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"Creating Communities of Choice"



May 14, 2015

Ms. Dana Buckner, Director
Office of Community Planning and Development
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Gateway Tower, II, Room 200
400 State Avenue
Kansas City, KS 66101-2406

Dear Ms. Buckner:

I am pleased to present to you an original and one copy of the 2015-16 Second Program Year Action Plan. This plan was prepared and submitted using the eCon Planning Suite, which requires that the SF-424 and Certifications with original signatures be mailed to your office.

This Action Plan was developed in accordance with established policy and our Consolidated Plan and reflects planned expenditures for Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships, and Emergency Solutions Grand funds for FY 2015-16.

This document also references other resources which the City of Wichita will utilize to help meet the needs of our community for housing and other community development purposes.

I look forward to receipt of your approval of the plan so that we can move forward with all of the activities which are planned for next year. If you or your staff have questions or will need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (316) 462-3795 or mkvaughn@wichita.gov.

Sincerely,

Mary K. Vaughn
Director

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

This Annual Action Plan is the second year of the City of Wichita 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan, which provides a basis and strategy for the use of federal funds allocated to the City of Wichita by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Programs and activities identified in this Plan are intended to primarily benefit low and moderate-income residents of the city of Wichita and neighborhoods with high concentrations of low- and moderate-income residents, which will ultimately benefit the city as a whole. This plan is the product of citizen participation, public hearings, and consultations with other agencies, groups and organizations involved in the development of affordable housing, creation of job opportunities for low and moderate-income residents, and/or provision of services to children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, and homeless persons. A complete draft of this Plan was made available for public review and comment during the period of March 4, 2015, through April 3, 2015.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The theme of the City's Consolidated Plan continues to be "Creating Communities of Choice." Following this theme, Consolidated Plan activities will prioritize housing needs in the core of the city, because the market is sufficient to maintain a strong outer ring. Housing needs will be supported by developing and/or maintaining strong infrastructure to enhance the living and working environment in the city's core.

3. Evaluation of past performance

The City of Wichita has a history of successful administration of federal programs for housing, as well as community planning and development. That system is firmly in place and will continue for future administration of Consolidated Plan funds, and includes professional administration by City staff and partnerships and contracts with community agencies. Results of the City's administration of programs funded with Consolidated Plan resources are reported using the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) format and can be found on the City's website.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

For the City of Wichita, citizen participation is a vital component of the consolidated planning process. To encourage Wichita citizens to be involved in making decisions regarding planning and

funding public programs and activities, the Housing and Community Services Department has developed a Citizen Participation Plan which uses various media formats to engage the public in identifying needs and priorities. All citizens are encouraged to participate in the development and review of the Consolidated Plans and Annual Plans, including substantial amendments, and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPER). Notice of public hearings and comment periods will be published in the designated official newspaper or newspapers of general circulation, and advertised on the City-7 cable television channel.

Public service activities identified for CDBG funding during the 2015-16 Second Program Year were carefully reviewed and selected by a Grants Review Committee comprised of citizens representing each City Council district, as well as representatives from the local school district and state university, small and large business, Wichita Independent Neighborhood Association, and United Way of the Plains. Homeless assistance activities identified for 2015-16 ESG funding were carefully reviewed and selected by a subcommittee of the Wichita Sedgwick County Continuum of Care Coordinating Team. A public hearing and review of all proposals for CDBG and ESG funding was held on January 20, 2015. Oral comments were invited during that hearing.

A preliminary draft of the 2015-16 Second Program Year Action Plan was made available for public review and comment from March 4 through April 3, 2015, on the City of Wichita web site and in the Housing and Community Services Department. Plan summaries were available at all Neighborhood Resource Centers, as well as Central and selected branch libraries. Oral comments were invited during public hearings and meetings conducted on this matter at the regular City Council meetings of December 9, 2014, March 3, 2015, and May 5, 2015.

5. Summary of public comments

No public comments were received regarding the 2015-16 Second Program Year Action Plan.

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

No public comments were received regarding the 2015-16 Second Program Year Action Plan.

7. Summary

The City's Housing & Community Services Department has developed this Annual Action Plan to strategically implement CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs and utilize funding to provide services which are responsive to the needs and priorities identified in citizen surveys related to infrastructure, housing, public services and needs of the homeless, for the program year beginning July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016.

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	WICHITA	Housing and Community Services Department
HOME Administrator	WICHITA	Housing and Community Services Department
ESG Administrator	WICHITA	Housing and Community Services Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

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

1. Introduction

Although the Housing & Community Services Department is the lead agency, the Department is committed to working with community agencies and service providers to create a comprehensive service environment to address the needs of the community. The Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan process represents a year-round accumulation of reports, discussions, analyses, and observations. Agencies and organizations which have contributed to the final product as well as the decisions and discussions that occur on a year-round basis, are listed in tables following this discussion.

Summary of the activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies

The Housing and Community Services Department values its many partnerships with local service providers, and seeks opportunities for joint problem-solving with them. These partnerships include other City departments, Sedgwick County government, local educational institutions, the Continuum of Care, Community Housing Development Organizations, employment and training providers, emergency assistance agencies, faith-based programs, and the local United Way. Additionally, the Housing & Community Services Department is the Wichita Housing Authority and therefore has a built-in relationship with the Public Housing and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher programs. All of these relationships provide a variety of opportunities for the department's administration of Consolidated Plan programs including: opportunities to provide input into the Plan itself; leveraging of resources which often results in enhanced services; and partners to deliver services via contracts with the City.

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.

Housing & Community Services Department staff are represented on the Wichita-Sedgwick County Continuum of Care and Homeless Services Coalition. This representation provides year-round opportunities for input and feedback on the community's needs for homeless programs and services. Members of these two groups include service providers, street outreach programs, shelter operators and United Way of the Plains which is the local HMIS administrator. One of the major activities of these consultations is the annual Point in Time Count. The City provides space at no cost for an event at the convention center which provides an array of health, social service and educational services for the homeless. During that event homeless participants also complete questionnaires which clarify their status and identify their needs.

In addition to this work with community homeless services groups, the Department's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program works closely with the Veteran's Administration to ensure that housing

services are provided to homeless veterans. The City continues to operate a Housing First program which works in close partnership with Sedgwick County mental health programs, to provide permanent housing for the chronically homeless.

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

The Wichita/Sedgwick County Continuum of Care (CoC) is facilitated by United Way of the Plains, and all providers of homeless services in the area are invited to participate. The City of Wichita is represented on the CoC and therefore has opportunities to provide input and shape policy for the allocation of funds, performance standards and outcome evaluation for all locally administered funds which support homeless services. A subcommittee of the CoC, which includes City staff as non-voting members, is convened annually to review proposals and make recommendations for ESG funding. Performance standards and individual agency outcomes are established in conjunction with the CoC, and reviewed annually as part of the ESG Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). In addition the City engages the Continuum of Care in special discussions throughout the year as needed to address issues such as requests for budget adjustments, data collection needs, and HMIS administration.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in development of the Annual Plan

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	United Way of the Plains
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Regional organization
	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 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 City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	YWCA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children 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?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	CATHOLIC CHARITIES, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment 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?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Wichita Police Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Wichita-Sedgwick County Continuum of Care (CoC)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Planning organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Central Plains Area Agency on Aging
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Sedgwick County Health Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.

