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Ms. Theresa Porter, 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. Porter:

I am excited to present to you, the Second Program Year Action Plan for the City of Wichita. This 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 Shelter Grant funds for FY 2010-2011.

This document also references other resources which the City 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 our 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mary K. Vaughn'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

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Second Program Year Action Plan

2010-2011

"Creating Communities of Choice"

GENERAL

Executive Summary. The City of Wichita has identified resources in this Second Program Year Action Plan with which to address local needs, in order to achieve the City's vision of a community where everyone can realize a high quality of life. The Wichita community continues to experience ill effects of a weak economy however the goals for a vibrant, dynamic environment remain strong. Components of the Second Program Year Action Plan will provide assistance to those who are experiencing need for the first time, as well as to those who have been without the necessary resources to realize the community's vision.

The City of Wichita's top two Consolidated Plan priorities reflect the economic times. Housing and public services will receive top priority during 2010-2011. Safe, affordable housing and infrastructure improvements will provide community stability so that the public services which are delivered can be expected to improve the quality of life and lead to self-sufficiency for the recipients of Consolidated Plan-funded services.

The City of Wichita's 2010-2011 program year begins July 1, 2010 and is the second year of the 2009-2013 Five Year Consolidated Plan. The current Consolidated Plan can be viewed in its entirety on the City's website at www.wichita.gov/CityOffices/Housing/CommunityInvestments/2009-2013.htm.

This Second Program Year Action Plan outlines the activities that will be undertaken during the 2010-2011 program year using the following funds:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$3,084,879
HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)	\$1,826,790
Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG)	\$125,133

Programs and activities described in this plan are designed to primarily benefit low to moderate income residents and neighborhoods within the city of Wichita. CDBG funds will continue to be used to support housing, capital improvements and public services, while HOME funds will provide new housing development subsidies, first time homebuyer assistance with down payments and closing costs for income eligible residents of Wichita. ESG funds will be disbursed to homeless service providers to support essential services, maintenance and operations. Homeless prevention is not being recommended for funding in 2010-2011 because the homeless services community gave this a lower priority for funding, and because the Wichita community is in receipt of Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing (HPRP) funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

The following suggested allocations have been proposed to fund Consolidated Plan programs for the 2010-11 program year. The categories and proposed activities correspond to the priority needs identified by City of Wichita residents.

Housing	\$1,367,640
Public Services	\$ 988,883
Capital Improvements	\$ 186,519
CDBG Planning and Administration	\$ 541,837
HOME Investment Partnerships	\$1,369,079

HOME Administration	\$ 182,680
Community Housing Development Organizations	\$ 275,031
Emergency Shelter	\$ 125,133

Plan Objectives and Anticipated Outcomes

Plan objectives and anticipated outcomes are detailed in the Housing/HOME, Homeless, Community Development and Non-Homeless Special Needs Housing sections of this action plan. 2010-2011 Program activities and goals are consistent with those identified in the 2009-2013 Consolidated Plan and are presented below in a format which is consistent with HUD's Community Planning and Development Outcome Performance Measurement System. Activities funded under the HUD-designated Planning and Administration Priority Need Category are not included in these tables. The following charts reflect full year accomplishments for 2008-2009 since the 2009-2010 program year has not yet ended.

Objective: Improve Housing Market within Low to Moderate Income Neighborhoods

Activity	Unit Type	2010-11 Goal	2008-09 Actual
Housing Development Loan Program	Housing	12	16
CHDO Set-Aside Housing Development Activities	Housing	8	17

The activity listed below provides down payment and closing cost assistance to first time homebuyers.

Activity	Unit Type	2010-2011 Goal	2008-09 Actual
HOMEownership 80	Households	30	54

The following activities provide rehabilitation loans and emergency home repair assistance to income eligible homeowners.

Activity	Unit Type	2010-2011 Goal	2008-09 Actual
HOME Deferred Loan Program	Households	1	5
Home Repair Program	Households	248	350

Objective: Support Public Service Activities throughout the Community

The activities listed below are designed to make services and facilities available and/or accessible to low and moderate income residents.

Activity	Unit Type	2010-2011 Goal	2008-09 Actual
Big Brothers Big Sisters	People	150	N/A
Catholic Charities – Anthony Family Shelter	People	400	651
Catholic Charities – Harbor House	People	1,875	758
Inter-Faith Ministries – Inter-Faith Inn	People	842	1,013
Inter-Faith Ministries – Safe Haven	People	150	118
Neighborhood Assistance Program – Atwater	People	10,000	36,145
Neighborhood Assistance Program – Colvin	People	18,000	47,676
Neighborhood Assistance Program – Evergreen	People	21,000	19,005
Neighborhood Assistance Program – Stanley	People	10,000	11,647

Office of Central Inspection Demo & Clearance	Housing	20	45
Salvation Army – Emergency Lodge	People	1,465	386
United Methodist Open Door	People	1,800	1,254
YMCA – Middle School After School Program	People	5,200	5,200
YWCA of Wichita – Women’s Crisis Center	People	2600	2,575

Objective: Enhance Low to Moderate Income Neighborhoods

The following activities are designed to improve the neighborhoods of low to moderate income persons by eliminating slums or blighted areas.

Activity	Unit Type	2010-2011 Goal	2008-09 Actual
Boarded Up House Program	Housing	5	5
Neighborhood Clean-Up	Locations*	10	13
Secondary Structure Demolition Program	Housing	2	1
Sidewalk Repairs			
*Number of actual cleanups performed. Performance measurements will be modified for the upcoming program year.			

