designation and the priorities for outlining and submitting this application. Partners in the City's Promise Zone application included: SUNY Research Institute; Albany Police Department, the YMCA of the Capital District, Trinity Alliance, The Albany Promise, the Albany Housing Authority, the Albany Community Action Partnership, and The Department of Youth and Workforce Services.

In addition, the following groups were consulted by staff completing the plan:

Over 60 Non-Profit service providers

City of Albany Departments:

- Youth and Workforce Development
- Development and Planning
- Department of Public Safety (Police, Fire, Buildings and Code Enforcement)
- Administrative Services (Equal Employment and Opportunity, Fair Housing)
- Department of General Services
- Department of Parks and Recreation.
- Albany Housing Authority
- Albany PRomise
- Albany Community Action Partnership
- Trinity Insitute/Homer Perkins center
- Affordable Housing Corporation
- Albany County
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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.

there were no public comments received

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. The Agency has administered the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) for the past 42 Years. The Agency is a public agency operating under the Department of Development and Planning. The governing board of the Agency 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 City of Albany Department of Housing and Community Development

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

By the Mayor's 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.

The City also consulted with the following groups in obtaining data to rate priority need for HUD's priority groups:

Albany Department of Youth and Workforce Services (Children)

- City of Albany Building and Codes
- City of Albany Neighborhood Associations
- Trinity Alliance
- Albany Community Action Partnership
- The Albany YMCA
- The Albany Housing Authority
- The Albany Police Department
- CARES, Inc. for the homeless population.

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

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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
- Departmnt 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. Not for profit organizations that have played a key role in developing and carrying out the mission of the City's plan include:

- Capitalize Albany Corporation
- Habitat for Humanity
- South End Improvement Corp
- Arbor Hill Development Corp
- Capital District YMCA
- Albany Community Action Partnership
- Trinity Institution/Homer Perkins Center
- Albany Promise
- CARES

With the development and active participation of City staff within the Continuum of Care Board, coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health and mental health service agencies has increased.

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.

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 coordination includes the Alliance for Positive Health’s (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. The City of Albany utilizes

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	ALBANY COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint 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	CARES
	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 HOPWA Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	CARES was consulted as the Collaborative Applicant for the Continuum of Care (CoC). Specifically, CARES informed the City of Albany of CoC processes and local homelessness needs identified by the CoC.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	ALBANY HOUSING COALITION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	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?	
4	Agency/Group/Organization	ALBANY POLICE DEPARTMENT
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Safety
	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	ALBANY YMCA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	youth
	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	Albany Community Action Partnership
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Employment
	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	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?	
8	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?	
9	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF ALBANY/YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Employment
	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	Services - 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	HATAS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	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
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
12	Agency/Group/Organization	TRINITY INSTITUTION- HOMER PERKINS CENTER, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Education Services-Employment Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Employment/Education
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

13	Agency/Group/Organization	SENIOR SERVICES CENTER OF THE ALBANY AREA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy Seniors
	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
Albany 2030	City of Albany Planning and Development	The goals of the consolidated plan were based on community needs and those needs identified in the Albany 2030 Plan
Arbor Hill Neighborhood Plan	City of Albany Planning and Development	The goals of the consolidated plan were developed with the needs and priorities outline in the Arbor Hill neighborhood plan

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

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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

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- Albany Housing Authority
- Albany Promise
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- Trinity Institute/Homer Perkins center
- Affordable Housing Corporation

- Albany County
- U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Joint public hearing was held on March 22nd with ACDA staff and the Common Council's Housing and Community Development Committee to discuss both the the year 43 Action plan. In addition, draft copies of the year 43 action plan were made available for review and public comment at ACDA's office.

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	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	The announcement for the draft consolidated was published in the newspaper for the community to review and comment	no comments were received	n/a	

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2	Public Meeting	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: various</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>three public hearings, one at ACDA and two in the Common Council chambers to discuss the consolidated plan and action plan and 2018 budget</p>	<p>one not for profit group that was not funded spoke at the public hearing on 5/29/18 in order to provide information on its programs and the importance of continued funding. No comments were received at the other 2 meetings.</p>	n/a	

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3	City Hall On the Road	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>4 separate events, called City Hall on the Road, were held throughout the City - all city departments attended and provided information regarding their programs and to listen to concerns/suggestions from residents in each neighborhood.</p>	<p>Most comments received were centered around needing rehab assistance and some were received regarding the need for assistance for individuals who were over the HUD income limits.</p>	n/a	

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4	APD pop up events	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>The Albany Police Department held 10 pop up events throughout the City's target neighborhoods. they were heavily attended events that provided an opportunity for ACDA staff to interact with City residents who may not feel comfortable at other types of public comment activities.</p>	<p>The majority of comments we received centered around residents feeling that there needs to be more employment and recreational activities for the youth - and more availability of housing that is affordable to families</p>	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	3,368,677	80,000	0	3,448,677	6,000,000	current funding is based on allocations and expected funding is based on estimates

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			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	922,288	15,000	0	937,288	1,800,000	current funding is based on allocations and expected funding is based on estimates
HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	637,488	0	0	637,488	1,350,000	current funding is based on allocations and expected funding is based on estimates

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			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	278,205	0	0	278,205	840,000	current funding is based on allocations and expected funding is based on estimates

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

1. Created in year 39, the City of Albany HOME Investment Partnership Program to support LIHTC programs in order to assist low income housing for individuals and families in Albany. ACDA will continue to program additional funds through and RFP process in order to award funds to housing development organizations to fund projects that will leverage significant state, local, and federal resources
2. The creation of the Albany County Landbank will create additional opportunities to leverage state funds to assist with the rehabilitation of vacant buildings throughout the city of Albany. ACDA and the Land Bank will enter into an agreement during year 41 to create blight removal opportunities in the City with a combination of NYS Land bank funds and CDBG/HOME funds that will be used to stabilize and rehabilitate vacant homes
3. In February of 2016, ACDA created a new program to address vacant buildings in the City. Using non federal funds as gap funding, ACDA will be able to leverage HOME/CDBG funds to assist with the gut rehab of several vacant and abandoned buildings in Albany's distressed neighborhoods. To date, 12 vacant buildings have been approved by ACDA and will create a number of homeowner occupied and rental units in blighted neighborhoods.

4. Matching requirements for ESG funds will be provided by each of the sub recipients. all ESG subs are required to submit match documentation during the application process.

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 Hummanity that will transform a block in Arbor Hill by creating opportunities for small businesses, homeowners and tenants to move into newly built and/or rehabilitation buildings. 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.