8	Agency/Group/Organization	SALVATION ARMY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	His Helping Hands, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Kansas Department of Health and Environment
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Other government - State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Lead-based Paint Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	COMCARE of Sedgwick County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Sedgwick County Developmental Disability Organization
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Other government - County
	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 City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Miracles, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Wichita Children's Home
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Kansas Department of Corrections
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	State Parole
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.

16	Agency/Group/Organization	The Lord's Diner
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	Kansas Elks Training Center for the Handicapped, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Wichita State University Center for Business Research and Economic Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	Wichita Public Schools
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
20	Agency/Group/Organization	Wichita State University Center for Real Estate
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
21	Agency/Group/Organization	Wichita Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children 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?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
22	Agency/Group/Organization	Metropolitan Area Planning Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
23	Agency/Group/Organization	Wichita Area Technical College
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.

24	Agency/Group/Organization	Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
25	Agency/Group/Organization	South Central Kansas Economic Development District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
26	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Wichita Finance Department, Budget & Research Office
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.

27	Agency/Group/Organization	Advocates to End Chronic Homelessness- AECH
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
28	Agency/Group/Organization	Starkey, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities
	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 City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
29	Agency/Group/Organization	Urban League of Kansas, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Children Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	2014-2018 Consolidated Plan Public Input Survey

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
30	Agency/Group/Organization	United Methodist Open Door
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
31	Agency/Group/Organization	Buu-Quang Temple
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Religious organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	2014-2018 Consolidated Plan Public Input Survey
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.

32	Agency/Group/Organization	Episcopal Social Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-homeless Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	2014-2018 Consolidated Plan Input Survey
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
33	Agency/Group/Organization	Habitat for Humanity
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
34	Agency/Group/Organization	Mennonite Housing Rehabilitation Services, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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 City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
35	Agency/Group/Organization	Rainbows United, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Wichita requested input from this organization about the services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.
36	Agency/Group/Organization	South Central Kansas Prosperity Plan
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Affordable Housing
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City staff participate in ongoing discussions of ways to improve the built environment of communities in the region to enhance the quality of life.

The City of Wichita did not consult with local agencies whose sole mission is to serve persons with AID/HIV as those services are funded and coordinated by the State of Kansas.

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	United Way of the Plains	The Strategic Plan and Continuum of Care do not overlap, but rather complement each other as both seek to identify permanent solutions to the problem of homelessness. The entire continuum of outreach, emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, homeless prevention and permanent housing is supported through collaboration with all of the agencies who have a role in one or more of these strategies.
South Central Kansas Prosperity Plan	Regional Economic Area Partnership (REAP)	City Staff are members of the Built Environment Subcommittee which addresses ways to impact the built environment (housing, infrastructure, economic development) in ways that enhance the quality of life for residents in the region. Wichita is the largest city in the region and many of the strategies will be appropriate for implementation in Wichita neighborhoods. Complementary strategies in both plans include development and maintenance of affordable housing, creating or improving pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure, and improve access to public resources.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

Citizen participation was an important part of the 2015-16 Program year planning process. Information about the planning process and proposed plan was provided to citizens through a variety of formats as indicated in our Citizen Participation Plan. A Grants Review Committee (GRC) appointed by City Council includes citizen representation from every council district and two representatives of the Wichita Independent Neighborhood Association, as well as representatives from small and large business, public schools, and the local United Way. The GRC reviewed and evaluated all proposals received for CDBG funding, and made funding recommendations to the City Manager and Council. Those recommendations were accepted as submitted, and incorporated into this Plan.

The Wichita Sedgwick County Continuum of Care convened a subcommittee to review and evaluate all proposals submitted for 2015 ESG funding for homeless assistance activities. That committee was comprised of representatives from (non ESG-funded) organizations providing services for homeless citizens, as well as formerly homeless individual(s). That committee reviewed proposals and made funding recommendations for all homeless assistance, rapid re-housing, and prevention activities. Those recommendations were accepted as submitted and incorporated into this Plan.

Public hearings were held during the consideration of the preliminary proposed Plan and during the consideration of the final Second Program Year Action Plan. A public hearing was held for consideration of all proposals received for CDBG public services and ESG homeless assistance services. No public comments were received.

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	28	No comments received	N/A	
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	100+	No comments received	N/A	
3	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	50+	No comments received	N/A	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

HUD has announced that the 2015-2016 allocation amounts are as follows: CDBG - \$2,632,870; HOME - \$1,107,844; ESG - \$238,807

Priority Table

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: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	2,632,870	0	44,661	2,677,531	0	Funds will be used to advance priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan.

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	1,107,844	0	0	1,107,844	0	Funds will be used to advance priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan.
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	238,807	0	0	238,807	0	Funds will be used to advance priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan.

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

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The City will partner/contract with community agencies in the Public Services category to fund programs where CDBG is not the sole source of funding. Whenever possible, CDBG-funded home repairs will be paired with external resources such as Affordable Housing Program funds and state resources which may be available.

HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME). The City will continue to provide development subsidies for development of single family homes which will make it possible for developers to access non-government funds to complete their financing needs. These housing development activities will generate leveraged funds in the form of construction loans. Additionally, the down payment and closing costs assistance will realize a significant leveraged amount from the mortgage loan that the buyer will access. These activities are used to provide the required 25% match for the HOME program.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). The City will partner/contract with community agencies to fund programs where ESG is not the sole source of funding. The contracting agencies will be required to provide matching funds. Other match requirements will be met with in-kind support from City staff whose salaries are funded with sources other than ESG funds.

Publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan

The City's public housing inventory (578 units) will continue to address affordable housing needs. Other City-owned property will be reviewed as opportunities arise, to increase the stock of affordable housing.

Discussion

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	Home Repair	2014	2018	Affordable Housing	WICHITA NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA REDEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE AREA LOCAL INVESTMENT AREA	Safe Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$1,129,251	Other: 250 Other
2	New Housing Development (single/multi-family)	2014	2018	Affordable Housing	WICHITA NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA LOCAL INVESTMENT AREA	Safe Affordable Housing	HOME: \$283,836	Homeowner Housing Added: 10 Houses
3	Homebuyer Assistance	2014	2018	Affordable Housing	WICHITA NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA LOCAL INVESTMENT AREA	Safe Affordable Housing	HOME: \$288,224	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 14 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Housing First	2014	2018	Homeless	WICHITA NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA REDEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE AREA LOCAL INVESTMENT AREA	Homelessness	CDBG: \$68,500 ESG: \$10,000	Other: 64 homeless persons
6	Homeless Assistance (Shelters)	2014	2018	Homeless	WICHITA NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA REDEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE AREA LOCAL INVESTMENT AREA	Homelessness	ESG: \$135,166	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 500 Persons Assisted Other: 1500 Other
7	Rapid Re-Housing	2014	2018	Homeless	WICHITA NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA REDEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE AREA LOCAL INVESTMENT AREA	Homelessness	ESG: \$63,315	Homelessness Prevention: 15 Persons Assisted
8	Homeless Prevention	2014	2018	Homeless	WICHITA NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA REDEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE AREA LOCAL INVESTMENT AREA	Homelessness	ESG: \$21,105	Homelessness Prevention: 20 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
9	Women's Services	2014	2018	Homeless	WICHITA NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA REDEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE AREA LOCAL INVESTMENT AREA	Homelessness	CDBG: \$250,000	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 400 Persons Assisted
10	Boarded Up House Program	2014	2018	Non-Housing Community Development	WICHITA NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA LOCAL INVESTMENT AREA	Neighborhood Stabilization	HOME: \$125,000	Homeowner Housing Added: 2 Units
11	Office of Community Engagement	2014	2018	Non-Housing Community Development	WICHITA NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA REDEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE AREA LOCAL INVESTMENT AREA	Non Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$385,000	Other: 5000 persons
12	Training and Employment	2014	2018	Non-Housing Community Development	WICHITA NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA REDEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE AREA LOCAL INVESTMENT AREA	Non Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$225,000	Jobs created/retained: 130 Jobs

