

City of Alexandria **DRAFT** 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan

Community Development Block Grant
and HOME Investment Partnership Act Programs



NOTE: All items shown in red are to indicate that they are subject to change prior to the final adoption of the Annual Action Plan based on actual HUD allocations, budgets and planning and/or need to be updated.

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- Five Target Neighborhood public notice flyer – Nov. 2, 2017
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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 low- and moderate-income 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 01st, 2015 and will end on April 30th, 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 Fourth Year Annual Action Plan, covering the period from May 1st, 2018 to April 30th, 2019.

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. In preparation of this document and based on guidance provided in CPD Notice 18-01, all proposed project budgets are set to a percentage of the allocation amounts. These percentages will be used to adjust the budget in each program activity defined based on the actual amount of funding received. The CDBBG and HOME total 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 were converted based on percentages shown in the center column, then calculated out and 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 new development project at this time, especially since it lost its CHDO in 2016, but will continue to work in FY2018 to identify a project for the development of 1 new affordable housing unit. If one is found, a substantial amendment will be executed to put the program in place, as well as allocate HOME funds for the budget.

(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. Both of these programs keep the homeowners in their houses for a longer period of time and it extends to the useful life of the structure, while lowering monthly maintenance costs.

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. Funds are made available to participating banks in January of each calendar year. The pilot program was initiated in 2016, where 3 projects were completed and there are currently 5 projects under review for FY 2017-2018. Community Development will plan to submit another 5 projects for 2018-2019 fiscal year by continuing to reach out to additional banks for participation.

(3) Eliminate Blighted Conditions

The City will use approximately 10% of its CDBG budget to fund Code Enforcement efforts to identify and assess blighted properties. Code Enforcement actions start with the initial complaint and carry the project through the condemnation process. In FY2018, the City estimates that 50 properties / complaints will be inspected and processes. Code Enforcement will be tied to the Demolition-Clearance Program that will remove blighted and deteriorated structures from the City's neighborhoods.

The Demolition-Clearance Program will use the maximum of 30% of its FY2018 CDBG budget to fund demolition activities, which should demolish approximately 10 properties. The blighted areas were defined in the 2009 Revitalization Study performed by J-Quad.

In FY2017, the City pledged non-federal, local funds to support the demolition effort of blighted properties. There were 14 structures demolished through this effort last year. It is anticipated that the City will pledge additional funds this FY2018 again and will plan to demolish as many structures as possible based on the amount of funding.

(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 use approximately 6%, roughly \$25,000, of CDBG money to fund a Credit Counseling program to

assist low-mod income area residents with the tools, knowledge and resources to improve their credit scores and borrowing power in effort to put them in a position to purchase a home in the soon coming years.

The City will continue to search for a resource for Legal Succession service. This is a highly demanded service in our low-moderate income neighborhoods, as there are numerous heir properties that need a vehicle to achieve clear title so that the heir owner can put the property back into commerce. To date, Community Development has performed research and contacted professionals, however, no service agreement is in place. In the event that the program does develop in FY2018, a substantial amendment will be enacted to put the program in place, as well as allocate CDBG funds for the budget.

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.

The City provided Ordinance 04-2018 for a professional services agreement with the Center for Family and Individual Counseling, Inc to provide counseling serves to crime victims to approximately 200 cases. They currently have 800 cases that may be applicable but not all will fall into the CVA program for various reasons (victim cooperation, recourses, etc). The program will be funded for a total of \$109,200 with both federal and state funds through the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement for an 18 month period beginning January 17, 2018. While the program does not target low-income recipients, a significant percentage of low income families are negatively impacted by crime in the area. RS 46:1944.A.1 mandates the distribution of the Louisiana Victim Notice and Registration Form by law enforcement to the victim or designated family member of the victim of a homicide, felony crime of violence; sexual offense, certain vehicular related offenses, offense committed against a family or household member or dating partner or attempt to commit these crimes.

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.
- Credit Counseling continues to be a priority by neighborhood residents. Even though there is a lack of availability HUD qualified credit counselors in our immediate area, the City is in the process of securing these services in FY2018 because it is expected that once the pool of potential buyers are educated and prepared, the Homebuyer Assistance Program will be more successful.
- The City continues to contact local organizations to consider creating a new Community Housing Development Organization for the area. The City met with Habitat for Humanities on several occasions and while the potential looked promising, the actual development of the CHDO did not occur. 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 is continuing to fund a number of public service proposals, including the Senior Vision Care program, the Bus Ticket Program, and the Homeless Resource Center, with non-federal funding. The City has also added the Crime Victim Counseling Services this year.

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 has provided financial assistance to approximately 30 seniors in 2017 to get eye examinations and eye glasses. There is remaining funding to assist approximately another 30 seniors under the current grant agreement and CAA is working hard to qualify applicants.

The City pledged non-federal, local funds to support the opening of a new day shelter called the Homeless Resource Center. The Center opened in December 2017 and has provided supportive services to an estimated 20 homeless individuals and will continue to do so on an annual basis. The City is in it's second year of funding this program with local funds through the current grant agreement.

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 10 homeless individuals with established

family members. The City is in its second year of funding this program with local funds through the current 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 186 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 2, 2017 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 11, 2018 to review the proposed FY2018 Annual Action Plan. 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 **will introduce** the proposed FY2018 Annual Action Plan during a public hearing on **tba after actual allocations are announced** to the City Council. Before the public hearing, the City published the proposed plan for citizen comment from January 31st, 2018 to March 2nd, 2018. **The City Council is expected to unanimously adopt the FY 2018-2019 Annual Plan on tba, 2018 through a second 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 fourth year Annual Action Plan is consistent with the information presented in the Consolidated Plan. The most pressing needs in the City continues 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(l))

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 and SafeAlex.

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. HUD Continuum of Care Program awards funds on a national competitive basis to provide transitional housing and permanent housing for people who are homeless. The 2017 application was submitted by the Central Louisiana Coalition to Prevent Homelessness, Inc., aka Central Louisiana Homeless Coalition (CLHC) for Region VI, Central Louisiana, LA-507. HUD awarded \$737,471 for the Continuum of Care initiative. CLHC received \$59,353 to continue operation of the region's Homeless Management Information System. The region's HMIS is part of a state-wide implementation and collects data on all homeless individuals and families seeking services within the state. During this reporting period there were 10 active agencies with 16 programs participating in the region's HMIS. CLHC also received \$35,000 for Coordinated Entry and \$20,776 for CoC Planning, in addition to \$169,258 for Permanent Supportive Housing.

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	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 addressed by Consultation?	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Civic Leaders Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This commission has representatives from the neighborhoods and local service agencies that provide a broad range of services.

Agency/Group/Organization	Kisatchie Delta Planning Development District
Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government – County Regional organization Planning organization
What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	2014 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy: this plan used as a source of data used to determine priorities and needs related to economic development.

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.

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(l))

The City provided other public entities an opportunity to provide input on the proposed FY2018 Annual 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 2, 2017 in order to gauge the needs of the community, especially those of residents within the five identified target areas. The meeting was attended by 38 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 on January 11, 2018. 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 this meeting.

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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	Oct 15, 2017 & Oct 25, 2017 Newspaper Ad re: Neighborhood Meeting	CDBG Target Neighborhoods	No comments received – see advertisement attached	No comments received	No comments received
2	Nov 2, 2017 Neighborhood Group Public Meeting	CDBG Target Neighborhoods Group	See Attachments for sign-in sheet (38 attendees) and agenda	See Attachments for summary of program funding surveys and the minutes of the meeting	All comments were given consideration
3	Jan 11, 2018 Citizen Advisory Committee for Annual Action Plan	Non-Targeted	See Attachments for sign-in sheet (10 attendees) and agenda	See Attachments for minutes of the meeting	All comments were given consideration
4	Jan 31, 2018 Newspaper Ad re: Annual Action Plan Public Comment Period (30 day)	Non-Targeted	Waiting on comments – see advertisement attached	Waiting on comments	Will consider all comments
5	(tba), 2018 re: Public Hearing of City Council to introduce Annual Action Plan	Non-Targeted	Waiting on Attachment for Council Agenda - Mandatory lay-over for two weeks for review	Waiting on comments	Will consider all comments
6	(tba), 2018 re: Public Hearing of City Council to adopt Annual Plan	Non-Targeted	Waiting on Attachment for Council Ordinance - Unanimous adoption	Waiting on comments	Will consider all comments

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 4		Narrative Description
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	Annual Allocation:	408,116	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.
			Program Income:		
			Prior Year Resources:		
			Total:	408,116	
			Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan	416,884	
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	Annual Allocation:	174,516	This program is designed exclusively to create and preserve affordable housing for low-income households.
			Program Income:		
			Prior Year Resources:		
			Total:	174,516	
			Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan	175,484	

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

Since FY2015, the City has received a 100% match reduction, confirmed by IDIS PR33, and therefore is not required to document match or have a match liability through FY2018. The City is currently researching options to generate match funds and 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 in 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

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Create New Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing (15% CHDO set-aside)	CDBG Target Areas City Wide	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$0 HOME: \$26,177	Homeowner Housing Added: 1 Household Housing Unit
Housing Rehabilitation	Affordable Housing	CDBG Target Areas City Wide	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$163,546 HOME: \$133,888	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 3 Housing Units – Major Repair 30 Housing Units – Minor Repair
Elimination of Blighted Properties	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG Target Areas City Wide	Non Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$137,947 HOME: \$0	Buildings Demolished: 10 Buildings Units Inspected: 50 Units
Administration & CHDO Operating	Administration	City Wide	All	CDBG: \$81,623 HOME: \$17,451	Other: 1 Other

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	Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	The City will fund two homeowner repair programs: Major Rehab (HOME) to bring 3 owner occupied units up to code standards; and Minor Rehab (CDBG) to make minor repairs to 30 units using CDBG funds.
3	Goal Name	Elimination of Blighted Properties
	Goal Description	The City will fund 2 programs for Code Enforcement and Demolition/Clearance. 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.
4	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. Funds will also be made available to certified Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) who are actively pursuing HOME-eligible affordable housing projects within the City.

