# City of Alexandria 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan

Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Act Programs



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# AP-05 Executive Summary

### Introduction

The City of Alexandria receives annual grant allocations from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME). The overarching purpose of the CDBG and HOME programs is to assist <a href="low-and-moderate-income">low-and-moderate-income</a> families and households, which are those that earn less than 80% of the area median income. The funds are used to pursue three goals:

- (1) Provide decent, affordable housing
- (2) Create suitable living environments, and
- (3) Expand economic opportunities.

In order to access these federal funds, the City must carry out a planning process to identify the scope of housing and community development needs in its jurisdiction and how the available funding can best be used to meet those needs. This planning process, called the Consolidated Plan, was conducted in late 2014 and early 2015. The term of the plan began on May 01<sup>st</sup>, 2015 and will end on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. A full copy of the Consolidated Plan is available for review at the City's Community Development Department.

Each year, the City prepares an Annual Action Plan that describes the projects and actions it will undertake to carry out the strategies outlined in the Consolidated Plan. This document is the Third Year Annual Action Plan, covering the period from May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 to April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

### **Summary of Objectives and Outcomes**

The preparation and public comment period of this document was made prior to the release of the actual funding allocations from HUD. HUD was delayed in announcing the FY2017 CDBG and HOME allocations which were not released until June 14, 2017. In preparation of this document and based on guidance provided in CPD Notice 16-18, all proposed project budgets are set to a percentage of the allocation amounts. The amounts estimated below were estimated based on previous year's allocations. The amounts listed below show the estimate that was published for public comment, prior to the allocation announcement, with a separate column showing the actual allocations after they were announced by HUD to provide full transparency of information. The actual allocation for budgets converted based on percentages estimated is shown in the far right column.

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After reviewing and analyzing the data gathered through the consultation, citizen outreach, needs assessment, and market analysis, the City developed a set of goals and strategies to make the best use of its limited resources to address its most pressing affordable housing, community development, and homeless problems. The City developed six broad goals to meet its most pressing needs.

### (1) Create New Affordable Housing

Under this goal, the City is struggling to subsidize the development of units affordable to low income buyers, provide financial assistance to homebuyers, and provide homebuyer education services. The City has yet to identify a specific project at this time especially since it lost its CHDO in 2016, but expects that the funds available in FY2017 will assist in the development of 1 new affordable housing unit.

### (2) Improve Condition of Existing Housing Stock

The City estimates it will assist 3 owner-occupied units with HOME funds through its HOME Major Rehabilitation program and 30 owner-occupied units through its CDBG-funded Minor Repair Program.

Another service that the City is participating in is SNAP (Special Needs Assistance Program) through private local bank resources. Applicants who are found ineligible for the CDBG Minor Rehab and HOME Major Repair programs are further evaluated for participation in SNAP to define deferred maintenance repairs and to inspect those repairs. Work performed is paid to Contractors through private local bank sources on the owner's behalf. The pilot program was initiated in 2016 and there are currently 3 projects underway. Community Development will reach out to additional banks for participation.

### (3) Eliminate Blighted Conditions

The City will fund Code Enforcement efforts to identify and assess blighted properties. Code enforcement actions will be tied to the Demolition-Clearance Program that will clear blighted and deteriorated structures from the City's neighborhoods. The City estimates that 50 properties will be inspected and 10 properties will be demolished using funding made available in FY2017.

### (4) Reduce Homelessness

The City pledged non-federal, local funds to support the opening of a new day shelter called the Homeless Resource Center. The Center will provide supportive services to an estimated 20 homeless individuals on an annual basis. The City will support this program with local funds from 2016 through 2018 through a three (3) year grant agreement.

### (5) Improve Neighborhood Infrastructure

The City will use a combination of local and non-HUD federal resources to invest in streets, sidewalks, and drainage improvements in the CDBG target areas. The City's Engineering Department is working to define areas of improvement and secure funding sources.

#### (6) Improve Public Services

The City will support various public services aimed at providing a more suitable living environment for residents of CDBG-eligible target neighborhoods and other low income clientele, such as seniors, homeless, and disabled populations. The City will support these programs with local sources of funds.

### **Evaluation of Past Performance**

In recent years, the City has focused the use of its CDBG funds on minor repair, code enforcement, and clearance. Since the loss of the CHDO relationship in 2016, the City has used its HOME funds on major repair for owner occupied residents. A summary of each program is provided below:

- Demolition and clearance of blighted properties is often identified as their highest priority by neighborhood residents. The City averages 10 demolitions per year. While the demolition of the blighted structures improves the neighborhood, the next step would be to identify a re-use of the property. Unfortunately, the City has had a difficult time in the past in acquiring "heir properties" where more than one party has an interest in the property. This creates a "clouded title" issue, even if the City were to try to take ownership of the property through the adjudication process.
- The City administers a successful Minor Rehabilitation Program with CDBG funds that provides up to \$5,000 grants to low income homeowners. The program focuses on ensuring that a minimum of 50% of qualified applicants are seniors, as defined in the Consolidated Plan. All qualified, low income homeowners and their properties are evaluated for assistance with deferred maintenance issues such as roofing, electrical, plumbing or carpentry, including storm windows, attic insulation, caulking/sealing, and replacement of ill-fitting doors.
- On April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016, the City held a Homebuyers Seminar to qualify applicants for down payment assistance, however, discovered there is a higher need than expected to prepare the applicant pool for homeownership. The City completed a substantial amendment during the 2016-2017 program year to provide credit counseling and credit repair services to potential low income buyers. However, due to the lack of availability HUD qualified credit counselors in our immediate area, the City was unable to secure those services. The City will continue to reach out to establish a working relationship to offer these services in the near future because it is expected that once the pool of potential buyers are educated and prepare, the Homebuyer Assistance Program will be more successful.
- The City cancelled its agreement with Inner-City Revitalization Corporation (IRC) in August 2016, after the organization failed to proceed in a timely manner and failure to comply with the written agreement. IRC was the only local Community Housing Development Organization, however, the City will continue to seek out new partnerships in an effort to make use of the CHDO set aside funds available through the HOME Program.
- The City cancelled a number of public service proposals, included the Senior Vision Care program, the Bus
  Ticket Program, Succession Legal Services, and the Homeless Resource Center, as a part of an effort to focus
  the limited amount of available HUD funding for its highest priorities. The City will continue to support some
  of these efforts with non-federal funding.

The City pledged non-federal, local funds to support the Cenla Area Agency on Aging for the Vision Care for Senior's program. The Council will provide financial assistance to approximately 75 seniors in getting eye examinations and eye glasses.

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The City provided non-federal, local funds to support the Bus Ticket Program where the Central Louisiana Homeless Coalition will provide one-way bus tickets to relocate its homeless population with established family members. The City will support this program with local funds from 2016 through 2018 through a three (3) year grant agreement.

• Since 1992, the City has used HOME funds to assist with the development of 123 rental units and 34 homebuyer units, and rehabilitated 178 units of owner-occupied housing. The City has completed the Sugar House Road development and Bethel Apartments Rehabilitation in past projects. In recent years, the City's HOME allocation has been drastically reduced to a point where the City is able to partially fund only one development project per year, relying on the Developer to find additional layering funding sources. This effort has not been successful since 2016 termination of the CHDO agreement.

### **Summary of Citizen Participation and Consultation Process**

### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

During the development of the Consolidated Plan, the City will focus the use of its funds in its five designated target neighborhoods. As such, the City held a neighborhood meeting on November 10, 2016 for residents of the target areas to discuss potential uses of funds, recent accomplishments, current priority needs, and how to best use future allocations. The target areas include North Alexandria, Central Business District, Samtown/Woodside, Lower Third, and South Alexandria.

The City also convened a Citizen Advisory Committee meeting on January 12, 2017. The group members include residents from each target area as well a representative for different advocacy groups, including Elderly and Disabled, Youth, persons with HIV/AIDS, Mentally Disabled, and Homeless.

The City introduced the proposed Annual Plan during a public hearing on July 11, 2017 to the City Council. Before the public hearing, the City published the proposed plan for citizen comment from March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and again from May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The City Council unanimously adopted the FY 2017-2018 Annual Plan on July 25, 2017 through another public hearing process.

A summary of all comments and feedback received through the public participation process is included as an attachment to the plan.

### CONSULTATION

To assess the different needs within the community and in an effort to reach out and better coordinate with other service providers in the area, the City conducted a number of consultations with local non-profits, assisted housing providers, and other governmental agencies and departments. For a complete list of organizations contacted, please refer to section PR-10 Consultation.

# **Summary of Public Comments**

None received to date.

# **Summary of Comments not accepted**

None received to date.

# **Summary**

This third year Annual Action Plan is consistent with the information presented in the Consolidated Plan. The most pressing needs in the City continue to be a large number of blighted properties and substandard condition of housing, especially within the neighborhoods identified as CDBG target areas. As such, the resources available to the City through the programs covered by this plan, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships Grant (HOME), will focus on the elimination of blighted properties and the improvement of the condition of existing housing stock. The City will also work to better serve its homeless populations and non-homeless populations with special needs.

# PR-05 Lead and Responsible Agencies

The City of Alexandria is the lead agency for this Consolidated Plan. Specifically, the Community Development Department administers the Consolidated Plan and all of its funded programs on behalf of the City. Some programs are administered directly by the City. For others, the Community Development Department relies on a number of partners, including non-profit organizations and contractors, to undertake the projects.

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### AP-10 Consultation

### Introduction

This section summarizes the consultation efforts made by the City and details specific information required by HUD in regard to coordination, including coordination of efforts to serve those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. When developing the Consolidated Plan, the City reached out to local service providers and other government agencies to gather information on housing, homeless, and community development needs and to determine how the available federal resources should best be used to meet the City's priority needs. For this Annual Action Plan, the City sought additional input from agencies to identify any changes in the local market or in levels of need.

### **Efforts to Enhance Coordination**

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

As part of the consultation process, the City contacted assisted-housing and service providers, including local non-profits, the Alexandria Public Housing Authority, and local developers. The purpose of this outreach was to inform the agencies of opportunities to contribute to the plan and to increase coordination between service providers. The City has formed and maintained partnerships with local organizations such as the Central Louisiana Homeless Coalition (described in more detail below). The City also works closely with grass roots and resident organizations such as neighborhood watch groups.

### Continuum of Care Consultation – Homeless Needs

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 City received input and feedback from the Executive Director of the Central Louisiana Homeless Coalition to determine priority homeless needs and discuss potential strategies for meeting those needs. The City currently works with the CoC by providing non-federal funding to support the CoC's Coordinated Access Program and drop-in center, which is used to provide direct services to unsheltered homeless, especially the chronically homeless. In addition, the City provides matching funds to CoC Rapid Rehousing project for families and victims of domestic violence. Lastly, the Mayor has accepted the Mayor's Challenge to end homelessness among veterans and supports the efforts of the CoC and its collaborating partners to meet the goal of ending veteran homelessness.

# **Continuum of Care Consultation – Program Design**

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 City does not receive ESG funds from HUD.

### **List of Consultations**

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

Agency/Group/Organization	INNER CITY REVITALIZATION CORP
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services – Housing
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation with Executive Director

Agency/Group/Organization	Alexandria Housing Authority
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Other government – Local
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consulted with Board staff

Agency/Group/Organization	Central Louisiana Coalition to End Homelessness
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services - Victims Regional organization Planning organization
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation with Executive Director.