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
13	Youth Enrichment and Crime Prevention	2014	2018	Non-Housing Community Development	WICHITA NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA REDEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE AREA LOCAL INVESTMENT AREA	Non Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$125,000	Other: 4000 persons
15	Program Administration	2014	2018	Program Administration	WICHITA NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA REDEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE AREA LOCAL INVESTMENT AREA	Non Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$494,780 HOME: \$110,784 ESG: \$9,221	Other: N/A

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Home Repair
	Goal Description	Provides funds for home repair programs for income-eligible homeowners, including the annual free paint program.
2	Goal Name	New Housing Development (single/multi-family)
	Goal Description	Provides funds for in-fill housing development in the designated areas

3	Goal Name	Homebuyer Assistance
	Goal Description	Provides funds for closing costs and downpayment assistance for income-eligible, first-time homebuyers
5	Goal Name	Housing First
	Goal Description	Provides funds for permanent housing for up to 64 chronically homeless individuals
6	Goal Name	Homeless Assistance (Shelters)
	Goal Description	Provides funds to homeless shelters for operations and essential services
7	Goal Name	Rapid Re-Housing
	Goal Description	Provides funds for rapid re-housing of homeless individuals and families
8	Goal Name	Homeless Prevention
	Goal Description	Provides funds for rent and utility assistance for income-eligible families on the verge of homelessness
9	Goal Name	Women's Services
	Goal Description	Provides funds for shelter and related services for women and children fleeing domestic violence
10	Goal Name	Boarded Up House Program
	Goal Description	Provides funds for redevelopment of vacant, blighted homes
11	Goal Name	Office of Community Engagement
	Goal Description	Provides funds for staff and designated facility costs for three Neighborhood Resource Centers

12	Goal Name	Training and Employment
	Goal Description	Provides funds for summer youth employment for 130 youth receiving housing services from Wichita Housing Authority
13	Goal Name	Youth Enrichment and Crime Prevention
	Goal Description	Provides funds for over 4,000 middle school youth to attend after school recreation/enrichment programs
15	Goal Name	Program Administration
	Goal Description	Provides funds for program management and related costs associated with assuring federal compliance

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):

The City of Wichita anticipates providing affordable housing for 140 moderate-income families.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Projects identified in the Second Program Year Action Plan will continue to advance the priorities identified in the 2014-18 Consolidated Plan

#	Project Name
1	Housing Activities
2	Public Services
3	HOME Activities
5	Program Administration
6	CHDO Set Aside Projects
7	Emergency Solutions Grant

Table 8 – Project Information

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

Allocation amounts were determined based on availability of funds, community feedback and the priorities identified in the Consolidated Plan. No obstacles are anticipated.

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	Housing Activities
	Target Area	WICHITA NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA REDEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE AREA LOCAL INVESTMENT AREA
	Goals Supported	Home Repair
	Needs Addressed	Safe Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,129,251
	Description	Provides funding for emergency home repairs for low income home owners, provides paint and paint labor for LMI homeowners and funds for project administration.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	250 income-eligible homeowners are expected to be served
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Home repair
	Project Name	Public Services

2	Target Area	WICHITA NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA REDEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE AREA LOCAL INVESTMENT AREA
	Goals Supported	Housing First Women's Services Office of Community Engagement Training and Employment Youth Enrichment and Crime Prevention
	Needs Addressed	Non Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,053,500
	Description	Public Service projects include Housing First, the Office of Community Engagement, Women's Services, Youth Crime Prevention and Enrichment, and Training and Employment services.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	64 chronically homeless individuals will benefit from Housing First; 500 victims of domestic violence will benefit from Women's Services; 5,000 individuals will benefit from the Office of Community Engagement; 130 youth from Wichita Housing Authority families will receive job training and summer employment; 4,000 middle-school youth will benefit from Youth Enrichment and Crime Prevention.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Housing First will place chronically homeless persons in permanent housing; Women's Services will provide shelter and counseling for victims of domestic violence; Office of Community Engagement staff will involve residents of low income neighborhoods in problem solving engagement activities; youth will have summer employment opportunities; and middle school youth will be enrolled in after school enrichment programs.
Project Name	HOME Activities	

3	Target Area	WICHITA NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA REDEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE AREA LOCAL INVESTMENT AREA
	Goals Supported	Home Repair New Housing Development (single/multi-family) Homebuyer Assistance Boarded Up House Program
	Needs Addressed	Safe Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$824,008
	Description	Funds indirect cost, operating funds for CHDO's, the HOMEownership 80 Program, Boarded-up House Program, Housing Development Loan Program, and the Deferred Loan Program.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	HOME activities will include home repair, new housing construction and homebuyer assistance.
4	Project Name	Program Administration
	Target Area	WICHITA NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA REDEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE AREA LOCAL INVESTMENT AREA
	Goals Supported	Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	Non Housing Community Development

	Funding	CDBG: \$494,780
	Description	This project's funding allocates CDBG Indirect Costs, Program Management, Mandated Consolidated Plan Activities, and Fair Housing Initiatives.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable to planning and administration activities
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Program administration funds will ensure that programs funded through the Consolidated and Annual Action Plans are delivered in compliance with federal regulations.
5	Project Name	CHDO Set Aside Projects
	Target Area	WICHITA NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA LOCAL INVESTMENT AREA
	Goals Supported	New Housing Development (single/multi-family)
	Needs Addressed	Safe Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$283,836
	Description	Funding for this project covers cost for new development of single family housing for low income household in the NRA, LIA, and RIA areas of the jurisdiction.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable to this activity

	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	CHDOs will have access to development funds and homebuyers will have access to downpayment and closing costs assistance.
6	Project Name	Emergency Solutions Grant
	Target Area	WICHITA NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA REDEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE AREA LOCAL INVESTMENT AREA
	Goals Supported	Homeless Assistance (Shelters) Rapid Re-Housing Homeless Prevention
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness
	Funding	ESG: \$238,807
	Description	ESG funds to be used for Prevention, Rapid Re-housing, Homeless Assistance, Administration, and Homeless Management Information System administration.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	As a result of this activity, approximately 3,000 homeless individuals will receive shelter; 15 families will be prevented from homelessness; and 20 homeless families will be rapidly re-housed
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Emergency shelter, rapid re-housing, and homelessness prevention

