



City of Gary
Department of Community Development



2022 Annual Action Plan

City of Gary

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The 2022 Action Plan describes activities which will be undertaken by the City of Gary for the program year beginning January 1, 2022. The City will use funds granted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs.

The City of Gary began preparing its five-year Consolidated Plan in 2020. This plan was submitted to HUD and approved in 2021. The 2022 Action Plan is the second-year implementation of this five-year plan. The 2022 Action Plan details the activities the City of Gary will undertake to address housing, homeless and community development needs and local objectives using CDBG, HOME and ESG funds. Programs and activities funded in the Plan intend to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income residents of the City of Gary. The activities that are funded meet the objectives established by the Consolidated Plan and support its priorities. The City's Department of Community Development is the lead agency in implementing the 2022 Action Plan.



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SUBJECT: 2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Dear Ms. Williams:

I am pleased to submit our 2022 Annual Action Plan for your review and approval. This document represents the second year of our 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan. The Plan was developed following the requirements of 24 CFR 91.220 and guidelines set forth by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Plan contains proposed activities, goals, and expected accomplishments for our three (3) grant programs funded under CDBG. HOME and ESG. These funds will be used in the 2022 program year to address many issues in the City of Gary and deliver much needed services to our residents, particularly those of low to moderate income.

We look forward to working with you and Ms. Kincaid in the implementation of our 2022 Plan. Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 219-881-5075.

Sincerely,

Arlene Colvin, Esq.
Director

c: Michelle Kincaid, Program Manager
File

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2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

Recognizing the national objectives of the CDBG and specific program regulations, the City intends to use CDBG, HOME and ESG funds to coordinate programs, services, and projects to create a decent and suitable living environment to benefit low- and moderate-income households and those with special needs. Use of these funds will focus on some of the most critical needs in Gary, based on the following goals and priority needs identified in the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan:

Priority Goal Areas

The City has established priority areas within each goal. The priority areas that the City will pursue for the next five years with associated strategies are outlined as follows:

Goal 1: Housing

- Provide direct and indirect assistance to expand homeownership
- Support homeownership opportunities, education and financial literacy
- Promote diversity of housing stock through new construction for homeowners and renters, including for those with special needs.

Goal 2: Affordable Housing

- Support development and rehabilitation of owner and renter-occupied housing units
- Support development and rehabilitation of mixed income affordable housing in strategic areas in the City.

Goal 3: Community Development

- -Foster neighborhood stability and enrichment by supporting code enforcement and removal of substandard structures.
- Invest in infrastructure and public facility improvements to maintain neighborhoods quality of life.
- Promote revitalization in strategic areas by supporting housing development, infrastructure improvements, spot demolition, code enforcement and other targeted actions.
- Employ green and sustainable practices in all aspects of community improvement and revitalization.

Goal 4: Economic Development

- -Support business development and expansion, particularly in those area that such investment will help increase availability of jobs within the City.
- Promote revitalization by supporting re-use of vacant land and infill development.
- Support activities which enhance employment opportunities and skill development

Goal 5: Public Services

- Support programs and services which ensure availability of a safety net for the underserved particularly for the, youths, elderly and those with special needs.
- Increase local capacity to promote fair housing, outreach and education
- Expand availability of home improvement loans and mortgages in partnership with financial institutions.
- Support programs which assist needy families to become self-sufficient, such as education, after school program or daycare.

Goal 6: Homeless

- -Assist local organizations to provide services and supportive housing to the homeless, particularly victims of family violence.
- Support Continuum of Care Network to maintain coordination and adequate safety net for the homeless families and individuals in the City.
- Support services which ensure outreach, reduce risk of homelessness and support rapid rehousing.

Goal 7: Planning and Administration

- Ensure efficient and coordinated implementation of the Plan

In 2022 the City will fund a variety of housing and community development activities aimed at expanding availability, maintaining affordability, improving quality of housing, and stabilize neighborhoods. These activities will include:

- Existing homeowners to receive assistance (23).
- Affordable housing support (5).
- Public Services assistance (2,205).
- Homeless assistance (536).
- Total number of beneficiaries (5,940).

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

In 2021, the City received the release of its funds in the fourth quarter of its fiscal year. Due to this fact, the allocated funds were not available to the City for the majority of the fiscal year. The City however relied on other funds to implement several programs. The accomplishments for different programs are outlined in the following table.

Collectively these funds have benefited about 3,778 individuals or households. Specific accomplishments for 2021 program year included:

Clearance

- The City demolished and/or cleared 73 structures.

Housing

- With CDBG grant funds, 15 extremely low-income households received rehab utilizing funds from the Housing Repair Program (3) and the Senior Rehab Program (12).
- With CDBG grant funds, 7 extremely low households received rehab utilizing funds from the Emergency Repair Program.
- -With CDBG grant funds, 370 properties received code citations.
- With HOME grant funds, NWI Habitat for Humanity completed the new construction of one (1) single family homes. Two (2) additional properties at 1700 and 1744 Washington St. received permits and were staked.
- -HOME funds were also used to assist 1 income eligible homeowner with down payment assistance through the first-time homebuyer's program.
- -Home funds assisted 16 very low-income families with rent or security deposit assistance through the Rental Assistance Program (TBRA).
- With Hardest Hit Funds and Indiana Foreclosure Prevention Network funds for foreclosure assistance and through the assistance of 2 Counselors, 232 referrals were received. Out of those 232, 79 homeowners received Hardest Hit Funds assistance; 12 received trial/permanent loan modification assistance; 32 files were placed ON HOLD, 5 files were declined, 24 files in process or under review, 30 borrowers sending their documents, 50 files were closed for non-response or other reasons.

Housing Counseling

- -With CDBG funds, the City assisted 3 households with pre- and/or post- purchase homeownership counseling.
- 77 persons were assisted with fair housing and employment rights counseling services

Homeless

- Rapid Re-Housing assisted 12 persons in the form of financial assistance and housing relocation and stabilization services. Homeless Prevention assistance services were provided to 21 persons in the form of rental assistance. Emergency shelter services were provided to 137 homeless/runaway youth and 19 homeless women with no children.
- With ESG-CV CARES Act funding, rapid re-housing services were provided to 24 households or 89 persons; homelessness prevention services were provided to 30 households or 85 persons.

Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements

- -With CDBG funds, improvements commenced at 2 community centers, Glen Ryan and Roosevelt. Tolleston will begin in approximately April, 2022.
- With CDBG and ESG funds, rehabilitation of the Gary Commission for Women's public facility continued.

Public Services

- With CDBG funds, the City continued to provide funding assistance to local agencies that provided a variety of services to 2,778 low- to moderate-income persons including youth services, health services, emergency shelter services to homeless and/or victims of domestic violence, housing counseling services, and fair housing services.
- With CDBG-CV CARES Act funding, a total of 75,486 persons were assisted with public services responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

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- **Announcement of Availability of Funds;** where the City informed previous subrecipients and potential interested agencies to apply for funds. About 14 organizations requested applications after this announcement. The City further made Application for Funding available to interested citizens, local and regional institutions, the Continuum of Care, other organizations (including nonprofit, philanthropic and faith-based); interested agencies, and groups.
- **Availability of Funds;** The City announced availability of funds by advertising on October 4, 2021. The advertisement was posted on the City's web site as well as advertising in one local newspaper, The Times. During this solicitation process, the City provided assistance to those groups in need of assistance. These groups included low-income residents, minorities and non-English speaking groups. Applications were accepted by the City from October 15, 2021 to November 16, 2021. A total of 14 applications were received.

