



CITY OF VIRGINIA BEACH
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION
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2016 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
For the Use of Federal
CDBG, ESG, HOME and HOPWA Funds
for
July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

This plan, completed in the form specified by HUD, discusses how the City of Virginia Beach, through its Department of Housing and Neighborhood Preservation, will utilize Federal funds from four programs administered by the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development to help meet needs and achieve city and HUD goals for the residents of Virginia Beach. These four programs are: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); Home Investments Partnership (HOME); Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for People with Aids (HOPWA). The first three grants are to be used to benefit residents of Virginia Beach, while the HOPWA grant is intended to benefit all residents of the Virginia Beach-Norfolk-Newport News Metropolitan Statistical area, which includes all of Hampton Roads from James City County down to and including portions of Currituck County, North Carolina.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the 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

The following accomplishments were taken from the FY 2014-2015 CAPER, which is the document that summarizes our accomplishments from the use of Federal funds. The City expended \$4,343,955 in federal funds in FY 2014-2015. Local priority # 1 (Homelessness) and # 2 (Rental Housing) accounted for fifty-four (54%) percent of the funds expended. Fifty-five (55%) percent of the funds available were expended. The city assisted 2,348 Persons through various public services activities to assist the homeless including overnight shelter; 279 Households were assisted with housing assistance through Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Security Deposit program, and various HOPWA Programs; and 17 Households were assisted with affordable rental programs and homeowner rehabilitation programs.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

We followed the citizen participation plan that we have adopted and is required by HUD. As part of this, we held or will held two public meetings and consulted directly with attendees at two meetings of the BEACH Community Partnership, which includes affordable housing and homeless service providers. 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 including Facebook and an online quarterly publication called Connections. We have over 300 subscribers to both Facebook and our publication. We continually update our department's website to keep citizens informed. We also incorporated the use of a media app called "Speak-Up" in order to quickly view citizen comments through the use of smartphone technology.

5. Summary of public comments

(this section will be completed upon completion of the public comment period on May 7th)

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

(this section will be completed upon completion of the public comment period on May 7th)

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.

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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.

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

(see chart that follows)

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 the DHNP and VBCDC meets monthly to discuss housing and homeless issues. Additionally, both organizations are represented on multiple groups so that continuous feedback is received.
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?	Samaritan House, Inc. was awarded a contract to operate and manage a centralized call center for all homeless assistance inquiries. They are also active in the Continuum of Care and provide continual recommendations about the Emergency Solutions Grants Programs (ESG) 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
	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?	As a HOPWA Project Sponsor, we coordinate monthly 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	Department of Human Services
	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 continue to meet at varying levels to discuss problems that overlap similar clients for both departments to find reasonable cooperative, proactive methods of addressing these problems within the City.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Seton Youth Shelters
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	As a sub-grantee, we meet with Seton Youth Shelter on a regular basis throughout the year. They are also members of the CoC and each organization that works together to collaborative on Disconnected Youth. DHNP maintains a representative on each of these activities.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Judeo Christian Outreach Center, Inc.
	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 disabled, previously homeless veterans and low to moderate income chronically homeless individuals. They are part of the CoC and BEACH Community Partnership. We maintain continuous discussions throughout the year as part of working toward solutions to reducing homelessness.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, CHESAPEAKE INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Volunteers of America, Chesapeake manages our "Lighthouse Day Services Center" and our Winter Shelter Program. They are the lead agency on singles and chronically homeless persons and are part of the CoC. In addition to the discussions that ensue at these monthly meetings, we maintain discussions about issues surrounding the chronic homeless and homeless persons with substance assistance issues.

8	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 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.

9	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 fifth regional SRO Apartment in Virginia Beach. 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 are meeting regularly to work through all the regulatory issues contained in creating an SRO to ensure a smooth development path and successful opening.