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

For the next five-year Consolidated Plan period, the City will once again focus its resources on the Neighborhood Revitalization Area (NRA). This area is located in the central core of the city and was first designated by the City in its 2004-2008 Consolidated Plan based upon 2000 Census data. The City will continue to target its resources in this area due to the continued needs based not only on demographics (low-income and minority concentrations), but also on the condition of housing and infrastructure, and the potential for economic development. Although the City has made progress in revitalizing portions of the target neighborhoods, the overall redevelopment plan is one which will require multi-year funding and focus.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
WICHITA NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION AREA	
REDEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE AREA	
LOCAL INVESTMENT AREA	

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Although many CDBG and HOME-funded activities are available to income-eligible citizens anywhere in the City, the targeted areas are in older parts of the City where many low-income residents reside and a variety of community needs exist. Strategies to address the underserved needs include providing incentives for private development in these areas including tax rebates, facade improvement funds, water/sewer tap and plant equity fee waivers, and permit fee waivers. In addition, the City has chosen to incentivize investments in these areas because the market generally adjusts to meet the needs in higher income and fringe communities.

Discussion

The City has invested CDBG and HOME dollars to a significant degree in these areas and continues to encourage private development as well. However the core community conditions have accumulated over time and it will take time to address them all.

The City of Wichita will continue to target its resources to these areas as one strategy to meet underserved needs and in partnership with other government agencies, the private and non-profit sectors, faith-based programs, and the philanthropic community. This strategy has been beneficial on

various projects and provides a great opportunity to leverage resources and avoid duplication.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City has a variety of strategies and programs to address the need for affordable housing and remains flexible in order to meet the variety of needs of the low income population. Following is a summary of the strategies and anticipated service levels.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	404
Non-Homeless	150
Special-Needs	368
Total	922

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	2,806
The Production of New Units	13
Rehab of Existing Units	2
Acquisition of Existing Units	2
Total	2,823

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

Discussion

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported for homeless, non-homeless, and special needs households are supported by data found in the FY2013-2014 CAPER-Homeless Prevention report, and 2014 and 2015 PIT Homeless Count. The *One Year Goals for Number of Households to be Supported* are the goals of Wichita/Sedgwick County Continuum of Care.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through: the production of new units (10), rehab of existing units (2), and household purchasing existing units (2). The goals identified above are based on current funding and the experience of staff in the calculation of costs to deliver the identified services. The production of new units is based on the number of units anticipated to be produced from the CHDO set-aside, Boarded-up House, and Housing Development Loan Program.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Wichita Housing Authority (WHA) owns 578 units of public housing. There are two high-rise buildings designated for seniors, and two garden level apartment communities for seniors and/or persons with disabilities which have a total of 226 apartments. The remaining 352 units are scattered site single-family dwellings. The Wichita Area Transit system offers bus routes within one block of all four apartment communities. The single family housing stock has a variety of bedroom configurations from two-bedroom to six-bedroom units. Twenty-one houses are fully accessible for persons with disabilities and meet ADA 504 standards. Nine other units have been modified as tenants requested reasonable accommodations such as ramps, roll-in-showers, wider doors and hallways, and doorbell strobe lights. A total of 11 units in the two high-rise buildings are fully ADA accessible as are all 24 units in the garden apartments. The remaining 26 units are 504 accessible with the exception of the ramps are steeper than a 1:12 ratio.

The Housing Authority's Capital Fund program addresses needs such as roof, window, siding and site improvements. Energy Star rated materials and products are used when applicable. Future Capital projects include single family rehabilitation such as kitchen updates, siding replacement and overall site improvements.

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

The WHA developed a Five Year Plan in 2014 and continues to engage the tenants in a variety of ways, soliciting their input into areas of need and providing opportunities to comment on staff recommendations. A five-year Energy Audit was completed in 2013 and staff implementation is underway of the core energy conservation measures (ECMs) such as interior and exterior lighting replacements, lowering hot water heater settings, improve insulation levels in attics, install low-flow shower heads and faucet aerators, replace refrigerators with Energy Star products, and install new windows.

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

WHA has an active Tenant Advisory Board that reviews and approves policies before staff presents them to the Wichita Housing Authority Board for final approval. To increase their knowledge of housing authority business, the WHA plans to provide training for representatives of the Tenant Advisory Board in 2015. The WHA's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Program continues to meet with success, with 59 persons achieving the goal of homeownership from May 31, 2001 to December 31, 2013.

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

provided or other assistance

The Wichita Housing Authority is not designated as troubled.

Discussion

The Wichita Housing Authority has an outstanding workforce that strives on a daily basis to attend to the needs of WHA residents. Their jobs have been made more difficult in recent years due to reduced federal funding which results in the need to hold positions vacant for long periods of time. These reductions have resulted in management decisions to try to balance the ongoing maintenance needs of current tenants with the need to prepare vacant units for new tenants. At one point a decision was being considered to reduce the housing inventory in order to create manageable workloads. That decision has been temporarily placed on hold.

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

Introduction

HUD's definition of unsheltered homeless includes persons who are staying in places not made for human habitation, such as living in their cars or on the streets. HUD's definition of chronically homeless is an individual, or at least one adult in the family, who has been continuously homeless for more than one year or has had four or more episodes of homelessness in the past three years and who has a disabling condition, such as a severe mental illness. Data provided by United Way of the Plains Point-In-Time Homeless Count reports 561 individuals who were homeless at the time of the 2015 count, down from the 631 persons identified in the 2014 count. Of those, 59 were veterans, which is a slight decrease from the 62 homeless veterans identified in 2014.

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

There are a number of homeless outreach efforts in Wichita, to identify and assess needs, and direct those in need to services. The City of Wichita Police Department operates a Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) whose members frequent the areas where homeless persons camp, establish relationships and trust with them, with a goal of eventually referring them to agencies to address their immediate needs and ultimately permanent housing.

In addition there are two PATH (Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness) providers who conduct street outreach to homeless adults who suffer from mental illness. The Wichita Children's Home operates a Street Outreach Services (SOS) team which looks for young adults who are living on the streets or in unsafe situations. In addition to the street outreach homeless youth are also encouraged to come to the Children's Home homeless youth day center – OZ – named by the youth to represent "Opportunity Zone." Staff from the Veterans Administration Homeless Services program also have an outreach component which includes an annual 'stand down' where homeless vets and others are welcomed to an event where they can be connected to resources, obtain haircuts, etc. The annual Point in Time Count also features an event for the homeless which includes completion of census data forms, followed by the opportunity to visit numerous booths to receive medical, podiatry and dental exams and services. That event also provides lunch as well as haircuts and social services. Most street outreach teams provide onsite assistance in the form of backpacks, food, water, hygiene items, etc., as tools of engagement at the Point in Time count as well.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

One of the Continuum of Care (CoC) Strategic Planning Objectives is for 65 percent or more of persons

who leave CoC-funded transitional housing to move into permanent housing.

