

Annual Action Plan

2015-2016



Department of Planning
Community Development Program
City of White Plains, New York



AP-15 Expected Resources

Introduction

This section provides an overview of expected resources and funds to be used to support the objectives of the Community Development Program. The chart below details how different public programs (local, state and federal) are funded and how funds are used.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	Public-Federal	Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	\$915,692	\$400,000	0	\$1,315,692	\$4,000,000	
White Plains Housing Authority Public Housing	Public - Federal	Public Housing	\$1,000,000	0	0	\$1,000,000	\$4,000,000	
White Plains Housing Authority Section 8	Public - Federal	Housing Self-Sufficiency	\$4,000,000	0	0	\$4,000,000	\$16,000,000	

Senior Citizens T-III B Nutrition T-III C	Public - Federal	Senior Programs	\$50,000	0	0	\$50,000	\$200,000	
Westchester County Continuum of Care	Public - Federal	Transitional Housing Permanent Supportive Housing Support Services	\$140,000	0	0	\$140,000	\$560,000	
NYS OMRDD	Public - State	Special Needs Recreational programming	\$76,000	0	0	\$76,000	\$304,000	
NYS OCFS	Public - State	Youth Bureau Administration	\$25,000	0	0	\$25,000	\$100,000	
NYSERDA	Public - State	Multi-Modal Transportation Redevelopment Project	\$1,000,000	0	0	\$1,000,000	0	
NYS Homes & Community Renewal and NYS Affordable Housing Corporation	Public - State	Affordable Home Ownership Development Program	\$242,000	0	0	\$242,000	0	
Westchester County Youth Bureau	Public - County	Youth Programs	\$35,000	0	0	\$35,000	\$140,000	

City of White Plains	Public - Local	Admin and Planning Affordable Housing Public Improvements Public Services	\$5,425,000	0	0	\$5,425,000	\$20,000,000	Admin and Planning: \$125,000 Multi-Modal Transportation Redevelopment Project: \$250,00 Housing Code Enforcement: \$750,000 Senior Rental Assistance: \$50,000 Parks: \$250,000 Public Service Programs: \$2,500,000 Infrastructure Improvements: \$1,500,000
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Table 9 - 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

CDBG funding allocated toward Public Services will leverage those additional state, county and local resources, including the youth and senior programs funded through Westchester County and the other city funded public service programs. These programs include:

- Youth programs such as the After School Program, Day Camps, and programs for persons with differing abilities, youth centers and the Youth Employment Program,
- Neighborhood and community centers such as the White Plains Education and Training Center, El Centro Hispano and the Slater Center and
- Senior programs such as transportation, health screening, advocacy and recreational and instructional programs.

Federal funding allocated for Housing Code Enforcement will leverage White Plains allocated funds towards the same project. A new collaboration with WESTCOP extends funding available for low and moderate income residents seeking housing rehabilitation.

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

The City of White Plains is committed to leading the redevelopment of the area in and around the White Plains TransCenter, a major transportation hub for the City, the County, and the Region. The land parcels that will be considered for this project are owned by different public agencies including the City of White Plains, the County of Westchester, and Metro-North of New York State. As part of this effort, the City will engage and work cooperatively with agency partners, including Metro-North Railroad, the County of Westchester and the State of New York, as well as a host of other interested parties to develop a vision for the TransCenter and its environs. The White Plains Multimodal Transportation Center Redevelopment Project will provide an enhanced multi-modal transportation center that serves all modes of travel and maximizes the economic development potential of the area.

The long-term outcomes of the project include increased accessibility for residents, workers and visitors; decreases in fuel consumption and air pollution; health cost savings from exercise; decreases in flood damage costs; increased occupancy rates for commercial businesses that will support additional jobs; and a strengthening of the economies of the City, County, Region and State.