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 FY2018. 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 FY2018 CDBG and HOME budgets **have not been announced at the time of this public comment period**. Based on guidance provided in CPD Notice 18-01, all proposed project budgets for public notices are 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 Minor Housing Repair
4	CDBG Credit Counseling
5	CDBG Program Administration
6	HOME Major Housing Rehabilitation
7	HOME Program Administration
8	HOME CHDO Development

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 Code Enforcement
	Target Area	CDBG Target Areas.
	Goals Supported	Elimination of Blighted Properties
	Needs Addressed	Non Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: 10% (\$40,000)
	Description	Salaries of code officers and legal fees related to the condemnation of deteriorated properties in Low Mod Areas. It will benefit the 5 Target Neighborhoods.
	Target Date	4/30/2019
	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)

2	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: 24% (\$97,947)
	Description	Demolition and clearance of vacant, abandoned, and deteriorated structures in order to eliminate specific conditions of blight or physical decay in Low Mod Area benefit 5 Target Neighborhoods
	Target Date	4/30/2019
	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)
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3	Project Name	CDBG Minor Housing Repair Program
	Target Area	CDBG Target Areas
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: 40% (\$163,546)
	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	4/30/2019
	Estimated Benefit	30 low-income homeowners.
	Location Description	Mostly in 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)

4	Project Name	CDBG Credit Counseling
	Target Area	CDBG Target Areas City Wide
	Goals Supported	Create New Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing, Homeless, Non-homeless Special Needs, Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: 6% (\$25,000)
	Description	Provide counseling services for debt repair, improve credit score rating, savings, and money management in preparation of qualification for home ownership.
	Target Date	4/30/2019
	Estimated Benefit	Not applicable.
	Location Description	Not applicable.
	Planned Activities	12-Direct Homeownership Assistance –

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5	Project Name	CDBG Program Administration
	Target Area	CDBG Target Areas City Wide
	Goals Supported	Create New Affordable Housing, Housing Rehabilitation, Elimination of Blighted Properties, Administration & CHDO Operating
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing, Homeless, Non-homeless Special Needs, Non-Housing Community Development, Public Housing
	Funding	CDBG: 20% (\$81,623)
	Description	Provide oversight, management, monitoring and coordination of federal CDBG funds received from HUD
	Target Date	4/30/2019
	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.

6	Project Name	HOME Major Rehabilitation
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: 75% (\$133,888)
	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	4/30/2019
	Estimated Benefit	3 housing units
	Location Description	To be determined
	Planned Activities	HOME Housing Rehabilitation

7	Project Name	HOME Program Administration
	Target Area	City Wide CDBG Target Areas
	Goals Supported	Create New Affordable Housing, Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: 10% (\$17,451)
	Description	Provide oversight, management, monitoring and coordination of federal funds received from the Department of HUD.
	Target Date	4/30/2019
	Estimated Benefit	Not applicable.
	Location Description	Not applicable.
	Planned Activities	General Administration of the HOME grant.

8	Project Name	HOME CHDO Development
	Target Area	City Wide
	Goals Supported	Create New Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: 15% (\$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	4/30/2019
	Estimated Benefit	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 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 targeting 30% of the Area Median Income. The four programs: Public Housing Development Program, Section 8 Rental Voucher Program, Public Housing Capital Funds and Public Housing Replacement Housing Capital Funds are all administered by the Alexandria Housing Authority.

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 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 City will 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 Section 8 rental voucher program provides rental assistance payments to private owners who lease their housing units to assisted families. The Alexandria Housing Authority administers this program and received \$3,665,145 during this reporting period for this program. The number of clients assisted was 751.

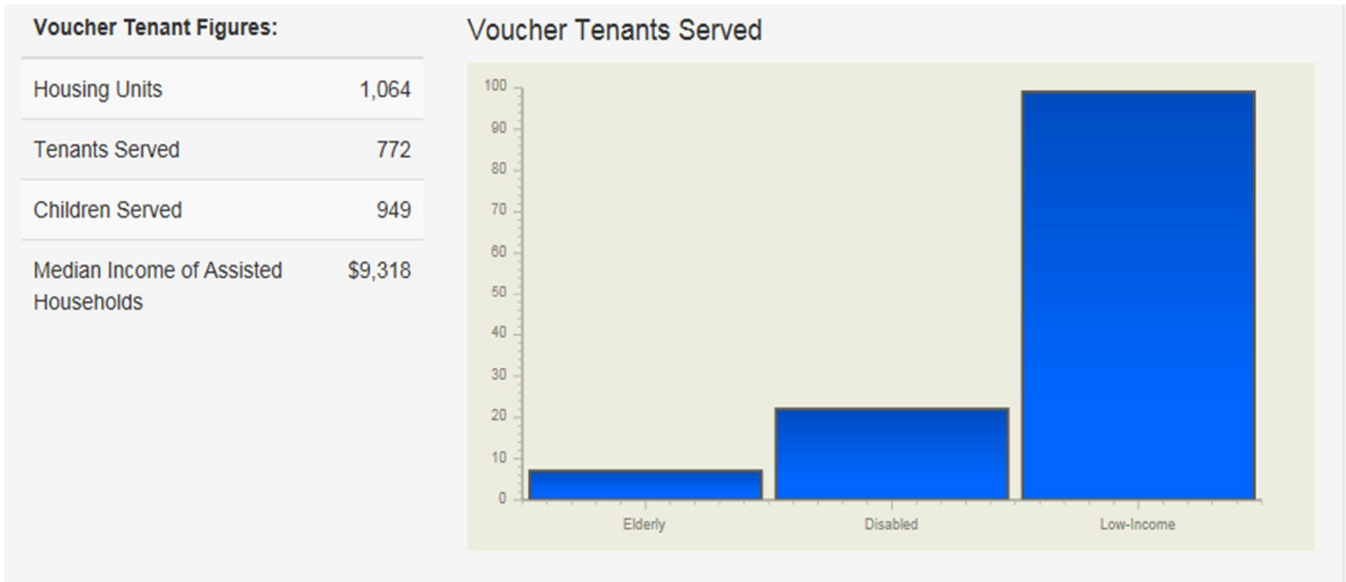
The City will support the AHA's Public Housing Development program that provides assistance to public housing agencies for the development and operation of low-income housing projects. The Alexandria Housing Authority administers this program and received \$2,234,202 during this reporting period for this program. This program provided for 349 housing units at this reporting period.

The City will support the AHA's Public Housing Capital Funds provide funds to the Public Housing Authority for the repair or development of public housing sites. The Alexandria Housing Authority received \$839,368 in Public Housing Assistance Capital Funds during this reporting period.

The City will support the AHA's Public Housing Capital Funds provide funds to the Public Housing Authority to make physical improvements to public housing sites. During this reporting period, the Alexandria Housing Authority received \$0 in Replacement Housing Capital Funds.