10	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?	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?	Habitat for Humanity is one of the few affordable housing developers in the region that builds new, affordable housing for the low-mod clientele. We are currently working with Habitat as they continue the development of a 6-unit twin house building project. We meet regularly to follow the development of their project within Virginia Beach. Site work is near completion and construction should start soon.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Endeppendence Center, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing and accessibility needs of persons with disabilities
	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

None 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	
Housing Needs Assessment for HOPWA	Collaborative Solutions, Inc.	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 vb.gov.com/housing .
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice	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.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

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 assessment and the annual action plan, we held additional meetings within the BEACH Community Partnership which provides all key stakeholders the opportunity to provide input to the department and identify opportunities for coordinated action.

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 – fall of 2015	Non-targeted/broad community				
2	Public Hearing – April, 2016	Non-targeted/broad community				
3	Meetings – Fall of 2015 and April, 2016	BEACH Community Partnership			As noted.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 2				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	90,000	943,047	2,810,748	5,333,103	CDBG funds are used for the Low-Moderate Income Clientele National Objective. We anticipate \$90,000 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 2				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	807,798	75,000	291,000	1,173,798	2,423,394	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 2				Expected Amount Available Remainder 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	795,738	1,976,527	3,542,367	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 2				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	469,584	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.

In housing development projects, our funds leverage very significant amounts of other funding. For example, we provided \$1 million to the Crescent Square apartment development, which had total funds of over \$10 million, so our leveraging ratio was at least 9:1.

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 and 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 is expected to begin with a groundbreaking in the summer of 2016. 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.

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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	2016	2017	Homeless	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach	Homeless	CDBG: \$251,271 ESG: \$144,789	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	2016	2017	Affordable Housing Homeless	City Wide – City of Virginia Beach	Homeless affordable rental housing	HOME: \$750,000	Rental units constructed: 10
3	Create/Preserve Affordable Rental Housing	2016	2017	Affordable Housing	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach	People in need of affordable rental housing	CDBG: \$884,989 HOME: \$1,212,886	Rental units constructed: 18 Household Housing Unit Household Housing Unit Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 50 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Provide Services to Special Needs	2016	2017	Non-Homeless Special Needs	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach	Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$22,883	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 252 Beds
5	Create/Preserve Special Needs Housing	2016	2017	Affordable Housing Special Needs	City Wide – City of Virginia Beach	People in need of affordable rental housing	HOME: \$430,000	Rental Units Constructed: 6
6	Provide Housing and Support Services for HIV/Aids	2016	2017	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	HOPWA EMSA	Homeless People in need of affordable rental housing People with HIV/AIDS	HOPWA: \$1,945,558	Housing for People with HIV/AIDS added: 225 Household Housing Unit
7	Preserve And Enhance Neighborhoods	2016	2017	Neighborhood Preservation	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach Code Enforcement Enhancement Area (CEEA)	Neighborhood Preservation	CDBG: \$678,066	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 8655 Household Housing Unit
8	Preserve Low and Moderate Homeowner Housing	2016	2017	Affordable Housing	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach Code Enforcement Enhancement Area (CEEA)	Rehabilitation of low-income Owner occupied homes.	CDBG: \$709,583	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 60 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
9	Planning and Administration	2016	2017	Planning and Administration	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach HOPWA EMSA Code Enforcement Enhancement Area (CEEA) Regional Task Force Homelessness Area	Planning and Administration	CDBG: \$373,540 HOPWA: \$62,198 HOME: \$88,280 ESG: \$11,739	Other: 0 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