The City's vision for the Project has four major components:

- Improve the quality and variety of public transportation service options for White Plains and the region,
- Create a great new place for the use and enjoyment of residents and visitors alike,
- Realize the economic development potential of the station and its environs and
- Do all of the above in a sustainable manner that protects the environment.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

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Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Housing	2015	2016	Affordable Housing	City of White Plains	Housing	CDBG: \$152,135	Units Rehabilitated: 57
2	Code Enforcement	2015	2016	Affordable Housing	City of White Plains Target Areas	Housing	CDBG: \$159,116	Violations Closed: 500
3	Affordable Housing Development	2015	2016	Affordable Housing	City of White Plains	Housing	Private Developers and City of White Plains	Units Constructed: 100 units
4	Affordable Housing Program	2015	2016	Affordable Housing	City of White Plains	Housing	CDBG: \$28,000 City of White Plains: \$115,000	Persons assisted: 150
5	Public Housing	2015	2016	Public Housing	Public Housing Sites	Housing	CDBG: \$100,000	Units Improved: 20
6	Public Services – Homeless	2015	2016	Homeless	City of White Plains	Public Services – Homeless	CDBG: \$25,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 persons
7	Public Facilities and Improvements	2015	2016	Non-Housing Community Development	City of White Plains	Public Facilities and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$158,038 ³	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 12,000 persons
8	Support Special Needs Populations	2015	2016	Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of White Plains	Public Services – Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$73,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1,100 persons

³ Under the funding contingency plan (page 6) funding for parks infrastructure will be reduced to \$51,158.

9	Public Services – Non-Homeless	2015	2016	Non-Homeless Community Development	City of White Plains	Public Services – Non-Homeless	CDBG: \$114,775	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1,800 persons
10	Business Assistance	2015	2016	Economic Development	City of White Plains Target Areas	Economic Development	CDBG: \$25,000	Economic development activities in target areas: 5 businesses
11	Administration	2015	2016	Administration	City of White Plains	Administration	CDBG: \$176,127	HUD CDBG regulation compliance and high quality CDBG program

Table 10 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

Sort Order	Goal Name	Goal Description
1	Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homeowner occupied housing rehabilitation: 12 units rehabilitated • Multifamily housing rehabilitation including public housing: 20 units rehabilitated • Home Safety Initiative: Smoke/Carbon Monoxide Detector Installation: 25 units
2	Code Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased code compliance in CD Target Areas to improve housing conditions • Night canvassing program to reduce unsafe conditions unseen during other times • Address issues of overcrowding, poor sanitation, vacant and abandoned properties
3	Affordable Housing Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the creation of new rental housing through new development projects subject to City of White Plains Affordable Housing Program (various

		options to comply, mandatory participation)
4	Affordable Housing Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver the affordable rental program including certifying new tenants, annual re-certifications, outreach for vacant units, and managing tenant issues with landlords • Fund housing counseling agencies to provide eviction prevention and housing counseling including first time homebuyers, down payment assistance and general housing counseling
5	Public Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rehabilitation of apartment units • Rehabilitation of common facilities • Redevelopment of Winbrook campus • Increase building security • Improve infrastructure including park facilities, community education facility, etc.
6	Public Services – Homeless	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund outreach and case management programs for the chronically homeless
7	Public Facilities and Improvements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support improvements to the HUD Community Education Facility offering job training • Fund sidewalk improvements and handicapped accessibility improvements • Improve transportation facilities including pedestrian, bike, rail, bus and parking • Historic preservation • Support improvements to municipal parks and recreation in CD target areas • Support the rehabilitation of public community facilities that provide critical services to the low/moderate income population • Support the rehabilitation of public community facilities that provide critical services to the homeless population • Support the rehabilitation of public community facilities that provide critical services for special needs populations • Fund comprehensive building audit and assessment programs
8	Support Special Needs Populations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support programs that provide home delivered meals to the needy, access to

		food, information on accessible housing, and day programming for special needs populations
9	Public Services – Non-Homeless	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support programs that provide community development in target areas, comprehensive community programming in target areas, summer camps, after school programming, and job training and employment skills
10	Business Assistance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support commercial façade and sign improvement matching grant program in CD target areas
12	Administration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding to support quality CDBG operations and administration

Projects

AP-35 Projects

Introduction

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Administration and Planning
2	Rehabilitation Program
3	Code Enforcement
4	Public Facilities and Improvements
5	Public Services