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	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill	Homeless Prevention, emergency shelter, rapid reho Affordable Housing Improvement of Existing Structures Public Facilities improve infrastructure Public Services economic development Code enforcement	CDBG: \$325,004 HOPWA: \$489,714 HOME: \$498,877 ESG: \$256,042	Rental units rehabilitated: 20 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 10 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 30 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 10 Households Assisted 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
2	Public Service Assistance	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill	Public Services	CDBG: \$274,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5000 Persons Assisted
3	neighborhood revitalization	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill	Improvement of Existing Structures improve infrastructure Code enforcement	CDBG: \$231,257	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 50 Household Housing Unit Other: 5 Other
4	economic development	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill	economic development	CDBG: \$211,843	Jobs created/retained: 10 Jobs Businesses assisted: 5 Businesses Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Decent Housing
	Goal Description	
2	Goal Name	Public Service Assistance
	Goal Description	
3	Goal Name	neighborhood revitalization
	Goal Description	
4	Goal Name	economic development
	Goal Description	

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The Following Projects will be funded in 2018

Projects

#	Project Name
1	South End Neighborhood Revitalization project
2	Neighborhood Home Maintenance and Security Program
3	The Albany Living Arts Program
4	Employment Re-Entry Services
5	CCHO Workforce Development
6	Senior Veterans Outreach Initiative
7	The Albany Feed and Read Program (formerly backpack program)
8	Community Engagement Program
9	Street Outreach program
10	Health & U
11	Student Athlete Development Program
12	HAC SRO
13	Money Strategies financial Education
14	Junior Staff program
15	Capitalize Albany
16	HMIS
17	2018 CDBG Admin
18	streets/sidewalks/ramps
19	2018 Property Management
20	ACDA in house homeowner rehab program
21	CARES HOPWA Admin
22	Neighborhood Revitalization/Brownfields/ 526 Central Ave remediation
23	HOME in house rehabilitation and Rehab Programs
24	HOPWA Admin
25	HOME Admin
26	ACDA Direct Delivery
27	ACDA Neighborhood Revitalization
28	CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization
33	ESG shelter/prevention/admin

#	Project Name
34	Security Home Maintenance/Improvement SHIP
35	School Dismissal Program & Community Pop-Up & Game Changer Events
36	Youth resource center and Plumeri youth programming
37	Emergency Housing and Support for Domestic Violence Victims
38	HOPWA Mohawk Opportunities
39	HOPWA Alliance for Positive Health
40	HOPWA - Unity House
41	HOPWA SASH
42	Project HYPE

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The city has identified five 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 four target areas include the South End neighborhood, North Albany, Arbor Hill, West Hill/West End and Capital Hill. The neighborhoods identified struggle with issues of education, employment, income and lack of community investment. Poverty is high (41.02%), unemployment is high (almost 13%), crime rates are high (246 per 1,000 residents) and homeowners and businesses have left many properties vacant or in states of disrepair (approximately 25% vacancy rate).

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	South End Neighborhood Revitalization project
	Target Area	SOUTH END
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$138,343
	Description	Habitat will create 4 units of new construction on Delaware Street in the South End of Albany. This CHDO housing project will serve four lower-income families. The present standard for homeownership adhered to by Habitat is that families must have incomes between 40-80% of the median income in the Capital District. Habitat's goal is to reach those families who are otherwise shut out of the local housing market and unable to qualify for a conventional mortgage. Habitat strives to end the vicious cycle of working-class poverty by enabling families to transition from renting to homeownership and to alleviate critical health, life and safety issues, or code violations for families in need of affordable housing.
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Four Low to moderate income families will become new home owners.
	Location Description	Four new homes will be created in the South End of Albany. the addresses of these homes will be 59, 61, 70 and 72 Delaware Street.
Planned Activities	Habitat will create 4 units of new construction on Delaware Street in the South End of Albany. This CHDO housing project will serve four lower-income families. The present standard for homeownership adhered to by Habitat is that families must have incomes between 40-80% of the median income in the Capital District. Habitat's goal is to reach those families who are otherwise shut out of the local housing market and unable to qualify for a conventional mortgage. Habitat strives to end the vicious cycle of working-class poverty by enabling families to transition from renting to homeownership and to alleviate critical health, life and safety issues, or code violations for families in need of affordable housing.	
2	Project Name	Neighborhood Home Maintenance and Security Program

	Target Area	North Albany West Hill Arbor Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Improvement of Existing Structures
	Funding	CDBG: \$42,000
	Description	the AHDC HMS program will provide 36 low-income homeowners with grants up to \$1,000 to make home repairs. This program targets the communities of Arbor Hill, West Hill, West End, Sheridan hollow and North Albany.
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	36 low to mod income home owners will benefit from this program.
	Location Description	the AHDC HMS program will provide 36 low-income homeowners with grants up to \$1,000 to make home repairs. This program targets the communities of Arbor Hill, West Hill, West End, Sheridan hollow and North Albany.
	Planned Activities	the AHDC HMS program will provide 36 low-income homeowners with grants up to \$1,000 to make home repairs. This program targets the communities of Arbor Hill, West Hill, West End, Sheridan hollow and North Albany.
3	Project Name	The Albany Living Arts Program
	Target Area	West Hill
	Goals Supported	Public Service Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,000

	Description	The Albany Living Arts Project will be a youth driven crime prevention performing arts training workshop combining academic, tutoring, dance movement, nutrition and wellness strategies. A multi-cultural performing arts program for low to moderate income families and youth focusing on providing free performing arts instruction and demonstrating strong community engagement and out reach through self esteem building performances. This program seeks to deter juveniles from at risk criminal and unhealthy behaviors during weekend and after school hours.
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	this program will serve 100 low to mod income youth
	Location Description	All programming will take place at the agency's building located at 103 Ontario Street.
	Planned Activities	The Albany Living Arts Project will be a youth driven crime prevention performing arts training workshop combining academic, tutoring, dance movement, nutrition and wellness strategies. A multi-cultural performing arts program for low to moderate income families and youth focusing on providing free performing arts instruction and demonstrating strong community engagement and out reach through self esteem building performances. This program seeks to deter juveniles from at risk criminal and unhealthy behaviors during weekend and after school hours.
4	Project Name	Employment Re-Entry Services
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Public Service Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000