- **Consultation with Continuum of Care and shelter providers;** in which the City discussed funding needs and priorities. This meeting was held on April 20, 2022, 10:00 a.m. at City Hall.
- **Public Review of Draft Documents:** A summary of the draft Action Plan and a full listing of the activities proposed for 2022 were made available at the public meeting. A digital version of the Summary was also posted on line on the City's web site. Copies of the draft Action Plan were also made available for the public review at the following locations:

City of Gary Community Development Department, 401 Broadway Suite 300, Gary, IN 46402

City of Gary Public Library, Main Branch, 220 West 5th Avenue, Gary, Indiana 46402

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

The City did not receive any written comments during the comment period that would require formal response from the City. During the public meeting, the City received one question about eligibility of homeless individuals for supportive services. The City described the resources available in response to this question. The City also received a question related to distribution of funds among different entities. A response was provided for this question, explaining which activities are carried out by the Department and which ones are carried out by other agencies. For details of the meeting, please refer to the "Minutes of Meetings" in Appendix to this document.

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

All comments and suggestions that were received during the public meeting or written comments received have been accepted and incorporated into the Action Plan document.

7. Summary

The 2022 Action Plan represents the second-year progress of a five-year plan adopted by the City and approved by HUD in 2021. In 2022, the City will continue its priorities and will aim to further its goals by proposing 25 different activities. In development of the second-year plan, the City has consulted stakeholders, community groups and citizens. The second-year activities aim to benefit low- and moderate-income individuals and families and expand opportunities for a wide range of residents consisting of the youth to the elderly. As a whole, the plan is expected to benefit about 5,970 individuals and households in the City, 91% of which are low- and moderate-income individuals and families.

The plan was made available for 30 days for public comment beginning July 11, 2022 until August 12, 2022. Draft copies of the document were available in the Department of Community Development

offices, in the Library and online for review. No public comments were received during public review period.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	GARY	
CDBG Administrator	GARY	Department of Community Development
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator	GARY	Department of Community Development
ESG Administrator	GARY	Department of Community Development
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Gary’s Department of Community Development is the responsible agency within the City for the overall administration of the CDBG, HOME and ESG programs and for preparation of this Annual Action Plan. The three programs, are administered by the Department of Community Development. The Department Director handles housing, community development and community facilities related activities and reporting requirements, while most public services, homeless and redevelopment activities are implemented by the subrecipient agencies.

Projects are evaluated by the Department of Community Development Staff and other community stakeholders to ensure eligibility and compliance with the Consolidated Plan objectives and priorities and City’s overall revitalization strategies.

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

1. Introduction

In preparation of the 2022 Annual Plan, the City engaged in a variety of consultation activities with residents, social service agencies, neighborhood groups and housing provider organizations. The City of Gary also continued its efforts through the Continuum of Care Network to ensure coordination with different service providers and agencies involved in housing, homeless and public health related activities. Through an online questionnaire, the City continued to receive input from the stakeholders and residents to identify needs and gaps for program delivery. The input the City received through these efforts have all influenced funding decisions for the proposed 2022 activities.

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

The City of Gary consulted with public housing, governmental health, mental health, private non-profits, and other community stakeholders throughout 2021 on issues related to housing, homeless and general community development. These consultations comprised of one-on-one conversations, group discussions or community gatherings for project development and implementation. Specifically, the City engaged in the following activities to enhance coordination between the City and assisted housing, health services providers, and mental health agencies.

- Coordination with the assisted housing providers in the City is an ongoing process that the City is regularly engaged in. A good example is the City is in continued communications through its rapid rehousing program and TBRA programs with housing providers to ensure available suitable housing for different individuals and families.
- The City regularly meets with assisted housing providers, CHDO’s and developers to encourage development of affordable housing. In 2021 several of such meetings took place by different departments including Community Development Department.
- The City held several meetings with different organizations providing a variety of services and programs. These meetings occurred in 2021 and 2022.
- To ensure coordination with the public and assisted housing providers, the City has engaged with the Gary Housing Authority (GHA) in several housing revitalization projects that GHA is contemplating as a part of its transformation process. Other collaborations with GHA may be pursued once other projects come on board with GHA.
- The City will assist Continuum of Care of NWI, Inc. in 2022 with \$40,000 in funding. Through the efforts of this agency, the City ensures coordination among different service providers including those providing assistance to the homeless, elderly, health agencies, foster care, mental health and discharged persons.

- The City continues to fund or be a resource for several public and health services agencies to create a minimum level of social safety net in the City. In 2022, the City will fund three agencies which provide social, education and health services to children and the youth. These agencies are: 1) Gary Health Department, 2) Gary Literacy Coalition, and 3) Gary Youth Services Bureau.
- The City will continue to work with local health agencies to ensure continued services for lead hazard protection and screening. The City will fund the Gary Health Department in 2022 for lead poisoning screening and promotion of healthy living for those with sexually transmitted diseases.

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 will continue to fund the Continuum of Care Network of NWI to coordinate homeless related activities which includes Homeless Prevention, Rapid Rehousing and HMIS reporting. The Continuum of Care Network of NWI is the local agency for development, planning, and coordinating the homeless needs, including those with chronic homelessness.

The Continuum of Care Network further serves as the local coordinating body for the annual Homeless Point-in-Time Count for Sheltered and Unsheltered residents. The “Network” includes emergency shelter providers, transitional housing and supportive service providers, as well as a host of temporary and permanent housing providers. The local providers and support agencies provide a variety of services and programs. They include agencies such as medical and hospital, law enforcement, foster care agencies, legal advisors, Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO's), Indiana University, Lake County Recorder's Office and the Gary Human Relations Commission Agency. Through funding of the Continuum of Care Network, the City ensures coordination among these agencies, consisting of more than 60 different services providers including those for families, veterans and unaccompanied youth. The Coordinated entry process was instituted to help our community prioritize assistance for the homeless based on vulnerability and severity of service needs.

The Continuum of Care Network’s coordination activities in 2022 is expected to include:

- Regular meetings with the members to exchange information.
- Technical support and assistance to the membership, including (a) HMIS support training through the Statewide Balance of State (Continuum of Care), and (b) Super NOFA technical project support and workshops
- Point-In-Time Count in January 27, 2022
- Coordination of funding requests for member agencies
- Engage Continuum of Care Network to participate and provide input in the decisions for allocating funds for homeless service providers

- The Continuum of Care Network continually updates its assessment plan. This plan aims to provide a coordinated process for housing the homeless including establishing a priority vulnerability list, that identifies chronically homeless and those families and/or individuals who have episodic homelessness. In development of this plan, the Gary's need is fully considered.
- The Continuum of Care Network participates in several Statewide Committees (i.e., McKinney Vento Housing Committee, Inter-Agency Council, and HMIS-Advisory).

The City also regularly participates in meetings, committees and work groups of the Continuum of Care Network. These activities expand opportunities to better coordinate housing and support services needs of the Gary's most vulnerable populations such as chronically homeless individuals and families, homeless families with children and veterans. The City further provides technical assistance to different agencies to apply for funding from agencies outside the City to expand availability of resources. Lastly, the City makes efforts to align its annual objectives with the goals of the Continuum of Care Network to address the needs in a most effective manner.

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

Annually, the City of Gary issues a Request for Applications (RFA) for funding to inform agencies of availability of funding. As a part of this process, the City holds meetings with service providers to get input for allocation of available funds. The City also provides technical support to potential applicants to broaden opportunities for funding of new applications. Any agency that is eligible may submit an application without regard to community or faith-based status so long as they comply with HUD eligibility requirements. The City also meets with previously funded agencies to answer questions and inform them of availability of funding. The Continuum of Care regularly participates in these meetings.