This goal may prove to be difficult due to the lack of affordable, accessible permanent housing. The City will continue to offer Housing Choice voucher options to assist with the affordability of housing for people with low-incomes who are homeless. Efforts will also continue to identify and work with area property owners and/or managers to increase access to permanent housing for homeless persons who have barriers, such as criminal history, poor housing and/or credit history, or symptoms of mental illness. The City will continue to emphasize its partnerships with homeless service providers and help educate housing providers about the support available for persons receiving services from Wichita-Sedgwick County Continuum of Care providers.

Following the successful implementation of the HPRP initiative from the ARRA program, the Wichita community continued to focus on rapid re-housing as a strategy to move people quickly out of homelessness and into permanent homes. That effort continues through partnerships between the City and agencies who work with homeless persons who are in need of permanent housing. The move to permanent housing reduces the amount of time the homeless spend in shelters and more importantly, decreases the personal toll homelessness has on individuals and families.

The Wichita/Sedgwick County Continuum of Care (CoC) Strategic Plan includes a relatively stable goal for the number of beds available for people experiencing chronic homelessness. During the 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan timeframe, the community's objective for the number of permanent housing beds for persons who are chronically homeless is projected to increase from the current 191 beds to 192 beds in the next 12-months. Within the next 5 years the CoC indicates a need for 193 beds designated for persons who are chronically homeless. In ten years, the CoC anticipates a need for 195 beds to be designated for chronically homeless persons. The CoC's short term plan for increasing the number of beds designated for persons who are chronically homeless includes the reallocation of two existing transitional housing programs to new permanent housing programs for persons who are chronically homeless, coordination with the Robert J. Dole Veterans Administration Medical Center for the VASH voucher program, and the Housing First program which allocates funds for housing expenses.

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

The goal of preventing and ending homelessness for veterans, families, youth and chronic homeless persons requires several strategies adopted by the CoC and its community partners, including extended

outreach and permanent housing.

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 City of Wichita utilizes federal funds to prevent homelessness, following the model of the HPRP program which was initially an ARRA-funded program. Homeless Prevention is a component of Emergency Solutions Grant funding and is being used to help families with delinquent rent and/or utility payments. The City contracts with a local service provider to evaluate applicant needs and recommend payments to address those needs.

In addition to this effort by the City of Wichita the Continuum of Care has identified other strategies and programs which will prevent homelessness through strategic partnerships which address the specific needs of persons discharged from public institutions and systems of care.

Discussion

The City of Wichita and homeless services community including the Continuum of Care, have long supported the concept of a continuum of services which address the variety of needs that the homeless population present. The local continuum includes: street and agency outreach; emergency, low-barrier shelter; drop in centers to access services; transitional housing; permanent housing; and homeless prevention. Subpopulations have unique needs that require specialized versions of the continuum of services and the Wichita community continues to strive to provide such variety as an acknowledgement of the fact that 'one size does not fit all'.

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

Introduction

The City of Wichita does not have regulatory barriers to affordable housing.

The City of Wichita has no regulatory barriers and instead provides incentives for developing and/or maintaining affordable housing in the City's core areas: "Redevelopment Incentive Area", "Neighborhood Revitalization Area (NRA)", and the "Local Investment Areas (LIA)". The programs and incentives include: Industrial Revenue Bonds (IRB)(City-Wide), Tax Abatement (IRB)(City-Wide), EDX Abatement (City-Wide), Tax Increment Financing (TIF)(City-Wide), SBA Microloan Program (City-Wide), Neighborhood Revitalization Area (NRA) Tax Rebate Program, Facade Improvement Program (NRA), Permit Fee Waiver (City-Wide), Redevelopment Infill Waiver and/or Modification Consideration (City-Wide), Water/Sewer Tap and Plant Equity Fee Waiver (NRA), Special Assessment Financing for Asbestos and Lead Paint Management (City-Wide), Permit Fee Waiver (NRA), Special Assessment Hardship Deferral Program (City-Wide), HOME 80 Downpayment and Closing Cost assistance, for the First Time Homebuyers (RIA and LIAs), Housing Development Loan Program (RIA and LIAs), Neighborhood Improvement Services (NIS) Programs (City-Wide, NRA and LIA), Deferred Loan Program (LIA), Direct Loan Program (LIA), Home Improvement Loan Program (NRA or 1919 City Limits), Historic Deferred Loan Program (NRA or 1919 City Limits), Rental Rehab Loan Program (LIA), and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). The City waives building permit, water, and sewer tap fees in the Neighborhood Revitalization Area for new construction to encourage development within the central city and are most often used by property owners who are improving residential property.

Discussion

The City's current use of incentives to encourage investment are having the desired effect and are planned to continue. It is those incentives which provide the necessary return on investment which encourages growth and development of affordable housing where the market would not otherwise support or provide an acceptable return on such investments.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

The City of Wichita recognizes that the primary obstacle to meeting underserved needs is funding. There are two components of this particular obstacle: 1) insufficient funding to provide supportive services and affordable housing to meet the need; and, 2) insufficient income of the persons who are in need of services and housing.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The obstacle of insufficient funding requires the identification of non-federal sources of revenue. That issue has been presented and debated locally and will continue to be a consideration. Generally the difficulty with implementation of such a resource is determining what type of fee or tax should be considered as such a funding source.

The City of Wichita is implementing several strategies as an entity and in partnership with other agencies in the community to address the income obstacle through job training and placement, asset building, financial education, and specialized assistance to persons applying for social security benefits and other government resources. In 2013 the City announced the creation of an Individual and Family Development program which works primarily with families living in housing subsidized by the Wichita Housing Authority(Public Housing and Section 8 recipients) to engage them in establishing goals to achieve economic stability. This approach will ultimately result in improved earnings among this population which will enable them to live independent of subsidized housing and other programs.

Other community initiatives have been discussed with similar goals and outcomes. One such program is the Westside Promise Neighborhood Initiative which is geographically based in an area with an underperforming high school. The City of Wichita is represented on the Westside Promise Neighborhood team and will continue to be engaged in future community efforts.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Wichita will continue to promote homeownership through the downpayment and closing cost assistance programs for first time homebuyers, by maintaining safe housing for existing homeowners through home repair, and by increasing housing stock available to first time homebuyers. Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing for low to moderate income renters include maintaining high occupancy levels in public housing units, providing resources based on available funding to repair rental property for low to moderate income individuals or families, and encourage development of new affordable rental units. The City also plans to assist the homeless population by providing funds to support emergency shelter services, by using available funds to support transitional housing programs, by funding homeless prevention programs, and supporting the development

affordable permanent housing.

Other actions planned include enhancing the quality of life for low to moderate income homebuyers, homeowners, and renters by providing information about housing maintenance, how to purchase housing, and information and resources on modifying homes to accommodate special needs.

A companion priority to the City's focus on housing is the need to maintain safe attractive neighborhoods. The City will continue to fund blight elimination programs, programs to acquire and rehabilitate blighted properties, and neighborhood infrastructure projects.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Home repair program staff are licensed Risk Assessors and perform risk assessments on all applicant homes constructed prior to 1978. Regardless of the amount of work performed, all homeowners receive the "Protect Your Family from Lead in Your Home" and "Renovate Right" booklets and those receiving free paint, also receive a copy of the "Don't Spread Lead" video. Contractors are required to use lead safe work practices where lead is present or presumed present, to minimize disturbance of paint. Projects costing between \$5,000 and \$25,000 where lead based paint is present are subject to homeowner notification, renovation by trained and qualified workers, temporary relocation of household members and clearance testing.

