



CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION
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2017 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

for

July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Department of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation (DHNP) utilizes available funding from four Federal entitlement programs and additional local City funds to expand and improve both rental and owner-occupied affordable housing, to make homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring, and to provide support services and housing opportunities for people with AIDS and HIV. DHNP continues to provide leading support to the City as well as regional and state organizations and agencies involved in creating housing and homeless solutions. These on-going efforts are detailed throughout the plan.

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.

We have retained the priorities established in the FY 2015-2020 Consolidated and Strategic Plan. Our emphasis continues to be on expanding affordable rental housing opportunities and on making homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring. These are the two greatest needs within the City of Virginia Beach.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The following accomplishments were taken from the FY 2015-2016 CAPER: *The City expended \$3,577,369.00 in federal funds during this period. The #1 Local priority was Homelessness and the #2 Priority was Rental Housing. These two top priorities accounted for 42% of the total funds expended. An additional 20% was expended on Owner Housing and 25% was expended on HIV/AIDS housing programs. The city assisted 2,035 persons through various public service activities to included overnight sheltering. 175 households were assisted through the TBRA program, Security Deposit program, and the HOPWA*

program. 27 homeowner houses were rehabilitated and 6 new homeowners were assisted through our rehabilitation and resale program partnership with Habitat for Humanity (Housing Hampton Roads).

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

*We followed the civic participation plan in working through our annual plan and published notices as required for both civic hearings to be held in conjunction with the annual plan requirements. We had several projects that required Environmental Assessments and each project was appropriately advertised in the newspapers. We have increased our social media capabilities to support our civic participation to include Facebook and an on-line quarterly publication called "Connections". In addition, we also have set up a public hearing via a "Virtual Town Hall Meeting" as well. We received no comments during our initial Fall 2016 Public Hearing. During our posting of the draft AAP we received **XXXXXXXX** comments and responded and incorporated those ideas and information into the development of our current plan. The chart in Item 5 provides a summary of information.*

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.

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

Fall 2016 Public Hearing - NONE

April 25, 2017 Public Hearing - **XXXXXXXXXX**

April 7 -May 6, 2017 - Comment Period - XXXXXX

Virtual Town Hall - XXXXXXXX

7. Summary

We have optimized our funding to support the most critical housing and homelessness needs within the city. We continue to participate in local, regional, state and national discussions to be part of the continuing solutions to housing and homelessness and housing for persons with HIV/AIDS.

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	VIRGINIA BEACH	Housing and Neighborhood Preservation
HOPWA Administrator	VIRGINIA BEACH	Housing and Neighborhood Preservation
HOME Administrator	VIRGINIA BEACH	Housing and Neighborhood Preservation
ESG Administrator	VIRGINIA BEACH	Housing and Neighborhood Preservation
HOPWA-C Administrator	VIRGINIA BEACH	Housing and Neighborhood Preservation

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The Department of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation (DHNP) is the Lead Agency within the City of Virginia Beach for the administration of Community Development Block Group (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for Persons With Aids (HOPWA) Funds. The HOPWA funds are allocated on a regional basis within the regulatory requirements of the program. All other funding is for the City of Virginia Beach. The DHNP is also the Lead Agency for the Virginia Beach Continuum of Care.

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

1. Introduction

The Department of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation provides proactive leadership in a variety of ways to support the attainment of housing and homelessness goals throughout the City. We are the lead agency for the BEACH Community Partnership and the Continuum of Care. We provide staff and administrative support to both of these organizations. We are involved in the local, regional, state and federal level of discussions on all housing matters. We belong to all appropriate support organizations that influence decisions at each level.

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

The Department of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation is the lead and supporting agency for the BEACH Community Partnership, an organization comprising government, non-profit and faith-based organizations that advocate, educate and provide assistance in the quest to end homelessness in the City of Virginia Beach. Over thirty housing, homelessness, health, faith, and human services agencies are members of and participate in this partnership, and so there is ongoing discussion of identified needs and potential solutions. The BEACH Partnership Governing Board consists of 16 members including the director of Human services, and representatives of the Public Health Department. The Virginia Beach dept. of Human Services includes the Community Services Board, which oversees mental health and substance abuse services in the city.

On a regional basis, we participate in the Regional Task Force to End Homelessness, which has membership from a similar set of agencies from around the region. We also participate in the Hampton Roads Community Housing Resource Board (HRCHRB) which works to further fair housing on a regional basis. Additionally, in our capacity as regional funder for the HOPWA program, we receive feedback on the housing and service needs of people with AIDS and HIV. The Department also maintains membership on a variety of other housing and homeless related organizations throughout the region, state and national level to maintain a strong leadership role in this arena as the largest city and second largest jurisdiction within the Commonwealth of Virginia. All of these activities keep us front and center of coordinated efforts to meet the needs of the low and moderate income households in local and regional jurisdictions.

The Department also participates in a cross-department team of health and social service providers as part of ongoing planning activities in the city. This team includes the departments of Human Services, the Health Department, and the Police Department. Ongoing discussions to identify issues and opportunities and coordinate services are conducted as part of the work of this team - The Family and Youth Opportunities team.

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.

As the lead agency for the Continuum of Care, we provide staff support and agency leadership for the Continuum of Care, including the coordination and submission of the annual application, the Point-in-Time Count and the Housing Inventory information. Staff members serve on multiple committees to ensure that the CoC remains compliant in their activities.

