

Third Program Year Action Plan

Public Review and Comments Requested

April 3, 2021 through May 3, 2021

As part of the 2019–2024 Consolidated Plan requirements, the City of Wichita has developed the Third Program Year Action Plan for expenditure of 2021-2022 funding received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to benefit low and moderate income persons. The public is encouraged to review and comment on the proposed Plan. On February 25, 2021, HUD announced the 2021-2022 allocation amounts. The City of Wichita will receive:

Community Development Block Grant - \$2,925,565;
HOME Investment Partnerships Grant - \$1,519,843;
Emergency Solutions Grant - \$250,208.

Comments may be submitted through May 3, 2021

To:

Housing and Community Services Department
455 N. Main
Wichita, KS 67203

By email to: communityhousing@wichita.gov

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There will be a public hearing on this matter during the City Council Meeting on **Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 9:00 AM** in the City Council Chambers on the first floor of City Hall located at 455 N. Main St., Wichita KS. Oral comments can be made at that meeting.

Individuals who require auxiliary aids and services for effective communication with City of Wichita personnel should contact the Office of the City Manager, (316) 268-2468 as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

This Annual Action Plan covers the third program year (2021-2022) of the City of Wichita's 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan period. The 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan 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 (HUD). The City is scheduled to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in the amount of \$2,925,565, HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME Program) funding in the amount of \$1,519,843, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funding in the amount of \$250,208.

The City's Programs and activities identified in this Annual Action Plan are intended to primarily benefit low and moderate income residents throughout 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 Annual Action Plan includes activities designed to address community needs identified in the development of the Consolidated Plan, which were determined through 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 Annual Action Plan was made available for public review and comment during the period of March 30, 2021 through April 28, 2021.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

Annual Action Plan activities will prioritize housing and community needs in the core areas of the City, as well as other needs identified in the development of the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan. Housing needs will be supported by developing and/or maintaining strong infrastructure to enhance the living and working environment in the City's core. Support for economic development and small businesses is recognized as a component of the City's Annual Action Plan. In addition to the focus on the physical needs of the City's communities, activities stated within this Plan will also address the needs of citizens who live and/or work in these communities. Further, the City will continue supporting services for the homeless, but will also support activities involving homeless prevention and permanent housing solutions.

3. Evaluation of past performance

The City of Wichita has a history of successful administration of federal programs for housing and community planning and development. This administrative capacity is firmly in place and will continue for future administration of Consolidated Plan funds and includes professional administration by City staff and through continued partnerships and contractual agreements with various service organizations. 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, which is made available on the City's website.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Citizen participation is a vital component of the process for development of the City's Consolidated Plan. In order to encourage citizens to be involved in making decisions regarding planning and funding of 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 Consolidated Plans and Annual Action Plans, including substantial amendments, and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPER). Notices of public hearings and comment periods are published in the designated official newspaper. Notices of public hearings and comment periods are also advertised on the City's cable television channel, City-7.

Each year, the City Council appoints a Grants Review Committee (GRC), which includes representation from the six City Council districts, Unified School District 259, Wichita State University, large and small business, Wichita Independent Neighborhood Association, United Way of the Plains, and Sedgwick County. The GRC reviews proposals for CDBG-funded public service activities, including funding for domestic violence shelter services, youth crime prevention and enrichment and proposals for HOME Investment Partnerships Program CHDO Set-Aside funding. Proposals for ESG-funded homeless services and homeless prevention activities are reviewed by the Wichita/Sedgwick County Continuum of Care Coordinating Team, with recommendations presented to the GRC. A virtual public hearing was held on February 18, 2021, at which time funding applicants presented proposals to the GRC. Oral comments from the public were solicited.

A draft of the 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan was made available for public review and comment from March 30, 2021 through April 28, 2021. The Annual Action Plan was also posted on the City of Wichita's website, at the Housing and Community Services Department's web page. The plan was also made available for viewing through the Office of Community Services' neighborhood centers, select branches of the Wichita Public Library system, the City Council office, and the Housing and Community Services Department's office, which is located on the 10th floor of City Hall, 455 N. Main.

5. Summary of public comments

To be completed upon conclusion of public comment period.

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

To be completed upon conclusion of public comment period.

7. Summary

To be completed upon conclusion of public comment period.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	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

Narrative (optional)

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

Although the Housing and 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 represent 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.

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

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 organization and programs, and the United Way of the Plains. Additionally, the organizational structure of the Housing and Community Services Department includes the Wichita Housing Authority, which provides for an established relationship with Public Housing and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher programs. All of these relationships provide for a variety of opportunities with respect to management of Consolidated Plan programs, including the ability to provide input for the development of the Plan itself, leveraging of resources that can enhance services, and establish partners with the capability to deliver services through funding agreements with the City.

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

The Housing and Community Services Department is represented on the Wichita-Sedgwick County Continuum of Care, also known as Impact ICT. This representation provides year-round opportunities for input and feedback on the community's needs for homeless programs and services. Members include service providers, street outreach specialists, shelter operators, and the 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 volunteers to assist with the event. In addition to this work with homeless services groups, the Department's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program works closely with the Veterans Administration to ensure that housing services are provided to homeless veterans. The City continues to administer a "Housing First" program, and works in close partnership with Sedgwick County mental health programs to provide permanent housing for the

chronically homeless. The program began in March of 2009 and as December 31, 2020, a total of 425 participants have been placed in housing.

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

The Wichita-Sedgwick County Continuum of Care is facilitated by the 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 Continuum of Care 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 and homeless prevention activities. A subcommittee of the Continuum of Care, which includes City staff, is convened annually to review proposals and make recommendations for ESG funding. Performance standards and individual agency outcomes are established in conjunction with the Continuum, and are 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. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>United Way of the Plains</p> <p>Services-homeless</p> <p>Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless</p> <p>Homeless Needs - Families with children</p> <p>Homelessness Needs - Veterans</p> <p>Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth</p> <p>Homelessness Strategy</p> <p>Anti-poverty Strategy</p>
<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City of Wichita requested input from this organization regarding services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as it pertains to the Consolidated Plan.</p>	<p>CATHOLIC CHARITIES, INC.</p>
2	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Services-Children</p> <p>Services-Victims of Domestic Violence</p> <p>Services-homeless</p>
<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Homeless Needs - Families with children</p> <p>Homelessness Strategy</p> <p>Non-Homeless Special Needs</p>	<p>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.</p>
3	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>City of Wichita Police Department</p> <p>Services-Victims of Domestic Violence</p> <p>Other government - Local</p>

	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?	
4	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 services provided, statistical data and/or specific actions currently underway/or being implemented as pertinent to the Consolidated Plan.
5	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 pertinent to the Consolidated Plan.

6	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 pertinent to the Consolidated Plan.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	SALVATION ARMY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
8	Agency/Group/Organization	COMCARE of Sedgwick County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Health Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Needs - Substance Abuse