Agency/Group/Organization	Citizens Advisory Commission
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Advisory Commission
What section of the Plan was	Non Housing Community Development
addressed by Consultation?	Elderly/Handicapped
	Youth
	Persons with HIV/AIDS
	Mentally Disabled
	Homeless
How was the	Public meeting
Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated	
outcomes of the consultation or areas	
for improved coordination?	

Agency/Group/Organization	Rapides Foundation
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Health
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non Housing Community Development
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation with Executive Director.

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

### Not Applicable

List other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan and how the goals of the Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan.

Name of Plan: Continuum of Care (CoC)

Lead Organization: Central Louisiana Homeless Coalition

Overlap: The Continuum of Care's goals, strategies, and policies are adopted by the City as it

relates to the Strategic Plan's homeless goals.

Name of Plan: 2009 Revitalization Master Plan

Lead Organization: City of Alexandria

Overlap: In the 2009 Revitalization Master Plan, the City identified a number of neighborhoods in

need of revitalization. The proposed actions called for removal of blighted properties, reclamation of vacant and abandoned properties, and the development of new housing. The goals and strategies of this Strategic Plan continue to address the same issues

identified in the 2009 Revitalization Master Plan.

Name of Plan: 2014 ThinkAlex Resiliency Plan

Lead Organization: City of Alexandria

Overlap: In 2014, the City completed a community planning effort that included transportation,

land use, housing, zoning, and a revision of the municipal development code. The goals

of this Strategic Plan will be guided and influenced by the findings and

recommendations of the ThinkAlex plan.

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Name of Plan: 2014 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Lead Organization: Kisatchie Delta Planning Development District

Overlap: This plan used as a source of data used to determine priorities and needs related to

economic development.

Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(I))

The City provided other public entities an opportunity to provide input on the proposed Action Plan. In past cases, the City worked closely with other public entities when multiple organizations supported the same project, as is the case with the City's 2015 HOME project for Sugarhouse Road Phase III, which was jointly funded with the Louisiana Housing Corporation.

Since 2016, the City is managing all program activities in-house through direct HUD funding and/or local sources of funds, therefore, project specific coordination with other public entities has not been necessary.

# AP-12 Participation - 91.105, 91.200(c)

### **Summary**

Summarize the citizen participation process and efforts made to broaden citizen participation. Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting.

As part of the planning process, the City conducted a neighborhood meeting on November 10, 2016 in order to gauge the needs of the community, especially those of residents within the five identified target areas. The meeting was attended by 36 community members who provided input to City staff and completed a survey regarding the needs of their neighborhoods. The five target areas are:

- North Alexandria
- Central Business District
- Samtown/Woodside
- Lower Third
- South Alexandria

In addition to the public meetings, the City also convened a Citizen's Advisory Committee. All meetings are held in accessible locations. The committee includes two representatives from each of the five target areas, plus one representative for each of the five following constituencies: Elderly/Handicapped, Youth, Persons with HIV/AIDS, Mentally Disabled, and Homeless.

The City discussed the Annual Action Plan and HUD-funded programs at a January 12, 2017 meeting of the Citizen Advisory Committee. The Community Development Department introduced the proposed Annual Plan before the City Council in a public hearing on July 11, 2017. Before the public hearing, the City published a notice stating the plan was available for review and a thirty day comment period from March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and again for a fourteen day (waivered) comment period from May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The City Council unanimously adopted the FY 2017-2018 Annual Plan on July 25, 2017 during another public hearing process.

The results of the community meetings, including a summary of all comments and input received, are included as an attachment to this plan.

# Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons
1	Nov 6, 2016 Newspaper Ad re: Neighborhood Meeting	CDBG Target Neighborhoods	No comments received – see advertisement attached	No comments received	No comments received
2	Nov 10, 2016 Neighborhood Group Public Meeting	CDBG Target Neighborhoods Group	See Attachments for sign-in sheet and agenda	See Attachments for summary of program funding surveys	All comments were given consideration
3	Jan 12, 2017 Citizen Advisory Committee for Annual Action Plan	Non-Targeted	See Attachments for sign-in sheet & agenda	See Attachments for minutes of the meeting	All comments were given consideration
4	Mar 24, 2017 Newspaper Ad re: Annual Action Plan Public Comment Period (30 day)	Non-Targeted	No comments received – see advertisement attached	No comments received	No comments received
5	May 28, 2017 Newspaper Ad re: Annual Action Plan Public Comment Period (14 day)	Non-Targeted	No comments received – see advertisement attached	No comments received	No comments received
6	July 11, 2017 re: Public Hearing of City Council to introduce Annual Action Plan	Non-Targeted	See Attachment for Council Agenda - Mandatory lay-over for two weeks for review	No comments received	No comments received
7	July 25, 2017 re: Public Hearing of City Council to adopt Annual Plan	Non-Targeted	See Attachment for Council Ordinance - Unanimous adoption	No comments received	No comments received

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

### Introduction

The main source of funding for the goals, programs, and projects discussed in this Action Plan will come from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). CDBG funds may be used for a broad range of activities, including housing, infrastructure, public facilities and services, and economic development, as long as the purpose of the program is to benefit persons considered to be low or moderate income (below 80% of the area median income). HOME funds may only be used for affordable housing projects. This includes the acquisition and development of new housing, the rehabilitation of existing units, tenant-based rental assistance, and homebuyer assistance. The City hopes to leverage and attract additional funding sources to help meet its goals. Potential sources include homeless funds from the State of Louisiana and private funding invested in the HOME-assisted affordable housing developments.

### **Anticipated Resources**

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 3		Narrative Description
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	Annual Allocation: Program Income: Prior Year Resources: Total: Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan	408,116 408,116 825,000	CDBG funds will be used for the creation and preservation of affordable rental units, improvements in low-income neighborhoods, and public services that benefit low-income and special needs households.
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab	Annual Allocation: Program Income: Prior Year Resources: Total:	174,516 174,516	This program is designed exclusively to create and preserve affordable housing for low-income households.  NOT SURE WHERE THIS AMOUNT COMES
		New construction for ownership TBRA	Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan	350,000	FROM

Table 1 - 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

Per HUD guidance released May 22, 2017, the City has received a 100% match reduction and therefore is not required to document match for the current fiscal year. The City may require match from developer's investment in affordable housing developments.

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

At the current time, the City does not own land or property that will be used to address the needs and goals identified in the plan. The City is trying to find legal consulting resources to address the legal complexities that

arise when properties are transferred through inheritance or adjudication process, which may ultimately result properties that the City can then plan for re-use.

#### Discussion

The size of both the CDBG and HOME allocations continue to decrease. Over the course of the last Consolidated Plan (2010-2015), the CDBG allocation was reduced from \$719,375 to \$408,116. Over the same period, the HOME program allocation was reduced from \$450,489 to \$174,516.

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# AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

# Goals Summary Information

Goal Name	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Create New	Affordable Housing	CDBG Target Areas	Affordable	CDBG: \$0	Homeowner Housing Added: 1
Affordable	(15% CHDO set-	City Wide	Housing	HOME: \$26,177	Household Housing Unit
Housing	aside)				
Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG Target Areas	Affordable	CDBG: \$179,571	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated:
Rehabilitation		City Wide	Housing	HOME: \$130,887	3 Housing Units – Major Repair
					30 Housing Units – Minor Repair
Elimination of	Non-Housing	CDBG Target Areas	Non Housing	CDBG: \$146,922	Buildings Demolished: 10 Buildings
Blighted	Community	City Wide	Community	HOME: \$0	Units Inspected: 50 Units
Properties	Development		Development		
Administration	Administration	City Wide	All	CDBG: \$81,623	Other: 1 Other
& CHDO				HOME: \$17,452	
Operating					

Table 2 – Goals Summary

# **Goal Descriptions**

1	Goal Name	Create New Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	Funds will be provided to a qualified developer to develop or rehabilitate affordable housing. An amount not less than 15% of the HOME allocation must be provided to a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). Eligible uses of the funds include acquisition, construction costs, and related soft costs. The City expects that the funds will assist in the development of one new affordable unit.
2	Goal Name	Homebuyer Assistance
	Goal Description	The City will not budget additional funds to Homebuyer Assistance at this time.
3	Goal Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	The City will use HOME funds to bring 3 owner occupied units up to code standards. The City will make minor repairs to 30 units using CDBG funds.
4	Goal Name	Elimination of Blighted Properties
	Goal Description	The City will use CDBG funds to evaluate and demolish vacant, substandard structures that have a blighting effect on City neighborhoods. The vast majority of these funds will be focused on properties within the CDBG Target Areas. The City estimates that it will inspect 50 units and demolish 10 substandard properties.

5	Goal Name	Reduce Homelessness
	Goal Description	The City will use local funds to support the operations of the new Homeless Resource Center.
6	Goal Name	Improve Public Services
	Goal Description	In this program year, the City will not budget additional federal funds for public services.
7	Goal Name	Administration & CHDO Operating
	Goal Description	Funds will be used for planning and general administration of the HOME and CDBG programs.  This includes the annual action plan and budgeting process, contracting and contract award management, subrecipient monitoring, and reporting.

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 expects that 4 low income families will be provided affordable housing as defined by HOME 24 CFR 91.215(b) as a result of funds made available in FY2017. This includes three owner-occupied rehabilitations and the development of one new owner-occupied unit.

# AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

#### Introduction

HUD allocations for the FY2017 CDBG and HOME allocations were announced late, on June 14, 2017. Based on guidance provided in CPD Notice 16-18, all proposed project budgets for public notices were set to a percentage of the allocation amounts based on previous year's allocations. The activities listed below will be the focus of CDBG and HOME spending.

### **Projects**

IDIS Project #	Project Name
1	CDBG Code Enforcement
2	CDBG Demolition/Clearance
3	CDBG Program Administration
4	HOME Major Housing Rehabilitation
5	HOME Program Administration
6	HOME CHDO Development
7	CDBG Minor Housing Repair

Table 3 - Project Information

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

The rationale for allocation priorities comes from a combination of the following elements:

- The input and feedback received by through the community input and consultation process.
- The recommendations of city staff and officials based on past performance of programs.
- The amount of funds available through the CDBG and HOME allocations.
- The limitations imposed by the federal programs.

The City has identified a number of obstacles to meeting its needs, including the lack of interested contractors in the City's housing rehabilitation programs, the flood insurance requirements associated with the City's housing rehabilitation programs, and the lack of an emergency shelter for women.

# AP-38 Project Summary

1	Project Name	CDBG Program Administration
	Target Area	CDBG Target Areas City Wide
	Goals Supported	Administration & CHDO Operating
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing, Homeless, Non Homeless Special Needs, Non Housing Community Development, and Public Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$81,623
	Description	Provide oversight, management, monitoring and coordination of federal CDBG funds received from HUD
	Target Date	4/30/2018
	Estimated Benefit	Not applicable.
	Location Description	Not applicable.
	Planned Activities	21A CDBG General Administration - 24 CFR 570.206; General Administration is exempt from meeting a national objective.