	Description	The Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO) will provide comprehensive employment services to 140 recently incarcerated individuals during the contract period. Services provided include life skills and workforce readiness education; paid transitional employment; job coaching, development, and placement services; and retention services for men and women with criminal convictions throughout Albany.
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This program will serve 140 low to mod individuals who have been recently incarcerated.
	Location Description	Program activities will take place at the agency's offices located at 41 State Street
	Planned Activities	The Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO) will provide comprehensive employment services to 140 recently incarcerated individuals during the contract period. Services provided include life skills and workforce readiness education; paid transitional employment; job coaching, development, and placement services; and retention services for men and women with criminal convictions throughout Albany.
5	Project Name	CCHO Workforce Development
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Public Service Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	The CCHO workforce development program will operate out of and be available to all residents of the Mercy House shelter for Women and children. Catholic Charities plans to provide 175 Homeless women with the opportunity to attend classroom style skills training on issues such as how to fill out an online application, how to dress for an interview, how to manage conflict with your supervisor, and what to do once you receive your first pay check.
	Target Date	5/31/2019

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	175 Homeless women will participate in programming.
	Location Description	programming will take place at the Mercy Shelter located at 12 st. Joseph's Terrace
	Planned Activities	The CCHO workforce development program will operate out of and be available to all residents of the Mercy House shelter for Women and children. Catholic Charities plans to provide 175 Homeless women with the opportunity to attend classroom style skills training on issues such as how to fill out an online application, how to dress for an interview, how to manage conflict with your supervisor, and what to do once you receive your first pay check.
6	Project Name	Senior Veterans Outreach Initiative
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention, emergency shelter, rapid reho
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	the Albany Housing coalition, through its Senior Veterans Outreach Initiative (SVOI) will collaborate to support the needs of Albany's senior veterans. Funding will be used to provide services that identifies the needs of at risk elderly veterans, and offers linkages to services relative to health, housing, grants, employment, entitlements, food and clothing for senior veterans and their families. the SVOI program helps senior veterans remain safely housed in the community, prevents episodes of homelessness, and reduces costs by reducing dependence and us of emergency services in the City of Albany.
	Target Date	5/31/2019

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 senior veterans at risk of becoming homeless
	Location Description	operation of this program will occur at the agency's office located at 278 Clinton Ave
	Planned Activities	the Albany Housing coalition, through its Senior Veterans Outreach Initiative (SVOI) will collaborate to support the needs of Albany's senior veterans. Funding will be used to provide services that identifies the needs of at risk elderly veterans, and offers linkages to services relative to health, housing, grants, employment, entitlements, food and clothing for senior veterans and their families. the SVOI program helps senior veterans remain safely housed in the community, prevents episodes of homelessness, and reduces costs by reducing dependence and use of emergency services in the City of Albany.
7	Project Name	The Albany Feed and Read Program (formerly backpack program)
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Public Service Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	The Albany Feed and Read Program (FAR) provides backpacks full of food to low-income elementary and middle school students in the City School District of Albany every weekend through the academic year. The program currently serves 571 children every week, and will be serving 625 by the end of January 2018.
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The Albany Feed and Read Program (FAR) provides backpacks full of food to low-income elementary and middle school students in the City School District of Albany every weekend through the academic year. The program currently serves 571 children every week, and will be serving 625 by the end of January 2018.

	Location Description	Elementary and middle schools located in LMAs throughout the City of Albany - the program is administered by Homeless and Travelers Aid at their offices located at 138 Central Ave
	Planned Activities	The Albany Feed and Read Program (FAR) provides backpacks full of food to low-income elementary and middle school students in the City School District of Albany every weekend through the academic year. The program currently serves 571 children every week, and will be serving 625 by the end of January 2018.
8	Project Name	Community Engagement Program
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Public Service Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	the Center for Law and Justice (CFLJ) will provide a community engagement coordinator that will engage members of the Albany community around intersecting issues of public health and public safety. This coordinator will work with law enforcement entities, service providers, city and county representatives, elected officials, concerned citizens to advance public safety while improving public health, addressing mass incarceration, breaking the jail court cycle and improving racial disparities in the criminal justice system.
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 adults who reside in LMAs in the City
	Location Description	this program will be administered out of the office space for the Center for Law and Justice but will provide services throughout the LMAs in the city

	Planned Activities	the Center for Law and Justice (CFLJ) will provide a community engagement coordinator that will engage members of the Albany community around intersecting issues of public health and public safety. This coordinator will work with law enforcement entities, service providers, city and county representatives, elected officials, concerned citizens to advance public safety while improving public health, addressing mass incarceration, breaking the jail court cycle and improving racial disparities in the criminal justice system.
9	Project Name	Street Outreach program
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Public Service Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$11,000
	Description	Equinox's Street Outreach program provides services and support to runaway, homeless, and street youth using on the street and community outreach strategies and drop in center services. The program works to engage with you and build rapport, while meeting immediate needs. over several contacts, youth are connected to resources, such as emergency shelter and permanent housing. the program expects to serve 450 un-duplicated youth annually.
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Equinox intends to serve 450 homeless/runaway youth
	Location Description	this program will be administered out of Equinox's office building located at 500 Central Ave - but services will be provided at various locations throughout the city

	Planned Activities	Equinox's Street Outreach program provides services and support to runaway, homeless, and street youth using on the street and community outreach strategies and drop in center services. The program works to engage with you and build rapport, while meeting immediate needs. over several contacts, youth are connected to resources, such as emergency shelter and permanent housing. the program expects to serve 450 un-duplicated youth annually
10	Project Name	Health & U
	Target Area	West Hill Arbor Hill
	Goals Supported	Public Service Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Health & U is a health and wellness program with a foundation of serving people where they live and eliminating health care disparities. Health & U will provide health screening and wellness interventions in communities where residents don't have immediate access to care. It will provide blood pressure monitoring and education, diabetes education, blood glucose testing, breast cancer education and self exam training, and health literacy evaluation. The goal of the program is to improve the poor health outcomes of minorities and low income residents in under served areas of Albany.
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 individuals living in LMAs that do not have access to consistent health screening
Location Description	program activities will take place in the form of pop up type programs located in Arbor hill and west hill	

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11	Project Name	Student Athlete Development Program
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Public Service Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$17,500
	Description	The Albany Police Athletic league (PAL) has partnered with the Albany Community lacrosse Service Group to provide Albany City elementary school students faced with persistent economic, societal and educational challenges, a path for achieving academic success and access to post secondary education and career opportunities. The overriding goal of the program is to utilize the growth and popularity of the sport of lacrosse as a way to help improve graduation and college admission rates among albany's student athletes, many of whom come from traditionally disadvantaged communities.
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 Low to mod at risk youth
	Location Description	programming will take place utilizing field space at albany high school, hoffman park and the PAL offices located at 844 madison Ave