For ESG funded projects, the City's project review committee schedules one or two review meetings with the Continuum of Care Network to review all requests for funding. Continuum of Care Network representatives typically consist of the Executive Director and a homeless or formerly homeless person and are requested to participate in review of all applications for funding. This meeting occurred on April 20, 2022. The joint committee reviews all applications for eligibility and other program requirements. Eligible applicants are then selected and further reviewed for their level of needs and impact. The committee selects a list of potential agencies for funding and makes recommendation to the Department Director for final approval. In 2022, the City elected to assign about 50% of its ESG funds to shelter operations and the remaining for homeless prevention and rapid rehousing.

Performance standards and outcomes for the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) were established by the City through a collaborative process at the beginning of ESG program. This process included consultation with the Continuum of Care Network. The standards are annually reviewed and minor modifications

have been made to better align the Continuum of Care goals with the regulatory requirements of the ESG program.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Gary Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Redevelopment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Review of the Housing Authority's five-year plan. Review of strategic plan and progress on its transformation plan and needs. Assistance in demolition of public housing units. Collaboration for development of Broadway Lofts, a mixed-use housing community.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	CONTINUUM OF CARE OF NWI
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The Continuum of Care of NWI was consulted to address the housing and social and health services needs of the homeless, those in need of health and mental health services, and discharged persons from institutional or foster care programs in the City of Gary. The consultation aims to coordinate regional homeless prevention efforts and provisions of services.</p>
3	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Indiana</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing Services - Housing</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Affordable Housing</p>
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Habitat for Humanity of Northwest Indiana was consulted to address affordable housing needs. Outcome: 1-2 affordable housing units.</p>

4	Agency/Group/Organization	Gary Commission for Women/Ark Shelter
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Gary Commission for Women was consulted to address the homeless needs particularly those that are victims of family violence. Outcome: Protection of 200 homeless families and children
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Gary Health Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Lead-based Paint Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Gary Health Department was consulted to address social and health needs of families and children for health and lead based paint related issues. Outcome: Protection 1500 of individuals.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Gary Youth Services Bureau
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Youth Services Bureau was consulted to address recreational needs of the youths in the City of Gary. Outcome: Education and mentoring of 200 youths.

7	Agency/Group/Organization	CR WORKS, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	CR Works was consulted related to housing needs and affordable housing.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	CRISIS CENTER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Crisis Center was consulted to address homeless needs of the runaways and unaccompanied children. Outcome: Prevention of homelessness, 300 youths.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Rebuilding the Breach Ministries (Lydia House)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Transitional Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Rebuilding the Breach Ministries was consulted to address women homeless needs and provide services. Outcome: Transitional Housing and support for up to 24 people.

10	Agency/Group/Organization	Gary Literacy Coalition, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Services - Children Education
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Gary Literacy Coalition was consulted to ensure access to early education and mentoring for the low and moderate income households. Outcome: 175 children will receive early childhood education.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	BROADWAY AREA CDC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Community Development Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Affordable Housing

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Broadway CDC was consulted about the Washington Manor development and to address affordable housing and housing construction.
1	Agency/Group/Organization	Gary Human Relations Commission
2	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Fair Housing
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	GHRC was consulted to affirmatively furthering fair housing and to remove discrimination in areas of housing, employment, education, and public accommodation. Outcome: Up to 110 people will be provided with counseling and fair housing education.

1 3	Agency/Group/Organization	AT&T
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Broadband
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Gary has established a Smart Cities Consortium for the purpose of addressing broadband issues in the city. The members include the following at present, all of which have been involved in ongoing discussions around broadband: IUN, GCSC, Stanford University (student intern), Cisco, IVY Tech, T-Mobile, AT&T, Verizon, Comcast, and an Advisor from the Mayors Office. A Request for Proposals has been issued to obtain a vendor that will assist the City in developing a plan to assess the needs in the city, determine action steps that must be taken to extend coverage, including determining the need for broadband wiring and connectivity to underserved households, and identifying funding for these efforts.
1 4	Agency/Group/Organization	Verizon
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Broadband

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Gary has established a Smart Cities Consortium for the purpose of addressing broadband issues in the city. The members include the following at present, all of which have been involved in ongoing discussions around broadband: IUN, GCSC, Stanford University (student intern), Cisco, IVY Tech, T-Mobile, AT&T, Verizon, Comcast, and an Advisor from the Mayors Office. A Request for Proposals has been issued to obtain a vendor that will assist the City in developing a plan to assess the needs in the city, determine action steps that must be taken to extend coverage, including determining the need for broadband wiring and connectivity to underserved households, and identifying funding for these efforts.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	T-Mobile
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Broadband
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Gary has established a Smart Cities Consortium for the purpose of addressing broadband issues in the city. The members include the following at present, all of which have been involved in ongoing discussions around broadband: IUN, GCSC, Stanford University (student intern), Cisco, IVY Tech, T-Mobile, AT&T, Verizon, Comcast, and an Advisor from the Mayors Office. A Request for Proposals has been issued to obtain a vendor that will assist the City in developing a plan to assess the needs in the city, determine action steps that must be taken to extend coverage, including determining the need for broadband wiring and connectivity to underserved households, and identifying funding for these efforts.

1 6	Agency/Group/Organization	CISCO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Broadband
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Gary has established a Smart Cities Consortium for the purpose of addressing broadband issues in the city. The members include the following at present, all of which have been involved in ongoing discussions around broadband: IUN, GCSC, Stanford University (student intern), Cisco, IVY Tech, T-Mobile, AT&T, Verizon, Comcast, and an Advisor from the Mayors Office. A Request for Proposals has been issued to obtain a vendor that will assist the City in developing a plan to assess the needs in the city, determine action steps that must be taken to extend coverage, including determining the need for broadband wiring and connectivity to underserved households, and identifying funding for these efforts.
1 7	Agency/Group/Organization	COMCAST
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Broadband

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18	Agency/Group/Organization	Indiana University Northwest
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Broadband
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Gary has established a Smart Cities Consortium for the purpose of addressing broadband issues in the city. The members include the following at present, all of which have been involved in ongoing discussions around broadband: IUN, GCSC, Stanford University (student intern), Cisco, IVY Tech, T-Mobile, AT&T, Verizon, Comcast, and an Advisor from the Mayors Office. A Request for Proposals has been issued to obtain a vendor that will assist the City in developing a plan to assess the needs in the city, determine action steps that must be taken to extend coverage, including determining the need for broadband wiring and connectivity to underserved households, and identifying funding for these efforts.

19	Agency/Group/Organization	IVY TECH
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Broadband
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Gary has established a Smart Cities Consortium for the purpose of addressing broadband issues in the city. The members include the following at present, all of which have been involved in ongoing discussions around broadband: IUN, GCSC, Stanford University (student intern), Cisco, IVY Tech, T-Mobile, AT&T, Verizon, Comcast, and an Advisor from the Mayors Office. A Request for Proposals has been issued to obtain a vendor that will assist the City in developing a plan to assess the needs in the city, determine action steps that must be taken to extend coverage, including determining the need for broadband wiring and connectivity to underserved households, and identifying funding for these efforts.
20	Agency/Group/Organization	Gary Community School Corp.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Broadband

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Gary has established a Smart Cities Consortium for the purpose of addressing broadband issues in the city. The members include the following at present, all of which have been involved in ongoing discussions around broadband: IUN, GCSC, Stanford University (student intern), Cisco, IVY Tech, T-Mobile, AT&T, Verizon, Comcast, and an Advisor from the Mayors Office. A Request for Proposals has been issued to obtain a vendor that will assist the City in developing a plan to assess the needs in the city, determine action steps that must be taken to extend coverage, including determining the need for broadband wiring and connectivity to underserved households, and identifying funding for these efforts.
21	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Gary Mayor's Office
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Broadband
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Gary has established a Smart Cities Consortium for the purpose of addressing broadband issues in the city. The members include the following at present, all of which have been involved in ongoing discussions around broadband: IUN, GCSC, Stanford University (student intern), Cisco, IVY Tech, T-Mobile, AT&T, Verizon, Comcast, and an Advisor from the Mayors Office. A Request for Proposals has been issued to obtain a vendor that will assist the City in developing a plan to assess the needs in the city, determine action steps that must be taken to extend coverage, including determining the need for broadband wiring and connectivity to underserved households, and identifying funding for these efforts.