When HOME funds are used to assist homebuyers with downpayment and closing costs assistance the City advises buyers and sellers that the City's funds are subject to the lead paint regulations, that the City presumes lead-based paint is present in structures built before 1978, and that such structures will be inspected by the City for signs of deteriorated paint. The seller is required to correct deficiencies and to obtain the required clearance inspections prior to closing. Clearance statements and Lead Presumption notification forms are provided to the buyers at closing. Realtors also provide buyers with standard lead-based paint disclosure documents when the purchase contract is signed; copies are maintained in the City's files.

Housing Authority-owned properties are lead-safe. Before a Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher can be used the property must be inspected and meet Housing Quality Standards. Properties built before 1978 with chipped or peeling paint must be made free of lead hazards before it can be approved for a Section 8 voucher holder. As an additional precaution, the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program also cross references its units with units where children have been identified as having elevated blood levels (EBL) by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. To date there have been no matches.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City of Wichita Housing and Community Services Department has developed a strategy aimed at addressing generations of poverty represented in its housing authority families. The strategy is modeled after the successful Annie E. Casey Foundation Family Centered Community Change model, and is

officially known as the Individual and Family Development (IFD) program. It is funded with Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) resources which are managed by the department, and will also have access to CASH funding through the state of Kansas, to help families establish savings accounts as they prepare for self-sufficiency. The program includes counseling and referrals around three themes: Earn It; Keep It; Grow It. One partner in this effort is the Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas. The IFD program is open to any housing authority family however the initial target group is parents of youth who have participated in the HCSD summer youth employment program, The Way to Work.

The Way to Work program has been operational since 2012 and employs 14 and 15 year olds from housing authority families. The youth are placed on job sites Monday through Thursday for four hours each day, and on Friday they are required to attend job and life skill workshops. The youth are also encouraged to open and maintain savings accounts as a component of the financial literacy information they receive.

Thus the parents and youth are being exposed to programs which are designed to equip them with tools and resources to begin the process of achieving financial independence and economic stability.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City's institutional structure is in place and supports the administration of Consolidated Plan-funded programs and activities. The Housing and Community Services Department is responsible for administering CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds as well as operation of the Wichita Housing Authority which is funded through the Office of Public and Indian Housing. The Department also is the Community Action Agency for Wichita and Sedgwick County and administers Community Services Block Grant funding, as well. The Housing and Community Services Department works with the City Manager's Office and the Departments of Finance and Law Departments to manage grant agreement logistics.

The City also contracts with non-profit and for-profit housing developers and service providers to implement components of the Annual Action Plan. Those partners are identified through a release of RFPs which follows the City's Procurement process. Proposals are reviewed by City staff and forwarded to one of two citizen groups for funding recommendations. The City Council-appointed Grants Review Committee reviews proposals for CDBG and HOME funding; the Wichita/Sedgwick County Continuum of Care reviews proposals for ESG. Their recommendations are forwarded to the City Manager for City Council approval. Development proposals may be submitted throughout the year without an RFP under the HOME program.

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

City staff are members of a variety of local boards and committees and will utilize that membership structure to ensure that City priorities and goals are coordinated with those of other community

agencies. A sample of such boards with representation from Housing and Community Services Department staff includes: Workforce Alliance of South Central Kansas; Westside Promise Neighborhood Coalition; Continuum of Care; Homeless Services Coalition; Kansas Association of Community Action Programs; and the Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Group.

Discussion

In addition to City staff involvement with standing boards and committees, stakeholders and other community members are invited to participate in long or short term planning initiatives such as the Program Coordinating Committee (which is a permanent support group for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Family Self-Sufficiency Program) and the Community Services Block Grant Review Committee.

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)

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	15,172
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:	15,172

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: 2015-16	70.00%

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:

The City of Wichita will not utilize forms of investment of HOME funds, other than those described in 24 CFR 92.205(b), and does not plan to use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by

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multifamily housing.

HOME funding will be utilized to provide down payment and closing costs assistance loans for owner-occupant homebuyers with household incomes not exceeding 80 percent of the median income level for the Wichita MSA. The City's homeownership assistance program is known as HOMEownership 80. Loan amounts will not exceed 20% of the purchase price of the subject home, plus eligible closing costs of \$2,000. The City of Wichita's Housing and Community Services Department will administer the program, and will not utilize CHDOs or other entities to provide the homebuyer assistance loans.

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:

The City will utilize the "recapture" option in connection with its homebuyer assistance program, as described in 24 CFR 92.254,(a)(5)(ii) of the HOME regulation. The City will provide direct homebuyer assistance under the City's HOMEownership 80 program, in the form of zero-interest, deferred payment loans (direct subsidy loans), secured by a second and/or third mortgage against the subject property.

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:

A statement requiring owner-occupancy is an element of each written agreement. The written agreement will also include an acceleration clause to call the entire loan due and payable in the event of a subsequent sale or when the property ceases to be owner-occupied.

Written agreements shall specify that an amount equivalent to one-half of the direct subsidy loan amount will be forgiven (direct subsidy loan balance reduced), upon expiration the applicable affordability period, which shall be specified in the written agreement, provided the original recipient of the direct subsidy is the owner –occupant of the property.

HOME-assisted homebuyers may sell a property at any time during the affordability period specified in the written agreement, to any willing buyer, at a price the market will bear, and provided the transaction is determined to be a bona-fide, arm's length transaction. In the event the net proceeds of the sale are insufficient to repay the outstanding balance of the direct subsidy loan, the outstanding balance of the loan may be forgiven in whole or in part, provided the seller (original direct subsidy recipient) does not receive any of the net proceeds from the sale of the home generated from the sale. Net proceeds shall be defined as the sales price minus superior loan repayment (other than HOME funds) and any closing costs, as defined in the written

agreement. This provision also applies to involuntary/foreclosure sales.

The City will not attempt to share in any of the appreciation a homebuyer may realize upon the re-sale of a home. Information regarding these policies is included in the debt instruments and is also covered in the pre-purchase counseling that is required in order to participate in the HOMEownership 80 program.

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:

The City of Wichita will not utilize forms of investment of HOME funds, other than those described in 24 CFR 92.205 (b), and does not plan to use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing.

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

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

The written standards for ESG assistance may be found as an attachment to this document.

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 Continuum of Care has an established coordinated assessment system (CASS) which is used to maintain and maximize current permanent housing, remove barriers to housing (housing barriers subtask force), and develop and implement guidelines for use of beds outside of specific program criteria.

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

The City of Wichita Housing and Community Services Department contracts with service providers to deliver ESG-funded programs. The service providers are identified through a formal procurement process which includes issuance of an RFP, review of responses by City staff and the Continuum of Care Coordination Team, and a public hearing to review all proposals. The final recommendations are reviewed by the City Manager prior to submission for final approval by the Wichita City Council. All non-profit agencies are eligible to apply for funding and will be considered if they meet the criteria described in the RFP. City staff monitors contracts with each provider to ensure that they deliver the services as proposed (or officially amended), that performance data is submitted, and that all City and federal regulations are followed.