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

Because the department serves as both the entitlement programs and CoC lead agency, we are both coordinating and participating in the ongoing work of the CoC. We are also directing the operation and administration of the HMIS system for the CoC. Therefore all of the described work is closely coordinated. We have appointed a CoC governing board and consult with the board on all policy and funding decisions regarding homelessness.

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	Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation (VBCDC)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Needs - Veterans Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The staff of VBCDC and DHNP meet monthly to discuss housing and homelessness issues. Both organizations are representative on multiple boards and groups providing continuous feedback
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Samaritan House, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	They are an active member of the Continuum of Care and provide continual recommendations about the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs. They are the region's largest provider of assistance for Domestic/Sexual Violence Victims.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	ACCESS AIDS Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We coordinate continually on HOPWA related matters. Additionally, the Executive Director is active in the Continuum of Care and the HIV/AIDS Planning Council. These organizations meet monthly to share information both locally and regionally.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Mother Seton House, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children 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?	They are an active member of the Continuum of Care and various organizations that collaborate together to access and work through solutions regarding Disconnected Youth. DNHNP has active representation on collaborative working groups regarding services for disconnected youth.

5	Agency/Group/Organization	Judeo-Christian Outreach Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Judeo-Christian Outreach Center is one of our Emergency Shelter and Meals providers within the city. They also operate a 22 bed facility for the disabled, previously homeless veterans and low to moderate income chronically homeless individuals. They also coordinate with other partners in the community for the sheltering of the homeless during the Winter months. We work with them continuously through the year on strategies for reducing homelessness.

6	Agency/Group/Organization	DEPT OF HUMAN SERVICES, CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Services - Victims Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - Local
	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 Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Within the City of Virginia Beach, we have six specific cross functional teams that collaborate monthly to remedy problem areas within the City. In most cases, DHS and DHNP are on similar task forces. In addition to these interactions, we meet at varying levels to discuss problems that overlap similar client for both departments to find reasonable cooperative, proactive methods of addressing these problems within the City. We are partnered in the areas of disaster sheltering and disaster housing recovery planning within the City.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	The Planning Council
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Planning Council is a major collaborator for cross-jurisdictional collaboration. In addition to being a Planning Agency, they also are the lead agency for the Regional Task Force to End Homelessness for the Southside region as well as the agency that has established The Healing Place for Hampton Roads organization. They were also the leading force in developing regional cooperation on the first and the three additional Single Room Occupancy Permanent Supportive Housing facilities in Southside Hampton Roads. As a minimum, we meet monthly on multiple issues related to housing and homelessness issues along with other regional jurisdictions.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Virginia Supportive Housing
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Virginia Supportive Housing (VSH) is a leader in our area and the state in creating Single Room Occupancy Apartment Housing in our region. We are in the process of working with them to develop the sixth regional SRO Apartment Complex (Church Street Station) in Norfolk. In addition to serving as the developer, they also take the lead in each facility for case management services for the formerly homeless clients they serve with the goal of returning them to stable, sustainable affordable housing. We meet regularly to review client cases. We meet regularly to work through the regulatory issues contained in creating an SRO to ensure a smooth development path and the successful opening.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY SOUTH HAMPTON ROADS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Habitat for Humanity is one of the few affordable housing developers in the region that builds new, single residential, affordable housing for the low-mod clientele. We are currently working with Habitat as they continue the development of a 1 unit residential house building project. We meet regularly to follow the development of their projects within Virginia Beach. Construction should start soon. We also partner on rehabilitation/resale of affordable single home projects.

10	Agency/Group/Organization	Endeppendence Center, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Housing coordinator of Endeppendence Center participates in the BEACH Community partnership and identifies needs and opportunities for this population.

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

We have successfully collaborated with all identifiable and accessible agencies and organizations. All are a part of larger consortiums of groups. There are no others that we are aware of.

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	Department of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation	As the Collaborative Applicant and the organization that provides administrative support for the CoC, DHNP continually collaborates with the CoC on all matters that are essential to the preparation of the Strategic Plan and the Annual Action Plan.
10 Year Plan to End Homelessness	BEACH Community Partnership	Our Strategic Plan was informed by the collaborative partnership and 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness, as developed by the BEACH Partnership. Multiple elements to include the City's mission to make homelessness, "brief and non-recurring" is a cornerstone of the direction of both plans.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Housing Needs Assessment fo HOPWA	Collaborative Solutions/HIV/AIDS Planning Council	The Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News MSA Housing Needs Assessment and Plan for People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA) outlines a five year strategy to increase housing resources for low-income persons living with HIV/AIDS in the MSA. The report was completed by Collaborative Solutions, Inc. with multiple organizations involved in the discussion and creation of data that was contained within the report. Due to space limitations within the new Annual Plan electronic format, the report was not put as an appendix to the plan. It is located on the website at vbgov.com/housing .
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing	Mullin & Lonergan Associates, Inc.	The seven cities of the Hampton Roads region collaborated with the consultant to prepare an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice to meet the requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 as amended. Mullin & Lonergan Associates, Inc. was selected to complete the study in consultation with all seven jurisdictions and the active participants within the region integrated into the plan of affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH).