2 2	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Gary Department of Sustainability and Environmental Affairs
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Resilience

<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Consultation with made with the City of Gary Department of Sustainability and Environmental Affairs Director, Brenda Scott-Henry and according to the City of Gary Climate Action Plan, prepared by this department the following are the outcomes of the consultation. Management of flood prone areas: One of the climate change impacts projected for Northwest Indiana is increased precipitation which means more frequent and intense rain which can overwhelm existing stormwater management systems leading to backups, local flooding, and/or greater quantities of contaminants in local waterways like the Little Calumet River and the Grand Calumet River. As the municipalities within Lake County continue to grow in population, it can be anticipated that the number of critical and non-critical infrastructure will also increase accordingly. Location of these new facilities should be carefully considered and precautions should be encouraged to ensure that school, medical facilities, community centers, municipal buildings, and other critical infrastructure are located outside the 0.2% AEP (500-year) floodplain and/or are protected to that level along with a flood-free access to reduce the risk of damages caused by flooding and to ensure that these critical infrastructure will be able to continue functioning during major flood events. Flooding along Lake Michigan is also an important consideration for several Lake County municipalities. East Chicago, Gary, Hammond, and Whiting have significant portions of their community situation on the shores of Lake Michigan. It will be important for recognition of potential flood impacts to residents and businesses in these areas to be coupled with proper planning for future development and redevelopment of the coastal flood zones. Public Land: Incorporate hazard information, risk assessment, and hazard mitigation practices into the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Development Review to better guide future growth and development. Review list of hazards and determine which are applicable to individual communities; Draft language and prepare exhibits to incorporate into the appropriate sections of the Lake County Comprehensive Land Use Plan, individual municipalities' plans, neighborhood redevelopment plans, etc. and Adopt amendments as appropriate. Establish overlay zones in the Zoning Ordinance to discourage construction of new critical facilities in known hazard areas. Review existing known hazard areas; Coordinate between response agencies and planning departments to develop proposed overlay zones; and Propose and adopt an ordinance establishing hazard related overlay zones for each municipality. Water plays a vital role in Gary, IN where all businesses and residents get their drinking water from Lake Michigan or from groundwater in the Lake Michigan or Kankakee River basins. The industrial and agricultural sectors both rely heavily on continued and ready access to water, as do ports, harbors, and the marina all of which provide a means for both transporting goods nationally and internationally as well as opportunities for eco-tourism (at Buffington</p>
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		Harbor for example). For a variety of reasons, it is important that water quality is improved and responsible water use and conservation are prioritized. It is recommended that we preserve floodplains and increase green infrastructure in the form of planned systems that mimic natural processes, like rain gardens, trees and green roofs, to effectively manage stormwater. Parcels of land with (1) impervious land cover (2) that are classified as having high or moderate infiltration rates and (3) are at or near high flooding or sewer back up areas are high priority areas for green infrastructure projects.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Lake County Emergency Management and Homeland Security
3	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Emergency Management
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Resilience

<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Consultation with the agency and some of the results from their Lake County Hazard Mitigation Plan were Public Education & Outreach Proposed Enhancement: 1. Determine additional possibilities for radio partnerships or development of publicly owned radio stations 2. Encourage enhancement of messages provided to various cultural groups and neighborhoods. Educate landowners within dam and levee inundation areas and near hazardous materials facilities of potential dangers and what to do in an emergency situation. Include information such as encourage voluntary purchase of flood insurance; formalize neighborhood campaign where representatives familiar with culture and language provide residents with emergency information and protocols. Emergency Preparedness & Warning Proposed Enhancements: 1. Increase participation in StormReady Program 2. Increase number of subscribers and followers for warnings and social media outlets 3. Develop a list of partnering private businesses willing to display hazard related messages 4. Continue to provide and encourage the use of weather radios 5. Two additional gages needed on Deep River 6. Additional outdoor warning sirens needed in areas of Lake County, Cedar Lake, East Chicago, Gary, Hobart, Lake Station, Merrillville, New Chicago, Schererville, and Winfield 8. Select system that can allow 911 Center to see if sirens are functional, as well as allow for centralized maintenance 9. Continue to support the COAD program and evaluate the CERT program to determine feasibility and potential enhancements 10. Inventory needs and purchase additional message boards and develop protocol 11. Develop and distribute templates for event coordinators</p> <p>Use to strengthen planning and response efforts for large events. Emergency Response & Recovery Proposed Enhancement: 1. Prepare detailed plans for flood response efforts 2. Inventor to determine remaining needs and install where necessary 3. Provide immunizations to all County and municipal staff and extend to families 4. Create a more consistent reporting and documentation effort 5. Establish location of EOC in each community and determine communication liaison between local and county EOCs 6. Investigate equipment and purchase as necessary and as funding allows 7. Review known hazard areas and list at-risk populations, develop evacuation protocols 8. Determine needs of all communities and prioritize purchases. Floodplain Management Proposed Enhancements: 1. Evaluate local areas with repetitive flooding and prepare county prioritized listing for additional studies 2. Support flood depth mapping for prioritized areas when selection occurs 3. Continue to implement recommendations from studies as funding and resources allow. Hazardous Materials Response Proposed Enhancement: 1. Increase all first responders to Operations Level and determine need for increased number of Technician Level at each Department 2. All communities</p>
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		review list and determine need to develop or update evacuation plans. Management of Levees Proposed Enhancements: 1. Continue accreditation of levees through Gary and Griffith, 2. Complete and implement study to improve levee section.
24	Agency/Group/Organization	Little Calumet River Basin Development Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Resilience
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation with the organization and information obtained through the US Army Corps of Engineers Gary Levee System Little Calumet River Emergency Flood Protection Handbook resulted in the following information provided: Levees and floodwalls are constructed on both sides of the Little Calumet River to provide flood protection for the communities of Highland, Munster, Hammond, Griffith, and Gary. In addition, the project provides flood protection to a portion of the vital 1-80/94 transportation corridor and provides recreation facilities to these communities. The Little Calumet River Local Flood Protection and Recreation Project in the City of Gary includes riverbank levees, floodwall, pumping stations, and interior flood control features. Other features consist of recreation facilities, river gages, and miscellaneous other features, bridge/culvert replacements, and utility remediation/relocations. When flood conditions are anticipated, flood fighting actions are to be performed by Levee Patrols which, when a major rain event is predicted, check inspection and maintenance records, if possible, to determine if all components of the levee are in proper condition to protect against a flood. The Emergency Operations Center or Little Calumet River Basin Commission will be activated and levees patrols shall increase to twice daily when the river reaches or is predicted to be above a 10-year level.

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

The City's outreach for input and consultation included about twenty agencies or organization. Agencies that have been directly consulted for this plan are identified in previous section. No interested agency was excluded.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Continuum of Care NWI	The Strategic Plan for the City of Gary includes goals of the Continuum of Care. These goals are written to support the efforts of the community that serves our homeless neighbors.
PHA Plans, 2020 Five Year Plan	Gary Housing Authority	They are incorporated in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans. The goals of the Strategic Plan are compatible with the Housing Authority of the City of Gary's Five-Year Plan.
Gary Comprehensive Plan	Gary Planning Commission	Different elements of the 2019 Comprehensive Plan were incorporated to ensure compliance with zoning and future land uses.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The City’s consultation efforts were broad and not limited to the above listed agencies who participated in the process. The City invited and requested input from about thirty different organizations.