2	Project Name	CDBG Minor Housing Repair Program
	Target Area	CDBG Target Areas
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
Needs Addressed Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	
Funding CDBG: \$179,571		CDBG: \$179,571
	Description	CDBG will fund minor housing repairs for deferred maintenance issues such as roofing, electrical, plumbing or carpentry, including storm windows, attic insulation, caulking/sealing, and replacement of ill-fitting doors. Also, ensuring that a minimum of 50% of qualified applicants are seniors.
	Target Date	4/30/2018
	Estimated Benefit	30 low-income homeowners.
	Location Description	CDBG Target Areas

Planned Activities	14A: Single-Unit Residential Rehabilitation - 24 CFR 570.202
	LMH: Low Mod Housing (LMH) national objective - 24 CFR 570.208(a)(3)

3	Project Name	CDBG Code Enforcement
	Target Area	CDBG Target Areas.
	Goals Supported	Elimination of Blighted Properties
	Needs Addressed	Non Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$48,974
	Description	Salaries of code officers and legal fees related to the removal of deterioration in Low Mod Areas. It will benefit the 5 Target Neighborhoods.
	Target Date	4/30/2018
	Estimated Benefit	50 properties inspected. All of the residents living within the vicinity of the formerly blighted property will receive a benefit.
	Location Description	CDBG Target Areas with a few properties outside of the target areas.
	Planned Activities	Code Enforcement - 24 CFR 570.202(c) Slum Blight Area Basis (SBA) - 24 CFR 570.208(b)(1) Slum Blight Spot Basis (SBS) 24 CFR 570.208(b)(2)

4	Project Name	CDBG Demolition/Clearance
	Target Area	CDBG Target Areas. A few properties may be outside of the target areas.
	Goals Supported	Elimination of Blighted Properties
	Needs Addressed	Non Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$97,948
	Description	Demolition and clearance of vacant, abandoned, and deteriorated structures in order to eliminate specific conditions of blight or physical decay in Low Mode Area benefit 5 Target Neighborhoods
	Target Date	4/30/2018
	Estimated Benefit	Removal of 10 blighted and abandoned properties. All of the residents living within the vicinity of the formerly blighted property will receive a benefit.

Location Description	CDBG Target Areas. A few properties may be outside of the target areas.
Planned Activities	Clearance/Demolition - 24 CFR 570.201(d) Slum Blight Area Basis (SBA) - 24 CFR 570.208(b)(1)
	Slum Blight Spot (SBS) – 24 CFR 570.208(b)(2)

5	Project Name	HOME Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	CDBG Target Areas
	Goals Supported	Improve Condition of Housing Stock
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding HOME: \$130,887	
	Description	Funds will provide assistance to income eligible homeowners to address deferred maintenance issues in order to bring their home up to code compliance, including repairs for roofing, electrical, plumbing and carpentry.
	Target Date	4/30/2018
	Estimated Benefit	3 housing units
	Location Description	To be determined
	Planned Activities	Housing Rehabilitation

6	Project Name	HOME Program Administration
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Improve Condition of Housing Stock
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
Funding HOME: \$17,452		HOME: \$17,452
	Description	Provide oversight, management, monitoring and coordination of federal funds received from the Department of HUD.
Target Da	Target Date	4/30/2018
	Estimated Benefit	Not applicable.
	Location Description	Not applicable.
	Planned Activities	General Administration of the HOME grant.

7	Project Name	New Housing Development
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Create New Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
Funding HOME: \$26,177	HOME: \$26,177	
	Description	Funds will be provided to a qualified CHDO or for-profit housing developer to develop new affordable housing units within the City. At least 15% of the HOME allocation must go toward CHDO projects.
Target Date 4/30/2020 Estimated Benefit 1 low income household	4/30/2020	
	1 low income household	
	Location Description	to be determined
	Planned Activities	The City expects the funds will be used for Acquisition/New Construction or Acquisition/Rehabilitation.

# 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.

The City expects that approximately 90% of its funds will be used in the five CDBG target areas:

- North Alexandria
- South Alexandria
- Lower Third
- Central Business District
- Samtown/Woodside

All of these areas are considered to be areas of low-income and minority concentration.

### Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
CDBG Target Areas	90%
Citywide	10%

Table 4 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City is allocating a large portion of its resources to meeting the needs of the Revitalization Areas for a number of reasons. First and foremost, the Revitalization Areas have a relatively high concentration of low- and moderate-income households. The condition of existing housing stock, levels of blight, and areas of low homeownership were factors in placing a priority on the Revitalization Areas. The Revitalization Areas also have a relatively high minority concentration who experience a disproportionate greater need.

# AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.220(g)

## Introduction

In the program year, the City will invest its federal resources in two affordable housing programs: CHDO Development and HOME Housing Rehabilitation. For details on each program, please refer to the Project Descriptions.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported				
Homeless	0			
Non-Homeless	4			
Special-Needs	0			
Total	4			

Table 5 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through				
Rental Assistance	0			
The Production of New Units	1			
Rehab of Existing Units	3			
Acquisition of Existing Units	0			
Total	4			

Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

# AP-60 Public Housing - 91.220(h)

### Introduction

Public Housing within the City is administered by the City of Alexandria Public Housing Authority. While the City will coordinate closely with the PHA and share information about their respective programs, the City does not plan on providing financial assistance to the PHA. The PHA receives its own allocation from HUD, including an allocation through the Capital Fund Program, which will be used to repair, renovate and/or modernize the public housing developments. Included below is information received from the Alexandria Housing Authority through the consultation process and action planned in conjunction between the City and the Housing Authority.

### Consultation

The Alexandria Housing Authority (AHA) is the largest provider of affordable housing that targets very low income residents. The income targeting for Public Housing and the Section 8 program administered by the Alexandria Housing Authority is 30% of the Area Median Income.

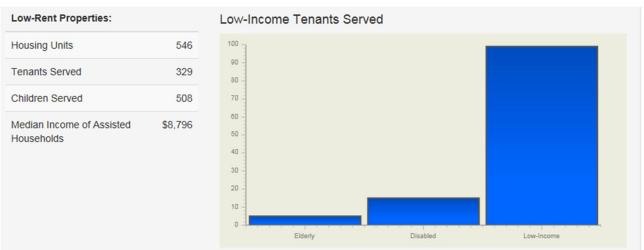
The most pressing needs in the City continue to be a large number of blighted properties and substandard condition of housing. The City supports the AHA efforts to address the physical condition of the existing AHA property as well as remove blighted properties through the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program. With funding reduced the AHA is unable to meet their backlog of physical needs due to the reduced financial support from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City will also support the AHA efforts to leverage other HUD rental subsidy programs to address affordable housing. The AHA will leverage Section 8/Housing Choice Voucher to provide housing opportunities to very low income families as well as provide Section 8/Housing Assistance Payment Contracts for affordable housing developments.

The AHA efforts to project base Section 8 and leverage RAD meets the City's Consolidated Plan efforts to remove blight, rehabilitate existing developments, as well as construct new affordable housing. The AHA Section 8/RAD projects and redevelopment efforts are on target to help with the Revitalization efforts and ReThink Alex Plans the City currently has in progress.

The AHA will continue to develop new affordable housing across the City as it demolishes blighted properties and newly constructions replacement housing. The AHA will also focus on rehabilitation of existing affordable housing developments.

The City will also work to better serve its homeless populations and non-homeless populations with special needs. The City will partner with the AHA to outreach as additional rental funding becomes available. The AHA will continue to monitor the waitlist needs including the outreach and education for special needs families and individuals. The AHA will work with the City and other social service providers to marry wrap around supportive services when housing special needs populations.

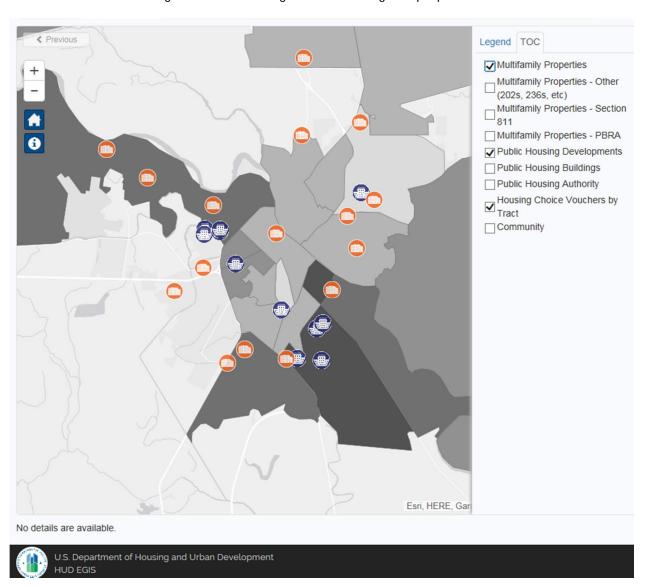
There are 215 units of HUD Funded Multi-Family properties in Alexandria according to HUD that have Multi Family Rental Assistance. The income of these tenants' median income is \$3,688. The income of the median income of the Public Housing residents is \$8,796.



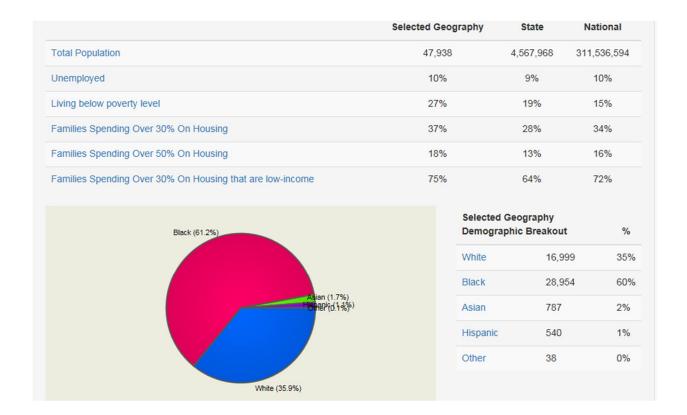
cher Tenant Figures:		Vouche	er Tenants Serve	d	
ng Units	1,064	100			
s Served	772	90 -			
Served	949	70			
Income of Assisted	\$9,318	60 - 50 - 40 - 30 - 20 -			
		0 -	Elderly	Disabled	Low-Income

HUD PIH INVESTMENTS:	# of 2016 Units
Public Housing Low-Rent Properties	546 units
Housing Choice Voucher Program	1,064 units

Locations of HUD Multi Family and Public Housing Developments. The AHA developments are part of the City's efforts to revitalize existing affordable housing and remove blighted properties.



Housing Characteristics	Selected Geography	State	National
Home Ownership	54%	67%	65%
Renters	46%	33%	35%
Vacant Housing	15%	14%	12%



### **Planned Actions**

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

While the City has not budgeted any funds to public housing projects, the City will coordinate more closely with the public housing agency in the next plan year once beneficial program activities are budgeted. Some potential actions may include marketing of the credit counseling, homebuyer education and down payment assistance programs to public housing residents, posting job and employment opportunities at public housing developments to attract section 3-qualified residents, and continue discussions with the PHA regarding the creation of a subsidiary non-profit developer that could qualify as a CHDO.

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

The Alexandria Housing Authority encourages active participation from residents. There are monthly resident council meetings held at each of the developments. Residents are invited to meet and greet, share their concerns and organize activities for their developments. One or more employees of the AHA are always present to answer questions and document the concerns of the residents.

In addition, one resident is appointed to the Board of Commissioners. The AHA conducts periodic customer satisfaction surveys as a means for residents to discreetly voice their concerns and to ensure that the best possible customer service is being provided by the agency.

In regard to homeownership, the AHA is planning to offer homeownership as an option through its Housing Choice Voucher Program. In addition, this year, AHA partnered with a local bank to provide a twelve (12) month credit counseling program for 40 of their residents to educate them on saving and preparing for a home purchase and ownership.

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

As of March 30, 2015, the Alexandria Housing Authority is no longer considered a "Troubled" agency. The AHA received approval for its Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program which will assist the agency in revitalizing its units. This program may receive up to \$13 million that will have a direct impact on the condition of the agency's housing stock.

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

### Introduction

The City addresses homelessness through its participation in the local Continuum of Care, the Central Louisiana Homeless Coalition.