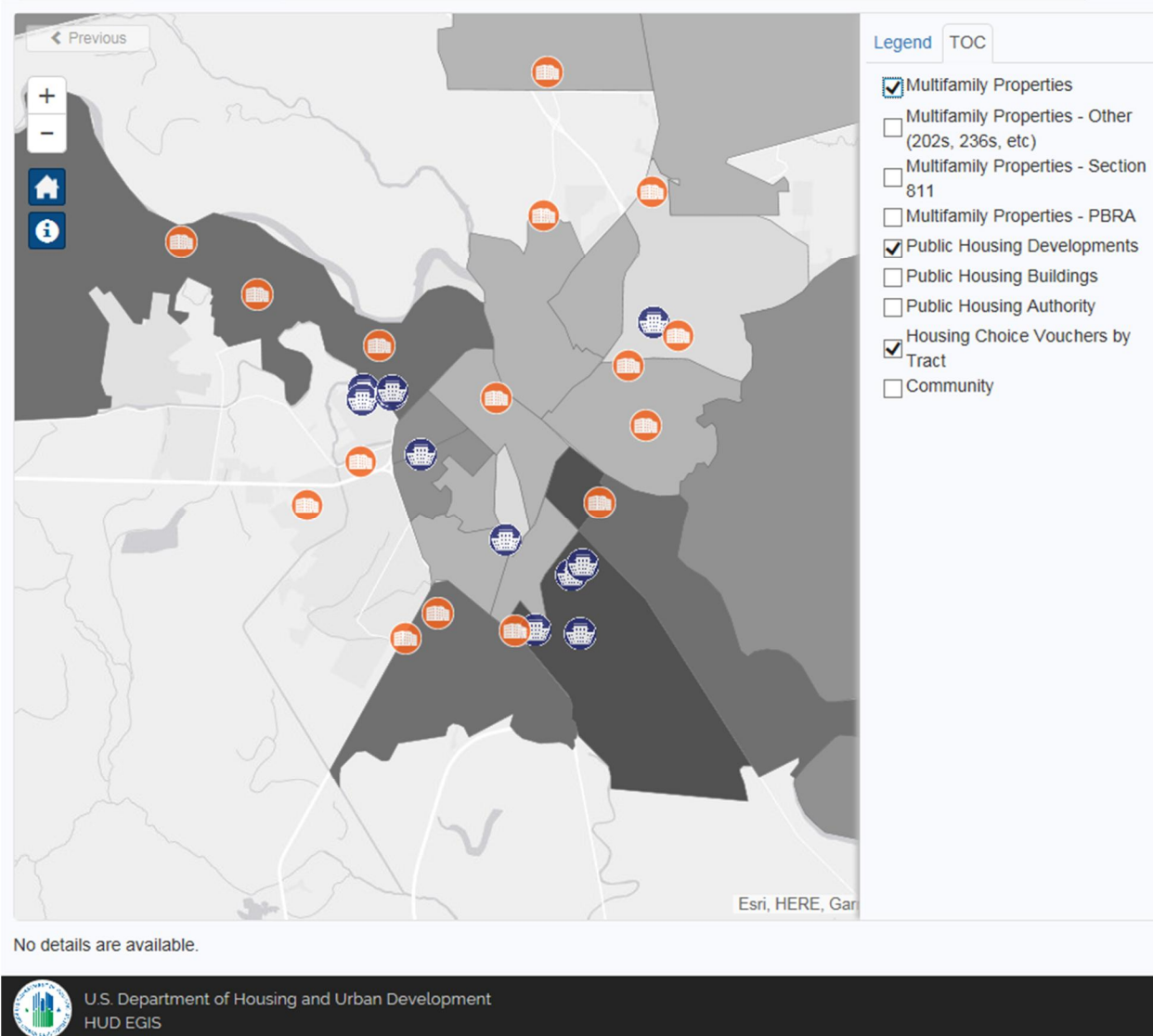
The City will also work to better serve its homeless populations and non-homeless populations with special needs. The City will partner with the AHA to outreach as additional rental funding becomes available. The AHA will continue to monitor the waitlist needs including the outreach and education for 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.

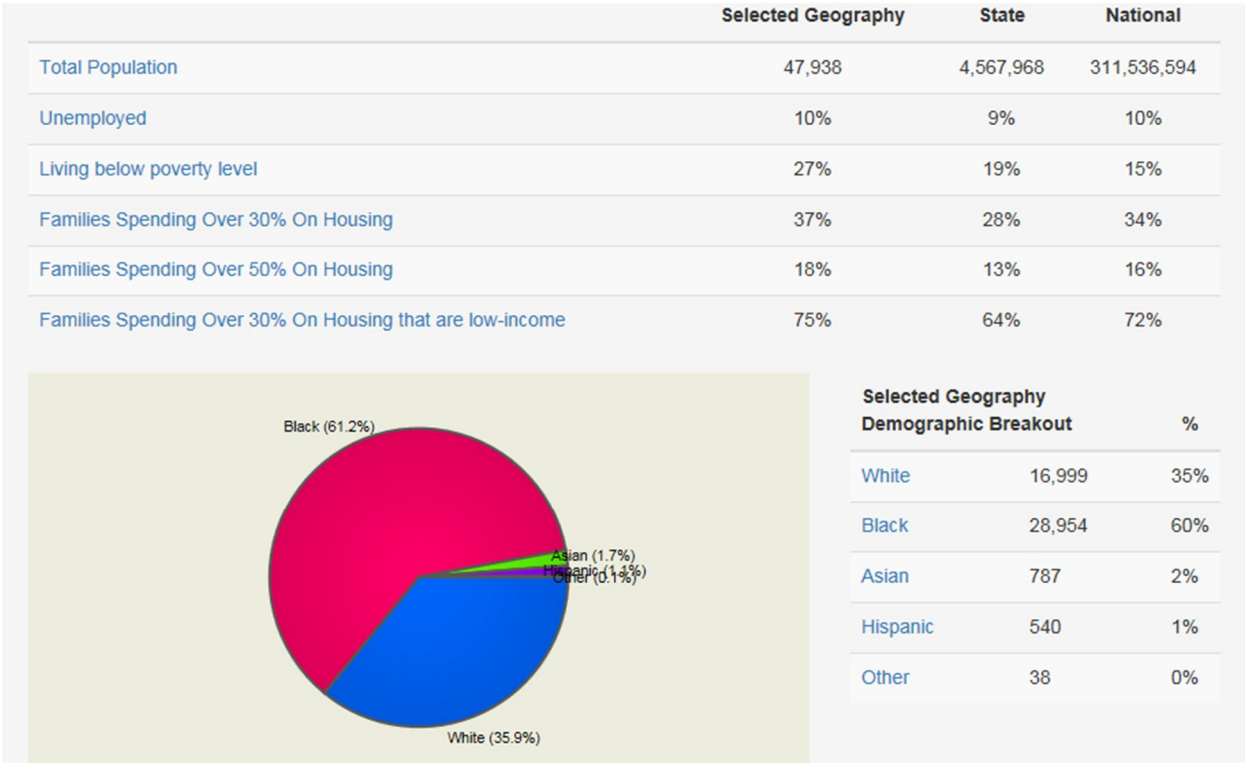


HUD PIH INVESTMENTS:	# of 2016 Units
Public Housing Low-Rent Properties	546 units
Housing Choice Voucher Program	1,064 units

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 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. Renovation and new construction efforts are currently underway.

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.

Volunteers of America of North Louisiana-Central Louisiana Division received grant awards for its Permanent Supportive Housing Program. The Permanent Supportive Housing Program provides housing supports and case management for chronically homeless persons living with a mental illness. The Rapides Parish program was awarded \$86,503 through this annual grant renewal. Participants are able to receive financial support towards housing expenses as well as case management to ensure continued mental health stability and independent living. VOA is currently have 9 different programs provided here in Central Louisiana, which are: Behavioral Health; Permanent Supportive Housing; Transitional Housing; Homeless Outreach; Rapid Rehousing; Partners in Literacy; Parents as Teachers; Family Resource Center (DCFS contract); Supportive Services for Veteran Families

... 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.

Hope House received renewal funding of \$131,666 for one-year to fund Hope House Transitional Housing. Hope House provides transitional housing and supportive services for a maximum of two years for single women and single women with children who are homeless. Clients work to improve life skills and obtain financial stability while residing at Hope House, ultimately transitioning into permanent housing they can sustain.

... 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 assist 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 9 programs that link persons to resources available to ensure housing stability, including three Permanent Supportive Housing Programs 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. The Rapides Parish program was awarded \$86,503 through this FY annual grant renewal. Participants are able to receive financial support towards housing expenses as well as case management to ensure continued mental health stability and independent living.

4. Corrections

The Louisiana Department of Corrections routinely refers people to the local Re-entry Solutions program. Re-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 will continue to work with existing non-profits to explore the possibility of creating a new organization in the local area that qualifies as a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) for the City.

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 ten plus 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's 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.

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 Annual 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 next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. This Annual Plan's certifications will cover 3 years for 2018, 2019 & 2020.	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 an 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 multifamily 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 2nd through April 6th and again from **May 7th through May 11th, 2018, if needed**. 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.