The City throughout the year made outreach and consultation efforts to ensure participation. These consultation efforts include:

- The Department of Community Development maintains close coordination with other City departments, Continuum of Care and regional planning and business development organizations. The CDBG projects are coordinated with the Building Department, Parks and Recreation Department, Department of Redevelopment and Zoning, Public Works/Safety, and many social services agencies that are either local or operate on a regional basis but provide services in the City of Gary.
- Outreach and invitation to participate were sent to about 30 different agencies through emails or direct invitation.
- Conversations with different neighborhood groups

- Consultation and conversation with housing providers including Gary Housing Authority, CDC's, private housing providers and landlords
- Communication with the business groups, Chamber of Commerce, banks and business establishments about needs.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

For 2022 Annual Plan, the City made efforts to broaden the outreach to gain insight on housing and community development needs and priorities and to set annual goals to be met with HUD funding. The efforts consisted of the following activities:

- A Neighborhood survey was posted online to reach the community at large. In addition, the City used different occasions to distribute the survey to get input from agencies or citizens. These surveys were used to establish funding priorities.
- The City announced availability of funds and sent requests for proposals (RFP's) for CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding to agencies to encourage participation. (October 4, 2021)
- The City directly contacted and provided application packages to about 20 different agencies.
- The City offered technical assistance and meetings with agencies/organizations on how to complete the Application and submit forms.
- Interviews and community discussions with various stakeholders and interested agencies to encourage participation.

Above activities contributed to the funding decisions and establishment of goals for 2022 by the City of Gary.

The City held a public hearing by teleconference for review of the 2021 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and to request comments on the draft CAPER. This meeting was held on March 15, 2022. There were 14 individuals in attendance at this meeting which included eight (8) individuals from different organizations and six (6) City staff.

The City held a public hearing for review of the plan and to request comments on the draft Action Plan. This meeting was held on July 11, 2022. About two (2) individuals attended this meeting from two (2) organizations in addition to four (4) City staff.

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	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	The City held a public hearing for review of the plan and to request comments on the draft Action Plan. This meeting was held on July 11, 2022. About two (2) individuals attended this meeting from two (2) organizations in addition to four (4) City staff.	See public hearing comments in the Attachments Section of the Action Plan.	All comments were accepted and incorporated into the Action Plan.	https://gary.gov

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	No responses received	No responses received	No responses received	
3	Internet Outreach	Minorities Non-targeted/broad community	No responses received	No responses received	No responses received	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4	Public Hearing	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>The City held a public hearing by teleconference for review of the 2021 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and to request comments on the draft CAPER. This meeting was held on March 15, 2022. There were 14 individuals in attendance at this meeting which included eight (8) individuals from difference organizations and six (6) City staff.</p>	<p>Wende Burbridge with Habitat for Humanity of NWI thanked the Department of Community Development for working with them and for all of the great work our office does and for making it possible to help others.</p>	<p>All comments were accepted and incorporated into the Action Plan.</p>	<p>https://gary.gov</p>

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

During the second year of the Plan (Program Year 2022), Gary is expected to receive an allocation of \$3,393,295 in CDBG funding for housing, public services and community development activities. The anticipated funding from HOME Program is expected to be about \$715,015. Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) is planned to receive \$291,211 for 2022 program year. The City also expects to collect about \$14,000 in program income through the HOME program. These dollars are typically rolled into the Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Program and expended as a part of the activity. Over the course of the next five years, the total funding from all three sources of funds are anticipated to be

about \$21,209,576.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	3,393,295	0	0	3,393,295	10,065,000	Expected Amount Available for remainder of ConPlan estimated at an annual grant of \$3,355,000 with no program income annually
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	715,015	14,000	0	729,015	1,674,000	Expected Amount Available for remainder of ConPlan estimated at an annual grant of \$558,000 with 14,000 program income annually

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	291,211	0	0	291,211	840,000	Expected Amount Available for remainder of ConPlan estimated at an annual grant of \$280,000 with no program income annually

Table 5 - 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 funds will leverage other federal funds from Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity for fair housing efforts for an amount about \$62,800. CDBG funds will further leverage state funds for Domestic Violence Prevention (DVP), Indiana Housing and other funds for social services activities among others. Collectively, public service agencies will leverage about \$714,662 from other sources.

CDBG fund will further leverage local investment, for different housing projects that are privately owned. CDBG funds will leverage local Tax Increment Financing (TIF) funds for demolition and redevelopment activities (\$150,000). HOME funds are expected leverage private funds in the form of private equity as well as anticipated construction of two homes by a local CDC.

The required 100% match for ESG program is projected to be in the form of in-kind/volunteer labor, cash, private donations, Anderson Foundation, Indiana Minority Health Coalition, Continuum of Care Program, and several other local foundations and agencies.

The CDBG and HOME programs do not require a match, however ESG funds require match funding. The City is not required to provide a match for HOME funds due to the City satisfying both distressed criteria for participating jurisdictions and is therefore is determined to be in severe fiscal distress in accordance with HOME Program regulations. The City of Gary often makes attempts to augment federal funds with local, private and other sources. In 2022, the City will partner with five (5) agencies using CDBG funds. Similarly, the City will partner with at least two (2) agencies using HOME funds to develop or rehabilitate housing in the City. The total investment of these organizations is estimated to exceed \$2,799,153. Sources of funding by different agencies is estimated to consist of the following:

- Federal Funds \$1,826,560
- State Funds \$377,140
- Local \$ 280,482
- Private \$184,600
- Others \$130,372

Total \$2,799,153

For the ESG program, the City requires funded organizations to provide match as required. These organizations typically use such funds to support the funded activity with at least equal amounts of local funds. Other funding is expected to be pursued for redevelopment and for land banking and related development projects.

Agency ESG Funding Match Amount Source

Crisis Center \$115,000, Match \$130,000 Anderson Foundation and Mortar Net Solutions
 Rebuilding the Breach Ministries \$30,000, Match \$30,600 Restoration House Ministries and Trinity Lutheran Church Private Donations
 Continuum of Care of NWI \$40,000, Match \$40,000 Indiana Minority Health Coalition
 Continuum of Care of NWI \$42,057, Match \$42,057 Indiana Minority Health Coalition
 Continuum of Care of NWI \$42,314, Match \$42,314 Indiana Minority Health Coalition
 Administration \$21,840, Match \$21,840 Community Development Block Grant
Total \$291,211, Match \$306,811

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 Gary typically sells or makes available publicly owned land for development or redevelopment. All properties sold through the City's programs typically benefit low- or moderate-income families or must support one of primary goals of the City's strategies for affordable housing or economic development. The City mostly acquires these properties from the County at no or limited cost. The properties are land banked by the Redevelopment Commission for future development of housing, commercial or industrial uses.

In recent years, the City has developed partnership with the Gary Housing Authority by which City-Owned properties are transferred to GHA and in return GHA properties are assigned to the City for redevelopment. The City anticipate similar actions to continue in the next five years, as several GHA properties are proposed for demolition.

Similar to GHA, the City also has engaged with the Gary Community School Corp. and either acquire or facilitate acquisition of vacant school properties for redevelopment. Since most of these properties are generally located in neighborhoods, development of housing is often the best use. However, the vacant land often can support other uses. The City will work with other public and private partners to redevelop these sites for more productive use, based on the needs of community and land use suitability. The City views such practice a sustainable effort to maintain the community or preserve the neighborhoods. The City also pursues ownership of properties where demolition occurs. These properties are often used for infill development or land banking for redevelopment.