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

NONE

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**

The Department of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation utilizes multiple media arrangements to engage citizens throughout the entire year. In addition to the mandatory civic hearings required for needs assessments and the annual action plan, we held monthly meetings within the BEACH Community Partnership which provides key stakeholders the opportunity to dialogue and provide input into identifying the community's needs as well as opportunities for coordinated action in developing the plan.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	0	0	0	
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	0	0	0	
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	0	0	0	
4	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	0	0	0	

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)
5	Public Meeting	BEACH Partnership Community Group	0	0	0	
6	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	0	0	0	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Need Narrative on - 16/17 funds awarded, prior year funds allocated, and program income. XXXXXXXX

Priority Table

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	1,777,701	125,000	1,264,652	3,167,353	3,555,402	CDBG funds are used for the Low-Moderate Income Clientele National Objective. We anticipate \$125,000 in Program Income during this fiscal year from repayment of deferred loans. Estimated Funds available for Remainder of ConPlan based on level funding throughout remainder of years.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	807,000	775,000	2,058,308	3,640,308	1,614,000	HOME funds are used to improve the existing housing stock of homeowners or to build or renovate housing for low income households. We anticipate \$75,000 in program income from repayment of deferred loans. Some funds are used as a subsidy to assist participants in obtaining affordable rental housing. Estimated Funds available for Remainder of ConPlan based on level funding throughout remainder of years.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	1,180,789	0	753,388	1,934,177	2,361,578	HOPWA funds are utilized to create and sustain affordable housing solutions for persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Most funds are used to subsidize households in sustaining their existing housing or helping them to find alternative housing solutions. Estimated Funds available for Remainder of ConPlan based on level funding throughout remainder of years.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	156,528	0	0	156,528	313,056	Funds are used to support shelter operations and case management as well as Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-housing. ESG funds are utilized to support the HMIS system. Estimated Funds available for Remainder of ConPlan based on level funding throughout remainder of years.

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

We leverage our federal funds primarily with local jurisdiction funds along with limited state and regional funds. Each non-profit organization that receives funding provides eligible matching funds through fund raising efforts, funds received from state programs and other federal programs apart from HUD as well as local, regional and national foundations in support of their funding goals. Matching requirements are identified and estimated in the application for funds, the written agreement process and as part of the CAPER when all funds have been

expended.

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

The City has publically owned land that was acquired in 2012 located at 104 South Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach, VA, that will be used for a Housing Resource Center to assist the most vulnerable population experiencing homelessness. The design process began in March 2014. Construction for this facility began with a groundbreaking in the Fall of 2016 and is expected to be completed during the second quarter of 2018. As needs are identified, publicly owned land is considered on a project-by-project basis for potential use.

Discussion

Additional creativity, local funding and more partnerships are all necessary if we are to combine to achieve plan objectives, including the use of Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) funds for larger development projects as well as use of PBVs.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Provide Service to Homeless	2017	2018	Homeless	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach		CDBG: \$262,522 ESG: \$156,528	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 465 Persons Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 15 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 1214 Persons Assisted
2	Create/Preserve Homeless Housing	2017	2018	Affordable Housing Homeless	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach		CDBG: \$150,000	Rental units constructed: 40 Household Housing Unit
3	Create/Preserve Affordable Rental Housing	2017	2018	Affordable Housing	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach		CDBG: \$413,324 HOME: \$677,019	Rental units constructed: 48 Household Housing Unit Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 50 Households Assisted
4	Provide Services to Special Needs	2017	2018	Non-Homeless Special Needs	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach		CDBG: \$22,883	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 252 Beds

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Create/Preserve Special Needs Housing	2017	2018	Affordable Housing Special Needs	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach		HOME: \$700,000	Rental units constructed: 40 Household Housing Unit
6	Provide Housing and Support Services for HIV/AIDS	2017	2018	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	HOPWA EMSA		HOPWA: \$1,180,789	Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added: 225 Household Housing Unit
7	Preserve and Enhance Neighborhoods	2017	2018	Neighborhood Preservation	Code Enforcement Enhancement Area (CEEA)		CDBG: \$673,432	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 13000 Household Housing Unit
8	Preserve Low and Moderate Homeowner Housing	2017	2018	Affordable Housing	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach		CDBG: \$950,000 HOME: \$125,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 60 Household Housing Unit
9	Planning and Administration	2017	2018	Planning and Administration	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach HOPWA EMSA		CDBG: \$380,540 HOME: \$80,779	Other: 0 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Provide Service to Homeless
	Goal Description	

2	Goal Name	Create/Preserve Homeless Housing
	Goal Description	
3	Goal Name	Create/Preserve Affordable Rental Housing
	Goal Description	
4	Goal Name	Provide Services to Special Needs
	Goal Description	
5	Goal Name	Create/Preserve Special Needs Housing
	Goal Description	
6	Goal Name	Provide Housing and Support Services for HIV/AIDS
	Goal Description	
7	Goal Name	Preserve and Enhance Neighborhoods
	Goal Description	
8	Goal Name	Preserve Low and Moderate Homeowner Housing
	Goal Description	CDBG - \$950,000 was reallocated from previous year.
9	Goal Name	Planning and Administration
	Goal Description	

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b):

This information is contained in the project descriptions in detail in the following section.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Below is a list of our projects for FY 17/18 and the outcomes we hope to achieve with these projects. In addition to these projects we currently have several projects that are underway/ongoing and are anticipated to be complete within the 2017/2018 Fiscal year. They are:

- * Church Street Station Studios. An 80 unit multijurisdictional housing project in which the City of Virginia Beach will have 10 units of affordable housing. This project is currently under construction
- * Tranquility at the Lakes is a 40 unit senior housing project which was just completed in March of 2017. We provided HOME funds for six affordable units as well as 20 additional PBVs, currently being staffed and to be fully leased during the beginning of FY 2017/2018.
- * Habitat for Humanity is currently in process of a single residential affordable new construction activity to be completed in 2017/2018 using HOME/CHDO funding.
- * Multiple Homeowner Occupied Rehabilitation projects have been completed, or are underway, and we anticipate an additional **XXXXXXX** to be completed in the upcoming FY.
- * Montage Apartments, a 133 Unit Multi-Family complex is in pre-development stages using HOME funds and providing 4 affordable units.
- * The Rental Security Deposits Program which provides for security deposits for households that qualify, is on-going.