	Planned Activities	The Albany Police Athletic league (PAL) has partnered with the Albany Community lacrosse Service Group to provide Albany City elementary school students faced with persistent economic, societal and educational challenges, a path for achieving academic success and access to post secondary education and career opportunities. The overriding goal of the program is to utilize the growth and popularity of the sport of lacrosse as a way to help improve graduation and college admission rates among albanys student athletes, many of whom come from traditionally disadvantaged communities.
12	Project Name	HAC SRO
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention, emergency shelter, rapid reho
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	the Homeless Action Committee operates 30 units of Single room occupancy housing for home adults who had previously lived on the streets of Albany for years and for whom traditional alcohol treatment has not yet been effective. tenants are provided with furnished rooms, meals and 24 hour staffing. This facility provides low-income housing for chronically homeless people who have not yet been able to recover from alcoholism but who should not have to live on the streets. The program helps individuals obtain safe, secure housing and maintain stability in their lives. Once the crisis of living on the streets is removed, they can begin to make necessary changes.
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 chronically homeless adults
	Location Description	the shelter is located at 393 N. Pearl Street

	Planned Activities	whom traditional alcohol treatment has not yet been effective. tenants are provided with furnished rooms, meals and 24 hour staffing. This facility provides low-income housing for chronically homeless people who have not yet been able to recover from alcoholism but who should not have to live on the streets. The program helps individuals obtain safe, secure housing and maintain stability in their lives. Once the crisis of living on the streets is removed, they can begin to make necessary changes.
13	Project Name	Money Strategies financial Education
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Public Service Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	The Affordable Housing Partnership will provide a financial literacy program that provides counseling and education to first time home buyers. AHP will provide home buyer 101 orientation sessions, an education class that gives home buyers the skills needed to improve credit scores and budgeting skills and credit report analysis for each workshop attendee.
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 low mod income potential home buyers
	Location Description	programming will take place at the offices of the affordable housing partnership located at 255 orange St
Planned Activities	The Affordable Housing Partnership will provide a financial literacy program that provides counseling and education to first time home buyers. AHP will provide home buyer 101 orientation sessions, an education class that gives home buyers the skills needed to improve credit scores and budgeting skills and credit report analysis for each workshop attendee.	

14	Project Name	Junior Staff program
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Public Service Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	the boys and girls club will implement Junior Staff, and national boys and girls club program designed to provide youth with the skills and knowledge needed to enter the workforce confident and prepared. Youth will participate in a hands on internship at the club over the course of three months with a focus on job training, customer service and job etiquette. members will attend weekly training, guest speaker events and at the end of the program, attend a college trip. The Junior Staff Program will serve 40 teens between the period of September to May.
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	40 low to mod income teens
	Location Description	programming will take place at the Albany Boys and Girls Club located at 21 Delaware Ave
	Planned Activities	the boys and girls club will implement Junior Staff, and national boys and girls club program designed to provide youth with the skills and knowledge needed to enter the workforce confident and prepared. Youth will participate in a hands on internship at the club over the course of three months with a focus on job training, customer service and job etiquette. members will attend weekly training, guest speaker events and at the end of the program, attend a college trip. The Junior Staff Program will serve 40 teens between the period of September to May.
15	Project Name	Capitalize Albany

	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	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	6 individuals will obtain or retain employment
	Location Description	Programming will occur throughout the LMAs in the city of Albany, but will be administered at Capitalize Albany Corporations offices located at 21 Lodge St
	Planned Activities	The Capitalize Albany Corporation will provide technical assistance to small businesses located in the identified target areas of the City of Albany
16	Project Name	HMIS
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention, emergency shelter, rapid reho Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
	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	5/31/2019

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	This activity will take place at CARES main offices located at 200 Henry Johnson Blvd, Albany, NY
	Planned Activities	Through the HMIS System, CARES will track and report on the homeless population of Albany - excluding those prohibited by federal law from participating and non mandated non participating programs. The activities will be aimed at ensuring the Albany CoC is HUD compliant and will realign currently stated planning goals to focus on three sets of activities. Proposed activities will strengthen CoC operations and will ensure the development and coordination of a housing and service system that meets the needs of the homeless population in the City of Albany
17	Project Name	2018 CDBG Admin
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing Public Service Assistance neighborhood revitalization
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention, emergency shelter, rapid reho Affordable Housing Improvement of Existing Structures Public Facilities improve infrastructure Public Services economic development Code enforcement
	Funding	CDBG: \$519,161
	Description	2018 ACDA Administrative costs charged to CDBG
	Target Date	5/31/2019

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Administration activities will take place at ACDA's offices located at 200 Henry Johnson Blvd, Albany, NY
	Planned Activities	Administration of ACDA programs
18	Project Name	streets/sidewalks/ramps
	Target Area	SOUTH END
	Goals Supported	neighborhood revitalization
	Needs Addressed	improve infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$186,257
	Description	Milling and resurfacing of public streets and reconstruction of public sidewalks. sidewalk work will include ADA ramps, granite curbs and tree planting.
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	the population of this neighborhood is 8,310 residents
	Location Description	DGS activities this year will take place in the S. End of Albany - specific streets include, South Pearl Street, Second Ave
	Planned Activities	Milling and resurfacing of public streets and reconstruction of public sidewalks. sidewalk work will include ADA ramps, granite curbs and tree planting.
19	Project Name	2018 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: \$150,000
	Description	2018 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	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	200 Henry Johnson Blvd Albany, NY
	Planned Activities	2018 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
20	Project Name	ACDA in house homeowner rehab program
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Improvement of Existing Structures
	Funding	CDBG: \$650,000
	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
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Activities will take place throughout the NSAs identified by ACDA -

	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
21	Project Name	CARES HOPWA Admin
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention, emergency shelter, rapid reho
	Funding	HOPWA: \$28,703
	Description	Admin funds contracted to CARES for the administration of the HOPWA program
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Activity will take place at CARES, 200 Henry Johnson Blv Albany, NY
	Planned Activities	CARES admin duties to carry out the HOPWA programming
22	Project Name	Neighborhood Revitalization/Brownfields/ 526 Central Ave remediation
	Target Area	West Hill
	Goals Supported	neighborhood revitalization
	Needs Addressed	improve infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$105,000
	Description	In house program utilizing CDBG funds for the continued brownfield remediation of 526 Central Ave and to support brownfield monitoring on Henry Johnson Blvd gateway
	Target Date	5/31/2019

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	remediation will take place at 526 Central Ave in Albany and monitoring will take place in the Henry Johnson Blvd gateway
	Planned Activities	In house program utilizing CDBG funds for the continued brownfield remediation of 526 Central Ave
23	Project Name	HOME in house rehabilitation and Rehab Programs
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Improvement of Existing Structures
	Funding	HOME: \$500,000
	Description	Program funds will be utilized to provide down payment assistance, homeowner rehab assistance, and a Tenant rehabilitation Program for landlords that will agree to rent to low/mod individuals
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	roughly 30 low moderate income families/homeowners will be assisted with funding through these programs
	Location Description	Rehab and new homebuyer programs will take place throughout the City, primarily in the Target areas identified in the consolidated plan
	Planned Activities	new homebuyer program homeowner rehabilitation program tenant assistance rehabilitation program
24	Project Name	HOPWA Admin