Discussion

The City of Gary plans to invest available resources in 2022 in projects that can maximize impact in the community by creating synergy and leveraging other funding resources. The City of Gary's primary focus will be to address the needs of low- and moderate-income families and support activities that garner additional resources and partnerships to implement the program.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Housing	2021	2025	Housing	CITYWIDE	Housing Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$30,000 HOME: \$10,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 20 Households Assisted Homeowner Housing Added: 3 Household Housing Unit
2	Affordable Housing	2021	2025	Affordable Housing Public Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	CITYWIDE	Housing Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$905,000 HOME: \$647,515	Rental units rehabilitated: 0 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 4 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 31 Household Housing Unit Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 12 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Community Development	2021	2025	Non-Housing Community Development	CITYWIDE	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$1,370,167	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2230 Persons Assisted Buildings Demolished: 30 Buildings Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 1000 Household Housing Unit
5	Public Services	2021	2025	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	CITYWIDE	Non-Housing Community Development Economic Development Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$282,099	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1985 Persons Assisted
6	Homeless	2021	2025	Homeless	CITYWIDE	Housing Affordable Housing Homeless	CDBG: \$142,370 ESG: \$269,371	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 50 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 324 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 30 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
7	Planning and Administration	2021	2025	Planning and Administration	CITYWIDE	Housing Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development Economic Development Public Services Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$663,659 HOME: \$71,500 ESG: \$21,840	Other: 3 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Housing
	Goal Description	<p>Housing goal aim to support opportunities for housing development which expand diversity of housing choice, rehabilitation and development of modern mixed uses for diverse income groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide direct and indirect assistance to expand homeownership • Support homeownership opportunities, education and financial literacy • Promote diversity of housing stock through new construction for homeowners and renters, including for those with special needs.

2	Goal Name	Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	<p>A high priority needs exists to maintain and improve housing conditions for homeowners and renters in the City of Gary. The old age of current housing stock, requires assistance to existing homeowners to maintain their homes and provision of affordable housing to renters in the form of rehabilitation or construction of new housing. Affordable housing strategy supported include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support development and rehabilitation of owner and renter-occupied housing units
3	Goal Name	Community Development
	Goal Description	<p>Non-housing community development priority aims to remove influences of blight and promote neighborhood livability. Priorities will be placed on strategies which support infrastructure and public facility improvements, redevelopment and activities which maintain the fabric of neighborhoods.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster neighborhood stability and enrichment by supporting code enforcement and removal of substandard structures. • Invest in infrastructure and public facility improvements to maintain neighborhoods quality of life. • Promote revitalization in strategic areas by supporting housing development, infrastructure improvements, spot demolition, code enforcement and other targeted actions.
5	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	<p>Availability of a safety net ensures community stability and wellbeing. Priority is placed to maintain adequate level of public services that will support activities which promote self-reliance, assist people with special needs, assist families, and ensure housing choice in the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support programs and services which ensure availability of a safety net for the underserved particularly for the, youths, elderly and those with special needs. • Increase local capacity to promote fair housing, outreach and education

6	Goal Name	Homeless
	Goal Description	<p>Eliminating the causes and risks of homelessness will reduce the incidents of homelessness. Strategies which provide support services, outreach, rapid rehousing and supportive housing will be primary actions under this goal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist local organizations to provide services and supportive housing to the homeless, particularly victims of family violence. • Support Continuum of Care Network to maintain coordination and adequate safety net for the homeless families and individuals in the City. • Support services which ensure outreach, reduce risk of homelessness and support rapid rehousing.
7	Goal Name	Planning and Administration
	Goal Description	<p>Provide program management and oversight for HUD entitlement funds, CDBG, HOME and ESG, and for the successful administration of Federal, state, and local funded programs, including planning services, environmental clearance, fair housing, and compliance with all Federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Specific goal will aim to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure efficient and coordinated implementation of the Plan

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City of Gary proposes to fund 24 different activities in 2022. All proposed activities aim to advance seven goals identified in the previous section (AP-20), and to address housing and community development and homeless needs of the community for Program Year 2022. The following Table, lists proposed Program Year 2022 activities (projects).

Projects

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Warming Center Project
2	Ambridge-Mann Community Center
3	Gary Commission for Women (The Rainbow-Ark Shelter)
4	Gary Health Department (Sexually Transmitted Diseases)
5	Gary Health Department Lead Poisoning Prevention
6	Gary Human Relations Commission (Fair Housing & Employment Rights)
7	Gary Youth Services Bureau
8	Gary Literacy Coalition
9	Homeownership Opportunity Network (HON)
10	Emergency Repair Program
11	Senior Rehab Program
12	Neighborhood Rehab Program
13	Housing Rehab Administration
14	Redevelopment Division (Demolition)
15	Neighborhood Conservation/Code Enforcement
16	Temporary Property Management Program
17	Payment of interest for Section 108 Loan
18	General Administration
19	Continuum of Care Network of NWI, Inc./Drug Free Gary Coalition
20	CHODO Set A-Side
21	First-Time Homebuyers Program
22	Rental Assistance Program (TBRA)
23	Affordable Housing
24	Administrative Reserve

#	Project Name
25	ESG22 GARY Emergency Solutions Grant Program

Table 7 - Project Information

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

Priority Needs Allocation

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Warming Center Project
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Homeless
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development Homeless
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to rehabilitate the Warming Center Project. The Center, a former fire station, will house up to (25) individuals, 2-per room, for overnight stays. The Warming Center will have facilities such as library, kitchenette, shower, recreation room and an outdoor play area. The Center will be fully staffed and will provide assessment and related services to individuals seeking shelter. Location: 4101 Washington St., Gary, IN.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 25 low to moderate income persons will be assisted. (0-80% MFI)
	Location Description	4101 Washington St., Gary, IN., West Glen Park Neighborhood
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Housing Benefit (LMH). The project matrix code is 03C, Homeless Facilities
2	Project Name	Ambridge-Mann Community Center
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$364,130
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for the rehab of the community center located at 2822 W. 4th Ave., Gary. Approximately 2,205 low to moderate income persons will be assisted.
	Target Date	12/31/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 2,205 low to moderate income persons will be assisted. (0-80% MFI)
	Location Description	Ambridge-Mann Community Center, 2822 W. 4th Ave. Gary, IN.
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Area Benefit (LMA). The project matrix code is 03E, Neighborhood Facilities
3	Project Name	Gary Commission for Women (The Rainbow-Ark Shelter)
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Homeless
	Needs Addressed	Homeless
	Funding	CDBG: \$142,370
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for the operations of the Rainbow-Ark Shelter, which is emergency facility that provides confidential comprehensive residential and non-residential services to women, men, and children who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking. Shelter services provided are designed to support and enhance for clients who are homeless. Residential clients are housed up to 45 days with extensions granted on an as-needed basis. Approximately 200 low-income (0-80%) persons will be assisted.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 200 low income persons who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault or stalking will be assisted. (0-80%)
	Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Limited Clientele Benefit (LMC). The project matrix code is 05G, Battered and Abused Spouses, 03T Operating Cost of Homeless/AIDS Patients Programs	
4	Project Name	Gary Health Department (Sexually Transmitted Diseases)
	Target Area	CITYWIDE

	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$49,962
	Description	CDBG funding will provide for the promotion of healthy living through education, prevention, protection, and intervention of sexually transmitted diseases. Approximately 1,300 low income (0-80%) persons will be assisted.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 1,300 Low to Moderate income persons will be assisted. (0-80%)
	Location Description	1145 West 5th Avenue, Gary, IN.
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Clientele Benefit (LMC). The project matrix code is 05M, Health Services.
5	Project Name	Gary Health Department Lead Poisoning Prevention
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$45,050
	Description	CDBG funding will provide for the testing, monitoring, and documentation of lead levels of children and/or adults at risk. Approximately 200 low income (0-80%) persons will be assisted.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 200 Low to Moderate income persons will be assisted. (0-80%)
	Location Description	Gary Health Department, 1145 West 5th Avenue, Gary, IN.