#	Project Name
1	DHNP-CDBG General Management and Oversight
2	Homeless Services - Winter Shelter Program
4	VBCDC - Transitional Housing Program
5	VBCDC - Veteran's Housing
6	CAMG - 7 Scattered Sites Rehab/Rental
7	Habitat for Humanity - Single Site Rehab
8	CDBG-DR
9	DHNP - Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program
10	DHNP - Code Enforcement
11	Samaritan House - Children's Services for Residents
12	DHNP - HOME Program Administration
13	DHNP - Tenant Based Rental Assistance
14	DHNP - HOPWA Oversight & Administration
15	DHNP - HOPWA Resource Identification

#	Project Name
16	ACCESS - HOPWA Project Sponsor
17	ESG17 - Virginia Beach
18	Homeless Hotline & Central Intake
19	DHNP-CDBG Housing Opportunity - Rental Housing
20	DHNP-Rental Security Deposits
21	DHNP-HOME Housing Opportunity - Rental/Homeowner
22	DHNP- ESG Oversight & Administration

Table 8 – Project Information

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

We developed our priorities and allocations based on input and discussions with our stakeholders and citizens. We continue to meet the underserved needs that involve households that are cost burdened or severely cost-burdened by placing a priority on providing funds for homelessness assistance/services and affordable rental housing.

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	DHNP-CDBG General Management and Oversight
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Service to Homeless Create/Preserve Affordable Rental Housing Provide Services to Special Needs Provide Housing and Support Services for HIV/AIDS Preserve and Enhance Neighborhoods Preserve Low and Moderate Homeowner Housing
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$380,540
	Description	Provides for the planning, management and oversight costs for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. Provides for administrative staff salaries and related program implementation expenses, including monitoring and fair housing.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A

	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	Act as the Lead Agency for the provision of CDBG, HOME, and ESG within the City of Virginia Beach and for the HOPWA funds for the regional EMSA. Plans, accounts, monitors, disburses and assists in all aspects of the four entitlement grants.
2	Project Name	Homeless Services - Winter Shelter Program
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach
	Goals Supported	Provide Service to Homeless
	Needs Addressed	Homeless
	Funding	CDBG: \$140,000
	Description	Provide support for emergency shelter program for homeless individuals to provide emergency shelter during winter, including transportation, staff supervision and administration and basic supplies and operational costs. Overnight shelter is provided at community faith-based organizations. Based at the Lighthouse Service Center
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	We expect to serve 288 uniquely identified persons during this year.
	Location Description	Various churches provide the sleeping arrangements throughout the City. The people using the services are transported from the Lighthouse Center.
Planned Activities	Provide funds to assist individuals in the provision of winter shelter from October to April in cooperation with local churches. Homeless individuals are transported to the designated churches nightly under direction by the Judeo-Christian Outreach Center. The church will typically provide an evening meal and breakfast.	
3	Project Name	VBCDC - Transitional Housing Program

	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach
	Goals Supported	Provide Service to Homeless
	Needs Addressed	Homeless
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,000
	Description	VBCDC receives funds for Transitional Housing (up to a 2 year stay) Rental Housing with Support Services. The program provides homeless families with children an opportunity to achieve independence and self sufficiency. The program provides housing and case management and services to families. Residents develop a goal plan, budget plan, and also attend several life skills workshops. Case managers meet with the residents on a regular basis.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	We anticipate serving 194 families in this program.
	Location Description	Scattered sites throughout the City. Support services at 2400 Potters Road in Virginia Beach.
	Planned Activities	Provides funding for the case mangement for supportive services for the families living in transitional housing of VBCDC. The focus is on returning families to sustainable, safe and affordable hosuing.
4	Project Name	VBCDC - Veteran's Housing
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach
	Goals Supported	Create/Perserve Special Needs Housing
	Needs Addressed	People In Need of Affordable Rental Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$700,000
	Description	To provide a 75 unit multi-family style affordable housing apartment community in Virginia Beach to provide 1-2-3 bedroom apartments to low to moderate income Veterans in need.

	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	There is anticipated to be assistance to 75 Veteran family households.
	Location Description	Located in a site selected area in the City of Virginia Beach.
	Planned Activities	To provide affordable Veteran housing to low to moderate income Veterans including Disable Veterans.
5	Project Name	CAMG - 7 Scattered Sites Rehab/Rental
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach
	Goals Supported	Create/Preserve Affordable Rental Housing
	Needs Addressed	People In Need of Affordable Rental Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$114,000
	Description	Provide funds for the rehabilitation of 7 scattered sites in the City of Virginia Beach for rental to low to moderate income persons.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 7 units will be rehabilitated to assist 7 households or up to 16 single individuals who are low to moderate income families.
	Location Description	Scattered sites in the City of Virginia Beach.
	Planned Activities	To provide affordable housing for low to moderate income persons who may be experiencing homelessness.
6	Project Name	Habitat for Humanity - Single Site Rehab
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach

	Goals Supported	Preserve Low and Moderate Homeowner Housing
	Needs Addressed	Rehabilitation of low income owner occupied homes
	Funding	HOME: \$125,000
	Description	To provide funds for the acquisition and rehabilitation of a single residence to provide an affordable housing purchase opportunity for a low to moderate income household.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	One family that is low to moderate income will be supported in the opportunity for home ownership.
	Location Description	The site location will be in the City of Virginia Beach.
	Planned Activities	A low to moderate income family will be identified for purchasing the home after it has been acquired and rehabilitated by Habitat for Humanity.
7	Project Name	CDBG-DR
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach
	Goals Supported	Create/Preserve Homeless Housing
	Needs Addressed	Homeless People In Need of Affordable Rental Housing Rehabilitation of low income owner occupied homes
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000

	Description	These disaster assistance funds are set aside to assist the City's Department of Housing in housing recovery efforts as needed after an event. Services that may be provided will be temporary shelter to include but not limited to commercial hotel/short stay deposits and payments, transportation for residents to and from sheltering, direct citizen relief funds as may be needed, disaster training of staff, temporary housing disaster case management, and housing recovery plan implementation.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 0 - 300 disaster surviving households (families) could be assisted with these funds.
	Location Description	Within the City of Virginia Beach.
	Planned Activities	These disaster assistance funds are set aside to assist the City's Department of Housing in housing recovery efforts as needed after and event. Services that may be provided will be temporary shelter to include but not limited to commercial hotel/short stay deposits and payments, transportation for residents to and from sheltering, direct citizen relief funds as may be needed, disaster training of staff, temporary housing disaster case management, and housing recovery plan implementation.
8	Project Name	DHNP - Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach
	Goals Supported	Create/Preserve Affordable Rental Housing Preserve Low and Moderate Homeowner Housing
	Needs Addressed	People In Need of Affordable Rental Housing Rehabilitation of low income owner occupied homes
	Funding	CDBG: \$232,164
	Description	
	Target Date	6/30/2018

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	We expect to assist approximately 60 homeowners with the rehabilitation of their homes. At this time, we have five new construction projects that will provide 22 new affordable housing units including CHDO set-aside funds. The outputs for this funding are including the specific projects that are covered and noted herein.
	Location Description	Scattered sites for the Owner-occupied housing rehabilitation; CHDO – Homeownership &/or Acquisition/Rehab for affordable Rental Housing.
	Planned Activities	Funds are used to pay implementation expenses related to the process of rehabilitating a house through the housing emergency rehabilitation program and the facade program. It also pays for implementation costs for overseeing the development projects.
9	Project Name	DHNP - Code Enforcement
	Target Area	Code Enforcement Enhancement Area (CEEA)
	Goals Supported	Preserve and Enhance Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Preservation
	Funding	CDBG: \$673,432
	Description	Provides comprehensive code enforcement in designated Code Enforcement Enhancement Areas (CEEA) to arrest the decline of the area's housing and neighborhoods through comprehensive code inspection and housing rehabilitation programs managed by other department divisions and non-profit organizations.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	We will conduct approximately 8,655 inspections in these areas this year. We anticipate using assistance for 68 households that are deemed out of code compliance.
	Location Description	Scattered sites. The specific block groups are contained in the Appendix for extra programs - Appendix C along with the approved program description and plan agreed to with HUD in the fall of 2013.

	Planned Activities	Funds are used to pay staff salaries that are providing a variety of code enforcement activities in designated CEEA areas. The CEEA program is the code enforcement side of identifying properties that need to be fixed to arrest the decline of the areas. Code violations are forwarded to the appropriate providers of housing rehabilitation to reinforce the need to arrest the decline of the areas through quality homeowner rehabilitation.
10	Project Name	Samaritan House - Children's Services for Residents
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach
	Goals Supported	Provide Services to Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Homeless
	Funding	CDBG: \$22,883
	Description	Provides funds to Samaritan House to assist the children and their families that are transitional residents in Samaritan House facilities to provide advocacy, case management, and educational/learning activities to meet the identified needs for each child and their family based on jointly completed needs assessments.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	We anticipate serving approximately 252 uniquely identified persons through this program.
	Location Description	Samaritan House and other locations located on Southern Boulevard in Virginia Beach.
	Planned Activities	Provides funds to Samaritan House to provide case management assistance for children experiencing homelessness primarily through domestic violence of one of the adults. The assistance may provide provisions for safe shelter, crisis intervention, trauma-informed supports, education and recreational programs. Staff provides connections with Project Hope, run through the school system for children that are experiencing homelessness.
11	Project Name	DHNP - HOME Program Administration

	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	HOME: \$80,779
	Description	Provides funds to DHNP to administer the HOME program (subject to 10% administrative cap).
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	Provides fund for the planning and conducting of projects associated with the HOME entitlement grants. This includes contract preparation, monitoring, payment of reimbursements and drawing of funds and monitoring of activities.
12	Project Name	DHNP - Tenant Based Rental Assistance
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach
	Goals Supported	Create/Preserve Affordable Rental Housing
	Needs Addressed	People In Need of Affordable Rental Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$225,000
	Description	Funds are provided to assist low-income homeless families and/or those in imminent danger of becoming homeless to secure decent, safe and affordable housing by providing funding for vouchers to be utilized for rental housing units approved by the DHNP. The initial voucher is for 12 months and may be renewed one time for an additional 12 months.