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;

The CoC utilizes the services of the outreach teams and the Coordinated Assessment Program to identify persons in need of housing and then gathers supporting documentation to verify homelessness status, regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, familial status, or disability. As part of its strategic planning process, the CoC plans to ensure that outreach services are available to anyone with a disability or anyone of a different national origin. The Central Louisiana Homeless Coalition utilizes the services of a paid Outreach Coordinator, staffed by CLHC's Coordinated Assessment Program, to provide outreach and engagement for those persons who routinely sleep on the streets as well as to known locations and "camps".

In addition, Volunteers of America hosts a monthly outreach event called "Helping to Overcome Homelessness (H2O)". The H2O event establishes a "one stop shop" for homeless services, wherein providers across the CoC set up and provide services such as HIV/AIDS testing, VI-SPDAT assessments, Veteran's services, food, clothing, and more. By holding the event at the end of the month, the event caters to the needs of unsheltered people whose resources of SSI/SSDI have run out. As part of the outreach plan for rural communities, this H2O model is being expanded to rural communities throughout the geographic area, with events planned in all eight of the parishes served by the CoC.

... addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons;

The City, through the Continuum, will continue to support the existing emergency and transitional shelters in place. The City will also provide support to the new Housing Resource Center that will provide supportive services to unsheltered homeless individuals.

... 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 CoC Outreach Coordinator assists homeless persons with obtaining required resources and supports needed to access permanent housing. This Outreach Coordinator assists these individuals and families with things such as using the internet to complete applications for housing, employment, and other benefits. The Outreach Coordinator is responsible for identifying, assessing, and prioritizing chronically homeless individuals for

placement into PSH programs. By increasing its beds designated for use by the chronically homeless and using funding sources such as VASH and SSVF, the CoC believes it can end chronic homelessness in the near future.

The CoC is also requesting additional rapid rehousing funds to serve literally homeless families. The CoC has a goal to end family homelessness by 2020.

In regard to preventing a return to homelessness, each provider within the CoC conducts follow-up at 90 days, 180 days, and twelve month intervals. These follow-up assessments are documented within the CoC's HMIS. During the follow-up, if an issue is discovered that could possibly result in a family returning to homelessness, the Case Manager provides ongoing case management sessions to assist the family with obtaining the proper supports to prevent them from returning to homelessness.

and 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 CoC has requested Rapid Rehousing and Prevention funds to assist families with prevention services such as rent arrears payments and utility assistance so that they do not become homeless. In addition, Rapid Rehousing funds were requested to assist eligible persons with obtaining permanent housing once they leave a facility. Furthermore, the CoC has adopted the following discharge coordination policies to prevent homelessness for those leaving the care of public institutions:

#### 1. Foster Care

Locally, the foster care system collaborates with Goodwill Industries and Eckerd to provide wrap-around services to the population that is leaving foster care. Both agencies assists these participants with seeking mainstream benefits and housing supports to ensure that they do not become homeless as a result of leaving the foster care system.

#### 2. Health Care

The CoC can assist the hospital in seeking housing options so that no one is homeless upon discharge. Housing options might include placement in a PSH program if the person is deemed chronically homeless, linkages to programs like SSVF and VASH if they are leaving the VA Hospital, and referrals to programs and emergency shelters for those who are mentally ill and/or substance abusers.

### 3. Mental Health

Volunteers of America has several programs that link persons to resources available to ensure housing stability, including three PSH CoC-funded programs that serve only those chronically homeless individuals/families who have a mental illness, and emergency shelter for those who find themselves homeless with mental illness.

#### 4. Corrections

The Louisiana Department of Corrections routinely refers people to the local Re-entry Solutions program. Re-Page 32 entry Solutions is a local nonprofit that provides services to persons who are recently released from incarceration, in addition to providing services the families of those who are incarcerated. Re-entry Solutions works with project participants to obtain jobs, and even provides temporary housing for some of the participants through the Safe Landing program.

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

### Introduction

In 1991, HUD published a study that found regulatory barriers—public processes and requirements that significantly impede the development of affordable housing without commensurate health or safety benefits—directly raise development costs in some communities by as much as 35 percent. A number of causes, including infrastructure costs, local building practices, bureaucratic inertia, and property taxes contributed to this network of barriers. The report concluded that opposition to affordable housing, often called "Not In My Back Yard" or NIMBY, was the underlying motive that lay behind many of these regulatory barriers to intentionally limit growth in general and affordable housing in particular.

The City feels that it has few, if any, local regulatory barriers that impede the development of affordable housing. With that said, there are two significant barriers, one at the state level and the other at the federal level, that have an adverse effect on the City's ability to carry out its Strategic Plan. First, there are large number of blighted properties within the CDBG target areas that have clouded title as a result of inheritance. Current state law makes it difficult for the City to clear title on these properties in order to redevelop them. Secondly, the flood insurance requirements tied to the CDBG and HOME program require assisted homeowners who reside in flood prone areas to carry flood insurance as a condition for receiving assistance. A good portion of the homes in the CDBG target areas would need to buy flood insurance in order to receive significant housing assistance. The City believes that this requirement significantly affects its ability to revitalize its target areas.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

In regard to the flood insurance requirements, the City will explore different possibilities in terms of program design of its housing programs to reduce the effects of the federal requirement. Potential solutions include using the federal dollars to leverage additional assistance from local lenders, subsidizing the insurance premium with CDBG funds, and making bigger per-unit investments to address flood concerns.

### AP-85 Other Actions - 91.220(k)

### Introduction

In addition to outlining projects that the City will actively pursue with available federal resources, the City must also describe "other actions" outlined below, as required by the federal regulations.

### Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

In recent years, the City has experienced several obstacles to meeting the underserved needs in its community. One of the main obstacles encountered by the City in its efforts to revitalize its target neighborhoods is clouded title on vacant and abandoned properties. State law makes it difficult for the City to clear title on these properties, which is a vital first step in redeveloping the blighted properties into useful and valuable elements of the neighborhood.

In regard to its housing repair programs, the City has encountered is the lack of available contractors willing to bid on jobs offered. The City limits the amount of assistance to each property to \$5,000. The City will consider new ways to attract the contractors to work with the program, such as bidding multiple properties at once.

Another obstacle related to the housing repair program is the requirement to maintain flood insurance on homes rehabilitated within flood zones. A good portion of the City's CDBG target neighborhoods are within the flood zone and would require flood insurance. The City is examining its program design to address this, including the payment of part or all of the flood insurance premium on behalf of the assisted owner.

The City no longer has a developer in the local area that qualifies as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) for the City. The City will work with existing non-profits in the area to qualify as a CHDO and explore the possibility of creating a new organization.

### Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The HUD Section 8 Program provides a variety of financial assistance to developers and owners of rental properties in order to provide affordable housing opportunities. In exchange for mortgage assistance, the rental properties pledge to make a certain number of units affordable for contract period. Once the contract period is over, the project owner has no obligation to maintain the units as affordable and can rent the units at the market rate which would result in a loss of housing affordability within the City. Of the four HUD-assisted properties located within the City, only one property has a contract expiration date during the term of this Consolidated Plan. The property is owned and administered by the Volunteers of America. Therefore, the City fully expects the property to remain affordable. The affordability periods for the other three properties, England Apartments, Our Lady's Manor, and Bethel, are not set to expire for another fifteen years.

### Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The federal government banned lead-based paint from housing in 1978. Many homes built before 1978 have lead-based paint. Lead is especially dangerous for pregnant women and households with children under the age

of six. Lead poisoning is one of the most widespread environmental hazards facing children today and is considered to be a serious environmental threat to children's health. High blood lead levels are due mostly to deteriorated lead-based paint in older homes and contaminated dust and soil. Soil that is contaminated with lead is an important source of lead exposure because children play outside and very small children frequently put their hands in their mouths.

The City will ensure all of its federally-funded housing programs are in full compliance with the lead-based paint hazard regulations (24 CFR Part 35). This includes assisting households with the appropriate lead-based paint inspection, testing, and abatement of lead-based paint hazards. The City will provide education through the distribution of lead-based paint information and literature and will seek greater coordination with state agencies to leverage additional resources.

In April 2010, EPA extended current requirements regarding lead-safe work practices to cover most pre-1978 housing and require renovation firms to perform quantitative dust testing to achieve dust-lead levels that comply with EPA's regulatory standards. The City will work with its contractors, subrecipients and community partners to ensure all funded programs are in full compliance with the updated regulation.

### Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

According to the 2011-2013 ACS, the City as a whole has an overall poverty rate of 28%. This translates to 13,152 persons. The poverty rate for African Americans (35%) is more than double than that of Whites (15%). Poverty is concentrated in families with children. Approximately 43% of the City's children live in poverty. Seniors, in contrast, are less likely to be in poverty. Only 14% of seniors, or 875 people, were below the poverty level. Given their higher income potential with two working-age adults, married couple families had a poverty rate (10%) significantly lower than single-parent families (33%). Sixty-one percent of families experiencing poverty were female householders with children and no husband present.

There is a high correlation between low levels of educational attainment and poverty. Almost half (45%) of those who do not finish high school live in poverty. For those who finish high school, the poverty rate drops to 14%. Employment has a comparable correlation. 44% of unemployed persons over age 16 are in poverty, whereas only 11% who are employed are below the poverty line. However, of the approximately 6,000 residents over 25 who are in poverty, one-third have jobs but remain in poverty.

Given the statistics stated above, the City's efforts to reduce the number of poverty-level families should focus on support services to single-parent households and educational support and job training programs to ensure residents receive at least a high school diploma. When feasible, the City will provide job training, employment, and contract opportunities for public housing residents and other low- and moderate-income residents in connection with construction projects funded under the Consolidated Plan. This provision helps foster local economic development, neighborhood economic improvement, and individual self-sufficiency. In this way, the City will comply with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968.

### Actions planned to develop institutional structure.

The City of Alexandria Community Development Department acts as the lead agency for the development and administration of the Consolidated Plan and its funded projects. The local institutional structure consists of the Community Development Department and local partners, including non-profit organizations, contractors, and other public agencies to undertake the projects to address the priorities of the Consolidated Plan. The City has identified one serious gap in the institutional delivery system and a number of areas where the City will work to improve the delivery of the funded programs.

During the development of the Consolidated Plan in 2015, the largest gap within the institutional delivery system is the lack of an emergency shelter for women. The local transitional shelter for homeless women recently added four emergency shelter beds for women, thanks to funding from the United Way of Central Louisiana. Though the City could benefit from more emergency beds for women, the beds available at Hope House have helped to alleviate some of the gaps in services for homeless women in need of emergency shelter.

Currently, the City does not have a local developer that qualifies as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO). There is a need to develop and build the capacity of local organizations that could potentially qualify as a CHDO to carry out affordable housing development projects. The City has had discussions with the public housing authority regarding the possibility of forming a subsidiary organization that could act as a CHDO. Going forward, the City will actively seek out qualified agencies who could act as a CHDO.

In the previous program year, the City had difficulty finding contractors willing to bid on minor repair jobs. The City will continue to reexamine its bidding process to make its housing programs more attractive to local contractors.

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

As a result of the planning process that led to the development of this Consolidated Plan, the City has reaffirmed its working relationships with some of the major service providers and planning efforts in the areas of affordable housing, community development, and homelessness. Over the course of the program year, the City will seek to build on existing relationships and establish new connections with community partners.