	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention, emergency shelter, rapid reho Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOPWA: \$19,109
	Description	Activities related to ACDAs administration of the HOPWA program
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Administration of the HOPWA program will take place at ACDAs main office located at 200 Henry Johnson Blvd
	Planned Activities	Activities related to ACDAs administration of the HOPWA program
25	Project Name	HOME Admin
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing Public Service Assistance neighborhood revitalization
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention, emergency shelter, rapid reho Affordable Housing Improvement of Existing Structures
	Funding	HOME: \$95,369
	Description	Activities related to ACDA's administration of its HOME program funds
	Target Date	5/31/2019

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	administrative activities take place at ACDA's main offices located at 200 Henry Johnson Blvd
	Planned Activities	Activities related to ACDA's administration of its HOME program funds
26	Project Name	ACDA Direct Delivery
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing Public Service Assistance neighborhood revitalization economic development
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention, emergency shelter, rapid reho Affordable Housing Improvement of Existing Structures Public Facilities improve infrastructure Public Services economic development Code enforcement
	Funding	CDBG: \$942,515
	Description	ACDA direct delivery costs for staff conducting direct programming with City Residents
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	activities take place at ACDA's offices located at 200 Henry Johnson Blvd and throughout the ACDA identified target areas

	Planned Activities	ACDA direct delivery costs for staff conducting direct programming with City Residents
27	Project Name	ACDA Neighborhood Revitalization
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing neighborhood revitalization
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$203,576
	Description	Program funds will be utilized to support larger housing redevelopment programs located in target areas of the City
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	activities will take place in ACDA identified target areas
	Planned Activities	Program funds will be utilized to support larger housing redevelopment programs located in target areas of the City
28	Project Name	CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing neighborhood revitalization
	Needs Addressed	Improvement of Existing Structures improve infrastructure Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$258,148

	Description	funds will be utilized to support neighborhood revitalization activities in the target areas
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	activities will take place throughout the ACDA target areas
	Planned Activities	funds will be utilized to support neighborhood revitalization activities in the target areas
29	Project Name	ESG shelter/prevention/admin
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention, emergency shelter, rapid reho
	Funding	ESG: \$278,205
	Description	Catholic Charities, St. Annes Intstitute, Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless and St. Peters will provide safe and stable shelter opportunities for the homeless in the City. Emergency Code Blue housing will be provided during the winter months. \$153,340 United Tenants of Albany and The Legal Aid Society will provide homeless prevention services via legal assistance, case management and payment of arrears to avoid eviction. \$104,000 CARES admin cost: \$20,865
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1000 homeless or at risk of homelessness will be offered assistance through these programs
	Location Description	throughout the identified target areas of the city

	Planned Activities	<p>Catholic Charities, St. Annes Intstitute, Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless and St. Peters will provide safe and stable shelter opportunities for the homeless in the City. Emergency Code Blue housing will be provided during the winter months. \$153,340</p> <p>United Tenants of Albany and The Legal Aid Society will provide homeless prevention services via legal assistance, case management and payment of arrears to avoid eviction. \$104,000</p> <p>CARES admin cost:\$20,865</p>
30	Project Name	Security Home Maintenance/Improvement SHIP
	Target Area	SOUTH END
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Improvement of Existing Structures
	Funding	CDBG: \$32,400
	Description	SEIC will provide low and moderate income homeowners with maintenance and emergency repairs to their homes. CDBG funds will be used to provide up to \$1,000 in assistance to an owner occupied home
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	24 low to mod income homeowners living in the South End will receive assistance through this program
	Location Description	South End neighborhood of Albany
	Planned Activities	SEIC will provide low and moderate income homeowners with maintenance and emergency repairs to their homes. CDBG funds will be used to provide up to \$1,000 in assistance to an owner occupied home
31	Project Name	School Dismissal Program & Community Pop-Up & Game Changer Events
	Target Area	<p>North Albany</p> <p>West Hill</p> <p>SOUTH END</p> <p>Arbor Hill</p> <p>Capital Hill</p>
	Goals Supported	Public Service Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services

Funding	CDBG: \$65,378
Description	<p>The School Dismissal Program proposal is a request for funding to continue successful programs developed by the Albany Police Department to reduce juvenile crime and disorder. The program will provide officers dedicated to ensuring orderly, safe passage from school to home during daily school dismissal in order to reduce juvenile crime, disorder, and victimization, as well as improve the quality of life for residents and businesses in neighborhoods surrounding Albany City Schools. The police department, in an effort to strengthen relationships within the community, will conduct approximately ten "Pop-Up" community events and 12 Game Changers Events in 2018. The Pop-Up events will take place in neighborhoods throughout Albany and will be in addition to previously scheduled community events. These events will involve temporarily closing down a street or block and inviting the residents to interact with members of the department and share a meal in the form of a cook out. This will be an opportunity for residents and officers to have a conversation that is personal and directly related to the happenings on the street or block where the event is taking place. This will also be an opportunity for our community partners to engage the community and explain the services they offer. Game Changers is a unique youth violence prevention program with an emphasis on basketball, modeled after the nationally recognized "Saturday Night Lights" in Manhattan, New York. It is designed to provide professional basketball skills to boys and girls, aged 10 to 18, while at the same time offer motivational sessions that teach at-risk youth how to make better choices to build a productive future.</p>
Target Date	5/31/2019
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	it is estimated that at least 1200 individuals residing in the City's LMA neighborhoods will benefit from this program.
Location Description	programming will take place in ACDA's targeted neighborhoods

	Planned Activities	<p>The School Dismissal Program proposal is a request for funding to continue successful programs developed by the Albany Police Department to reduce juvenile crime and disorder. The program will provide officers dedicated to ensuring orderly, safe passage from school to home during daily school dismissal in order to reduce juvenile crime, disorder, and victimization, as well as improve the quality of life for residents and businesses in neighborhoods surrounding Albany City Schools. The police department, in an effort to strengthen relationships within the community, will conduct approximately ten "Pop-Up" community events and 12 Game Changers Events in 2018. The Pop-Up events will take place in neighborhoods throughout Albany and will be in addition to previously scheduled community events. These events will involve temporarily closing down a street or block and inviting the residents to interact with members of the department and share a meal in the form of a cook out. This will be an opportunity for residents and officers to have a conversation that is personal and directly related to the happenings on the street or block where the event is taking place. This will also be an opportunity for our community partners to engage the community and explain the services they offer. Game Changers is a unique youth violence prevention program with an emphasis on basketball, modeled after the nationally recognized "Saturday Night Lights" in Manhattan, New York. It's designed to provide professional basketball skills to boys and girls, aged 10 to 18, while at the same time offer motivational sessions that teach at-risk youth how to make better choices to build a productive future.</p>
32	Project Name	Youth resource center and Plumeri youth programming
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Public Service Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,475