Objective: Create Economic Opportunities

The following programs help low to moderate income persons obtain employment skills training and job opportunities in the public and private sector.

Activity	Unit Type	2010-2011 Goal	2008-09 Actual
YMCA -Summer Youth Employment Program	People	130*	10
Saint Mark United Methodist Church -Summer Youth Employment Program	People	65*	NA

*Proposed number served may vary depending on final funding recommendation

Citizen Participation. Citizens were asked to comment on priorities for the 2010-2011 Second Program Year Action Plan, through presentations at District Advisory Board meetings in December, 2009. Given the need to continue current programs to meet ongoing needs, and no guarantees of additional funding, the citizens recommended that the City continue funding current programs at current levels. However the public also was generally supportive of increasing the amount of funds available for down-payment and closing cost assistance, and adding job training programs – if additional funds became available.

HOUSING

Specific Housing Objectives. Wichita Housing and Community Services addresses housing needs by:

- *Promoting Homeownership* by a) increasing the number of first time homebuyers, b) increasing the housing stock available to first time homebuyers, c) maintain safe housing for existing homeowners through home repair programs.
- *Assisting low to moderate income renters* by a) maintaining an occupancy level of 98 percent or higher in our public housing units, b) maintaining a 98 percent or higher lease-up rate in our Section 8 program, c) depending on available funding, provide resources to repair property for rent to low to moderate income families and individuals, d) encourage and participate in the development of new affordable rental units.
- *Assisting the homeless population* by a) providing funds to support emergency shelter services, b) providing funds to support transitional housing programs, c) providing funds to establish a resource and referral center, d) providing funds to prevent homelessness, and e) providing affordable permanent housing, e) administer homeless assistance.
- *Enhancing the quality of life for low to moderate income homebuyers, homeowners, and renters* by a) providing information about maintaining their housing, b) providing information about how to purchase a home, and c) providing information and resources as to how to modify homes to accommodate special needs.
- *Enhancing low to moderate income neighborhoods* by a) funding blight elimination programs, b) funding programs to acquire and rehabilitate blighted properties, and c) funding neighborhood infrastructure projects.

The following table provides objectives, available resources that will be used to meet the objectives, estimated amount of federal funding and the estimated number of units to be produced or families to be assisted during 2010-2011.

Specific Housing Objectives: 2010-2011

Objective	Resources	Funding Amount	Anticipated Results
Promote homeownership			
A. Increase number of first time home buyers	HOME, local lender pool, local banks and financial institutions	HOME 80 \$553,122	29 1 st time homebuyers
B. Increase number of affordable single family homes for purchase	HOME, local banks and financial institutions, Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP), CHDOs, non-profit developers, for profit developers	CHDO SF DEV \$275,031 Hsg Dev Loan \$400,000	23 homes
C. Maintain safe housing for existing homeowners through home repair programs	CDBG, HOME, Affordable Housing Program, non-profits, local builders' associations, local job training programs	Home Repair \$659,467 Deferred Loan \$35,000	315 homes repaired
Assist low to moderate income renters			
A. Maximize Public Housing inventory by maintaining 98+% occupancy	Office of Public and Indian Housing	Rent Sub \$1,600,000 Cap Fund \$2,100,000	566 households
B. Maximize Housing Choice Voucher program by maintaining 98+% occupancy	Office of Public and Indian Housing, Supportive Housing Program	PIH HCV HAP \$11,800,000	2,500 households
C. Provide funds for repairs to property for rent to low to moderate income renters	Local tax incentive programs	None budgeted	NA
D. Encourage and participate in development of new affordable rental units	Federal Housing Tax Credit program, local tax incentive programs, City Council endorsement	None budgeted	NA
Assist the homeless population			
A. Provide funds to support emergency services	CDBG ESG	Women's Services \$269,033 Emergency Shelter \$106,461	9,452 people
B. Provide funds to support transitional housing programs	ESG	None budgeted	NA
C. Provide funds to prevent homelessness	HPRP	None budgeted	NA

Objective	Resources	Funding Amount	Anticipated Results
D. Provide affordable permanent housing	CDBG Office of Public and Indian Housing Faith Based Partners Community Nonprofits HPRP Local General Revenue	VASH \$115,140 HPRP \$1,110,065 City of Wichita \$191,368 Sedgwick Co. \$191,368	70 voucher units 466 persons 64 persons (City and County)
E. Administer homeless assistance	ESG CDBG HPRP	\$6,130 Housing First \$63,605 HPRP \$58,425	NA
Enhance the quality of life for low to moderate income homebuyers, homeowners and renters			
A. Provide information as to how to maintain their housing	CDBG, HOME, Office of Public and Indian Housing, community counseling agencies	In-Kind	NA
B. Provide information regarding how to purchase a home	HOME, community counseling agencies, CHDOs	CHDO Operating \$50,000	100 people
C. Provide information and resources to address the need to modify homes to accommodate special needs	CDBG	NIS Admin \$482,173	75 people
Enhance low to moderate income neighborhoods			
A. Fund blight elimination programs	CDBG, HOME, NSP	Demolition \$171,000 N'hood Clean-ups \$50,000	37 homes 16 areas
B. Fund programs to acquire blighted properties and restore them	CDBG, HOME, NSP	Boarded Up \$293,926 Home program	5 homes
C. Fund neighborhood Infrastructure Projects (Sidewalks)	CDBG CDBG-R	CDBG \$186,519 CDBG-R \$487,713	54,410 sq ft 142,273 sq ft
D. Neighborhood Façade Program	CDBG-R	CDBG-R \$200,000	8 businesses