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Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Homelessness
	Goal Description	Increase the number of homeless persons that are moved into permanent or permanent supportive housing.
2	Goal Name	HIV/AIDS - Housing and Supportive Services
	Goal Description	Increase the number of persons with HIV/AIDS and their families that are housed in quality affordable housing.
3	Goal Name	Accessible Housing
	Goal Description	We have not provided funding for any specific fully accessible project. However, each of the projects that we are funding will have approximately 10 percent of their units fully accessible. Additionally, each developer follows Universal Design Standards and all the projects will be LEED certified.
4	Goal Name	Rental Housing - Access
	Goal Description	We have not placed any funds specifically in this category. However, TBRA, Rapid Re-housing, Rental Security Deposits all support this category.
5	Goal Name	Rental Housing - Quality
	Goal Description	Code Enforcement and our Housing Rehabilitation Programs both support this goal to halt the deterioration of housing and neighborhoods through a plan accepted by HUD in early 2014.
6	Goal Name	Rental Housing - Supply
	Goal Description	Increase the supply of quality affordable rental housing units through new construction or rehabilitation.
7	Goal Name	Owner Housing - Quality
	Goal Description	Improve the quality of housing through financial assistance to qualified owners and reduce the number of deteriorating housing units in neighborhoods.

8	Goal Name	Neighborhood Preservation
	Goal Description	Perform Code Enforcement activities in selected Enhancement Areas that were created through a review of code violations within Code Enforcement. These inspections insure that housing violations are repaired and that the condition of the housing is maintained.
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 upcoming year projects and the outcomes we hope to achieve with these projects

#	Project Name
1	DHNP - General Management and Oversight
2	Homeless Services-Winter Shelter
3	Homeless Services-Day Service Center
4	DHNP - Optional Relocation - City Wide
5	DHNP - Housing Rehabilitation Implementation
6	DHNP - Code Enforcement
7	SAMARITAN HOUSE - Children's Services for Residents
8	VBCDC - Emergency Home Repair
9	DHNP - Opportunity Grant for Affordable Rental Housing- CDBG & HOME
10	DHNP - Administration of HOME Programs
11	DHNP - Rental Security Deposits
12	DHNP - Tenant Based Rental Assistance
13	VSH - New Construction: Church Street Station Studios (multijurisdictional)
14	SENIORS UNLIMITED: New Construction: Tranquility Lakes
15	CHDO – Acquisition/Rehab of affordable housing
16	SEASIDE HARBOR - New Construction: Affordable Rental Housing
17	DHNP – HOPWA Grantee Admin
18	DHNP – HOPWA Resource Identification
19	ACCESS – HOPWA- Project Sponsor
20	ESG16 Virginia Beach

Table 8 – Project Information

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

We retained the priorities that were established in our 5-Year Consolidated Strategic Plan. Affordable rental housing opportunities and ending homelessness continue to be our top priorities.

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	DHNP - General Management and Oversight
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$373,540
	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	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	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

	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach
	Goals Supported	Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$115,655
	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	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	We expect to serve 288 uniquely identified persons during this fiscal 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. The church will typically provide an evening meal and breakfast.
3	Project Name	Homeless Services-Day Service Center

	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach
	Goals Supported	Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$135,616
	Description	Also receive general facility funds from City funds in the amount of \$19,470. Provides support program for homeless individuals, including transportation, staff supervision and basic supplies and operational costs. Includes access to bathing facilities, telephones, intake and referral. Programs include but are not limited to: Individualized case management; Housing applications, placement and supports; shower and personal hygiene, laundry facilities; employment opportunities, interview clothing and transportation assistance; life skills training and peer support groups; referrals for medical, substance abuse and mental health services. Based as a one stop location at the Lighthouse Day Services Center.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimate that we will serve approximately 465 uniquely identified persons this year.
	Location Description	Located at the Lighthouse Service Center on 18 1/2 Street near the oceanfront in Virginia Beach.
	Planned Activities	Provides funds to assist individuals to obtain housing through providing case management and services to homeless adult men and women. Case managers may provide assistance in completing housing applications, placement and supports; shower and personal hygiene facilities; laundry facilities; employment opportunities, interview clothing and transportation assistance; life skills training and peer group supports. They may make referrals for substance abuse and/or mental health services.
4	Project Name	DHNP - Optional Relocation - City Wide