	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	We anticipate helping 30 uniquely identified households with this program.
	Location Description	Throughout the City.
	Planned Activities	Provides for short-term assistance for persons that are in a precarious housing environment.
13	Project Name	DHNP - HOPWA Oversight & Administration
	Target Area	HOPWA EMSA
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	People In Need of Affordable Rental Housing
	Funding	HOPWA: \$35,423
	Description	Provides funds to pay for the planning, management and oversight costs for the HOPWA program. Provides for administrative staff salaries and related program implementation expenses, including fair housing.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	Planning and Administration for the HOPWA entitlement funds.
14	Project Name	DHNP - HOPWA Resource Identification
	Target Area	HOPWA EMSA

	Goals Supported	Provide Housing and Support Services for HIV/AIDS
	Needs Addressed	People with HIV/AIDS
	Funding	HOPWA: \$2,500
	Description	These funds are provided to assist in identifying additional resources to support the HOPWA program.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	Scattered throughout the Virginia Beach EMSA area.
	Planned Activities	Locate additional resources to assist in housing persons with HIV/AIDS and their families and to get them involved in supportive services for housing.
15	Project Name	ACCESS - HOPWA Project Sponsor
	Target Area	HOPWA EMSA
	Goals Supported	Provide Housing and Support Services for HIV/AIDS
	Needs Addressed	People with HIV/AIDS
	Funding	HOPWA: \$1,142,866
	Description	Provides funds for ACCESS to serve as the Project Sponsor for the HOPWA program. This will provide assistance for housing and related (non-medical) issues to assist low-moderate persons with HIV/AIDS and their families in the 16 jurisdictions within the EMSA. Programs to include TBRA, STRMU, Permanent Housing Placement, Supportive Services, and project sponsor administration.
	Target Date	6/30/2018

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimate that 225 uniquely identified persons will be assisted with these funds among a variety of the eligibility of activities.
	Location Description	Throughout the Virginia Beach EMSA.
	Planned Activities	Programs to include TBRA, STRMU, Permanent Housing Placement, Supportive Services, and project sponsor administration.
16	Project Name	ESG17 - Virginia Beach
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach
	Goals Supported	Provide Service to Homeless
	Needs Addressed	Homeless
	Funding	ESG: \$144,789
	Description	Provides funds to pay for the planning, management and oversight costs for the Emergency Solutions Grant program. These funds also provide program funds for non-profit agencies for essential services and operations of homeless shelters.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Samaritan House - Essential Services and Homeless Shelter Operations - serving 466 persons - \$55928 Samaritan House - Rapid Rehousing - serving 10 households - \$42455 JCOC - Shelter Operations -serving 201 persons - \$33799 Seton House - Shelter Operations - serving 259 persons - \$12607
	Location Description	Agencies are located throughout the City
	Planned Activities	Administration, Emergency Shelter Operations, Essential Services and Rapid Rehousing
17	Project Name	Homeless Hotline & Central Intake

	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach
	Goals Supported	Provide Service to Homeless Provide Services to Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Homeless
	Funding	CDBG: \$109,522
	Description	Provides Central Call Service for persons in Crisis. Also receives \$84,299 in additional City Funding for total funding of \$193,821
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Regional Services - City Wide directed. Integral to the CoC
	Planned Activities	
18	Project Name	DHNP-CDBG Housing Opportunity - Rental Housing
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach
	Goals Supported	Create/Preserve Affordable Rental Housing
	Needs Addressed	People In Need of Affordable Rental Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$67,160
	Description	
	Target Date	6/30/2018

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To be updated
	Location Description	To be updated
	Planned Activities	
19	Project Name	DHNP-Rental Security Deposits
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach
	Goals Supported	Create/Preserve Affordable Rental Housing
	Needs Addressed	People In Need of Affordable Rental Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$40,000
	Description	
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
20	Project Name	DHNP-HOME Housing Opportunity - Rental/Homeowner
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach
	Goals Supported	Create/Preserve Affordable Rental Housing
	Needs Addressed	People In Need of Affordable Rental Housing

	Funding	HOME: \$412,019
	Description	
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To be updated when determined.
	Location Description	To be updated when determined.
	Planned Activities	
21	Project Name	DHNP- ESG Oversight & Administration
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	ESG: \$11,739
	Description	
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	

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

We will direct our assistance to four principal areas. First, we allocate most of our funds on a City Wide basis.

Second, HOPWA funds will be distributed regionally throughout the HOPWA EMSA utilizing a Project Sponsor.

Third, in collaboration with our HUD-Field Office we established the Code Enforcement Enhancement Areas (CEEA) program to "arrest the decline of the areas" to revise our program to "arrest the decline of the areas" through aggressive code enforcement, housing rehabilitation and infrastructure replacement. Supported by CDBG funds to enforce code violations in areas with deteriorating housing and neighborhood conditions based on Code Enforcement inspection results.

Fourth, we are committed to ending homelessness within the South Hampton Roads region. Therefore, we support the efforts of the Regional Task Force to End Homelessness by designating an area that includes the Cities of South Hampton Roads.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City Wide - City of Virginia Beach	74
HOPWA EMSA	17
Code Enforcement Enhancement Area (CEEA)	10

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

We have created four primary geographic areas for our funds. Our first area is the City of Virginia Beach. Our primary commitments of all funding except HOPWA are for a City Wide projects and activities for the City of Virginia Beach. However, we continue to support regional projects that increase the supply of affordable housing for the chronically homeless through the efforts of our Regional Taskforce to End Homelessness. In addition to the four Single Room Occupancy (SRO) housing facilities, we have successfully completed and opened our newest facility, called Crescent Square. Our sixth facility is called Church Street Station Studio's and is set for groundbreaking in the summer of 2016. We are also funding the initiating work of the Regional Taskforce to ultimately develop a substance abuse facility in the region. We are calling this the Regional Task Force Homelessness Area. These are

multijurisdictional projects that require special approval within HUD. Within our city boundaries, we have added a new designation called Code Enforcement Enhancement Areas (CEEA). This plan was approved by HUD in FFY 2013 and was updated with newer data from our Housing Survey during the development of our 5-Year Strategic Plan.. The activities for Code Enforcement include identifying deteriorating and deteriorated areas of housing within the CEEA's as well specific housing and neighborhood rehabilitation and infrastructure replacement to "arrest the decline of the areas".