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 City of Wichita meets the criteria for homeless participation in considering policies and funding decisions through the Wichita/Sedgwick County Continuum of Care which includes a formerly homeless person who coordinates discussions with currently homeless persons. The CCCT evaluates ESG applications and provides input into the community needs which are represented in RFPs and in related homeless initiatives.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program will be evaluated using the CDBG monitoring protocol however comprehensive monitoring for this program is less likely to occur with frequency due to the small size of the individual contracts. Comprehensive monitoring at a minimum will occur for new sub-recipients and sub-recipients who fail to take corrective action in two consecutive desk audits.

On-site Evaluation: The on-site evaluation process is structured and completed annually at the project site. Evaluating the program provides an opportunity to review files and records related to contractual performance.

Desk Evaluation: Desk evaluations are conducted when sub-recipients submit payment requests. This provides an opportunity to identify potential problems early enough to establish strategies to avoid such problems. These evaluations also help determine certain risks which could indicate the need for an On-Site Evaluation.

Discussion

The City of Wichita is committed to ensuring that funds are utilized to meet HUD national objectives and local goals. The evaluation and monitoring process of sub-recipients and for CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding will provide that assurance.

Attachments

- Citizen Participation Plan
- Written Standards for ESG (Grantee Unique Appendices)
- 2015 Certification forms

Citizen Participation Plan

CITY OF WICHITA CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

Adopted November 8, 1994
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Revised February 6, 1998
Revised January 6, 1998
Revised February 7, 2000
Revised December 9, 2014

PREFACE

The Citizen Participation Plan is the process by which the City of Wichita identifies the policies and procedures to be used to encourage citizen participation and involvement in programs/activities under U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The Five-Year Consolidated Plan identifies the City's housing, homeless and community development needs and establishes goals and strategies for addressing those needs, including the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. The Citizen Participation Plan sets forth the mutual rights, duties and responsibilities of both the City and participating citizens and citizens' groups.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

All citizens, including low and moderate income persons, persons living in slum and blighted areas, minorities, non-English speaking persons, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, homeless persons/agencies and residents of public and assisted housing developments are encouraged to participate in the development and review of the:

- HUD Five-Year Consolidated Plan;
- Annual One-Year Action Plan;
- Substantial Amendments to the One-Year Action Plan or Five-Year Plan; and
- Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)
- Citizen Participation Plan

Every citizen and citizen group shall be afforded the opportunity to:

- Submit their views through such groups as the District Advisory Boards (DAB), Neighborhood Associations or any other neighborhood or community organization;
- Submit written or verbal comments at formal public hearings or directly to City Departments administering specific HUD programs.

Notices of public hearings, substantial amendments and notification of 15 or 30 day comment periods will be published in the designated official newspaper or newspapers of general circulation, and advertised on the City-7 cable television channel.

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Accommodations for disabled or non-English speaking residents will be made available upon request.

Copies of the HUD Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the Annual One-Year Action Plan and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) will be made available for public review at City Hall, the main and selected branch libraries, and other designated locations. Requirements for public comment periods, environmental review, request for release of funds and advertising are as follows:

	Comment Period	Public Hearing	Environmental Review *	Request for Release of Funds*	Advertise in Local Newspaper(s)
Five-Year Consolidated Plan	30 Days	Yes	No	No	Yes
One-Year Action Plan	30 Days	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)	15 Days	Yes	N/A	N/A	Yes
Substantial Amendments	30 Days	No	**	***	Yes
Non-Substantial Amendment	None	No	No	***	No

* Public comment periods for Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and notice of intent to Request Release of Funds (RROF) will be issued concurrently and require a 15 day comment period unless there are exceptional circumstances which then would require a 30 day comment period.

** Environmental findings may be re-evaluated as necessary.

*** Activities that are Exempt or Categorically Excluded from an environmental assessment do not require a request for release of funds.

SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT:

A change that exceeds 20% of the annual grant amount of any funding component will constitute a substantial amendment. A substantial amendment will be required in order to change the use of CDBG, HOME, or ESG funds from one eligible activity to another, or to add a new eligible activity.

Written comments received during the 15/30 day comment periods and comments received at the public hearings will be considered prior to preparing the final consolidated plan, before the substantial amendment is implemented or before submitting a performance report on the consolidated program to HUD.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Citizens will be notified of and invited to attend all public hearings, which will also be accessible to persons with disabilities. At least two public hearings per year will be held to:

- Review development of proposed activities; and
- Review program performance of grant funding.

ACCESS TO MEETINGS

The City will provide timely notification of local meetings and public hearings. Notice will be made at least two weeks in advance for public hearings.

Notices of public hearings and other meetings pertaining to development of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the One-Year Action Plan and the Comprehensive Annual Performance Evaluation Report may also be provided through:

- Publication of notices in the official designated newspaper or newspapers of general local circulation;
- Publication in other local publications or on the City's Web page;
- Notification of District Advisory Boards;
- Making notices available to community organizations and at public facilities such as libraries and community centers; and/or
- Notification through cable TV Channel, or through the City's Office of Community Engagement.

Notices will contain information on day, time, place, and purpose of the public hearings/meetings.

Meetings and public hearings will be held in facilities accessible to persons with disabilities.

An opportunity to speak at meetings and public hearings is afforded those desiring to do so within the meeting protocol established.

ACCESS TO INFORMATION

Citizens, public agencies and other interested parties will be given the opportunity to receive information, review and submit comments on any proposed submission regarding the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and annual use of funds under the programs. A summary of the proposed Five-Year Consolidated Plan will be published to afford citizens 30 days for review and comment. Written comments will be considered prior to adopting the plan.

Citizens will be invited to comment on needs and strategies pertaining to the Five-Year Consolidated Plan or, any program included within the scope of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, prior to submission of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan to HUD.

Citizens will be provided information on the amount of funds available (annually) under the programs covered by the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the range of activities that may be undertaken, and the estimated amount that will be designed to meet the low/moderate benefit national objective.

Information pertinent to the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, One-Year Action Plan, Substantial Amendments, and the Comprehensive Annual Performance Evaluation Report is available during regular business hours between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Housing and Community Services Department, 332 N. Riverview, Wichita, Ks. 67203, and on the City of Wichita website.

DISPLACEMENT

The City intends to undertake activities with funds covered by the Five-Year Consolidated Plan that minimize displacement of persons. In the event displacement occurs, the Uniform Relocation and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (Uniform Act), as amended will be followed. Persons displaced will be provided information on their rights and benefits, and will receive referrals for comparable replacement housing in adjacent neighborhoods. All payments will be in accordance with HUD regulations implementing the Uniform Act.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The City will provide technical assistance to low, very low, and poverty income individuals in developing proposals for funding, as part of the pre-proposal process for all requests for proposals utilizing these federal funds. City staff will also provide technical assistance to grant recipients to ensure compliance with federal rules and regulations.