	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Clientele Benefit (LMC). The project matrix code is 05P, Screening for Lead Poisoning.
6	Project Name	Gary Human Relations Commission (Fair Housing & Employment Rights)
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Housing Affordable Housing Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Housing Affordable Housing Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$85,000
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for human rights counseling services to Gary residents who feel that they have been discriminated against in areas of housing, employment, education, and public accommodation and also promotion of fair housing awareness to housing service providers & community leaders with specific emphasis on the disadvantages and barriers in housing for disabled persons, veterans, & homeless individuals. Approximately 110 persons will be assisted to include 30 extremely low income (0-30% MFI, 10 very low income (31-50% MFI), and 70 low income (51-80% MFI).
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 110 low to and moderate-income persons will be assisted. 30 extremely low (0-30); 10 very low (31-50%); and 70 low (51-80).
	Location Description	455 Massachusetts St., Gary, IN 46402
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Clientele Benefit (LMC). The project matrix code is 05J, Fair Housing Activities.
7	Project Name	Gary Youth Services Bureau
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$87,087

	Description	YSB will offer Tutoring, Martial Arts and Boxing classes that will allow youth to refocus their thought patterns in a positive way and mentor them to potentially succeed in life. Estimated 200 low to moderate income persons will be assisted (0-80%).
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 200 Low to Moderate income persons will be assisted. (0-80%)
	Location Description	455 Massachusetts St., Gary, IN 46402
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Clientele Benefit (LMC). The project matrix code is 05D, Youth Services.
8	Project Name	Gary Literacy Coalition
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to provide low to moderate income elementary school students with a "Learning Partner" mentoring program, which engages volunteers from diverse sectors of the community to take responsibility for enhancing the effective domain of 4th-5th grade students at the Frankie Woods-McCullough Academy School, 3757 W. 21st Ave. Approximately 175 low to moderate income persons will be assisted.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 175 low to moderate income persons will be assisted. (0-80%)
	Location Description	Frankie Woods-McCullough Academy School, 3757 W. 21st Ave. Gary, IN.
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Clientele Benefit (LMC). The project matrix code is 05D, Youth Services.

9	Project Name	Homeownership Opportunity Network (HON)
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for a one stop housing shop that assists homebuyers & existing home-owners with services relating to homeownership loan products both for purchasing a home & home improvement loans through education and post counseling. Approximately 20 low to moderate income (0-80% MFI) persons will be assisted.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 20 low to moderate income persons will be assisted. (0-80%)
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Clientele Benefit (LMC). The project matrix code is 05U, Housing Counseling.
10	Project Name	Emergency Repair Program
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$130,000

	Description	CDBG funds for the Emergency Repair Program will be used to address the needs of low to moderate-income Gary owner-occupied homeowners to eradicate conditions which may be an imminent threat to their health, safety, and/or welfare. The program provides funds for emergency repair assistance when it is determined to be necessary to alleviate unsafe, hazardous, and/or unsanitary living conditions. The program provides a maximum limit of up to \$10,000 on the emergency repairs for those income eligible Gary homeowners who would otherwise be financially unable to improve their own dwelling conditions. Eligible items will include: HVAC, water heater replacement, and potentially hazardous electrical and plumbing repairs. Approximately 13 extremely low income (0-30%) households will be assisted.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 13 low to moderate income households will be assisted. (0-80%)
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Housing Benefit (LMH). The project matrix code is 14A, Rehab; Single-Unit Residential.
11	Project Name	Senior Rehab Program
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$300,000

	Description	CDBG funds will provide rehabilitation grants city-wide for low to moderate income, single-family owner-occupied Gary senior homeowners 62 yrs. of age or older. A rehabilitation GRANT up to a maximum of \$30,000 may be awarded to income eligible senior homeowners for the purpose of making needed repairs to their residential properties to bring them into code compliance, eliminate violations that threaten the health and safety of the occupants of the home, and/or provide disabled accessibility to those seniors with disabilities to enable them to remain living in their home for as long as possible. The total cost of repairs cannot exceed \$30,000. Eligible repairs (but not an all-inclusive list) include: Roof, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, and disabled accessibility. Approximately 10 low to moderate income (0-80%) households will be assisted.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 10 low to moderate income families will benefit. (0-80%)
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Housing Benefit (LMH). The project matrix code is 14A, Rehab; Single-Unit Residential.
12	Project Name	Neighborhood Rehab Program
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Housing Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$125,000
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for the rehabilitation of two properties acquired under the Neighborhood Stabilization Programs (NSP1 and NSP3) to be sold to low to moderate income persons.
	Target Date	12/31/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Two (2) low to moderate income households will benefit from this activity. (0-80%)
	Location Description	University Park Area
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Housing Benefit (LMH). The project matrix code is 14A, Rehab; Single-Unit Residential.
13	Project Name	Housing Rehab Administration
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Housing Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$350,000
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for activity delivery costs directly related to carrying out the Community Development housing rehabilitation activities.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Housing Benefit (LMH). The project matrix code is 14H, Rehab Administration.	
14	Project Name	Redevelopment Division (Demolition)
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development Economic Development

	Funding	CDBG: \$400,000
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for the operation of the demolition of unsafe structures throughout the City. Approximately 30 unsafe structures will be demolished.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 unsafe structures will be demolished
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Slum/blight Spot Benefit (SBS). The project matrix code is 04, Clearance and Demolition.
15	Project Name	Neighborhood Conservation/Code Enforcement
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$248,295
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for support of the removal of blighting conditions in the City of Gary in designated areas where neighborhoods are significantly deteriorated, on-going redevelopment efforts are in place, or revitalization opportunities exist. Approximately 1000 property inspections will be conducted.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,000 properties to be inspected (0-80 LM)
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Area Benefit (LMA). The project matrix code is 15, Code Enforcement.

16	Project Name	Temporary Property Management Program
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	CDBG funds will be used towards temporary management costs for grass mowing at the property acquired at 600 E. 35th Ave. until final disposition of the property occurs.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,415 Low- and Moderate-income persons (0-80%)
	Location Description	600 E. 35th Ave., University Park
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Slum/blight Spot Benefit (SBS). The project matrix code is 02, Disposition of Real Property.
17	Project Name	Payment of interest for Section 108 Loan
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Community Development
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$272,742
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for interest payment for a 108 Loan repayment.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	The project matrix code is 24A, Payment of Interest on Section 108 Loans

18	Project Name	General Administration
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Housing Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development Economic Development Public Services Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$623,659
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for the overall program administration of the CDBG program.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Citywide. 401 Broadway, #300, Gary, IN 46402
	Planned Activities	The project matrix code is 21A, General Program Administration.
19	Project Name	Continuum of Care Network of NWI, Inc./Drug Free Gary Coalition
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Homeless Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Homeless
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for the operation of the Continuum of Care Network of NWI. The network is designed to reduce the negative effects of homelessness.
	Target Date	12/31/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	401 Broadway, #300, Gary, IN 46402
	Planned Activities	The project matrix code is 21A, General Program Administration.
20	Project Name	CHODO Set A-Side
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$107,253
	Description	Funding will provide for the development of 2 affordable housing units that will be made available to low to moderate income households within the City of Gary.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Two low- and moderate-income families (30-80%)
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Housing Benefit (LMH). The project matrix code is 12, Construction of Housing.
21	Project Name	First-Time Homebuyers Program
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$10,000