Description	<p>The Youth Opportunity Office (YOO) will provide a comprehensive community system of youth employment and youth development services that maximize existing community resources, contributes to the overall development of youth and guides them towards becoming self-sufficient adults. The YOO plans to host over 1,100 youth ages 14-24 years old that will benefit from the consolidation of program services and opportunities into a single One-Stop Center which will enable the delivery of services to be much more meaningful and intense. This location is instrumental in facilitating case management to employment, academic support and educational awareness for the low functioning, at-risk, economically disadvantaged youth in the City of Albany. Since 2014, the Department of Recreation has offered sports camps and clinics during the summer for youth using the Hoffman fields, Community Center and Christian Plumeri Sports Complex. This year, they will expand our camp offerings to include adults and seniors, which are free for residents; as well as reduce the number of fee-based clinics. Through the use of the CDBG grant, our Department will be able to significantly reduce the financial burden on families, and attract high quality coaching and educators to serve our residents for sports and adventure camps.</p>
Target Date	<p>5/31/2019</p>
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<p>it is estimated that 300 individuals will be served via this program</p>
Location Description	<p>Plumeri sports complex and the Youth opportunities offices located at 388 Clinton Ave</p>

	Planned Activities	<p>The Youth Opportunity Office (YOO) will provide a comprehensive community system of youth employment and youth development services that maximize existing community resources, contributes to the overall development of youth and guides them towards becoming self-sufficient adults. The YOO plans to host over 1,100 youth ages 14-24 years old that will benefit from the consolidation of program services and opportunities into a single One-Stop Center which will enable the delivery of services to be much more meaningful and intense. This location is instrumental in facilitating case management to employment, academic support and educational awareness for the low functioning, at-risk, economically disadvantaged youth in the City of Albany.</p> <p>Since 2014, the Department of Recreation has offered sports camps and clinics during the summer for youth using the Hoffman fields, Community Center and Christian Plumeri Sports Complex. This year, they will expand our camp offerings to include adults and seniors, which are free for residents; as well as reduce the number of fee-based clinics. Through the use of the CDBG grant, our Department will be able to significantly reduce the financial burden on families, and attract high quality coaching and educators to serve our residents for sports and adventure camps.</p>
33	Project Name	Emergency Housing and Support for Domestic Violence Victims
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Public Service Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Emergency Service case managers will assist victims fleeing abuse to find safe shelter. Case managers will screen participants and will provide emotional support, advocate and coordinate to reduce barriers to safety.
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	150 individuals who are victims of domestic violence

	Location Description	This project will be administered out of the Equinox offices located at 500 Central Ave but will be offered throughout the City.
	Planned Activities	Emergency Service case managers will assist victims fleeing abuse to find safe shelter. Case managers will screen participants and will provide emotional support, advocate and coordinate to reduce barriers to safety.
34	Project Name	HOPWA Mohawk Opportunities
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention, emergency shelter, rapid reho
	Funding	HOPWA: \$116,860
	Description	Mohawk opportunities will provide HOPWA services in the form of long term rental assistance.
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	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.
35	Project Name	HOPWA Alliance for Positive Health
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention, emergency shelter, rapid reho
	Funding	HOPWA: \$170,341

	Description	Alliance for Positive health will provide HOPWA related services in the form of long term rental assistance
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	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 24 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
36	Project Name	HOPWA - Unity House
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention, emergency shelter, rapid reho
	Funding	HOPWA: \$172,622
	Description	Unity House will provide HOPWA related services in the form of long term rental assistance
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	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 24 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
37	Project Name	HOPWA SASH

	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Decent Housing
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention, emergency shelter, rapid reho
	Funding	HOPWA: \$129,853
	Description	SASH will provide HOPWA related services at AHANA house
	Target Date	5/31/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	SASH will provide HOPWA related services at AHANA house for 24 individuals
	Location Description	31 6th St Waterford, New York
	Planned Activities	SASH will provide HOPWA related services at AHANA house
38	Project Name	Project HYPE
	Target Area	North Albany West Hill SOUTH END Arbor Hill Capital Hill
	Goals Supported	Public Service Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	The purpose of the HYPE program is to support low and moderate income families, particularly LGBT urban youth of color households, through public services including afterschool programs, school supplies, referrals to health care, clothing, furniture, employment assistance, transportation, recreation, emergency food, and other financial resources that serve as protective factors to health and scholastic achievement
	Target Date	5/31/2019

	<p>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</p>	<p>the HYPE program will serve 250 individuals in low and moderate income families, particularly LGBT urban youth of color households, through public services including afterschool programs, school supplies, referrals to health care, clothing, furniture, employment assistance, transportation, recreation, emergency food, and other financial resources that serve as protective factors to health and scholastic achievement</p>
	<p>Location Description</p>	<p>Programming will take place at In our Own Voices office space located at 245 lark St Albany</p>
	<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>The purpose of the HYPE program is to support low and moderate income families, particularly LGBT urban youth of color households, through public services including afterschool programs, school supplies, referrals to health care, clothing, furniture, employment assistance, transportation, recreation, emergency food, and other financial resources that serve as protective factors to health and scholastic achievement</p>

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 five target areas for reinvestment for the duration of its current consolidated plan. 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 four target areas include the South End neighborhood, North Albany, Arbor Hill, West Hill/West End and Capital Hill. The neighborhoods identified struggle with issues of education, employment, income and lack of community investment. Poverty is high (41.02%), unemployment is high (almost 13%), crime rates are high (246 per 1,000 residents) and homeowners and businesses have left many properties vacant or in states of disrepair (approximately 25% vacancy rate).