CITIZEN REPRESENTATION

The District Advisory Board (DAB) is an appointed body for each City Council district with advisory responsibilities to their respective City Council member. There are six eleven-member DABs located in each of the City Council districts. Each Council district contains approximately one sixth of the City's population, with DAB membership boundaries coinciding with City Council district boundaries. DAB responsibilities include but are not limited to:

- Review and advise the District Council member on capital improvements and neighborhood planning.
- Review and make recommendations on local traffic concerns.
- Serve as an informational exchange and make recommendations to the District Council member on zoning and land use matters.
- Establish an effective method to disseminate and communicate information of interest to residents of the District.
- Advise the District City Council member on appointments to City advisory boards/commissions.

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- Work closely with neighborhood organizations, homeowners associations and community-based groups to overcome obstacles to citizen actions and involvement with neighborhoods and community.
- Serve as a vehicle for citizen involvement, education and input, and a forum for citizens to provide comments and direction to address issues of concern for the District and community.

A formal review process will be established through a 14 member Grants Review Committee (GRC) with the following composition: six DAB members designated from each City Council District; two from the Wichita Independent Neighborhoods Association; one from United Way; one representative of the Sedgwick County Manager; one representative of the USD 259 Superintendent, one representative of the Wichita State University President; one representative from large business, and one representative from small business. The GRC will review CDBG, HOME and ESG funding proposals and applications, hold a public hearing regarding those proposals, and submit funding recommendations to the City Council through the City Manager. Nothing herein will preclude the Committee from considering comments from their respective organizations.

BILINGUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The City will accommodate the needs of non-English speaking citizens for participation in development/review of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the One-Year Action Plan and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report by publishing public notices in minority and non-English newspapers (as available/appropriate); and providing interpreters for public hearings, upon request.

COMPLAINTS

The City will provide written responses to complaints and grievances within fifteen (15) working days of receipt, where practicable. Citizens wishing to file complaints should contact the Citizen Participation Coordinator, who is responsible for the implementation and oversight of the Citizen Participation Plan, at the following address:

Director of Housing and Community Services
332 N. Riverview
Wichita, Kansas 67203
(316) 462-3700
Communityhousing@wichita.gov

Grantee Unique Appendices

Written Standards for ESG

ESG DOCUMENTATION. Regardless of the type of assistance provided, if the assistance was a direct service payment there must be a client file which contains documentation detailing the reason for the assistance as indicated below.

Homeless Prevention. City approval/denial documentation; referring agency client application form; ESG Homeless Prevention application; eviction notice; lease; ESG Housing Habitability Standards Inspection Checklist (not required for denied applications); ESG Lead Screen Worksheet (not required for denied applications).

Rapid Re-Housing. City approval/denial email; ESG application summary; ESG document checklist; client application; verification of homelessness; valid identification card for applicant and co-applicant; copy of all income sources; lease; current bill or statement from all utilities for which payments are requested; utility arrearage statement; moving expense statement; housing stabilization plan; Habitability Standards Inspection Checklist; Rent Reasonableness Checklist; lead-based paint screening; all payment invoices.

STREET OUTREACH. No policies are in place for street outreach as this activity has not been prioritized for funding by the Continuum of Care.

DISCHARGE AND SPECIAL POPULATIONS. The Wichita Sedgwick County Continuum of Care relies on the extensive experience of local providers of services to victims of domestic violence, to establish policies described in this section.

ASSESSMENTS AND PRIORITIES. Homeless shelter providers follow best practices protocols in determining admission and assessment of homeless persons who are in shelter programs.

HOMELESS SERVICE PROVIDER COORDINATION. All local shelter and services providers are required to participate in the HMIS system which facilitates coordination of services to specific individuals as well as to subgroup populations in general. In addition these agencies are a part of the Continuum of Care and as such participate in service planning for the region.

HOMELESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING PRIORITIZATION. Persons in need of homeless prevention are referred to the City's program provider. Their needs are evaluated according to ESG eligibility criteria. If they meet the criteria, the application is forwarded to the City of Wichita Housing and Community Services Department where a team of seasoned professionals evaluates the application. If approved City staff schedules an inspection of the property and if it passes, the referring agency is notified and payments are processed.

Persons in need of rapid re-housing are referred to the City of Wichita by community agencies which serve the homeless. Referrals include eligibility criteria as specified in ESG regulations, as

well as the location of the housing. A team of professionals in the Housing and Community Services Department reviews application and makes a recommendation regarding funding. If approved the City notifies the referring agency and processes the payment.

All payments for homeless prevention and rapid re-housing are made payable to the vendor (landlord, utility company, etc.). Applications for both programs are processed on a first come-first served basis. There are no criteria for prioritizing consideration and approval of these applications.

AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE AND PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTION. Referring agencies submit a completed application packet which details the need for assistance. City staff reviews the application and approves/denies and application based on the applicant's need and their ability to maintain housing after assistance has ended. Assistance is one-time and short term (up to 2½ months for Rapid Re-Housing). Applicants are not required to pay a percentage of income towards housing expenses, but rather required to pay full rent and utility costs after the time of assistance has ended.

LENGTH OF TIME ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED. In an effort to maximize the number of families served by rapid re-housing, the City of Wichita placed a time limit for Rapid Re-Housing assistance. Families can request up to 2 ½ months of rental assistance however this amount is not guaranteed and is dependent upon the applicant's need. The City has not established a maximum amount of financial assistance a family can receive. The amount of assistance provided is based on the applicant's need and what is required to end their homelessness. The same limits apply to applications for homeless prevention.

LIMITS OF ASSISTANCE. Applicants for rapid re-housing and rapid re-housing may be granted up to 2 ½ months of rental assistance however this amount is not guaranteed. Beyond approving applicants according to ESG program criteria, the amounts approved by the City are determined by what is necessary to end the applicant's homelessness and/or prevent them from becoming homeless.

CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

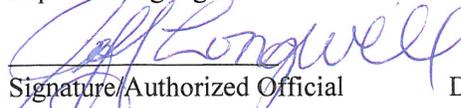
Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan -- The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.


Signature/Authorized Official Date 5-5-15
Mayor

Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);
2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) _____ , _____ (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;
3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its

jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R;

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.



Signature/Authorized Official _____
Date

Mayor

Title

**OPTIONAL CERTIFICATION
CDBG**

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

 5-5-15
Signature/Authorized Official Date

Title
Mayor

Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If the participating jurisdiction intends to provide tenant-based rental assistance:

The use of HOME funds for tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of the participating jurisdiction's consolidated plan for expanding the supply, affordability, and availability of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- it is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR § 92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in § 92.214.

Appropriate Financial Assistance -- before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

Jeff Longwell 5-5-15
Signature/Authorized Official Date
Mayor

Title

ESG Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program Recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion – If an emergency shelter’s rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation. If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion. In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the jurisdiction will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the jurisdiction will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the jurisdiction serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The jurisdiction will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal State, local, and private assistance available for such individuals.

Matching Funds – The jurisdiction will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The jurisdiction has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the jurisdiction will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the jurisdiction undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with the jurisdiction’s consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The jurisdiction will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from

publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.



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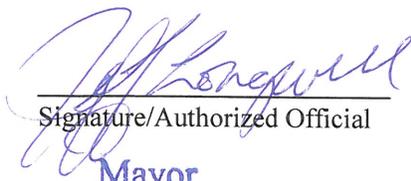
HOPWA Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the plan:

1. For at least 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
2. For at least 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.



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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING:

A. Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