The following grants do not apply to the City of Alexandria:

- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
- Housing Trust Fund (HTF)

FY 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan Attachments:

- A Five Target Neighborhood Meeting Agenda – Nov. 2, 2017
- Five Target Neighborhood Attendees sign-in sheet – Nov. 2, 2017
- Five Target Neighborhood Survey Cumulative Responses – Nov. 2, 2017
- Five Target Neighborhood Meeting public notice – Nov. 2, 2017
- Five Target Neighborhood minutes – Nov. 2, 2017
- Five Target Neighborhood public notice flyer – Nov. 2, 2017
- B Citizen Advisory Committee meeting – Jan. 11, 2018
- Citizen Advisory Committee minutes – Jan. 11, 2018
- Citizen Advisory Committee sign-in sheet – Jan. 11, 2018
- C Annual Action Plan 30 day public notice order – Jan. 31, 2018
- Annual Action Plan 30 day public notice advertisement – Jan. 31, 2018
- D Proposed 2018-2019 budget
- E Signed SF 424's for CDBG & HOME with 3 year Certifications – complete after HUD announces
- F City Ordinance #XXX-2018 – complete after City Council adopts

City of Alexandria - 5 Target Neighborhood Meeting Agenda
Thursday, November 2, 2017 – 6:00 PM
Bolton Avenue Community Center at 315 Bolton Avenue

- A. OPENING PRAYER – Ms. Helen Johnson
- 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. 2016-2018 PROGRAMS
 - 4. Discuss 2016-2017 projects and accomplishments, finishing now:
 - a. CDBG Housing Code Enforcement = 92 (30=Owner Demo's / 5 Owner Rehab's)
 - b. CDBG Demolition = 28
 - c. CDBG Minor Rehab = 65
 - d. SNAP Rehab = 3
 - e. HOME Major Rehab = 7
 - 5. Review 2017 – 2018 Neighborhood Meeting input program rankings.
 - 6. Review 2017-2018 Expenditure Summary and accomplishments, starting now:
 - a. Explain similar funding amounts anticipated for 2018-2019
 - b. Merge any unspent funds in older programs into new fiscal year programs
 - c. Explain annual program diminishing funds
 - 7. Review 2016-2017 Unexpected Events:
 - a. Did not receive 2016-2017 funds until 4/28/17 – which was 9 months late.
 - b. Did not receive 2017-2018 funds until 10/26/17 – which was 3 months late.
 - c. Feds considering dissolving CDBG & HOME programs in budget cuts.
 - 8. Review programming options for 2018-2019 & their vote matters:
 - a. CDBG Code Enforcement
 - b. CDBG Demolition
 - c. CDBG Minor Rehab
 - d. HOME Major Rehab
 - e. CDBG Credit Counselling Services
 - f. SNAP Rehab
 - g. Drainage
 - h. CDBG Street Overlays / Sidewalk Installations
 - 9. Review proposed 2018-2019 Expenditure Summary, if we keep same 3 programs.
 - 10. Review voting survey ballot / questionnaire.
 - 11. Drainage Public Concern issues:
 - a. Assistant City Engineer, Eric Duck to speak
 - b. Review map of Alexandria's discharge map of receiving canals.
 - c. Review map of upcoming streets and drainage projects for Engineering.
 - 12. 2018 Schedule
 - a. Accepting Rehab Applications from April 2nd – April 6th and April 23rd – 27th
 - 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 1st
 - i. 6:pm to 7:pm at Bolton Avenue Community Center

10. Information Distributed:

- a. Fair Housing Pamphlet
- b. Lead Paint Pamphlet
- c. Floodplain Pamphlet (x2)
- d. FICO Credit Score Pamphlet
- e. IPMC Property Standard Pamphlet
- f. City of Alexandria's Planning Facebook page
- g. City of Alexandria's Community Development webpage

11. Questions & Contact info

D. ADJOURNMENT

Target Neighborhood Public Hearing for Comment - Sign In Sheet

Print Name	Address	Contact Phone Numbers	Target Neighborhood Area
WILLIE O JONES	2540 LOS ANGELES	445-5296	D Wileen Jones
Josephine Jones	2540 Los Angeles	445-5296	D Josephine Jones
Ms Helip Johnson	2407 Houston St		F
Mary Chestard	1003 Appawhite St	445-4104	D
Benny Bowie	1405 Appawhite St	602-26163	D
Bobby Jones	4923 SUTHY ST	792-5343	F
Ormy Cheron	5708 Vermont St	442-6322	F
Mr Eloise Coaty	3939 3 rd St Alota	448-3967	D
Mr Dave Coaty	3939 3 rd St Alota	448-3967	D
Joe Fuller	3512 Royal Drive	318613-494	F
JACK HENTON	2229 LEE STREET	318-290-0070	E
KADEN SHOTLOW	2229 LEE STREET	318-290-0070	E
Hazel Woods	2921 Poplar Street	318 4480990	E
Amelia E. Malone	3907 Carlton St	318 664-8676	E
Milton Gordon	SAFE ALEY	4416733	
MARY Gray	2425 Weber	487 1905	A-B
Winnie G. Markku	225-15 th St	445-0120	C

Target Neighborhood Public Hearing for Comment - Sign In Sheet

Print Name	Address	Contact Phone Numbers	Target Neighborhood Area
ERIC S, DUCK	COA	473-1170	
W. B McCall	333 AVOYELLES DR	290-8237	AV. D
Charles & Ella Smith	2916 Locust St	(318) 448-3001	E
<i>Paul Smith</i>	SAFE AHEX		
Mercedes Harley	215 N. 14 th St.	487-0663	A
JOSEPH ANOTWI	—		
Sandra Auguste	1522 Levin	442-4518	C
Johnny Augustine	1522 Levin	318 442-4518	C
Dr Joyce Miller	3102 Adams Court	³¹⁸ 446 4837	E
John Parker	COA	446 5083	
Sheldon Barnes	78 Essie St.	44-27755	C
John M Johnson	2621 Carl St Alex. La.	787-2735	C
Bobby Shonoz	5132 LEO'S ST	318-792 6570	
Cynthia Clark Stephens	2317 7 th St	318 613 6935	D
Margie Harris	2704 6 th St	318 487 4138	D
Geraldine Ellis	4831 Betty St	318 487-4058	F
Andrew Wald	604 John Thomas		D

Target Neighborhood Public Hearing for Comment - Sign In Sheet

Print Name	Address	Contact Phone Numbers	Target Neighborhood Area
REV. Larry Turner	Christian Love Church		F
Annie Cannon	1233 Park ave	318-290-9778	C
Douglas Washington	2012 Carl St.		C
James Johnson	5225 Broadmoor Ct.	318-416-2928	F
Shirley Brham	COA		
Kaysta Wimbley	COA		
Kenna Lavalis	COA		
MARVIN DANIELS	COA		
DIANNE BONIN	COA		
ELNA WOODARD	COA		



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 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 A/B	Central Business C	Lower Third D	South Alexandria E	Samstown / Woodside F
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Below is an explanation of 2017-2018 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!

Ranking Survey Questionnaire

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 7 as least important.

	<p><u>Minor Rehab Program (CDBG)</u> 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 new roof, electrical repairs, plumbing repairs and carpentry repairs such as handicap ramps, storm windows, insulated entry doors, attic insulation.</p>
	<p><u>Code Enforcement (CDBG)</u> This program is designed to investigate abandoned property and reach out to the property owner to try to get the structure rehabilitated or demolished. The goal is to bring these properties back into use to help surrounding values and keep our children and vandals out of these dangerous structures.</p>
	<p><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.</p>
	<p><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!</p>
	<p><u>Street Overlay (CDBG)</u> This program would provide funds to other federal and local funds to address flooding in low lying areas within the 5 Target Neighborhoods. This program would span years of work and be financially expensive.</p>
	<p><u>Major Rehab Program (HOME)</u> 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.</p>
	<p><u>Other – please describe:</u></p>

Meeting Date: November 2, 2017

Signature: _____



Jacques M. Roy
 Mayor

Ranking Scores:

2018-2019 Proposed Program Description	Each Target Neighborhood Survey Average					Overall Average	Program Rank
	A/B	C	D	E	F		
Minor Rehab	1.6	2.8	2.1	1.875	1.2	1.915	1
Code Enforcement	3.6	3.2	4.3	3.75	4.4	3.85	4
Demolition	4	2.4	2.5	3.375	4.4	3.335	3
Credit Counseling	5.6	4.4	4.6	4.375	4.8	4.755	6
Streets Overlay	4.3	5.4	3.5	3	3.6	3.96	5
Major Rehab	1.6	4.6	3.6	3.25	2.6	3.13	2
Drainage				6.25		6.25	7
Legal Succession		7				7	8

Cumulative Summary:

2018-2019 Proposed Program Description	Program Rank
Minor Rehab	1
Major Rehab	2
Demolition	3
Code Enforcement	4
Streets Overlay	5
Credit Counseling	6
Drainage	7
Legal Succession	8

With Meyer, Mayer, LaCroix and Hixson Engineers. Ms. Melissa Becker with the Rapides Area Planning Commission, Mrs. Theresa Pacholik, part-time Book Keeper and Mrs. Sarah Barton, part-time Administrative Assistant.

Mr. John Bradas, President, welcomed all present and then stated that the Board was now in session and ready for the transaction of business.

The President asked if there was any Public Comment on any Agenda Item, to which there was no response.

Motion by Mr. Holloway, seconded by Mr. Porter, that the minutes of Gravity Drainage District No. 1 of Rapides Parish, as held in Regular Session on September 19, 2017 be adopted. On a vote the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Porter, that the bills be paid. On a vote the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Holloway, seconded by Mr. Porter, to remove Paula Bounds and Robert Kelly as authorized signers from the account at Evangeline Bank & Trust Company and add Sarah Barton and Theresa Pacholik as authorized signers to the account at Evangeline Bank & Trust Company. On a vote the motion carried.

Ms. Melissa Becker with the Rapides Area Planning Commission gave an update on the Greenway Park Project. Discussion ensued.