The HOPWA EMSA area is the federally designated Virginia Metropolitan Statistical Area of Virginia Beach - Norfolk - Newport News. We prioritize this EMSA for HOPWA funding and outreach. The zip codes for all jurisdictions covered in the EMSA are located below in Table 2. A map of the EMSA is shown in Sequence number 4.

Discussion

See above discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The following are the one-year goals relative to affordable housing. The largest challenge we face is the significant imbalance between housing costs and incomes. Over 55,000 households are cost burdened or severely cost burdened. Therefore, our programs prioritize creating affordable rental housing opportunities. To that end, we project to accomplish the following objectives to reduce the burden of housing costs and availability.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	900
Non-Homeless	2,412
Special-Needs	120
Total	3,432

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	2,000
The Production of New Units	46
Rehab of Existing Units	44
Acquisition of Existing Units	2
Total	2,092

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

NOTE to "One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported:" Of the 3,432 persons to be assisted, approximately 2,112 will be callers to Connection Point seeking rental or homeless assistance and another 900 persons will complete an assessment through our new assessment center. The remaining 420 are persons assisted through our CDBG Public Service funds. Connection Point is a caller service funded by the City General Fund.

We are focusing our efforts and funding at all levels of assistance to maintain persons in affordable housing. We provide homeless assistance, assistance to the non-homeless and persons with special needs. We continue to produce new, affordable housing units annually along with the acquisition and rehabilitation of units to create safe, sustainable and affordable rental units.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

We do not have Public Housing in the City of Virginia Beach.

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

NONE

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

NONE

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

NONE

Discussion

NONE

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

Introduction

Virginia Beach City Council adopted a Strategic Plan to End Homelessness in October, 2013. The activities in this Annual plan are consistent with the Strategic Plan. Our funding supports both housing and homeless service activities, which are both needed to help make homelessness rare, brief and non-recurring. We work in coordination with the BEACH Community Partnership, described previously, to obtain and direct funding to critical needs in alignment with HUD priorities for homelessness. In addition, City Council has provided critical city funds to fill gaps or meet strategic objectives, especially by funding our call center and coordinated assessment function and an outreach team. We also coordinated a community application for State-allocated funds for homelessness, which is expanding the community's capability to address homelessness; and as noted above we work with regional partners where it is beneficial to do so in addressing homelessness, including the development of efficiency apartments.

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

We have multiple service agencies that provide specific outreach to homeless persons, especially unsheltered persons, and assess their individual needs. 1) We operate a dedicated street outreach team that goes to all known areas and shelter providers to engage and refer homeless persons. 2) We have a centralized call center that receives all calls from people experiencing a housing crisis. The center does a preliminary assessment, works to divert people to alternative resources, and then refers for a detailed assessment all those who are literally homeless with no alternatives. The coordinated assessment team performs a detailed assessment using a standard assessment tool and process, and then makes "warm hand off" referrals for housing assistance based on the assessment. We operate a day services center with the goal of engaging people who utilizes services and connect them to shelter housing through the coordinated assessment process. We have multiple agencies that provide shelter and transitional housing for homeless persons.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

We have multiple agencies that provide shelter and transitional housing for homeless persons.

Samaritan House, Seton Youth Shelters, Judeo-Christian Outreach Center and Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation all have year-round emergency shelter facilities for domestic violence victims, youth, single homeless and family homeless participants. We operate a winter emergency shelter program in conjunction with local area churches that provides emergency nighttime shelter. This occurs every day from the end of October through the end of April.

Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation provides a small amount of transitional housing beds and service supports to assist persons and households in returning to safe, stable and sustainable housing.

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

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Our coordinated assessment process uses a vulnerability assessment tool to prioritize and make the most appropriate referrals for shelter and/or housing placement based on the vulnerabilities of the household. Those most vulnerable are referred to available housing or shelter opportunities and placed in a coordinated weekly meeting with housing providers. Through this process we have significantly decreased the time it takes to utilize available housing and shelter resources and thereby decreased the time from a person's assessment to an appropriate referral. Based on the individual's assessment, those in need of support services are referred to housing with support services such as permanent supportive housing; or rapid re-housing with wrap-around services. These services assist people in maintaining housing stability and avoiding repeat homelessness.

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.

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Our Housing Response System has adopted a diversion strategy that seeks to prevent homelessness for people seeking shelter by assisting them in identifying other alternative housing accommodations by connecting them to services and/or financial assistance to help them return to permanent housing. In addition, providers have applied for additional prevention funds through the Virginia VHSP grant to increase resources available for prevention activities.

Discussion

See above 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	50
Tenant-based rental assistance	70
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	60
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Total	180

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

Introduction

One general barrier to affordable housing is a negative perception that affordable housing brings negative impacts to nearby neighborhoods (NIMBY-ism). However, general approaches to that barrier to date have not been effective because the opposition only is expressed locally – that is, by those affected by a specific development. Recently several affordable housing developments have encountered strong opposition, but three out of four of them have still been approved by policymakers through effective information, public relations and lobbying efforts. These are normally conducted by the developer and if they are pro-active and reach the right people can be successful.