	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach
	Goals Supported	Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$14,583
	Description	Provides payments for households displaced due to living in unsafe housing. The primary purpose is to prevent homelessness by relocating residents before they become homeless as a result of occupying unsafe housing.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	We estimate that we will assist up to 5 persons with all of the Optional Relocation funds for this fiscal year.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Funds are provided for participants that might become homeless through no fault of their own. Short-term assistance is provided until permanent housing arranges
5	Project Name	DHNP - Housing Rehabilitation Implementation
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach
	Goals Supported	Rental Housing - Quality Rental Housing - Supply Owner Housing - Quality Neighborhood Preservation
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Neighborhood Preservation
	Funding	CDBG: \$143,651

	Description	Provides funds for staff and support to implement Federal housing assistance programs. Includes financial evaluation, development of grant and loan assistance, development of plans and specifications, inspections and working with non-profits towards development of affordable housing.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	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; Church Street Station Studio's, Tranquility at the Lakes, and Seaside Harbor Rental Housing; 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.
6	Project Name	DHNP - Code Enforcement
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach Code Enforcement Enhancement Area (CEEA)
	Goals Supported	Accessible Housing Rental Housing - Access Rental Housing - Quality Owner Housing - Quality Neighborhood Preservation
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Neighborhood Preservation
	Funding	CDBG: \$678,066

	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	6/30/2017
	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.
7	Project Name	SAMARITAN HOUSE - Children's Services for Residents
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach
	Goals Supported	Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness
	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	6/30/2017
	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.
8	Project Name	VBCDC - Emergency Home Repair
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach Code Enforcement Enhancement Area (CEEA)
	Goals Supported	Rental Housing - Quality Owner Housing - Quality
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$695,000
	Description	Provides funds to make emergency grants to low-income owner-occupants who need assistance to repair a critical system (such as heating, roof, plumbing or electrical systems) or to make necessary improvements for safety. Also provides accessibility improvements for rental households at or below 80% of area median income (AMI) provided the landlord agrees to allow improvements (ramps, door widening, handicap toilets, grab bar reinforcements, etc.
	Target Date	6/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	We estimate assisting 55 households with these funds.
	Location Description	Scattered sites.
	Planned Activities	Funds are provided to VBCDC to manage the Emergency Home Repair program within the CEEA Program areas. These funds will be used to engage participants that have received code violations in the CEEA program areas. These funds will be used to make the necessary repairs to their houses to correct the code violations.
9	Project Name	DHNP - Opportunity Grant for Affordable Rental Housing
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach
	Goals Supported	Rental Housing - Supply
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$741,338 HOME: \$366,572
	Description	We have several projects in the works but are not far enough along to make a firm commitment. The plan will be amended when a project is identified.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	None at this time. We hope to provide assistance to create at least 20 new or rehabilitated affordable rental housing units in the future.
	Location Description	Unknown at this time.
	Planned Activities	Wait for a non-profit partner to request funds for development.
10	Project Name	DHNP - Administration of HOME Programs

	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach Regional Task Force Homelessness Area
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	HOME: \$88,280
	Description	Provides funds to DHNP to administer the HOME program (subject to 10% administrative cap).
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	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.
11	Project Name	DHNP - Rental Security Deposits
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach
	Goals Supported	Homelessness Accessible Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homelessness
	Funding	HOME: \$56,001

	Description	These funds provide low-income households with assistance for security and utility deposits for rental housing (60% of area median income (AMI)).
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	We estimate that we will assist approximately 20 uniquely identified households this fiscal year.
	Location Description	Scattered sites within Virginia Beach.
	Planned Activities	Provide Rental Security Deposit assistance to 20 households.
12	Project Name	DHNP - Tenant Based Rental Assistance
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach
	Goals Supported	Homelessness Rental Housing - Access
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness
	Funding	HOME: \$ 292,231
	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	6/30/2017
	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	