Next, the Board received an update from Mr. Mike Chenevert with Meyer, Mayer, LaCroix and Hixson Engineers (MML&H) on various ongoing projects. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Mr. Holloway, seconded by Mr. Johnston, to receive quotes to clean vegetation, silt and other debris that continues to collect in bottom of the Horseshoe Canal at various location, as recommended by the Engineer. On a vote the motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Porter, to fix the void at the canal

Written notice given to each and every member thereof and duly posted in the manner required by law, viz: Alexandria, Louisiana September 28, 2017

There were present: Mr. Ronnie Venson, Mr. Emile Williams, Jr. and Mr. Carter Rhodes.

Also present were Mr. Thomas O. Wells, Legal Counsel; Mr. Matt Johns, Rapides Area Planning Commission; Mr. Tommy David and Mr. Wesley Miller, Pan American Engineers; and Ms. Sarah Barton.

Absent were: Mr. Robert Gaspard and Mr. Peter DeKeyser

The invocation was given by Mr. Emile Williams, Jr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Ronnie Venson.

Mr. Ronnie Venson, President, who welcomed all present and then stated that the board was ready for the first item of business.

The President asked if there was any public comment on any agenda item to which there was no response.

On motion by Mr. Williams, seconded by Mr. Rhodes that the September 18, 2017 minutes be adopted. On vote the motion carried.

Next on the agenda Mr. Tommy David with Pan American Engineers gave an update on the Drainage issues in the area. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Thomas O. Wells, Legal Counsel, suggested that all drainage canals be identified before the board takes responsibility for cleaning or fixing them. Mr. Wells stated that it would be a good idea to identify the structures, identify who owns those structures and then come up with a plan. Discussion ensued.

On motion by Mr. Venson, seconded by Mr. Williams, to add the following motion to the agenda, received after agenda was posted in compliance with the Public Meetings Law and are now confirmed as having been added to the agenda by unani-

Five Target Neighborhood Public Hearing

The City of Alexandria will conduct a Public Hearing on Thursday, November 2, 2017 at 6:00 PM, in the Bolton Avenue Community Center at 315 Bolton Avenue. The City of Alexandria is seeking public comment concerning the needs of the five (5) Target Neighborhoods for its proposed use of 2018-2019 fiscal year HUD funds that are to be used for various activities that principally benefit low and moderate income persons. Information regarding Fair Housing and Lead Paint Hazards will also be distributed.

The City expects to receive approximately \$174,000 of HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds and approximately \$408,000 of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Proposed programs are: CDBG Minor Rehab, CDBG Credit Counselling, CDBG Code Enforcement, CDBG Demolition, CDBG Street Overlays and HOME Major Rehab. The five (5) Target Neighborhoods are: North Alexandria (A/B), Central Business (C), Lower Third (D), South Alexandria (E) and Samstown/Woodside (F). All Alexandria citizens are welcome to attend.

For persons with disabilities who need reasonable accommodation, please contact our office by November 1st to make arrangements. Persons who wish to comment, but cannot attend the public hearing, can do so by submitting a completed survey to our office via postal mail or email.

Interested persons can download the survey questionnaire from the City's website: www.cityofalexandria.com, under the heading "Services", then "Community Development", then "Neighborhood Meeting Survey". A copy may also be provided by visiting our office during normal business hours. All comments will be given careful consideration prior to any further action on the part of the City towards project implementation.

(9), Square 14, New Enterprise Addition, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, page 50, of the records of Rapides Parish, Louisiana. Municipal address: 929 South Street, Alexandria, LA

Your interest in the property will be terminated if you do not redeem the property by making all required payments to the tax collector listed below or file a lawsuit in accordance with law within 6 months of the date of the first publication of this notice, or the recording of an act transferring ownership, if later. Jane Holloway Chief Deputy, Tax Collector Parish of Rapides P. O. Box 1590 Alexandria, LA 71309 (929) 248-4572

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The City of Alexandria, Louisiana has published a Request for Qualifications for a Crime Victim's Advocate. Please visit the City of Alexandria website at www.cityofalexandria.com to review the RFQ and for the time delays for response to the RFQ. (10)22,25,27,29 (11)1,3,5,8,10,12,15,17,19,22,24

2479172 Anyone knowing the whereabouts of or claiming to be Bree Hensley, please contact Susan Ford Fiser, Attorney at Law, 1630 Metro Drive, Alexandria, Louisiana, 71301, (318) 442-8899. (10)20,22,25

2476614 Anyone knowing the whereabouts of the heirs of Jewel Cox Yarborough, please contact Mike Hayes at PO Box 953, Natchitoches, Louisiana, 71457 or 318-357-8400. (10)25

2478147 If anyone knows the whereabouts of Mr. Thomas Brown Manuel please contact The Willis Law Firm, LLC at 337-639-4600. (10)20,22,25,27

Bids and Proposals

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received for the State of Louisiana by the Division of Administration, Office of Facility Planning and Control, Claiborne Office Build-

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond written as described in the Instructions to Bidders included in the Bid Documents for this project.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT 2:00 PM on Thursday, October 26, 2017 at TFLC Conference Room - Main Administration Building, Louisiana Special Education Center, 5400 Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria, LA 71303.

Bids shall be accepted from Contractors who are licensed under L.A. R.S. 37:2150-2192 for the classification of Building Construction. Bidder is required to comply with provisions and requirements of L.A. R.S. 38:2212(B)(5). No bid may be withdrawn for a period of forty-five (45) days after receipt of bids, except under the provisions of L.A. R.S. 38:2214.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any cause. In accordance with L.A. R.S. 38:2212(B)(1), the provisions and requirements of this Section and those stated in the bidding documents shall not be waived by any entity.

When this project is financed either partially or entirely with State Bonds or financed in whole or in part by federal or other funds, which are not readily available at the time bids are received, the award of this Contract is contingent upon the granting of lines of credit, or the sale of bonds by the Bond Commission or the availability of federal or other funds. The State shall incur no obligation to the Contractor until the Contract Between Owner and Contractor is fully executed.

Facility Planning and Control is a participant in the Small Entrepreneurship (SE) Program (the Hudson Initiative) and the Veteran-Owned and Service-Connected Disabled Veteran-Owned (LaVet) Small Entrepreneurships Program. Bidders are encouraged to consider participation. Information is available from the Office of Facility

form in electronic form. They may be obtained without change and without deposit from Asher Broutens Architects. All bids shall be accompanied by bid security in an amount of five percent (5.0%) of the sum of the base bid and all alternates. The form of this security shall be as stated in the Instructions to Bidders included in the Bid Documents for this project.

The successful Bidder shall be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond written as described in the Instructions to Bidders included in the Bid Documents for this project.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT 2:00 PM on Thursday, November 9, 2017 at TFLC Conference Room - Main Administration Building, Louisiana Special Education Center, 5400 Coliseum Blvd., Alexandria, LA 71303.

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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PERSONNEL COMMITTEE HELD AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

Those present for the meeting were:
PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
Clyde Moore, Board President
Greg Jones, Attorney
Robert Sibley, Chairman
Oscar Coody
Elizabeth Q. Lindsay
Billy McKay

NON-VOTING MEMBERS
Jimmy French, General Manager
Jamie Timberlake, Operation Mgr.
Keesha Halliburton, Admin. Asst.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Robert Sibley, Chairman of the Personnel Committee of Water Works District No. 3. All four committee members were present. Oscar Coody gave the invocation. Billy McKay led the Pledge of Allegiance. The reading of the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting of August 15, 2017 was dispensed with and Oscar Coody made a motion to accept the minutes. Billy McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried. Jimmy French, General Manager, reported that all taps and leaks are up to date. He gave a brief update on all ongoing jobs. Elizabeth Q. Lindsay made a motion to accept the General

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New Business: None.
There being no further business, Oscar Coody made a motion to adjourn. Billy McKay seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.

Robert Sibley, Chairman (10)15
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PUBLIC NOTICE
LCDBG Application Available for Review
The Rapides Parish Police Jury announces that an application for the FY 2018/2019 Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (LCDBG) funds will be submitted for the following:

Activity: LCDBG funds will be used to construct street improvements within the target area in Rapides Parish. Objective: To provide adequate service for low-moderate income residents of the Parish of Rapides. Location: The target area consist of Palmer Chapel Road, Pineville, LA

Amount: Public Facilities \$528,600.00
LCDBG funds for construction and engineering services) Administration \$37,900.00 (Local funds)
TOTAL \$566,500.00

All citizens, particularly persons of low and moderate income and residents of blighted areas, are encouraged to submit their views and proposals by October 23, 2017 to the President at the following address:

Honorable Craig Smith, President
Rapides Parish Police Jury
P O Box 1150

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Alexandria/Pineville Area CVB
707 Second Street, Alexandria, LA 71301 (318) 442-9544
CVB Board Meeting
Date: October 18, 2017
Time: 3:30 p.m.