Another barrier to affordable housing in this region has now become Davis Bacon wage requirements, which are causing developers to actively avoid the use of Federal funding. Currently these requirements can add as much as \$1 million to the cost of construction.

A third barrier is lack of flexible financing to achieve mixed-income development. Creative approaches to a mixed-income development will require financing that can be used to do what is needed, and this requires flexible, non-Federal funding. We have been working to try to establish a local housing trust fund for this purpose.

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

Our department works with each developer on their project to guide them through the regulatory process of HUD and the local jurisdiction. We are working within the city government to identify and address opportunities and barriers on a case by case and policy by policy basis. Not all of the items listed above are only barriers to affordable housing. Some are critical policies that help guide the future growth of the city in ways that are positive and achieve multiple outcomes.

Discussion

See above discussion.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

Since we direct our funding to meeting the most critical underserved needs, as obstacles arise we address them.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

We have provided an appropriate amount of funding to continue our efforts to increase and maintain access to and the quality and supply of affordable housing. To that end, our efforts are outlined in other sections of this plan.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

We have provided an appropriate amount of funding to continue our efforts to increase and maintain access to and the quality and supply of affordable housing. To that end, our efforts are outlined in other sections of this plan.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The Department of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation, Code Enforcement Division has established specific policies to address lead-based paint hazards. This division is responsible for construction inspections for housing that is funded through the entitlement programs, the Housing Choice Voucher program, and any other housing assistance program. In the fall of 2015 we updated our policies and procedures in the HCV program in regard to lead-based paint. These policies include:

Acknowledgement by all owners/applicants that they have received the information named “Renovation Rights”.

- For all houses that were built prior to and including 1978, the house will have a lead-based paint inspection and/or risk assessment.
- Safe work practices will be followed on all inspections, assessments and remediation work involving the possibility of or knowledge of lead-based paint in a housing unit.
- If no lead-based paint hazards are found, no further action will be taken in accordance with these policies.

- The Homeowner/Applicant will acknowledge in writing the receipt of the lead-based paint inspection and/or risk assessment report.
- Work write-ups will include any items necessary to mitigate lead-based paint hazard as determined by the risk assessment.
- Since 2010 the DHNP has been verifying the certifications of any contractor that will perform inspections, risk assessments and remediation work involving a house suspected of having lead base paint through the Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) in the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- All testing are conducted at EPA certified testing facilities.
- The clearance testing and associated letter are required for the release of payment to the contractor doing the remediation work.

The lead-based paint reduction form is completed with a copy provided to the Homeowner/Applicant.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The Department participates in a cross-department team of health and social service providers as part of ongoing planning activities in the city. This team includes the departments of Human Services, the Health Department, and the Police Department. Ongoing discussions to identify issues and opportunities and coordinate services are conducted as part of the work of this team - The Family and Youth Opportunities team.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The department coordinates the BEACH Community Partnership, which serves as the Continuum of Care organization for Virginia Beach, and in essence the meeting place for providers and advocates interested in ending homelessness and expanding affordable housing opportunities. Through the partnership, which includes a general membership, a governing board, and a Performance Monitoring committee, opportunities to address needs and methods to overcome challenges are addressed and developed. DHNP also participates in the South Hampton Roads Regional Task Force to End Homelessness, where multiple organizations from around the region meet and develop strategies to address homelessness. DHNP also participates in the Virginia Housing Alliance, which works toward the dual goals of ending homelessness and expanding affordable housing opportunities. Working at all of these levels as well as within the city government structure itself, we are continually identifying ways to develop and enhance partnerships and to overcome barriers.

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

service agencies

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Discussion

See discussion above

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

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

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(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.	0.00%

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

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

NONE

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:

In 2015 the department proposed, and the HUD Richmond Field office approved, a resale and recapture policy that applies to homebuyer programs. This policy is attached.

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:

Same as #2 above

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:

NONE

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

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

Written standards for providing ESG assistance are provided as an attachment

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

The Virginia Beach CoC , now called the Housing Response System, began operating a coordinated assessment system in August of 2014. Our Coordinated Assessment system improves access to available housing/services by eliminating the requirement for callers to navigate a complicated maze of uncoordinated programs in order to receive assistance. Our Coordinated Assessment process involves to 2 phases. Phase I is the initial connection to the system for those seeking services and is the primary access point. Callers seeking resolution to their housing crisis will call our Regional Housing Crisis Hotline. The Hotline utilizes a consistent and well-coordinated approach for screening applicants for eligibility for services. Callers in search of housing assistance will receive prevention assessment (for those at risk) and diversion for those literally homeless. If unable to divert literally homeless household are referred to our Coordinated Assessment Team for further assessment utilizing the SPDAT tool to determine which intervention will be effective and most appropriate. The Coordinated Assessment team manages the daily vacancies of ES/THP/RRH/PSH/PH housing resources and is able to readily refer callers to an available housing intervention based on their level of acuity and the priorities for housing placement. Based on the results of this, the most vulnerable households are referred for available housing or shelter and all providers have agreed to accept those referrals.

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).

Proposed ESG allocations are made based on prior history of performance by receiving agencies as well as community need. These proposed allocations are then communicated to and discussed with the Continuum of Care governing board members who are not recipients or potential recipients of ESG funding for their review and revision or confirmation.

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.

The BEACH CoC has two formerly homeless persons on the Governing Board of the BEACH Community Partnership to meet this requirement.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

Based on the performance contracts for each agency, we list expected outputs (number of expected total participating visits) and specific outcomes. We track performance via HMIS and quarterly activity reports.

Discussion

See above discussion.