Table 11 - Project Information

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

These five projects have been selected as allocation priorities because they address the needs and goals as identified in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The only foreseen obstacle in addressing underserved needs is limited funding. Given the extensive needs that exist, funding limitations only permit so many activities. Efforts will be made to seek supplemental and complementary funding, such as the New York State Home Improvement Program; however, government resources at every level are greatly restricted.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

#	Project Name	Project Summary Information
1	Administration and Planning	Activities include ongoing needs assessment, coordination and implementation of all activities, notices, citizens advisory committee process, acquiring needed materials, allocation execution and follow up, support redevelopment of housing units of the White Plains Housing Authority, support successful implementation of City capital improvement projects and City services, respond to the needs of the CDBG target community, effectively administer the CDBG program, comply with all HUD program and reporting requirements
2	Rehabilitation Program	Oversight of rehabilitation projects, preparation of all specifications, bidding of work, regular monitoring visits to work sites, preparation of filing of all mortgages and deferred liens, acquiring needed materials
3	Code Enforcement	Housing Code Enforcement to ensure safe, clean and attractive residential and business areas.
4	Public Facilities and Improvements	Community Education Facility, facilities that provide services to the low- and moderate-income residents, the homeless and/or special needs populations of White Plains, sidewalk and accessibility improvements, transportation facilities, historic preservation, parks, comprehensive building audit and assessment programs
5	Public Services	Public Service programs that are responsive to the low- and moderate-income residents, the homeless and/or special needs populations of White Plains providing services such as: job training, emergency food pantries, youth programming, housing counseling and advocacy, and homeless outreach and case management, community centers programming, and more.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Barker	*
Battle Hill	*
Carhart	*
Downtown South	*
Ferris-Church	*
Fisher Hill	* + 10%**
Highlands	*
Kensico-Lake	*
North White Plains	*
All CD Target Areas	49%
Public Housing	8%
City-wide, low/mod	7%
City-wide, special needs	7%
Thomas H. Slater Community Center	2%
El Centro Hispano Community Center	2%

Table 12 - Geographic Distribution

* - represented in 49 percent allocation for all CD target areas

** - an additional 10 percent of funds has been allocated for park improvements

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Investments are made in census-defined low- and moderate-income areas or are the type of projects which are a presumed benefit for low-income populations (e.g. Homeless, handicapped). Priorities for allocating investments are a result of the needs assessment and analysis of this Consolidated Plan as well as efforts to distribute funds throughout all target areas. Past performance is also a funding consideration.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing

Introduction

The following tables show the one year goals for the number of housing units to be supported through local, state and federal programs that are affordable for low- and moderate-income residents. Data in this section is supported by housing units currently receiving rental assistance and expected rehabilitation of existing housing units.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	379
Non-Homeless	289
Special-Needs	209
Total	877

Table 13 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	678
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	199
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	877

Table 14 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

AP-60 Public Housing

Introduction

Currently, the White Plains Housing Authority has begun the first phase of a neighborhood revitalization project of the Brookfield Commons campus with the development of the first building, a mixed-use affordable housing community called The Prelude. The Prelude, rising on the corner of South Lexington Ave. and Quarropas Street, includes 104 new affordable housing apartments, and a 13,500 square foot community education and training center. It is the first phase in the redevelopment of Brookfield Commons (previously named Winbrook Campus), 450 public housing units built in 1949. The cost for this first phase will be \$42.18 million. The future phases will replace all of the older, out of date towers with new, green mixed income buildings, planned so that the current residents will never have to move off site.

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

As a result of continued budget reductions and HUD's approach to transition housing authorities from Public Housing to RAD, the WPHA will be seeking to convert its portfolio to either the RAD program, or in the case of Winbrook, remove the property from the HUD public housing inventory and redevelop the property as a mixed income property.

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

The WPHA encourages residents to engage and support the management of the properties. Residents are not trained in the management of large housing developments and cannot independently manage properties but can collaborate in maintenance of their units.

Due to continued budget reductions and funding cuts from HUD, the WPHA lacks the funding and resources for a meaningful resident based homeownership effort program but makes referrals to partner agencies to assist those interested in homeownership.