	Planned Activities	Provides for short-term assistance for persons that are in a precarious housing environment.
13	Project Name	VSH - New Construction: Church Street Station Studios (multijurisdictional)
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach HOPWA EMSA Regional Task Force Homelessness Area
	Goals Supported	Homelessness Rental Housing - Access Rental Housing - Supply
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Homelessness
	Funding	HOME: \$750,000
	Description	This will be a multijurisdictional project between the City of Norfolk and Virginia Beach. It will be a multiuse and multiple income property. There will be 80 total housing units. All units will be affordable to individuals earning 60% or less of AMI. Fifty units will be reserved for homeless individuals. Our Funds will provide for 10 of the units to be affordable.
	Target Date	6/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project has gone through its due diligence phase for Environmental Assessment, Subsidy Layering Review and building start up when completely approved by the various HUD agencies.
	Location Description	City of Norfolk
	Planned Activities	Compliance documentation and approvals and the start of construction.
14	Project Name	SENIORS UNLIMITED: New Construction: Tranquility Lakes
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach

	Goals Supported	Accessible Housing Rental Housing - Access Rental Housing - Supply
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$430,000
	Description	Seniors Unlimited Lifestyles Inc. will build a seniors rental apartment with 40 units serving only individuals over the age of 62. 5 of the 40 will be fully accessible and all units will have Universal Design features. Our Funds provide for 6 of the units to be affordable.
	Target Date	6/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Seniors Unlimited Lifestyles Inc. will build a seniors rental apartment with 40 units serving only individuals over the age of 62. 5 of the 40 will be fully accessible and all units will have Universal Design features. Our Funds provide for 6 of the units to be affordable.
	Location Description	Burton Station Road, Virginia Beach, VA
	Planned Activities	Obtaining appropriate approvals to commence work on this project.
15	Project Name	CHDO Set Aside: Acquisition/Rehab for Affordable Housing -
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach Code Enforcement Enhancement Area (CEEA)
	Goals Supported	Rental Housing - Supply
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$132,420
	Description	These funds will be used to acquire and rehabilitate two scattered site units for affordable rental or homeowner housing.
	Target Date	6/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimate that 2 Households will be served.
	Location Description	Unknown at this time.
	Planned Activities	Acquire, rehabilitate and lease two housing units.
16	Project Name	SEASIDE HARBOR - New Construction: Affordable Rental Housing
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach
	Goals Supported	Homelessness Rental Housing - Access Rental Housing - Supply
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$204,750
	Description	This project will create 76 units of affordable housing. Our funds are providing for 3 of these units to be affordable.
	Target Date	6/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Virginia Beach
	Planned Activities	
17	Project Name	DHNP - General Oversight and Administration- HOPWA
	Target Area	HOPWA EMSA
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration

	Needs Addressed	Planning and Administration
	Funding	HOPWA: \$62,198
	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	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Planning and Administration for the HOPWA entitlement funds.
18	Project Name	DHNP - Resource Identification
	Target Area	HOPWA EMSA
	Goals Supported	HIV/AIDS - Housing and Supportive Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Funding	HOPWA: \$6,955
	Description	These funds are provided to assist in identifying additional resources to support the HOPWA program.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	We expect to identify two new resources to work within the HOPWA eligible activities. These funds include \$4,455 of carry forward funds to support this activity.
	Location Description	Scattered throughout the 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.
19	Project Name	ACCESS - HOPWA - Project Sponsor
	Target Area	HOPWA EMSA
	Goals Supported	HIV/AIDS - Housing and Supportive Services
	Needs Addressed	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Funding	HOPWA: \$1,938,604
	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. These funds include \$795,738 of carry forward funds to support this activity.
	Target Date	6/30/2017
	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	Scattered throughout the EMSA.
	Planned Activities	Eligible housing unit activities, rental assistance, case management, short-term rental and utility assistance,
20	Project Name	ESG16 Virginia Beach
	Target Area	City Wide - City of Virginia Beach
	Goals Supported	Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness
	Funding	ESG: \$156,528

Description	Provides funds to pay for the planning, management and oversight costs for the Emergency Solutions Grant program. Provides for administrative staff salaries and related program implementation expenses \$11,739. We will allocate \$102,334 in Essential Services and Shelter Operations, and \$42,455 for Rapid-Rehousing Assistance.
Target Date	6/30/2017
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	We estimate 941 persons will be served with these programs.
Location Description	Scattered throughout Virginia Beach
Planned Activities	As described above.