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
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 has identified five 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 four target areas include the South End neighborhood, North Albany, Arbor Hill, West Hill/West End and Capital Hill. The neighborhoods identified struggle with issues of education, employment, income and lack of community investment. Poverty is high (41.02%), unemployment is high (almost 13%), crime rates are high (246 per 1,000 residents) and homeowners and businesses have left many properties vacant or in states of disrepair (approximately 25% vacancy rate)

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

In FY2018 the City of Albany will support affordable housing using its CDBG, HOME, and ESG and HOPWA funds by providing housing rehabilitation/new construction, purchase assistance, homeless prevention, emergency shelter, and rapid re-housing to attain sustainability for very low and low income persons.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	500
Non-Homeless	50
Special-Needs	50
Total	600

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	2
Rehab of Existing Units	30
Acquisition of Existing Units	12
Total	44

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

Discussion

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

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

- Apply for additional Section 8 vouchers including special needs.
- Leverage private or other public funds to create additional housing opportunities.
- Develop additional replacement housing for the remaining towers at Lincoln Square Homes which are intended to be demolished and disposed, including **possible use** of RAD. Develop replacement housing on- and off-site for Ida Yarbrough Lo-rise Homes using PBVs and other mixed-finance sources. Modernize and dedensify the mid-rise towers at Ida Yarbrough Hi-rise Homes and develop appropriate replacement housing. Explore development opportunities and partnerships for market rate rental and homeownership housing, workforce housing, and supportive housing in the City of Albany and elsewhere. **Explore** converting Steamboat Square Hi-rise towers into mixed-income, mixed-use housing as part of a vibrant market-rate mixed-use redevelopment plan for the South Waterfront District, including use of RAD. **Explore** redeveloping the “DMV Block” into mixed-use mixed-income housing and commercial space. Develop market rate rental and homeownership housing products for residents paying the ‘flat rent’. Market to these families and assist them in taking advantage of these products. Participate in the creation of neighborhood plans that would result in the expansion of a variety of quality affordable housing products necessary for the neighborhood’s revitalization, including affordable market rate housing. Cooperate and participate where appropriate with initiatives such as the Albany County Landbank and the Affordable Housing Partnership’s Brownfields Study to return distressed and abandoned buildings and vacant and contaminated land to productive use for affordable housing and other uses conducive to neighborhood revitalization. Partner with others who would expand the supply of supportive housing, assisted housing and market rate housing. Use best efforts to balance the development of assisted housing and special needs housing with market rate housing.
- Acquire or build units or developments.
 - a. Explore acquisition and substantial rehab of Bleecker Terrace.
 - b. Explore acquisition and substantial rehab of Clinton Avenue Apartments.
 - Consider for-profit affiliate for development.
- ***Demolish or dispose of obsolete public housing***

- o **Pursue** disposition and demolition of the obsolete towers at 1, 2, and 3 Lincoln Square Homes per the Capital South Plan, including use of RAD.
- o **Explore** disposition, demolition and replacement of Robert Whalen Homes, including use of RAD.
- o Pursue disposition, demolition and replacement of remaining units at Ida Yarbrough Lo-rise Homes using PBV subsidy and other mixed-finance sources.
- o Explore disposition of Ida Yarbrough Hi-rise Homes as a means to creating mixed-income housing and financing modernization and deep energy retrofit.
- o **Explore** disposition of Steamboat Square Hi-rise Homes as a means to creating mixed-income housing and financing modernization and deep energy retrofit, including use of RAD.
- o Explore disposition of Westview Homes as a means to creating continuum of care housing and financing modernization and deep energy retrofit.
- o Explore the feasibility and marketability of disposing of public housing rental units suited for homeownership at NY9-12 Steamboat Square Historic Rehabs, NY9-21 Scattered Sites (3rd Street), NY 9-22 (Ontario and Sherman Streets), and NY 9-29 (Pieter Schuyler Court).

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

Continue to encourage residents to be involved on the Resident Advisory Board. Continue to encourage residents to participate in their neighborhood association. Continue to partner with the Affordable Housing Partnership and other organizations that promote financial self-sufficiency and homeownership. Continue to apply for Resident Opportunities and Self Sufficiency and other funding to support the WAGE Center. Explore homeownership opportunities within and outside of traditionally low-income neighborhoods and promote those opportunities to residents, especially those paying the flat rent.

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

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

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

The City of Albany has and continues to coordinate and support, outreach services provided by community partners. The Continuum of Care (CoC) conducts focus groups with clients living in shelters and permanent supportive housing to identify the most prominent needs in addressing homelessness. This information has informed the *Albany County Strategic Plan to Prevent, Reduce, and Combat Homelessness*, which the City will continue to play a role in advancing. The Homeless Action Committee (HAC) operates a van outreach program to identify and engage unsheltered homeless persons sleeping outside and in other places not meant for human habitation. The HAC Outreach Van provides food, clothing and blankets to persons sleeping on the streets, makes referrals, and provides transportation to area resources including shelters. Outreach Van staff and volunteers provide compassionate human contact to persons living outside who are often isolated. Further, Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless' Drop-In Center offers a variety of services such as showers, mailboxes, and a daily meal with the goal of engaging unsheltered individuals and, ultimately, connecting them with resources such as case management and transitional or permanent housing. Finally, the Coordinated Entry system utilizes a "no wrong door" approach, allowing those persons who are homeless to be connected to housing and services by connecting with any of the dozens of participating agencies. This system utilizes a vulnerability assessment which is aimed to assess individual needs, connect persons with the most appropriate housing and services, and prioritize the most vulnerable persons.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

As noted with the 2014 unmet needs analysis there is an overall gap in emergency and transitional beds for both households with and without children within the City of Albany. Currently there are 208 emergency beds for single individuals with an unmet need of 30 beds. When focusing on emergency beds for households with children the unmet need is 63. The need for transitional housing is less with 20 more beds needed to meet the needs of single individuals and 30 more beds needed to serve households with children. This year the City of Albany will also focus on addressing the needs of homeless unaccompanied youth. A Youth Point-In-Time Count (PIT) identified 15 unstably housed unaccompanied youth on the night of October 13, 2017 in Albany County, five of whom were homeless

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

A Coordinated Entry process is in operation with the City of Albany; connecting all homeless housing services together in a true continuum of care. The CoC and the City, in coordination with key community stakeholders such as the Department of Social Services and the County Office of Mental Health have developed a homeless housing entry system that supports homeless households make a quicker and more efficient transition to permanent housing while shortening the period of time that a household experiences homelessness. One main goal of the system, which is currently within the pilot phase, is to help households who have entered the system stay stably housed by utilizing a vulnerability assessment which is aimed at providing intensive services to those most in need and therefore preventing reoccurrences of homeless episodes for those most vulnerable.

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.

United Tenants of Albany, a City of Albany ESG subgrantee, and the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York (LASNNY) help low-income households avoid becoming homeless by providing tenant landlord mediation and housing case management and financial assistance. These agencies specifically target services to those most in need and often assist clients make critical connections with community partners who focus on addressing more intensive social, employment and educational needs. The City of Albany coordinates with UTA and other community partners such as the Albany County DSS to ensure that households who are likely to become homeless after being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care do not enter the homeless system.