1.Call meeting to order/Roll call/Request public comment on any agenda item upon which a vote is to be taken/Introduction of guest(s)/Hear from guest(s).
2.Review and approval of the September 2017 CVB Board minutes.
3.Review CVB financial report for September 2017. Public comment. Motion to approve September CVB financials. Review ARC financial report for September 2017. Public comment. Motion to approve September ARC financials.
4.ARC Director's report
5.Executive Director's report
6.New Business
7.Old Business
8.Reports from Committees
9.Reports from Organizations
10. Additional public comment/Adjournment

City of Alexandria Civil Service Commission Agenda Regular Monthly Meeting October 18, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. City Council Chambers, 1st Floor 915 3RD Street, Alexandria, LA 71301
Additions to agenda made by unanimous vote. (10)15

1. Call to order
2. Observe Moment of Silence
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Public Comments Announcement

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10. Civil Service Rules Sub-Committee Report
11. Director's Report
12. New Business (No action will be taken)
13. Adjourn (10)15
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Notice is hereby given that the Finance Committee of the Board of Commissioners of Rapides Parish Water Works District No. 3 will meet October 17, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. of the Water Works office, 1306 Third Street, Tioga, LA. The items on the agenda for the regularly scheduled meeting will be: Public Comments, Approve Minutes, Additions, General Managers Report, Attorney's Report, Leak Adjustments, Old Business, New Business, and Invoice Review.

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Any person claiming

Community Development Block Grant Program
Target Neighborhoods Community Meeting
November 2, 2017– 6:00 pm
Bolton Avenue Community Center
315 Bolton Avenue, Alexandria, Louisiana

Minutes of the meeting:

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

Prayer: Mrs Helen Johnson

Introductions: Welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending. Introduced staff, other city employees and Councilman-at-Large Joe Fuller. .

Shirley: Stated that everyone's input is very important.

Stated the purpose of this meeting is for the five target areas that HUD has defined as low/mod areas.

Named all 5 districts, which is on the copy of the surveys you have in your bags.

HUD requires that we spend 70% of the funds on these target neighborhoods, we spend about 90% because we understand this is where the needs are.

Shirley: In 2016, based on your input we did a few big projects that Kenna manages in demolition.

Explained the process if someone calls with a complaint.

In 2016. We processed 90 complaints, this brings us to 1435 up to more than we have done in community development existence. We got 30 persons to tear down their dilapidated properties and had 5 owners to rehab their properties, we want them to rehab.

Shirley: Stated, demolition for the city is more expensive than if the owner demolished their property.

In 2016-2017 we managed to demolish 28 properties, this puts it to a total of 551, we still have about 70 more properties that's still on the list.

If the city has to demolish the property, we are required to test it for asbestos and if so this has to be abated through a whole different process, this is very expensive. If we have to go through all these processes it costs us 7-10,000 dollars for this.

Told Mrs. Johnson if she has property to be torn down all she has to do is get a contractor to tear it down, would cost her \$2,000 and would cost the city \$10,000.

Talked also about lien on property and if we are able to recoup the money, we put it right back in demolition. This does not happen very often.

Discussions were also on legal successions and properties being tied up in legal.

Shirley: Stated, we started a ranking system. Kenna gets the complaint. Inspector Daniel goes out he ranks it as, 1.

The structure is burned and is about to fall down, we need to get to it as soon as we get funding. 2. Not immediate. 3. Not burned maybe windows out etc. so we prioritize these structures on how we will spend the money. This seems to have been working, when we get the money we try to get all the priority ones we can.

Rehab Minor: Krystal Wimbley handles this program. This program has a cap of \$5,000. Repairs a discipline of work, looks at the roof first, then electrical, plumbing, and last general carpentry. This is how we prioritize how we will spend the money in the Rehab Program.

We managed in 2016 to get 55 projects addressed. Asked persons who had benefitted from this program to raise their hand? Theirs were none. With this program, we do not file a lien on your property.

SNAP: Rehab Program

Shirley: We work with some of the local banks. They provide the fundings. We go through the same process, seeing if you qualifies for this. Stated the limit is \$6,000. With this we were able to get 3 homes in 2016. We are trying to get more banks to participate. This is a bank requirement, you will have a lien on your property. SNAP funds are not available until January 2018.

Home Major Program:

HUD. States if we work on a house the entire house has to be brought up to code. We know a lot of our homes are 21 or more years old, a lot will not be in code compliance. Two of the big killers for us is if the property has lead this disqualifies the house. In HUD rules we have to bring it up to code, so we would have to abate the lead, this is very expensive. 2. If it is in the flood plain, we can not touch the house, we would have to lift the house out of the flood plain and this is about \$7,500. We can spend up to \$40,000 and make a sufficient impact. Basically we are fixing good houses.:

Sandra Ward: At one of your meetings you all were suppose to partner with a bank, did this go through?

Shirley: Yes, this is the SNAP program we were talking about, and we did 3 houses and with the bank it is \$6,000, also with HomeMajor there is a lien on the property for 10 years.

Shirley: We decided how we are going to spend the money based on your input last year at the meeting. You all filled out a survey, like the ones in your bags. You all told us how you wanted us to spend the money.

A/B District – It was Major, Minor and Demolition

C District - It was Minor, Major and Demolition

D District - It was Mino, and Demolition

Shirley: In all three these were your top priorities, and to get these vacant structures down to made it look better in your neighborhoods. Based on the limited amount of funding this is how we decides what we will do for 2017 and 2018.

Code Enforcement – 48,974 might be able to do 45-50 structures

CDBG- Demolition – 97,948 might be able to do 13-16 structures

Stated the city put up \$80,000 to help with the demolition, this will do 10-15 structures, we might be able to get 25-30 houses torn down before the end of this year.

CDBG Minor Rehab - \$179,571 might be able to do 32-35 houses

Home Major Rehab - \$130,887 might be able to do 2-3 houses

Shirley: The total that HUD is funding this year is \$582,632 these funds are diminishing annually. We are already 9,000. Less than last year and next year about a 10,000 deduction. We are trying to do as much as we can with as little as we got.

Sandra Ward: Stated she had talked with Sandra Washington in code enforcement was not pleased, cited several incidents.

Shirley: We are two separate departments, we are community code enforcement and she is public works code enforcement(explained the different)

Shirley: The 2017 & 2018 monies we were supposed to get around July we got it October 26, the city has been footing the bills for us with all the work we have been doing and we will reimburse the city.

Stated, a couple of unexpected events, 2016-2017 calendar year we did not receive our 16-17 money until April, 9 months later. It is hard for us to do work, move forward and do not have the funds.

This year with the presidential election and the changes, this effected how we move forward this year, we got the 2017-2018 money three months late this had an impact on us, and we are moving forward.

The federal government is trying to put new programs in place. There is a lot of talk that they want to dissolve the CDBG and HOME programs. We have been asked to please reach out to our congressman, representatives, etc. to try and get some help. The way it is looking 2018 might be the last year for HOME funds.

Sandra: If we can do the petitions to get signed will this help?

Shirley: You can do anything that will help. Any questions?

Winnie Marshall: In order to qualify does the home have to be paid for? .

Krystal: No, as long as the home is in your name and is listed at the courthouse.

Mercides Harley: Stated she was glad to know this because, she has been telling persons the homes have to be paid for.

Sandra: Asked about heir property?

Krystal: Explained. Heir property is when you are not the sole owner of the property.

Sandra: A few years it was told an attorney would be working on successions.

Shirley: With the program it has to be owner occupied. Gave example.

Shirley: We looked at trying to get an attorney to help with successions and this did not work out. Further discussions were on this.

Winnie: Louisiana need to come from under the old Napoleonian Law, every one need to do a succession. Further discussions were on this.

Krystal: Talked about the affidavit that we have in our office for all siblings to sign and one has to live in the home.

Shirley: HUD wants the owner of the property in the home, they are making an investment in them knowing they will take care of it better than a renter will.

Joanne Johnson: Talked about the conditions with dogs, vacant structures, and run down trailers in her area. Wanted also to know who was over the area which she lives in?

Was told Vivian Fulton is the president for the Peacekeeper Neighborhood Watch and Ed Lavardain is your councilman, you also need to call Code Enforcement and Animal Shelter.

Kenna: They knew about these trailers, had gone out and at that time they were occupied.

Shirley: We need you to vote again on how you would like to see us spend these funds. Went over the survey printout and to rank them from 1-7.

Shirley: Credit Counseling service is we will train some one who is interest in buying a house. For one we will work with them to get their credit score up, get a saving account and make monthly deposits this will get them ready for homeownership to make a down payment to buy a home.

Shirley: There is a lot of talk about drainage, street overlays repairs and sidewalk improvements, Eric Duck from the city Engineering Department will talk later with you on this.

Shirley: If we continue with same activities as 2017-2018 and get the same amount we will put \$25,000 in credit counseling and help about 20 persons. Gave the breakdown of all amounts houses to be demolished and repaired.

Look at the surveys in your bags, circle your neighborhood, because we have to report all of this to HUD. Someone will assist you as to the neighborhood you live in and collect the surveys when you are finished.

Shirley: Introduced Eric Duck city engineer.

Eric: Showed the drainage of Chatlin canal that goes to LSUA, stated the water from Bayou Rapides pumps into the river. Most of the HUD areas have 2 or 3 major drainage areas that's being effected.

Showed the middle part of Alexandria which is the mall.