- The City will continue to play an active role in the local Continuum of Care; and
- The City will coordinate with the public housing authority by sharing information about their respective programs;

### Monitoring

The City of Alexandria has implemented plans to effect comprehensive monitoring of programs and activities described in the Consolidated Plan. Monitoring plans have also been developed for organizations and activities funded by the City to further activities outlined in the Consolidated Plan. The monitoring plan is directed to ensure:

- Program performance
- Financial performance
- Regulatory compliance

The Community Development Department of the City of Alexandria is the primary entity for carrying out programs in the Action Plan. The Division has procedures in place to monitor and evaluate work-in-progress, expenditures, and beneficiaries of programs described in the Action Plan. The overall goal of the City of Alexandria monitoring process is to identify deficiencies and promote corrections to improve and reinforce performance.

The procedures planned for use in monitoring applicable programs and projects undertaken by other organizations are comprehensive by design and will be carried out on differing schedules and in differing formats dependent upon the scope and nature of the individual projects. Organizations or entities requiring monitoring by the City will be notified of the planned monitoring procedures, which include:

- The provision of technical assistance in the areas of project implementation and required record keeping
- Extensive on-site reviews of each project and associated records
- Formal grant agreements that are approved by the city council and executed with each nonprofit agency or subcontractor
- Yearly monitoring to determine compliance with the requirements of the grant agreement
- All capital improvement contracts will be monitored for compliance with Davis-Bacon wages, Section 3 and other federal requirements during the construction of the project.

All rehabilitation and new construction projects are inspected during construction and at completion to ensure compliance with applicable housing code requirements. Any discrepancies are corrected prior to approval. Rental property rehabilitation projects are inspected annually during the affordability period to ensure compliance.

The City of Alexandria Community Development staff will perform required monitoring functions to ensure long-term compliance with applicable regulations as well as executed contracts, agreements, and regulatory requirements of the various programs administered by the City. The monitoring process has been designed to function on an extended basis to guarantee compliance with comprehensive planning requirements, affordability, leasing and other long-term requirements. The City of Alexandria plans to fully protect the investment of public funds in those projects and activities implemented by the City and those undertaken by other individuals and organizations. Specific areas of compliance monitoring will include:

- Timely performance of required activities
- Construction standards
- Compliance with applicable regulations, including affordability requirements, eligibility of program beneficiaries, labor requirements, environmental regulations, affirmative action, equal opportunity, fair housing, ADA, Section 3, and minority outreach requirements.
- Maintenance of acceptable financial management standards

- Reasonableness and appropriateness of costs
- Integrity and composition of organization
- Timeliness of expenditures
- Compliance with goals and objectives

In the event of nonperformance or breach of agreements, the City will fully enforce remedies on default or other means of satisfactorily achieving the goals and intended purposes of Consolidated Plan programs. Monitoring standards and procedures will be evaluated and modified, as needed, to ensure all program requirements are adhered to and addressed satisfactorily.

### Actions planned for other.

### Affirmative Marketing Plan

The City of Alexandria, through a coordinated effort with other organizations, is committed to the goals of affirmative marketing and fair housing. All HOME assisted rental and homebuyer projects with five or more HOME assisted units must affirmatively market the units under penalty of their funds becoming immediately due and payable.

Records will be maintained that describe the affirmative marketing strategy and its results in attracting and making available opportunities to families that may be uninformed of potential housing prospects. Owners, with the collaboration of the Community Development Department, will evaluate the success of the affirmative and fair housing marketing plan actions annually.

The following steps will be taken to ensure public awareness of federal fair housing laws and an owner's affirmative marketing strategy:

- a. The Equal Housing Opportunity logo will be used on all correspondence including rental notices, lease agreements, and media releases or advertisements for HOME assisted projects. All rental applicants will receive an Equal Housing Opportunity pamphlet.
- b. The logo and Equal Housing Opportunity posters will be predominantly displayed at all rental application intake locations.

Flyers and written summaries of available HOME assisted housing will be sent to neighborhood groups, local churches, all family shelters and to the Alexandria Housing Authority to be distributed to residents notifying them of available housing.

Advertisements will be placed in the local newspaper describing the available housing with an Equal Housing Opportunity statement attached.

The Community Development Department will affirmatively market all housing assisted with HOME funds and use the Equal Housing Opportunity logotype or slogan in all press releases, informational materials, and advertisements.

The Community Development Department will collect information on racial and gender composition of all applicants and beneficiaries of the HOME program and require all subrecipients to collect and maintain similar information.

### Minority Outreach Program

The City will continue to maintain and update regularly the following lists of minority and women-owned businesses:

- 1. MBE/WBE general contractors
- 2. MBE/WBE specialty contractors and subcontractors
- 3. MBE/WBE firms which supply goods and services related to housing development and construction, including but not limited to real estate agencies, legal counsel, appraisal, financial services, investment banking, insurance and bonds, building materials, office supplies, and printing. The lists will be supplied to CHDOs, CDCs, contractors, and owners who are applying for assistance under the HOME program or who enter into contracts or agreements with the City for HOME-assisted projects.

The City of Alexandria Purchasing Department will assist MBE/WBEs by providing instructions on bidding procedures, compliance with procurement policy, and fulfillment of general requirements and prerequisites for bidding on contracts. The Purchasing Department will also inform MBE/WBEs on the requirements for conducting business within the city.

The City will require MBE/WBE outreach plans and actions to affirmatively market HOME-assisted housing in all written agreements with CHDOs, CDCs, and owners or sponsors or projects other than owner-occupied rehabilitation administered by the City under technical assistance requests.

The City or entities receiving an award of HOME program funds will routinely notify MBE/WBE contractors and suppliers by direct mail of all awards or agreements for multi-unit housing projects, including in the notice that nature of the activity, estimated project costs, the number of units to be developed, and the name and address of the owner, manager, or sponsor.

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

### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

### ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ARE ESTIMATES 1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the 0 next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed 2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan quarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic 0 plan. 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 0 not been included in a prior statement or plan 5. The amount of income from float-funded activities 0 Total Program Income: 0 Other CDBG Requirements 0 1. The amount of urgent need activities 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. This Annual Plans certifications will cover 3 years for 2017, 2018 & 2019. 70.00%

### **HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)**

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

The City does not foresee using a form of investment of HOME funds beyond those identified in Section 92.205. The City plans to loan or grant all HOME funds to local developers to finance the development of affordable housing units.

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 of Alexandria will provide a subsidy in the form of a forgivable mortgage loan to assist first-time homebuyers in acquiring a home. The recipient of HOME funds must be a low-income household and occupy the property as his or her principal residence. The property is subject to recapture provisions for a term of five years for an investment of less than \$15,000; a term of 10 years for an investment of \$15,000 to \$40,000; and a term of 15 years for an investment of greater than \$40,000.

Non-profit agencies and/or for-profit developers will provide interim financing for the acquisition, renovation and/or new construction of homes within the targeted areas of the city. The City of Alexandria will provide a mortgage principle buy-down of up to \$25,000 on behalf of the homebuyer when property is sold to and eligible buyer. Certified Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) will follow the same protocol but, will provide \$5,000 from their individual HOME set-aside in conjunction with interim financing to develop affordable housing units in targeted areas of the city. In addition, upon sale of the property, the CHDO will utilize funds from its HOME set-aside to provide a direct subsidy through a mortgage principal buy-down of up to \$25,000 on behalf of the homeowner. Upon sale of the property by the homeowner during the affordability period, any proceeds from the repayment of the HOME investment and any excess proceeds will be used to assist another eligible homebuyer to obtain a home. The CHDO will use the same recapture provisions as outlined in this section for the City of Alexandria HOME Program.

The following provision and definitions will apply when a property is sold during the affordability period:

When the net proceeds are sufficient to repay both the HOME investment and a fair return to the seller, the full HOME investment will be recaptured and the seller provided a fair return on his or her investment. Only the direct subsidy to the homebuyer is subject to recapture.

Net proceeds are defined as the sales price minus loan repayments and/or closing costs. The fair return to the seller is the seller's prorated share of the homeowner's equity in the property (the initial investment, the value of major improvements, and payment toward principle) based on the amount of time the seller occupied the property, after the HOME investment is satisfied. The amount to be recaptured is limited to the net proceeds available from the sale.

When the net proceeds are not sufficient to repay the HOME investment and a fair return to the seller, the City will recapture the full HOME investment and any remaining funds will be used to repay a part of the seller's investment in the property.

When the net proceeds are in excess of what is sufficient to repay both the full HOME investment and the fair return to the seller, the HOME investment will be recaptured and the seller's investment will be paid. The excess will be shared with the seller on a prorated basis, based upon the amount of time the seller occupied the property.

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:

In the given program year, the City does not plan to use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multi-family housing.

For the HOME program, describe eligible applicants, your process for soliciting and funding applications/proposals, and where information can be obtained. Does the city plan to limit the beneficiaries or give preferences to a particular segment of the low-income population in its HOME program, and if so, provide a description of the limitation or preference?

In the coming months, the City will outreach to local developers to solicit proposals for affordable housing developments, including new construction and acquisition/rehabilitation projects.

Applications for the City's Rehabilitation Programs will be available from April 10<sup>th</sup> through April 13<sup>th</sup> and again from May 15<sup>th</sup> through May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Persons interested in applying for the program can complete an application at the City's Department of Community Development.

The City has no plans to limit the beneficiaries or give preferences to a particular segment of the low-income population, however, a minimum of 50% of grant awards will be provided to seniors as defined in the program guidelines.

# CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

## **Annual Action Plan**

FY 2017-2018

### Attachments:

A Rehab Application taking advertisement – May 14,
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- B Rehab Minor bid advertisement June 7, 2017
- C Five Target Neighborhood Meeting Agenda Nov. 10, 2016

Five Target Neighborhood Attendees sign-in sheet – Nov. 10, 2016

Five Target Neighborhood Survey Cumulative Responses – Nov. 10, 2016

Five Target Neighborhood Meeting public notice - Nov. 6, 2016

Five Target Neighborhood minutes – Nov. 10, 2016

Five Target Neighborhood public notice flyer - Nov. 1, 2016

- D Citizen Advisory Committee meeting Jan. 12, 2017
  - Citizen Advisory Committee minutes Jan. 12, 2017
  - Citizen Advisory Committee sign-in sheet Jan. 12, 2017
- E Annual Action Plan public notice 30 day Mar. 24, 2017
  - Annual Action Plan public notice 14 day May 28, 2017
- F Proposed 2017-2018 budget
- G Signed SF 424's for CDBG and HOME with 3 year Certifications



4A Sunday, May 14, 2017 thetowntalk.com

The City of Alexandria will accept applications for Rehabilitation Programs from Monday, May 15, 2017 - Thursday, May 18, 2017. Qualified applicants may be eligible to receive assistance towards major or minor home repairs as deemed feasible by the Community Development Department.

REHABILITATION PROGRAMS

assistance more than 5 years ago, you may apply, however your application will be placed on a Residents, who own their home, live within the city limits of Alexandria and have a gross annual in March 2017, there is no need to reapply. If you have received any type of assistance from Community Development in the last 5 years, you are ineligible to apply at this time. If you received waiting list until those who have never received assistance are considered. Eligibility does not income that does not exceed the following income guidelines are eligible to apply. If you applied guarantee assistance.

Max Income Unit	30,450	34,800	39,150	43,450	46,950	50,450	53,900	57,400
Family Size		2	3	4	5	9	7	8

Persons interested in applying may do so at the City of Alexandria's Community Development Department located in the Customer Service Building, 625 Murray Street, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. the office is closed daily for lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Applications must be completed in person and by the homeowner.