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

The WPHA is not designated as troubled.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities

Introduction

In 2014, White Plains had a total of 373 homeless persons provided with emergency shelter beds and five homeless persons provided with transitional housing. Due to Westchester County's extensive shelter system funded by Westchester County DSS the nature and extent of homelessness is much different than in other nearby locals, including New York City. The City was fortunate to only have one homeless person who remained unsheltered and was classified as chronically homeless. It is not immediately clear why that particular individual was not sheltered but it is plausible that the individual chose not to enter the shelter system at their own will.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

White Plains will continue to be an active participant in the Westchester County Continuum of Care, its sub-committees and special projects. White Plains is regularly represented by the Grace Church Community Center, who formally represents the City of White Plains as a voting member of the CoC. Grace Church Community Center is the major provider of services to the homeless in the City of White Plains, and thereby more deeply involved and knowledgeable about the day-to-day needs and services for the homeless population. While Grace Church Community Center represents White Plains, since this is such a priority for White Plains, a Community Development staff member also regularly participates in the CoC.

Additionally, the White Plains Department of Public Safety works diligently to assist the homeless with connecting with the many services of Grace Church Community Center. This is a highly effective and collaborative partnership that produces better outcomes for the homeless. In the next year, this vital work will continue with the support of CD funds for Grace Church Community Center.

Lastly, facility rehabilitation funding will be made available to any of the providers of services to the homeless, as funding is available.

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

Grace Church Community Center

The key to reaching individuals that are outside of the traditional homeless service and shelter system is through programs such as the Open Arms Homeless Outreach Services Team. Based out of the Open Arms Men's Drop in Shelter, this group of case managers works closely with the White Plains Police to identify and reach out to individuals who are living on the streets, or who show up on the streets of White Plains.

Primarily this case management team reaches out to the men and women who use the Open Arms and Samaritan Housing drop in shelters on a night by night basis. This team also works closely with Grace Church Community Center's soup kitchen to do outreach.

The Children's Village Street Outreach

The Street Outreach Program is centrally headquartered in Valhalla, NY, operating out of the Sanctuary teen runaway shelter. Street outreach efforts are concentrated in troubled urban areas of Westchester including White Plains. The team encounters teens, including runaway and homeless teens, who are exposed to violence, drug abuse, sexual abuse, sexually transmitted diseases, and hunger.

Westchester County Continuum of Care Patriot Housing Initiative

Spearheaded in 2014 in partnership with the Westchester County Continuum of Care Partnership for the Homeless, the Patriot Housing Initiative has brought together a coalition of community partners throughout Westchester. In all, nearly 60 people representing various organizations have teamed up with the county departments of Social Services, Community Mental Health and Veterans Services to tackle the issue of veteran homelessness in a comprehensive and systematic way. During the first 100 Day Challenge, White Plains played an important role along with other communities in Westchester. Housing our veterans continues to be a priority outreach initiative in White Plains and Westchester County.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons are met through a number of strategies and providers as described in MA-30.

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 Westchester County Office of Temporary Housing Assistance (OTHA) of the Department of Social Services provide temporary shelter to homeless families, singles and childless couples. The office partners with not-for-profit agencies that provide case management services in shelter facilities, transitional residences and emergency apartments. Homeless programs are designed to lead the homeless population toward permanent housing and independence.

The WCDSS Office of Temporary Housing Assistance provides the following services:

- Placement and Payment - The office handles the placement of homeless in Westchester County and payment to agencies who provide services,
- Housing Resources Development - The office has oversight of homeless units and facilities as well as construction and renovation projects and other building-related issues of homeless facilities and
- Case Management Services - The office oversees casework services to the homeless provided by the not-for-profit agencies and provides direct casework services to the hard to serve population.

SHORE (Sheltering the Homeless Is Our Responsibility, Inc.) an all-volunteer, interfaith, not-for-profit housing organization in central Westchester County, NY, seeks to eliminate the causes of homelessness by advocating with government and other organizations to create affordable housing, documenting and reporting problems of homelessness, and supporting other programs that help people with housing needs. SHORE also provides permanent, affordable rental homes for homeless families. SHORE constructed 14 new affordable units in White Plains for seven first-time homeowners and seven formerly homeless families. SHORE continues to be an important provider working effortlessly to provide access to affordable housing units for homeless individuals and families as well as preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again.