The Horseshoe drainage canal covers a great deal of major drainage within the city.

Eric: The City of Alexandria does not have any responsibility in this drainage canal. The responsibilities live with the Drainage District. We help them and they help us.

This canal is funded by several taxes that were put in several years ago when some of these areas were not in the city limit.

Eric: Chatlin Canal was put in 1926 or 27, because of the flood in Red River, and the levy system was put up along the river. It is directed down south to get rid of the water. It is designed for a 10 year storm (gave example).

Stated: Once all these canals and drainage basins are full it is nothing we can do about it, takes million and million of dollars to create better drainage. Levy District has been cleaning out the canals and are down to LSUA, hope this will help the city.

If you have had some local flooding contact the street department.

Eric: Talked about the Box covers that Foisy St. has, that was built in 1928 or 1929. It will be a 10 million dollars project. Capital Projects are not always for new projects, but to redo old projects. Any questions?

Cynthia Stephens: Talked about the poor drainage in the Lower Third areas, what can be done about this?

Eric: There are a lot of projects coming up but are not in the areas we are talking about tonight.

Cynthia: Talked about them coming in our areas and cleaning out the drainages, maintenance is not being done.

Eric: This is a major part that should be done by the street department. Further discussions were on this

Shirley: This was one of the main reasons to have Eric tonight, because we know there are a lot of drainage problems in the city. If you decide to take HUD monies for this project you will see very little impact. With what Eric has said this is not a dent, and taking away from assisting you with rehab, demolition, etc. Just wanted to put this out to you all

Willard McCall: Asked for the income guidelines?

Shirley: Do not have any tonight because it changes every year, you may call the office and Krystal will get one for you.

We will take applications for next year, April 23-27 2018, last year we got over 257 applications, can only help 55.

Next meeting will be November 1, 2018. Any questions Thanked the group for coming

Meeting Adjourned

Presented:

Shirley Braham

Krystal Wimbley

Kenna Lavalais

Marvin Daniel

Dianne Bonin

Edna Woodard

Fair Housing, Ranking Surveys, Disaster Assistance Information, Complaint Forms, FICO Scores, and Lead Base Paint forms were passed out.

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:

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

FY- 2014 Target Neighborhood Needs:
Rankings:

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, showing the house is above / outside floodplain.

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 elevation.

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 decreasing 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 2nd, 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

Summary of Ranking Survey Questionnaire for 2017:

2018-2019 Proposed Program Description	Program Rank
Minor Rehab	1
Major Rehab	2
Demolition	3
Code Enforcement	4
Streets Overlay	5
Credit Counseling	6
Drainage	7
Legal Succession	8



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Contact the Community Development Office at 318-449-5072; visit at 625 Murray Street, Third Floor; postal mail to PO Box 71, Alexandria, LA 71309; or email to cda@cityofalex.com.

-End.



Jacques M. Roy
Mayor



Community Development Department
Planning Division, City of Alexandria
625 Murray Street, Alexandria, LA 71301
Office: 318.449.5072 / Fax: 318.449.5031
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Please circle which Target Neighborhood you live in:

Table with 5 columns: North Alexandria A/B, Central Business C, Lower Third D, South Alexandria E, Samstown / Woodside F

Below is an explanation of 2017-2018 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!

Ranking Survey Questionnaire

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 7 as least important.

Table with 2 columns: Program Name (e.g., Minor Rehab Program, Code Enforcement, Demolition Program, Credit Counselling, Street Overlay, Major Rehab Program, Other) and Description

Meeting Date: November 2, 2017

Signature: _____



Jacques M. Roy
Mayor

City of Alexandria
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
Thursday January 11, 2018 – 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. Appreciate returning volunteer members.

2. Review 2016-2017 accomplishments.

- a. Acknowledge that CmDv was challenged with spending 2 years of grant funds within 1 year. 2016 funds were not deposited until April 30, 2017 and 2017 funds were not deposited until October 19, 2017, however, we are still required to meet the timeliness test on March 1st, 2018. This was unprecedented task for the Department!
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- e. HOME Major Rehab – Krystal processed 18 applications and awarded 7.

3. Review 2017-2018 continued obstacles.

- a. Contractors to participate in programs.
- b. Limit demolition to 30% CDBG award.
- c. Section 3 requirements for Contractors and Consultants.
- d. Diminishing federal funds per year.

4. Discuss 2017 Neighborhood Meeting's input for preparation of Annual Plan.

- a. Each Neighborhood Survey summary review.
- b. Cumulative survey results for priority of programs.

5. Review proposed 2018-2019 program activities and budgets for preparation of Annual Plan.

- a. CDBG Code Enforcement
- b. CDBG Demo – limited to 30% on CDBG demo.
- c. CDBG Minor Rehab
- d. Credit Counseling
- e. HOME Major Rehab

City of Alexandria
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda
Thursday January 11, 2018 – 10:00 AM

E. New Business for Discussion

1. Review pre-2018 funds to be re-allocated to next fiscal year budgets.
 - a. CDBG Admin
 - b. CDBG Minor Rehab
 - c. CDBG Demolition
 - d. CDBG Code Enforcement
 - e. HOME Major Rehab

2. Replacement of Citizen Advisory members.
 - a. Replacement for Melinda Robinson to represent Youth?
 - b. Replacement for Nell Deville to represent Elderly and Handicap?
 - c. All appointments must be made by the Mayor.

3. 2018 Meeting schedule.
 - a. CAC meeting on July 5, 2018 @ 10:am.
 - b. CAC meeting on January 10, 2019 @ 10:am.
 - c. Rehab applications will be taken from April 2nd through April 6th from 9:am to 3:pm.
 - d. Neighborhood Community Meeting on November 1, 2018 at 6:pm.

F. Adjournment

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Human Resource Conference Room
Public Service Building – 3rd Floor – 625 Murray Street
625 Murray Street, Alexandria, LA

Thursday, January 11, 2018 – 10:00 AM
Minutes of the Meeting

Members Present:

GG Metoyer
Amy Cheney
Edna Pellerin
Joyce Thompson
Shirley Branham
Marvin Daniels
Krystal Wimbley
Kenna Lavalais
Dianne Bonin
Edna Woodard

Meeting Open: Shirley Branham, Director of Community Development.

Thanked the members for attending and appreciate them for volunteering.

Introduction of staff, and KUDOS to the staff. Stated Kenna is new in demolition, had to learn about asbestos, etc. and is teaching her.

Marvin is our new inspector, he had to learn all new things also. Stated, the whole staff has worked very hard to get things done.

Shirley: Our fiscal year goes from May 1 – April 30, we are still in our fiscal year.

2016 – 2017 Accomplishments:

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HOME Major Rehab – Krystal processed 18 applications and awarded 7, this is the program we put \$40,000, in the home to renovate.

Shirley: What happens in code enforcement, Kenna takes the complaints, Marvin goes out and inspects to decide what conditions the structure is in. From these complaints this is how Kenna has managed to have these structures demolished. She will be starting on 7 next week and at the end of the month will award another 3. This is more than the department has done in several years. Both are new, but has managed to get the work done, a very great accomplishment.

OBSTACLES 2017-2018

Contractors to participate in the program.

Stated, in the Rehab Program that Krystal works in we only have \$5,000, and they feels it is a lot easier to work on new construction etc. But we do have a plumber, electrician and a new carpenter that's doing the roofing. We are ok, but if one falls the whole program might fall. Marvin and Krystal have been talking and reaching out to other contractors. Further discussions were on this.

Shirley: Even in demolition we are having problems with contractors, but getting the work done. We are also putting ads in the Town Talk for contractors. Another problem, we really do not have enough money to demolish all these blighted properties. HUD, only allows us 30% of our grant money. This will only tear down about 10 houses. The council gave us \$80,000 in the pass, this was for 8 houses. This year we have had so many fires, if we got a million dollars this would help. Further discussions were on this.

Shirley: Another OBSTACLE is Section 3 Requirements

HUD, has stated we have to award contracts to minority own businesses, reknown businesses and low income proverty businesses. We have to hire minority contractors and consultants, so we will have to draw them in to meet this requirement. We are doing outreach for this as well to draw them in to meet theses requirements. Also every year the Federal Government takes away some of our HOME and CDBG funds. One of the things last year was they wanted to do away with and if this happens it will kill our programs that we manages. Stated, has not heard any up date on it so far. Heard, these funds would be used to build the wall in Mexico.

NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING, 2017

Shirley: Survey questionnaires were passed out and we asked the citizens how would they like to see money invested in their neighborhoods? These neighborhoods A-B, C, D and F groups. We looked at their opinions and ranked them. Their main interest seems to be 1. Minor Rehab, 2. Major Rehab, 3. Demolition, 4. Code Enforcement. There was some interest in Street OverLaying.

This is something new even though persons are concerned about the drainage and flooding problems in their neighborhood they are having.

Shirley: Tried to explain if we do street overlying, people will not see a great impact in their neighborhoods. If we take our \$400,000 it is not enough money. This project might be one million and they would have to come up with the rest of the money, there would not be any funds for our programs, in a long run the citizens would be upset

Shirley: She and Kenna had been talking about Legal Successions. This would be something good. Named things that can be done if there is a clear succession. Asked the members to talk with their groups about legal successions, see if there is some interest in this.