 Proof of Income for ALL persons in the household Please bring:

• Valid Picture ID of homeowner(s)

449-5072 or TDD 449-5092

For more information contact: COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT CITY OF ALEXANDRIA





(OSP) would like to inform potential proposers of the upcoming release of a Construction LIHTC Request for Proposals (RFP) to establish a Statewide Connand supportive service Center Service Center Control of C

# Legal Notices



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### City of Alexandria - 5 Target Neighborhood Meeting Agenda Thursday, November 10, 2016 – 6:00 PM

### Bolton Avenue Community Center at 625 Murray Street

- A. OPENING PRAYER
- **B. INTRODUCTIONS** 
  - 1. Welcome all attendants. Your input is important!
  - 2. Introduce the Community Development staff and discuss purpose of CmDv.
  - 3. Review 5 Target Neighborhood Area Map.
- C. PROGRAMS MANAGED
  - 4. Review 2012 2014 Neighborhood Meeting input program rankings.
  - 5. Discuss 2016-2017 current projects and accomplishments:
    - a. CDBG Housing Code Enforcement
    - b. CDBG Demolition
    - c. Rehab Scopes of Work redefined
    - d. CDBG Minor Rehab
    - e. SNAP Rehab
    - f. HOME Major Rehab
  - 6. Review 2016 Unexpected Events:
    - a. Contractor not bidding on Rehab work due to limited program funding.
    - b. First time Homebuyer Seminar participation was not successful.
  - 7. Review programming options for 2017-2018 & their vote matters:
    - a. CDBG Housing Code Enforcement
    - b. CDBG Demolition
    - c. CDBG Minor Rehab
    - d. SNAP Rehab
    - e. HOME Major Rehab
    - f. Credit Counselling Services
    - g. Drainage
    - h. Street Repairs
    - i. Sidewalk Installations & Improvements
  - 8. Review 2016-2017 Expenditure Summary and accomplishments
    - a. Explain similar funding amounts anticipated for 2017-2018
    - b. Merge any unspent funds in older programs into new fiscal year programs
    - c. Explain annual program diminishing funds
  - 9. 2017 Schedule
    - a. Accepting Rehab Applications from May 15<sup>th</sup> May 19<sup>th</sup>
      - i. 9:am to 3:pm at 625 Murray Street
      - ii. First in, First out process for income limits and structure feasibility
    - b. Neighborhood Community Meeting will be November 2<sup>nd</sup>
      - i. 6:pm to 7:pm at Bolton Avenue Community Center
  - 10. Questions & Contact info
- D. ADJOURNMENT

Target Neighborhood Public Hearing for Comment - Sign In Sheet

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Target Neighborhood Public Hearing for Comment - Sign In Sheet

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Contact Phone Numbers	30 448-3001 603-5201	
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### **Attachment C**



Community Development Department Planning Division, City of Alexandria 625 Murray Street, Alexandria, LA 71301 Office: 318.449.5072 / Fax: 318.449.5031 cda@cityofalex.com

Please circle which Target Neighborhood you live in:

North Alexandria	Central Business	Lower Third	South Alexandria	Samstown / Woodside
A/B	С	D	E	F

Below is an explanation of 2016-2017 programs currently being offered by the City of Alexandria Community Development Department. Upon completion, please return to your group president. Your input is greatly appreciated!

Please read the descriptions of each program and rank them in what you believe to be the order of importance to your Target Neighborhood. Rank them from 1 as most important to 6 as least important.

Minor Rehab Program (CDBG) This program combined the old Weatherization and Senior Minor Repair Programs into one new program. Half of all participants will be awarded to qualified applicants ages 55 and older. Qualified applicants may receive up to \$5,000.00 for various deferred maintenance issues to their home. Examples of some repairs could be to install storm windows, insulated entry doors, attic insulation, new roof, electrical repairs, plumbing repairs and carpentry repairs such as handicap ramps.
<u>Credit Counselling (CDBG)</u> This program provides one-on-one credit repair counselling for low to moderate income persons to improve their credit score. The higher your credit score, the more opportunities you have to borrow money!
<u>Demolition Program (CDBG)</u> This program assesses the condition of vacant, abandoned and deteriorated structures to determine which structures should be demolished in an order of priority, to eliminate blight or physical decay within neighborhoods.
Major Rehab Program (HOME)  This program is designed to assist low to moderate income families to keep their houses in good working condition to extend their useful life. Qualified applicants may receive up to \$35,000.00 to make various code compliant improvements. Houses in the flood plain and that test positive for lead are not qualified.
Other – please describe:
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We appreciate your participation! Krystal Johnson-Wimbley, Program Manager Community Development Department, Planning Division

Meeting Date: November 10, 2016



Jacques M. Roy Mayor

# COMMUNITY GROUP SURVERY RESULTS 11/10/2016

### Group A/B

1.	Major Repair
2.	Minor Repair
3.	Demolition
4.	Credit Counseling
5.	Other: Drainage, Lights, Sidewalks, Bus Terminal,
	Millage

### Group C

1.	Minor Repair
2.	Major Repair
3.	Demolition
4.	Credit Counseling
5.	Other: Drainage, Sidewalks

### Group D

1.	Minor Rehab
2.	Major Rehab
3.	Demolition
4.	Credit Counseling
5.	Other: Street Lights, Home Ownership

### Group E

1.	Minor Repair
	Major Repair
	Demolition
4.	Credit Counseling
5.	Other: Tree cutting

### Group F

1.	Minor Rehab
2.	Demolition
3.	Major
4.	Other: Litter, Tree cutting, Busing to Samtown/
	Woodside, Street lights on Hudson
5.	Credit Counseling

chin & feet, lost on Polk St. 730-2691

Brown chihuahua last seen corner of Polk & Palm. \$50 reward 730-2691

### **Great Buys** Garage Sales 2

neighborly deals...



### , Garage & Moving Sales

ALX, 6287 Old Baton Rouge Hwy Old Inglewood Store Pre-Christmas Sale Lamps & lighting, music & instru-ments, chairs, tables, cabinets, frames & frame art, books, glass, colletibles, old truck parts, steampunk & vintage, repurpose, redecorate. Saturday 9am-2pm.

BOYCE, GARAGE SALE, 213 ERIN ST, Fri: 9AM-5PM, Sat: 9AM-5PM, Sun: 9AM-5PM, HOUSEHOLD GOODS AND APPLI-ANCES

GARDNER, 9964 Hwy 28 W. 15min. from Alex. Huge Yard Sale. Nov. 4, 5 & 6. 8am. Too much to list! Anti-ques, collectibles, costume jewelry, furniture, crystal, Christmas, etc.

### **Assorted** Merchandise 👌

all kinds of things...



### Antique Collectibles

### CASH PAID

 Estates \*Antique Furniture
 \*Dining Room Sets
 \*Sterling Silver & Gold Jewelry
 \*Costume Jewelry

318-730-3460 or 318-448-3339

WE PAY \$CASH\$ for old records, 45's, albums & 78's. Top prices paid! Large collections preferred. -Racoon Records- 337-380-4014



### General Merchandise

Centuries & Hill Crest Cemeteries, 8801 Mansfield Road, Shreveport, Lot 149, Space one, \$1,200, excellent Location near funeral home. 318-704-1392

Forest Lawn Mem Park, Pineville, Two burial spaces side by side Lot 532, Section G, spaces 3&4, will sell individually or both together, each at a \$1,000 fee. 318-704-1392.



### **Musical Instruments**

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### Misc Ind Tools, Eqpt

DWALT DW 735 Plainer, Porter Ca-ble jobsite table saw 10", Rockler Alumin. router lift, & many more hand/power tools avail. 318-445-3957



### Cemetery Lots

2 Pt.OTS together; Section 5 old p. 1; Greenwood Pineville, \$1,850. (318)730-5298 somethingforsale99@ou

CEMETARY LOTS, Six adjacent

call 318-448-8300 or 31



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Elizabeth Q. Lindsay
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There was a roll call
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## Legal Notices

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING HELD AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE ON OCTOBER 25, 2016

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There being no other business, Tommy Office at 318-449-on Hollingsworth made 5072; visit at 625 est 1, iourn. Oscar Coody Iseconded the motion. Motion carried. Alexandria, LA CC Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Otha Hailey, Vice President

Cooley Drive and all taps and leaks are up to date.

There was a roll call business, Tommy Hollings-worth made a motion to accept the General Manager's Coody, Aye, Billy Account of the Personnel Committee meeting held October 18, 2016 at 8:00 a.m. No formal motions were made.

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Board Meeting at the
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the agenda will be as
follows:

Community Development Block Grant Program
Target Neighborhoods Community Meeting
November 10, 2016 – 6:00 pm
Bolton Avenue Community Center
315 Bolton Avenue, Alexandria, Louisiana

Meeting Open: Shirley Branham, Administrator of Community Development for the city of Alexandria

Prayer: Amy Cheney

Introductions: Welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Introduced staff, Councilman Ed Lavardain, Milton Gordon, Safe Alex Co-ordinator and newly elected Councilman-at-Large Joe Fuller. Named and introduced the representatives from each neighborhood.

Shirley: Stated that everyone's input is very important.. Amy Cheney: Wanted more clarification on demolition.

Shirley: This will be included in the Power Point presentation.

Mrs. Helen Johnson: Asked about the burned structures in her neighborhood, is afraid for the children safety. Stated feel demo should be the first priority.

Shirley: Explained.

Winnie Marshall: Share with the group on the demo process from her experience.

Shirley: Shared with the group the 5 target neighborhoods and how they are broken down into districts. Numbers were given to the group for complaints on occupied structures (Construction Development- 318-473-1372 or any illegal activities 318-449-5099)

CDBG Housing Code Enforcement for Unoccupied Structures:

1343 - Total Complaints

442 - Owners Demolished

220 - Owners Rehab

168 - Complaints still active

Also shown was the neighborhood meetings past input:

FY -2013 Target Neighborhood needs: Rankings:

FY- 2014 Target Neighborhood Needs: Rankings:

- 1. Weatherization
- 2. Senior Minor Repair
- 3. Demolition/Code Enforcement
- 4. Homeownership
- 5. Youth Activities (does not qualify)
- 1. Senior Minor Repair Program
- 2. Demolition/Code Enforcement
- 3. Weatherization Program
- 4. Homebuyers Assistance Program

### FY- 2015 Target Neighborhood Needs:

### Rankings:

- 1. Senior Minor Repair Program
- 2. Demolition/Code Enforcement
- 3. Weatherization Program
- 4. Senior Vision Care Program
- 5. Homebuyers Assistance Program

Community Development Block Grant Demolition by City 513 Total.
City may be required to abate (if the city tears it down) Lien on property
Someone asked , what is the time frame on unoccupied structures
Shirley: Explained the process.
Ronald DeJois: Can abatement delay the tearing down process? Shirley: Yes, gave examples.
Priority Ranking and Limited Funds:
Shirley: Showed the prioritizing process as to the new rankings to be used for demo, ranking them 1,2,and 3, gave examples.
Ronald DeJois: Asked does the demo contractors up the cost on the homeowners?

Shirley: We put them out for bid and take the lowest bid. Any questions?

Merge Repair Program Types:

Shirley: We combined these two programs (Senior Minor Repair and Weatherization). Explained No, we are not leaving out the seniors 50% of the applicants have to be seniors 55 or older.

Vivian Fulton: What are the qualifications on income?

Shirley: HUD sends the income guidelines to us every year. Any questions?

Shirley: CmDv current programs for housing repairs scope of work consist of roofing, electrical, plumbing and carpentry.