Similarly, Habitat for Humanity, Westchester, provides safe, quality affordable housing that offers access to housing units for homeless individuals and families and helps prevent individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again. To date, eight houses in White Plains have been rehabilitated and made available to low income families, some of whom were previously homeless.

The White Plains Community Development program strongly supports these efforts and will make funding available to assist as a core strategy of this Consolidated Plan.

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.

Westchester County provides eviction prevention funding for county housing providers, including White Plains, to assist low-income individuals and families from becoming homeless. In addition, the White Plains Community Development program sees this as a high priority and annually allocates funding for this strategy and activity. In 2015-2016, the Community Development program is proposing funding for housing counseling and eviction prevention as part of its public service provision.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing

Introduction:

As discussed in Section MA-40 of the Consolidated Plan and Section SP-55 of the Strategic Plan, the Department of Planning will be undertaking a comprehensive analysis and report on barrier to affordable housing and fair housing choice in 2015. Please see below for more information.

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

Through the data provided in the Housing Needs Assessment and Housing Market Analysis, the Department of Planning has determined that the two largest housing issues and barriers to affordable housing are cost and overcrowding. This finding is further substantiated through comprehensive community consultation, where the Department heard at every engagement meeting the pressing need to increase the supply of affordable housing and alleviate overcrowded housing conditions.

The Community Development Program has updated the 2010-2014 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice to reflect current housing conditions in White Plains in 2015. The Community Development Program considers the existing format of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) to be limited in assessing impediments to fair and affordable housing. The Community Development program is highly committed to comprehensively evaluating all of the negative effects of public policies, land use patterns, transportation routes and housing discrimination that work together to create substantial barriers to fair and affordable housing. Data collection and analysis has already commenced for evaluating what the City of White Plains can do on a local level to increase both the supply of affordable housing and access to fair housing.

The 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan has laid the groundwork and direction for determining some of the current barriers that exist for affordable housing and how such barriers can be eradicated. The updated 2015 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice identifies current impediments to fair housing and lays the groundwork to correct such impediments.

Through the development of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, the Community Development Program has preliminarily learned what type of affordable housing needs to be increased:

- Residents earning 0 to 30 percent and 31 to 59 percent of the AMI
- White Plains workforce earning less than 30 percent and 31 to 59 percent of the AMI
- Seniors and persons who are disabled earning 0 to 30 percent and 31 to 59 percent of the AMI
- Individuals, small families and young adults – earning 30-59 AMI
- SRO units for special needs and homeless individuals earning 0-30 of the AMI

And reduce barriers for:

- Small housing unit (studios and one bedrooms) production
- Larger sized family housing unit production
- Single headed households with children discrimination
- Senior citizen discrimination
- Special needs discrimination including: homelessness, substance abuse and mental and physical disabilities

The following policies and practices need to be evaluated for increasing affordable housing and reducing barriers to affordable housing:

- White Plains Affordable Home Ownership Program (AHOP)
- White Plains Affordable Rental Housing Program (AHRP)
- White Plains Tax Exemption Program for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities
- The Senior Citizen Rent Increase Exemption (SCRIE) Program
- Current zoning and possible rezoning opportunities
- Incentives for developers to produce affordable housing for very low- and low-income residents

The above lists are only preliminary and extensive research and further data analysis will be conducted for the AI. The AI will examine how current municipal programs are functioning and if they are producing intended outcomes.

AP-85 Other Actions

Introduction:

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Despite the best efforts to fill the gaps and provide a wide range of programs to address community needs, there continues to be underserved needs and real obstacles exist to meet those needs. Through the intensive public engagement process for the development of the 2015-19 Consolidated Plan, many needs were identified, some applicable to the goals of Community Development and many outside the purview of Community Development. The most recurrent themes that were supported from the data analysis are housing, supportive services, and community development. All expressed needs were documented and were addressed through the Consolidated and Annual Action Plan when appropriate and feasible, or referred to other city departments, levels of government, and/or public service agencies for their information and strategic planning.