Reviewed proposed 2018-2019 program activities and budgets for preparation of Annual Plan

Shirley: Shared with the group on anticipated funds and how these funds would be structured and spent for the next coming year, if we get the same amount as last year.

CDBG – Grant = 408,000

HOME - 174,000 = 582,000

Code Enforcement – 40,000 = 40- 50 Structures

Demo/Clearance -92,000 = 8-10 Houses to be tear down
Minor Rehab and Program Delivery – 163,480 = 30 – 32 Houses
Credit Counseling – 25,000 = 20 Individuals, this would be a
Full year process if we can find anyone.
Adm. – 30% of CDBG of – 81,000 = 408,000
Home Investment Partnership Funds – 130,000 = 2-3 Houses
Shirley: Asked Krystal, what does Home Major entails?
Krystal: We go in and do the complete renovation to the home.

Shirley: HUD requires us to have a CHDO and hold 15% for this at
This time we do not have one. Any questions?

GG: On demolition, do the contractors do a competitive bidding process?

Shirley: yes, explained the process and the ranking on each structure, 1-5. We advertise two times in the Town
Talk.

GG: Looking at it they are charging more now than they use to.

Shirley: You are right, because of inflation and there is a lot more required of them also. Explained the new
requirements. Also Marvin, our inspector goes out and inspects to see if it is done correctly.

Kenna: We have a lot of people that will not response we have to move forward. Plus the contractors
insurances are some expensive, named all the expenses they have.

Marvin: If the structures have asbestos they have to go to Leesville, this is another expense. Further
discussions were on this.

Shirley: Any questions?

New Business:

Review pre – 2018 funds to be allocated to next fiscal year budgets.

Shirley: One of the things we look at the end of the year is look at our account balances. HUD requires us to
make a substantial amendment.

What we do is move them to the exact program for the following year. It looks like we have about \$881,000 or
\$882,000, has spent ½ of this, we will have about \$430,000 to move forward.

The staff will have to move fast, we have the money and our regular money. Expects after next year we will be
back to working on a one year budget. Explained. Stated we have to advertise this in the Town Talk for
comments etc.

Replacement of Citizen Advisory Members.

Shirley: We are still looking for someone to represent the Youth Program, if you know of anyone let us know.
Elderly And Handicap, Joyce Thompson is substituting for Nell Deville who is now retired. Asked Joyce would
she be interested in filling this position? Joyce, yes

Shirley: All these appointments must be made by the mayor, but will submit her name.

2018 Meeting Schedule:

Citizen Advisory Meeting – July 5, 2018-10:00 AM

Citizen Advisory Meeting – January 10, 2019 – 10:00 AM

Rehab Applications will be taken April 2- April 6 2018 from 9:00 AM -3:00 PM

Neighborhood Community Meeting, November 1, 2018 – 6:00 PM

Let your groups know about these dates and times
Any questions?

Joyce: Stated they have received the funding for the eye glasses. This is with Cenla Area Agency for Aging, and funds are from the City of Alexandria.

Will be serving about 58 adults, they need to be residents of Alexandria low income. If qualifies you can received if needed exam/ glasses or both. They are working with two eye clinics, has 20 more openings. Asked the group to spread the word. Would like to see funding for dental and hearing. Phone number is 318484-2260

GG: Stated he is a member of the Lions club and they serve persons needing eyeglasses also.

Shirley: Any questions:

Meeting Adjourned

Citizen Advisory Committee - Volunteer Member Participation 2016-2018

Current Member Name	Contact Phone Numbers	Member Representative Area	Confirmed by Council Resolution	Attendance for Jan 11, 2018 meeting
Sandra Augustine	442-4518	North Alexandria A-B	Yes	
Jannease Seastrunk	561-5814	Business District C	Yes	
GG Metoyer	442-6737	Lower Third D	Yes	<i>GG Metoyer</i>
Edna Pellerin	613-8959	South Alexandria E	Yes	<i>Edna Pellerin</i>
Amy Cheney	442-6322	Samtown / Woodside F	Yes	<i>Amy Cheney</i>
David Tinkis (substitute)	318-629-5910	Youth Rep	No	
Joyce Thompson (substitute)	484-2260	Elderly / Handicap Rep	No	<i>Joyce Thompson</i>
Laquasha Turner	442-1010	AIDS / HIV Rep	Yes	
Herbie Flynn	484-6575	Mentally Disabled Rep	Yes	
Kendra Gauthier	443-0500	Homeless Rep	Yes	
CmDv Staff Attendants:				
Shirley Branham	449-5070	City of Alexandria CmDv	Staff	<i>Shirley Branham</i>
<i>MARVIN DANIEL</i>	449-5069	City of Alexandria CmDv	Staff	<i>Marvin Daniel</i>
Krystal Wimbley	449-5074	City of Alexandria CmDv	Staff	<i>Krystal Wimbley</i>
<i>Kenna LAVALAIS</i>	449-5071	City of Alexandria CmDv	Staff	<i>Kenna Lavalais</i>
Dianne Bonin	449-5073	City of Alexandria CmDv	Staff	<i>Dianne Bonin</i>
Edna Woodard	449-5072	City of Alexandria CmDv	Staff	<i>Edna Woodard</i>



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RE: Town Talk in LEGAL Section & Online
 When: Publish one (1) time: [Wednesday, January 31, 2018](#)
 From: Shirley Branham, Administrator at 318-449-5070
 Type: 1x? column ad, as long as needed
 Cost: Provide quote upon receipt; no affidavit required
 Bill Account: #X5760 – City of Alexandria, Community Development
 Send Quote: Shirley.branham@cityofalex.com

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Alexandria, Community Development Department, will conduct a Public Hearing on Friday, March 2, 2018, 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 2018-2019 fiscal years.

Title I of the National Affordable Housing Act requires that, in order to apply for certain HUD programs, state and local governments must have an approved five-year Consolidated Strategy and Plan. Each year an Action Plan is developed from the goals and strategies stated in the five-year plan. The Annual Action Plan provides information concerning the resources that the City reasonably expects to be available from Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership program funds for the upcoming federal fiscal year. It further describes the specific activities that will be funded in the program year to carry out the stated goals. All proposed uses are consistent with the City's 2015-2020 Consolidated Plan.

For persons with disabilities who need reasonable accommodation, please contact our office by February 28th 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.

Interested persons can download the proposed 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan from the City's website: www.cityofalexandrialala.com, under the heading "Services" / "Community Development" / "Annual Action Plan". A copy of each may also be provided by visiting our office during normal business hours. All comments will be given careful consideration prior to any further action on the part of the City towards plan implementation. Comments received after 4:00 PM on March 2, 2018 will not be considered.

Contact the Community Development Office at 318-449-5072; visit at 625 Murray Street, Third Floor; postal mail to PO Box 71, Alexandria, LA 71309; or email to cda@cityofalex.com.

-End.



Jacques M. Roy
 Mayor

City of Alexandria - Community Development
2018-2019 CDBG and HOME Revenue and Expenditures

2018-2019 Entitlement Summary Estimate		
CDBG 2018 Grant (if level funded like 2017-2018 award)		408,116.00
HOME 2018 Grant (if level funded like 2017-2018 award)		174,516.00
TOTAL		582,632.00
Expenditure of Funds and Program Summary		Assistance for:
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)		
Code Enforcement & Program Delivery	40,000.00	(40-50 structures)
Demolition / Clearance & Program Delivery (30% of CDBG Grant max)	97,947.00	(9-12 structures)
Minor Rehab Repair & Program Delivery	163,546.00	(26-32 houses)
Credit Counseling	25,000.00	(20 individuals)
Administration (20% of CDBG Grant max)	81,623.00	
TOTAL	408,116.00	
HOME Investment Partnership Funds		
Major Rehab for Owner Occupied	130,888.00	(2-3 houses)
CHDO-R (15% of HOME Grant min)	26,177.00	
Administration (10% of HOME Grant max)	17,451.00	
TOTAL	174,516.00	

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2018

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTER FOR FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL COUNSELING, INC., DR. HUGH BRYANT, TO PROVIDE COUNSELING SERVICES TO CRIME VICTIMS TO BE FUNDED BY BOTH FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDS THROUGH THE LOUISIANA COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT 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 enter into a professional service agreement with The Center For Family and Individual Counseling, Inc., Dr. Hugh Bryant, to provide counseling services to crime victims to be funded by both Federal and State funds through the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement.

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 12th day of December, 2017.

NOTICE PUBLISHED on the 15th day of December, 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: Fuller, Green, Larvadain, Fowler, Silver, Johnson, Villard.

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

AND THE ORDINANCE was declared adopted on this the 9th day of January, 2018 and final publication was made in the Alexandria Daily Town Talk on the 12th day of January, 2018.


CITY CLERK

PRESIDENT


MAYOR'S
APPROVAL/~~VETO~~

DELIVERED JAN 10 2018
RECEIVED JAN 12 2018