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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. This activity is supported by CDBG funds.

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	36
HOPWA EMSA	20
Code Enforcement Enhancement Area (CEEA)	24
Regional Task Force Homelessness Area	20

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. Code Enforcement identifies 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.

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Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The following are the one-year goals relative to affordable housing. As we mentioned at the outset, the largest challenge we face this year is the significant imbalance between housing costs and incomes. Over 55,000 households are cost burdened or severely cost burdened. These people are showing up in our programs for the first time for prevention assistance or rapid re-housing. We have helped a number of persons move into more appropriate levels of affordability to ease the financial burden. 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	23,901
Non-Homeless	12,861
Special-Needs	352
Total	37,114

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	77
The Production of New Units	274
Rehab of Existing Units	8
Acquisition of Existing Units	8
Total	367

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 23,901 persons to be assisted, approximately 21,000 will be callers to Connection Point seeking rental or homeless assistance and another 1,005 persons will complete an assessment through our new assessment center. The remaining 1,896 are persons assisted through our CDBG Public Service funds. We wanted to call this out since it is significantly different from previous years. Both of these projects are 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.

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AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

We have no 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

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NONE

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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. In addition, in 2014 the city provided funding for a dedicated street outreach team that works closely with our coordinated assessment function to identify, assess and refer those most vulnerable to housing.

Samaritan House manages the Centralized Call Center operation through general operating funds provided by the City. Based on the actual calls through April, 2015, we expect to exceed 21,000 calls received in the new fiscal year. They are also the largest Domestic Violence provider in the Commonwealth. Seton Youth Shelters in conjunction with Stand Up for Kids and other organizations focus on outreach engagement to the homeless youth population. Judeo-Christian Outreach Center provides outreach through their dining facility operations that operates 365 days per year. Volunteers of America operate both the Winter Shelter program and the Day Services program as outreach efforts to the homeless. Each provider has specific outcome requirements established within their written agreements. Since the estimate of demand is a tricky process, we tend to establish percentages based on the number of persons that move into permanent or permanent supportive housing out of the total population they serve. These outcomes will be reported in our CAPER.

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. Volunteers of America operate a winter emergency shelter operation in conjunction with local area churches that actually house the participants and the City which funds the operations through CDBG Public Service funds.

Virginia Beach Community Development Corporation provides transitional housing 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.

Our coordinated assessment function uses a vulnerability assessment tool to prioritize and understand people's situation and make the most appropriate referrals. 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.

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

The Continuum of Care has adopted a diversion protocol for all non-street homeless callers that seek to provide/explore all available options for keeping people out of homelessness. In addition, providers have applied for additional prevention funds through the Virginia VHSP grant to increase resources available for prevention activities.

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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	72
Tenant-based rental assistance	263
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	15
Total	350

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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. 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. In the upcoming year we have contracted for a study to identify and quantify the community's need for affordable housing, and this study should provide a solid basis for additional efforts on all fronts.

Discussion

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

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

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

Our Code Enforcement Division has adopted policies that are compliant with HUD requirements 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

Goals, programs, and policies for reducing the number of households with incomes below poverty line

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

DHNP 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 enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies

On an ongoing basis we work with all appropriate agencies to help achieve our goals for ending homelessness and expanding affordable housing opportunities.

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.

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| 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

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| 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. | 100.00% |

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:

None.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used

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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. Please contact our office for a copy.*

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, see #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 have been established. Please contact our office for a copy.
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 began operating a coordinated assessment system in August of 2014. Through this system, all callers are assessed for whether they are actually street homeless. All street homeless callers are then evaluated for vulnerability using a common form – the VI SPDAT. 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. The City of Virginia Beach established a centralized call center for citizens in need of 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. 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. .

3. 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.

Attachments

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