The greatest obstacle to meeting underserved needs is limited funding. Actions planned include fostering even more collaboration among providers to create greater opportunities to maximize available resources and also to increase the amount of grant funding for services to the community.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City will continue its commitment to and requirement of the development of affordable housing units in all applicable new multifamily housing projects. As discussed in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, a significant amount of new development is slated for the next five years which will create new affordable rental units. Additionally, the City's Affordable Home Ownership Program Rules and Procedures and the City's Affordable Rental Housing Program Rules and Procedures will be reviewed and updated in 2015-2016.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

A New York State law enacted on April 6, 1993 requires that all children from six months to six years be tested for lead based paint poisoning as part of their physical examinations. The Westchester County Department of Health and the White Plains Community Development Program established a cooperative program in 1993. The City will continue to work in close collaboration with the Westchester County Community Health Services and the Department of Health, Planning and Evaluation, which is responsible for the testing of children within the County (White Plains included) for lead based paint poisoning, and for the inspection of the dwelling units of any reported cases.

The White Plains Community Development Office is notified by the County if any owner or renter whose child tested positive has a dwelling unit containing lead based paint. The Community Development Program advises the property owner of lead based paint hazards and provides low interest loans and technical assistance to eligible owners for its removal, in compliance with all HUD CDBG lead requirements.

The Community Development Office supplies all applicants for housing rehabilitation assistance with complete information regarding lead-based paint hazards. Eligible work to remove hazards includes replacement windows, aluminum capping of all trim, interior sheet-rocking of walls, encapsulation and replacement of cabinets, and related moldings and trim. Technical assistance is provided by the Community Development staff. Information on proper methods of removal is provided to contractors.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

According to the 2009-2013 American Community Survey (ACS) estimates, 6.8 percent of families and 9.1 percent of individuals in White Plains had incomes that put them below the national poverty level. For families in poverty, 21.3 percent were single female-headed households. Of those households, 33 percent had children living under 5 years of age and 30 percent had children living under the age of 18 years. The majority of the families are on public assistance. The balance is primarily single person households, including the elderly on Social Security, and individuals on SSI, SSD, with periodic employment, or with no visible means of support.

The Anti-poverty Strategy of the City of White Plains is to continue to provide services targeted to extremely low income elderly, youth and families as described in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The 2015-16 Annual Action funds programs that address the needs identified in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, with the City relying more heavily on local funds to replace major funding decreases from Federal and NY State sources.

A key strategy that will be implemented in 2015-2016 is the availability of job training through the White Plains Education and Training Facility. As discussed in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, this new facility has been built by the White Plains Housing Authority with the strong support of HUD, New York State, the City of White Plains, and private funding. The job training programming will provide centralized training for underserved, low-income individuals who lack work skills and/or employment prospects. The goal is to provide unemployed or under-employed individuals with the type of training that can result in immediate job opportunities thus helping them to achieve greater self-sufficiency.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Coordination of services and coordination among service providers is very strong in White Plains. Although White Plains is a regional business center during the day with a downtown population of over 200,000, it is still a relatively small City with a resident population of approximately 57,000. Because it is a regional center and the county seat, it is the home of many social, medical and public service agencies and organizations, including many County government offices. As a small city, there is a great deal of interaction between the various supportive service and housing agencies. As a result of the success of focus group discussions that were an important component of the development of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, Community Development staff will regularly host roundtable conversations among agencies

serving similar populations in an effort to encourage even greater collaborative services and, thereby, improved outcomes for the people we serve.

The City's Planning and Community Development Department works closely with all levels of government, developers and businesses, and public service agencies. This creates a natural role for the department to be a key facilitator of planning and strategic initiatives with the ability to bring the right people to the table due to pre-existing relationships.

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

Community Development program staff regularly participate in the CoC, both at the board level and committee level. The CoC has an active and robust participation from public and private housing agencies and social service agencies.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements

Introduction:

**Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
Reference 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.

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	\$300,000
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	

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
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