### CmDv current Projects:

120 applications submitted in March 2016

CDBG Minor Rehab = \$5,000
354 total; 39 this year
Combined Senior Minor and Weatherization programs, no liens.
SNAP Rehab- \$6000 – Explained
6 Total – 0 this year, stated funded and works through local banks, has a forgivable lien.
Home Major Rehab = \$40,000
476 total ; 9 this year
Lead or in floodplain : disqualified
Has a forgivable lien
2016 Unexpected Events:

Contractors not bidding on rehab work due to limited program funding. HUD retracted Demo / Clearance spending rule. 45 signed up for First Time Homebuyer Seminar; 8 attended 0 applied for loan or CDBG buy-down assistance

Shirley: Reviewed programming options for 2017-2018, stated with the surveys in your bags it is very important as to what you want for your neighborhoods. Complete them and give to one of our staff members.

Shirley: Named future potential programs, CDBG Housing Code Enforcement, CDBG Demolition CDBG Minor Rehab, SNAP Rehab, HOME Major Rehab, Credit Counselling Services, Drainage, Street Repairs, Sidewalks Installations and Improvements.

Shirley: On the HOME Major Rehab, we will be going to \$40,000. If you are in a floodplain area or home has lead this will disqualify you, will have a forgivable lien.

Margie Harris: Asked if her house is above the floodplain, will she be able to receive assistance?

Shirley: Yes, if you have the flood elevation certificate.

Margie: If you have your own flood insurance can you still qualify?

Shirley: That would not qualify you if you are in a flood area. Stated, we are looking for grants that would help with the flood elvation.

Shirley: We will be taking applications once a year, these funds have to be spent by a certain deadline. Any questions?

### 2016-2017 Expenditure Summary:

Code Enforcement / Demolition - \$124,270 (12-15 houses) CDBG Minor Rehab & Delivery - \$207,121(20 -22 houses) HOME Major Rehab & Delivery - \$133,400(2-4 houses)

Shirley: Stated HUD funds for 2016 -2017 will be 591,507, amounts deceasing every year, we got 14,554 less than 2015-2016 award.

The mayor will be going to Washington to talk with senators, etc. about this.

Shirley: Shared with the group the 2017 Schedule for CmDv:

Will be accepting applications from May 15 to May 19, 2017, from 9:00AM to 3:00PM. Our next Neighborhood Community Meeting will be Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, 6:00 PM – 7:00PM Bolton Avenue Community Center.

Any Questions?

Thanked the group for coming and sharing information.

Meeting Adjourned.

### Information Distributed:

Pamphlets
Fair Housing Pamphlets
Floodplain Pamphlets
Lead Paint Pamphlets
FICO Credit Scores Pamphlets
IMPC Property Standards



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# PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2016 Bolton Avenue Community Center 315 Bolton Avenue 6:00 PM

The City of Alexandria's Community Development Department will conduct a public hearing to receive citizen comments concerning the needs of the neighborhoods and to distribute information regarding Fair Housing and Lead Base Paint hazards.

The City expects to receive approximately \$414,000 in CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds and \$176,000 of HOME (Home Investment Partnerships) funds from HUD (Department of Housing and Urban Development) during the fiscal year of 2016-2017. These funds may be used for activities that principally benefit low to moderate income persons. Proposed programs are: Minor Rehab Program (CDBG), Credit Counselling (CDBG), Demolition Program (CDBG), and Major Rehab Program (HOME).

### All Alexandria citizens are encouraged to attend!

For more information, contact your neighborhood president:

Neighborhood Area	Neighborhood Contact Rep	Phone Number
North Alexandria (A/B)	Mercides Harley	318.487.0663
Central Business (C)	Winnie Marshall	318.445.0120
Lower Third (D)	Sandra Bright	318.623.6068
Lower Third (D)	Margie Harris	318.487.4138
South Alexandria (E)	Helen Johnson	318.443.4787
Samstown / Woodside (F)	Amy Cheney	318.442.6322
Samstown / Woodside (F)	Cynthia Perry	318.790.3711
Peace Keepers Coalition	Vivian Fulton	318.442.7884



# City of Alexandria Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda Thursday January 12, 2017 – 10:00 AM

### HR Conference Room Public Service Building, Third Floor at 625 Murray Street

- A. OPENING PRAYER
- **B. INTRODUCTIONS**
- C. DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES
- D. ACTION ITEMS
  - 1. Welcome new committee members. Appreciate returning volunteer members.
  - 2. Review 2016-2017 accomplishments.
  - 3. Review 2016-2017 continued obstacles.
    - Discuss still waiting on HUD reversal of 2014 ruling. Limit demolition to 30% CDBG award.
    - ii. Have not received 2016-2017 Fiscal Year funds.
    - iii. Have not received the May 2016 HUD audit report.
  - 5. Amount of pre-2016 funds spent because we do not have 2016-2017 FY funds.
    - a. Review pre-2016 funds re-allocated.
    - b. Review 2016-2017 fund expected.
    - c. Review 2017-2018 funds anticipated.
  - 6. Discuss 2016 Neighborhood Meeting's input for preparation of Annual Plan.
  - 7. Review proposed 2017-2018 program activities and budgets for preparation of Annual Plan.
    - a. Option A limited to 30% on CDBG demo.
    - b. Option B no limit on CDBG demo.
- E. New Business for Discussion
  - 1. Replacement of Melinda Robinson.
    - a. Any volunteers for the Youth?
    - b. All appointments must made by the Mayor.
  - 2. 2017 Meeting schedule.
- F. Adjournment

### CITY OF ALEXANDRIA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA Human Resource Conference Room Public Service Building – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor 625 Murray Street, Alexandria, LA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2017 – 10:00 A.M.

Members Present: Kendra Gauthier Sandra Augustine Joyce Thompson Edna Pellerin Shirley Branham Edna Woodard Dianne Bonin

MEETING OPENED – Shirley Branham – Director of Community Development

INTRODUCTIONS: Board members and Community Development Staff. Each gave a brief bio of themselves:

SHIRLEY – Stated she started this job in November 2015 after David Gray who was the previous director and the time he was here. There are a lot of rules and regulations you have to do. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

Shared with the group the November meeting with all 5 target neighborhood groups, how they had decided to consolidate all neighborhoods, since they all could share their needs in one meeting and it was very successful. Is thinking about doing it again this year. Had a lot of positive input about it also. Sent out flyers to churches, neighborhood groups, private sectors. Was in the Town Talk, etc.

JOYCE THOMPSON - Is filling in for Nell Deville representing the Elderly.

JOYCE – Do you have to be a resident of Alexandria to serve on this board?

SHIRLEY - Explained.

JOYCE – Also stated they never received their funding.

KENDRA – Stated she has not received her funding neither.

SHIRLEY – Will contact persons and gave them name and phone numbers.

### REVIEW OF 2015 - 2016

SHIRLEY – We did 46 houses with CDBG Minor Rehab Program. This is the \$5,000 per house. HOME MAJOR REHAB, 6 houses. Stated when Brenda Ray was director there a limit of \$25,000 per house. We want to set this program up again and if possible limit it to \$40,000. This HOME Program is to bring the houses up to

100%, but if it tested for lead we cannot do it. We have tested 37 and 6 did not have lead. Another thing if it is in flood areas we cannot do this \$40,000. Further discussion were on this. By the end of April we should be completed.

<u>CODE ENFORCEMENT</u> – 248 complaints. All were within the 5 target areas. Because of these complaints we are going to the city council on March 7, 2017 for public hearing to condemn 142 properties. We are asking the advisory to come to the council on March 7. We get about 2-5 complaints per week. Further discussion were on this. We are limited on our HUD funds.

### **OBSTACLES** -

- 1. Finding contractors to participate in both rehab programs
- 2. Sufficient funds to demolish condemned properties. Need 2 or 3 contractor to do the work.
- 3. Demo Program Manager position is still vacant. I am having to do all of this and staff has stepped up to help.

KENDRA – What is the criteria? Shirley explained.

SHIRLEY – Is still waiting on HUD reversals of 2014 ruling. We are limited for demolition to 30% CDBG awards. Explained what had happened since her administration. Happened 5/16 and has not heard from HUD on final ruling. Was told we would have to pay back \$360,000.

SANDRA – Who is the attorney?

SHIRLEY – The mayor is going to Washington tomorrow. They will not give us the audit of 2016. We have already spent \$365,000. We have not gotten our 2016-2017 monies. Talked about the monies she had to move.

Public comment ended – 12/2/16 for CDBG. There were no comments.

SHIRLEY – We are expecting to receive about \$590,000 if we get all our money. We will have quite a lot of money to spend.

### 2016 NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING'S INPUT FOR THE ANNUAL PLAN

SHIRLEY – At the November 2016 Public Hearing we asked the Neighborhood groups what would they like to see for their areas. All groups said major rehab, minor rehab and demolitions as their top priorities. If we get our money we can go back and do credit counseling, explained the scope of this program and the reason why for 2017-2018.

KENDRA – Does the banks do credit counseling?

SHIRLEY – YES and explained.

SHIRLEY – In 2016 we tried to do the HAP program and seminar. Stated we had 33 signing up and 8 showed up. With the 8 their credit was not good but we want to work with that. Stated did not put credit counseling in as one of the top priorities because funding is so limited.

### 2017-2018 ANTICIPATED ENTITLEMENTS

- 1. \$35,000 Code Enforcement
- 2. 30% on low/mod areas on CDBG Demo.
- 3. \$121,000 about 8 houses.
- 4. Minor Rehab Delivery (explained) \$132,000 25 houses
- 5. Stated we had 120 applicants to apply
- 6. Major Rehab 123,750 2 or 3 houses with HOME funds
- 7. CHDO-R (15% of HOME Grant) we do have a CHDO
- 8. \$24,750 we might have to return to HUD

JOYCE - What is a CHDO?

KENDRA – Community Housing Development Organization

SHIRLEY – Explained the problems with Inner City

SHIRLEY – Stated the administration wants us to spend on demolition \$320,000. Talked about our focus on demos, slums and blight. On low/mod you can only spend 30%. You can spend as LMH any amount. Any questions?

**NEW BUSINESS -**

Replacement of Melinda Robinson

KENDRA – Asked about Kathy Vanderlick. She is at the YWCA.

SHIRLEY – Did she call?

EDNA – No.

KENDRA – Was she on the committee before?

SHIRLEY - Did not know. Would get in touch with her. Our next meeting will be July 13, 2017. This will be for you all to review the CAPER and approval. This is the Consolidated Annual Plan Evaluation. Also, our next year meeting will be in preparation for our Annual Plan for our activities and budgets. January 11, 2018. We need to vote on the board's approval.

KENDRA – Motion to accept, seconded by Sondra non opposed.

SHIRLEY – By you names put approval – any questions? Further discussions were on the homeless situation.

SHIRLEY – Any questions?

MEETING ADJOURNED.

# Citizen Advisory Committee - Volunteer Member Participation 2016-2018

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Laquasha Turner	442-1010	AIDS / HIV Rep	Yes		,	
Herbie Flynn	484-6575	Mentally Disabled Rep	Yes			
Kendra Gauthier	443-0500	Homeless Rep	Yes	Kaufuz	Koalethan	
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Loretta Holsomback	449-5071	City of Alexandria CmDv	Staff			
Dianne Bonin	449-5073	City of Alexandria CmDv	Staff	0.4		
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# Members as approved by City Council Resolution #9539-2016 on May 17, 2016

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Sealed Bids for Flood Damage Repair at Franklinton Readiness Center (RC) , Franklinton, Louisiana Will be received by the Louisiana Military Department, Construction & Facilities Management Office (CFMO), 1501-B North Industrial Park Road, (1st floor Conference Room #109) Hammond, La 70401, Attention: Chuck Finch, until 10:00 a.m. CT on Thursday, April 27, 2017, and immediately opened thereafter.

# ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE

The City of Alexandria, Community Development Department, will conduct a Public Hearing on Friday, April 28, 2017, 3:00 pm in the Community Development Conference Room, Third Floor, 625 Murray Street. The purpose of this hearing is to allow citizens to review the proposed plan for thirty (30) calendar days and allow Community Development to receive citizen comments concerning the City's proposed Annual Action Plan for the 2017-2018 fiscal years.

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For persons with dis-abilities who need reasonable accom-modation, please reasonable accommodation, please contact our office by April 27th to make arrangements. Persons who wish to comment on the Annual Action Plan, but cannot attend the public hearing, can do so by submitting written comments to our office via postal mail or email.

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TOWN OF WOOD-WORTH PROPOSED ORDI-NANCE PUBLIC HEARING June 1, 2017 4:00 P.M. WOODWORTH MU-NICIPAL BUILD-

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you need special as-sistance, please con-tact the Town Clerk, Mary D. Pringle, CMMC at (318)442-1198, Monday thru Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., describing the assistance that is necessary.

David C. Butler, II Mayor, Town Woodworth

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Anyone knowing the whereabouts of SANDRA WESTER NOTICE: "The Town of Woodworth will hold public hearings on Ordinance No. 21-188, pertaining to Course with the country of the

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# City of Alexandria - Community Development 2017-2018 CDBG and HOME Revenue and Expenditures

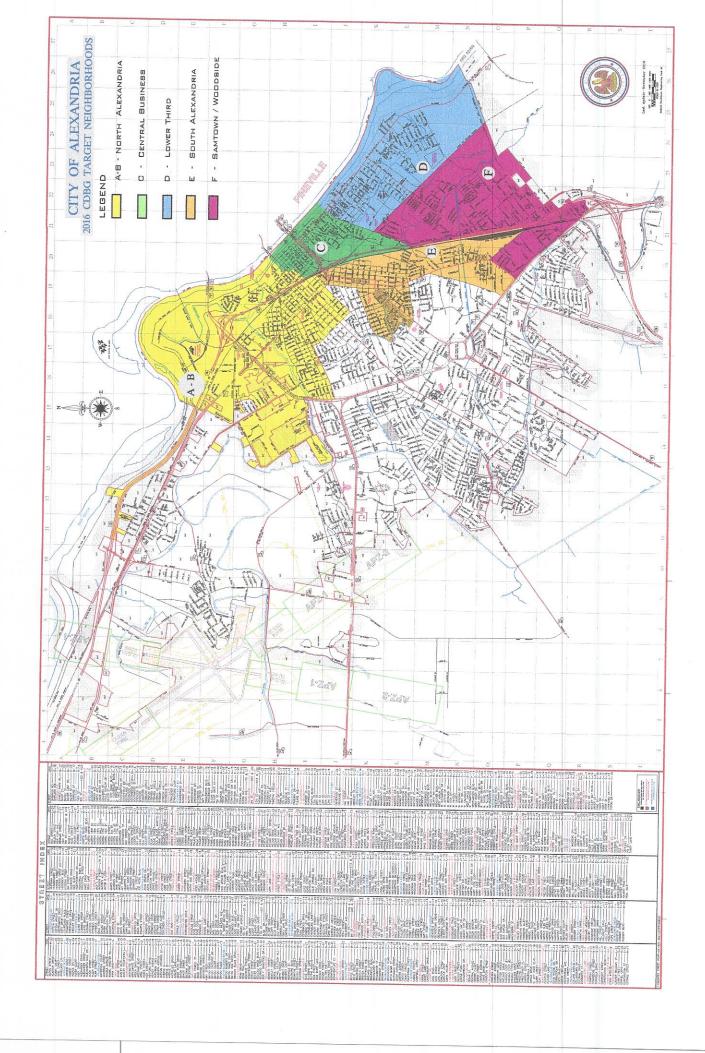
2017-2018 Entitlement Summary Estimate	
CDBG 2017 Grant	408,116.00
HOME 2017 Grant	174,516.00
Total	582,632.00
Expenditure of Funds and Program Summary	
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	
Code Enforcement & Program Delivery	48,974.00
Demolition / Clearance & Program Delivery (30% of CDBG Grant max)	97,948.00
Minor Rehab Repair & Program Delivery	179,571.00
Administration (20% of CDBG Grant)	81,623.00
TOTAL	408,116.00
HOME Investment Partnership Funds	
Major Rehab for Owner Occupied	130,887.00
CHDO-R (15% of HOME Grant)	26,177.00
Administration (10% of HOME Grant)	17,452.00
TOTAL	174,516.00

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d. Address:							
* Street1: Street2: * City: County/Parish: * State: Province: * Country:	PO Box 71  Alexandria  Rapides				LA: Louisiana USA: UNITED STATES		
* Zip / Postal Co							
e. Organization	al Unit:						
Department Nam Community De	evelopment				Division Name: Planning Division		
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:  Prefix:  * First Name:   Observed   Observed							
Middle Name:	Branham	]	* First Name	<b>)</b> :	Shirley		
Title: Adminis	trator						
Organizational At	ffiliation:						
* Telephone Num	nber: 318-449-5070				Fax Number: 318-619-3457		
*Email: shirl	ey.branham@cityof	alex.c	om				

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424
* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:
C: City or Township Government
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:
* Other (specify):
* 10. Name of Federal Agency:
US Department of Housing and Urban Development
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:
14-239
CFDA Title:
Home Investment Partnerships Program, M-17-MC-22-0205
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:  HOME Entitlement
* Title:
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14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):
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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:
Major Rehab
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.
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16. Congressional Districts O	f:		
* a. Applicant LA-005		* b. Program/Project	LA-005
Attach an additional list of Progra	m/Project Congressional Districts if nee	eded.	
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17. Proposed Project:			
* a. Start Date: 05/01/2017		* b. End Date:	04/30/2018
18. Estimated Funding (\$):			
* a. Federal	174,516.00		
* b. Applicant	0.00		
* c. State	0.00		
* d. Local	0.00		
* e. Other	0.00		
* f. Program Income	0.00		
* g. TOTAL	174,516.00		
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Authorized Representative:			
Prefix: Mr.	* First Name:	Jacques	
Middle Name: M.			
* Last Name: Roy			
Suffix:			
* Title: Mayor			
* Telephone Number: 318-449-	-5000	Fax Number:	
* Email: tonya.corley@city	ofalex.com		
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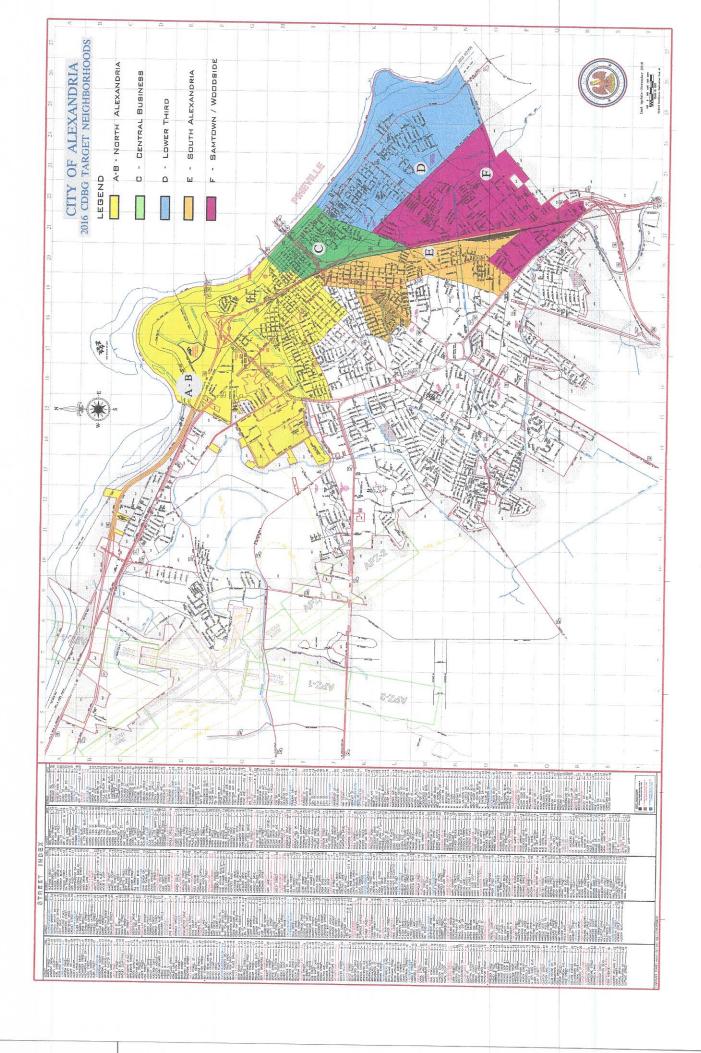


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* 1. Type of Submission:  Preapplication  Application  Changed/Corrected Application	New Continuation	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):  * Other (Specify):				
* 3. Date Received: 07/28/2017	Applicant Identifier:					
5a. Federal Entity Identifier:		5b. Federal Award Identifier:				
State Use Only:						
6. Date Received by State:	7. State Application I	Identifier:				
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:						
*a. Legal Name: City of Alexand	dria					
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Nu	imber (EIN/TIN):	* c. Organizational DUNS: 0719444900000				
d. Address:						
* Street1: PO Box 71  Street2: Alexandria  County/Parish: Rapides  * State: Province:		LA: Louisiana				
* Country:			·			
* Zip / Postal Code: 71309-0071		USA: UNITED STATES				
e. Organizational Unit:						
Department Name:  Community Development  f. Name and contact information of po	erson to be contacted on me	Division Name:  Planning Division				
Prefix:  Middle Name:	* First Name:					
* Last Name: Branham  Suffix:						
Title: Administrator						
Organizational Affiliation:						
* Telephone Number: 318-449-5070		Fax Number: 318-619-3457				
*Email: shirley.branham@cityof	alex.com					

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Code Enforcement, Minor Rehab and Demolition	7
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16. Congres	sional Districts Of:					
* a. Applicant	LA-005			* b. Program/Project	LA-005	
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* f. Program I	ncome	0.00				
* g. TOTAL		408,116.00				
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### **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 8/1/17

### **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:

- 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);
- Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 2017 2019 (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

Mayor

Title

### 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.

### **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;

Signature/Authorized Official

Mayor

Title

### **ORDINANCE NO. 100-2017**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SUBMIT THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD) 2017-2018 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND OTHER MATTERS WITH RESPECT THERETO.

**SECTION I: BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Alexandria, Louisiana, in legal session convened, that the Council hereby authorizes the Mayor to submit the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan.

**SECTION II: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc.,** that this ordinance shall become effective upon signature by the Mayor; or, if not signed or vetoed by the Mayor, upon expiration of the time for ordinances to become law without signature by the Mayor.

**SECTION III: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc.**, that if any provision or item of this ordinance or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions, items, or applications of this ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items, or applications, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance or hereby declared severable.

**SECTION IV: BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, etc.,** that all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

THIS ORDINANCE was introduced on the 11th day of July, 2017

**NOTICE PUBLISHED** on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

**THIS ORDINANCE** having been submitted in writing, introduced and published, was then submitted to a final vote as a whole, the vote thereon being as follows:

YEAS: Fowler, Silver, Johnson, Villard, Fuller, Green, Larvadain.

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

**AND THE ORDINANCE** was declared adopted on this the 25<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017 and final publication was made in the Alexandria Daily Town

Talk on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017.

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PRESIDENT

MAYOR'S

APPROVAL/VETO

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