In addition, the Continuum of Care (CoC) is actively connecting with system stakeholders from health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions to identify coordinated discharge plans, with the goal of preventing discharges to homelessness. The ACCH expects to develop Memorandums of Understanding with these stakeholders to codify the coordinated discharge plans.

Discussion

AP-70 HOPWA Goals– 91.220 (I)(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:

The primary barrier to affordable housing is a lack of income. With an increase of low-income households in Albany and limited public subsidies, the production of affordable housing is directly related to expanded economic opportunity for low-income residents of Albany. As such, affordable housing initiatives must be combined with a coordinated workforce investment program that enables Albany residents to compete for living wage opportunities

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

In December 2014, Mayor Sheehan announced the start of **ReZone Albany** -- a major new initiative to update and streamline the City's antiquated Zoning Code. This two year effort, funded largely by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority's (NYSERDA) Cleaner, Greener Communities Program, is designed to make the City a better place to live, work and invest. **ReZone Albany** will create a new Unified Sustainable Development Ordinance that is user-friendly, better aligned with priorities established in the City's Albany 2030 Comprehensive Plan, and promotes energy conservation and sustainable development. Updating the City's Zoning Code will reduce burdens on small business owners, streamline the City's procedures for reviewing and approving new development, and protect established neighborhoods.

The recently adopted Unified Sustainable Development Ordinance both requires and incentivizes the creation of affordable housing units. New developments having 50 or more new dwelling units must set aside at least 5 percent of units at prices affordable to persons earning no more than 100 percent of the area median household income for the City of Albany. Further, a development of any size that sets aside at least 20 percent of dwelling units at or below this affordability threshold may increase the height of a primary building by an additional story beyond that allowed within the applicable zoning district and/or decrease the number of off-street parking spaces required by 20 percent. Vast areas of the City have been rezoned to allow for residential uses and minimum size requirements for dwelling units removed, among other measures, in order to broaden and stimulate housing opportunities. The City has proposed and will continue to pursue the allowance of accessory dwelling units for owner occupied dwellings in single-family zoned areas.

Discussion:

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>

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City utilizes all possible resources and continues to seek leveraging sources to meet as many underserved needs as possible.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

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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 provided 205 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.

Since 1997 ACDA has been part of the force and knowledge behind the start and the completion of the 1907 dwellings. The total lead grant funding since 1997 is \$27,530,853. Under its most recent grant, 205 units were made lead safe.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

One of the Mayor's top priorities for the City is to address the City's level of poverty. In December of 2014, ACDA and several public and private organizations submitted an application to HUD to have the City designated as a Promise Zone area. This application outlined the severity of Albany's poverty levels in its target areas and a detailed approach to addressing it.

The mission of the Albany Promise Zone is to *“Ensur[e] an environment of opportunity...for eliminating poverty and enhancing the quality of life for all residents in Albany Promise Zone. In an environment of opportunity all residents [will be] provided pathways to gainful employment and a reasonable living wage, high quality education, and safe and healthy neighborhoods.”* Established best practices, existing public/private resources and new contributions will be leveraged to: improve educational outcomes; increase access to employment opportunities; create a healthy business environment; foster opportunities for personal and communal well-being; and de-incentivize criminal activity in the proposed Promise Zone.

Promise Zone designation for the City of Albany will be the critical first step towards obtaining funding for specific Promise Zone goals and activities as well as for growing Promise Zone partnerships. Firstly, the priority funding designation will allow Albany to compete more successfully for state, federal and private grants. In the case that preference points are awarded, Albany will have a competitive advantage. Even if applications make no specific attempt to favor Promise Zone applicants, Promise Zone status verifies a certain level of need, which will show funders the opportunity for impressive returns on their investment. Promise Zone designation will also solidify a promising partnership of institutions currently operating to alleviate poverty in Albany, from the Trinity Alliance to the Albany Housing Authority. These organizations have decades of history working alongside each other to address issues of social and economic justice in Albany. Promise Zone designation will provide a centralized plan

to pool organizational resources to more effectively address issues and build successful working relationships for the future. Regardless of the outcome of this application, the City will remain committed to carry

City of Albany Community Outreach

As a result of Mayor Sheehans's transition report, she has created a new initiative called Community Outreach. This initiative is aimed at combatting poverty throughout Albany. As part of the National EITC Awareness Day campaign, Mayor Sheehan took the opportunity to inform residents of these valuable credits and express her support of the Capital Region Creating Assets, Savings and Hope (CASH) Coalition. EITC is acknowledged as one of the nation's largest anti-poverty programs, helping millions of families each year, and the CASH Coalition works to ensure that EITC-ing out the mission of the Albany Promise Zone in order to address the high levels of poverty within the City.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Albany is the local administrator of CDBG, HOME and ESG entitlement grant funding. The agency contracts with CARES Inc., to administer HOPWA funding and starting in year 44, will contract with CARES to administer its EST 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.

Remaining grant funding supports the agencies homeownership, rehabilitation and economic development funding, direct delivery of services and administration. The City will continue to pursue linkages with private industry and philanthropic groups to improve Albany's marginal neighborhoods

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 38 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 Comptroller, 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
- Departmnt 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. Not for profit organizations that have played a key role in developing and carrying out the mission of the City's plan include:

- Capitalize Albany Corporation
- Habitat for Humanity
- South End Improvement Corp
- Arbor Hill Development Corp
- Capital District YMCA
- Albany Community Action Partnership
- Trinity Institution/Homer Perkins Center
- Albany Promise
- CARES

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	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.	90.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:
 1. Created in year 39, the City of Albany HOME Investment Partnership Program funded two LIHTC programs in order to assist low income housing for seniors and families in Albany. ACDA will

continue to program additional funds through and RFP process in order to award funds to housing development organizations to fund projects that will leverage significant state, local, and federal resources.

2. Created in 2017, the vacant building rehabilitation program utilizes non federal funds to provide \$50,000 in funding to individuals wanting to rehab a vacant building in the city of Albany. applications may either rehab the building to live in or may use it as a rental property. If being used as a rental property, the landlord must adhere to affordable housing requirements set forth in the program guidelines

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 either resale or recapture requirements. The ACDA and HOME assisted CHDO's funded by the ACDA that produce homebuyer units will establish the resale or 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

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.

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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
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 leaser
- 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.

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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.

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 50 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 75 percent were obligated to services for homeless prevention. Of the remaining funds a maximum of 25 percent was obligated for rapid rehousing. The City worked closely with the Continuum of Care (CoC) Systems 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.