	Description	Funding will provide down payment assistance to qualifying first time home buyers who participate in the Homeownership Opportunity Network workshops supported by the City of Gary. Existing properties in the target areas can receive up to \$7,500. Approximately 3 households will be assisted.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Three (3) low- and moderate-income family (50-80%).
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Housing Benefit (LMH). The project matrix code is 13B, Homeownership Assistance.
22	Project Name	Rental Assistance Program (TBRA)
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$146,000
	Description	Funding will provide direct rental assistance payments on a short-term basis (up to 12 months) to very low-income families/individuals (0-50% MFI) with critical and/or emergency housing needs who reside in Gary. The RAP program aims to encourage families to participate in a self-sufficiency program as a condition of assistance (i.e. GED program, job training, and/or job seeking. Approximately 12 households will be assisted.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 12 very low (0-50%) income households will be assisted.
	Location Description	Citywide

	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Housing Benefit (LMH). The project matrix code is 05S, Rental Housing Subsidies.
23	Project Name	Affordable Housing
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$394,262
	Description	Funding will be used for the development of an estimated 3 affordable housing units in the City for low to moderate income persons.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Three (3) low- and moderate-income family (30-80%).
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Housing Benefit (LMH). The project matrix code is 12, Construction of Housing
24	Project Name	Administrative Reserve
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Housing Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$71,500
	Description	HOME funds will be used for the operation and administration of the HOME Program.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	

	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	The project matrix code is 21A, General Program Administration.
25	Project Name	ESG22 GARY Emergency Solutions Grant Program
	Target Area	CITYWIDE
	Goals Supported	Homeless Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Homeless
	Funding	ESG: \$291,211
	Description	Provide funding for implementation of homelessness prevention, rapid rehousing, and shelter operations for the ESG program.
	Target Date	12/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	ESG funding will be awarded to homeless service providers to assist 30 persons 0-30% of AMI with homelessness prevention activities, provide for rapid rehousing of 50 households that do not exceed 0-50% of AMI, provide for operations of a homeless shelter for an estimated 24 homeless persons 0-30% of AMI, and shelter operations for stays to 300 homeless youth below 0-30% of AMI for a total of 404 persons to be assisted.
	Location Description	101 N. Montgomery St., Gary 3815 Pierce St., Gary 650 S. Lake St., Gary 401 Broadway, Gary

<p>Planned Activities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crisis Center, Inc. - Shelter Operations: ESG funds will be used for emergency shelter operations and essential services to boys and girls ages 10 to 18 who are homeless, runaways, or unaccompanied youth for up to 20 days. Approximately 300 persons will be assisted (ESG: \$115,000) The national objective is Low/Mod Income Clientele Benefit (LMC). The project matrix code is 03T, Homeless/AIDS Patients Programs. • Rebuilding the Breach Ministries (Lydia House Shelter Oper.): ESG funds will be used for the emergency shelter operations of the Lydia House, an emergency shelter that provides safe and secure shelter housing for homeless women without children. Residents are housed for up to 90 days. Approximately 24 homeless persons 0-30% AMI will be assisted. (ESG \$30,000). The national objective is Low/Mod Income Clientele Benefit (LMC). The project matrix code is 03T, Homeless/AIDS Patients Programs. • Continuum of Care Network - Data Collection HMIS: ESG funds will be used for data collection and entry into the HMIS. (ESG: \$40,000) • Continuum of Care Network - Homeless Prevention: ESG funds will provide assistance to 30 households at 0-30% AMI who are in imminent risk of homelessness or seeking shelter including but not limited to short-term rental assistance for up to 3 months; one-time payment for up to 6 months of rental arrears including late fees; utility deposits; and utility payments. Approximately 30 households will be assisted. (ESG: \$42,314) The national objective is LMC. The project matrix code is 05Q, Subsistence Payments 24 CFR 570.207(b)(4). • Continuum of Care Network - Rapid Rehousing - ESG funds will be used for financial assistance, housing relocation and stabilization services to income eligible households. Approximately 50 persons at 0-50% AMI will be assisted. (ESG: \$42,057) The national objective is LMC. The project matrix code is 05S, Rental Housing Subsidies 24 CFR 570.204. • ESG Administration: ESG funds will be used for the overall administration of the ESG program including planning, monitoring, fiscal management, accounting, and auditing services. (ESG: \$21,840) No National Objective. The project
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		matrix code is 21A, General Program Administration 24 CFR 570.206.
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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

According to 2020 HUD Low/Moderate Income Summary Data, the City of Gary’s population mostly consists of low- and moderate-income families, (70.24%), and with the exception of two census tracts (CT 101, 125) the rest of City’s census tracts are primarily occupied by low- and moderate-income households. The City’s entitlement funds are typically available citywide for most activities however, several areas in the City offer opportunities for development or redevelopment. These areas, such as Aetna, or University Park, will be focus of additional funding due to the opportunities. Other strategic areas, may arise over the course of the next five years, where the City will consider for targeted funding.

In 2021 funds are allocated to seven (7) organizations that provide housing and supportive services on a citywide basis. All recipients will be low- and moderate-income families or individuals. The City also plans to use funds for community facilities improvements for three activity centers, in Tolleston, Roosevelt, and Glen Ryan parks. These projects are qualified on an area wide basis. Further, on an annual basis, the City prioritizes the use of its CDBG funding for the development of affordable housing (including preservation and conservation) that serve low-income households.

Addressing the homeless needs remain a high priority as the needs continue to exceed available resources. These activities are expected to benefit more than 724 individuals in 2021. The geographic distribution of activities is presented in Exhibit 1. This figure shows the location of Census Tracts in the City of Gary with percentage of low- and moderate-income population and distribution of activities proposed in 2021. As a whole, 90% of all CDBG funds are expected to benefit low- and moderate-income families. The low/mod beneficiaries for the program (HOME and CDBG) comprise of about 95% of the total beneficiaries.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
CITYWIDE	83

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The 2021 Action Plan supports programs and activities which are mostly offered on citywide basis. However, the City is funding strategically funding several activities which help in the City’s targeted revitalization efforts. The targeted project, generally support broader housing and community development objectives set by the Consolidated Plan.

Housing development in Midtown and University Park are good examples of targeted neighborhoods

where infill opportunities exists but such activity will also create synergy for other investments in the City while improving the neighborhood conditions. These neighborhoods in 2021 program year, will benefit from new homeownership opportunities through rehabilitation of two affordable homes in University Park as well as the construction of two new homes in Midtown neighborhood.

The 2021 funding allocation will also address underserved populations with the greatest needs including the elderly, disabled, victims of domestic violence and the disenfranchised such as the homeless and the near homeless. As a whole, about 92% (\$3,408,306) of total project funds will benefit low- and moderate-income families. For specific CDBG funds, 90% of total funds are directly targeted to benefit low- and moderate-income families or individuals (\$2,481,498). The City has also received funding thorough CARES Act. These funds will be supplementing entitlement funds to address many needs created by COVID-19 epidemic.

Beyond above considerations, the City of Gary has taken into account the following considerations in making funding decisions and establishing priorities:

- Meet a goal or priority of the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan.
- Support, supplement or are consistent with other current local planning objectives including those of the Gary Housing Authority, Continuum of Care and local Health organizations.
- Leverage resources.
- Affirmatively further fair housing.
- Address underserved populations with the greatest needs including the elderly, disabled, victims of domestic violence and the disenfranchised such as the homeless and the near homeless.
- Have demonstrated institutional structure and collaboration in place among government, private nonprofit agencies and the private sector to maximize impacts

Discussion

Funding decisions by the City were made through open and transparent application process where the City requested proposals from individuals, agencies and current and former funded agencies. All applications were reviewed by City staff for funding eligibility and were evaluated by staff for their impact and adherence to priorities established by the Consolidated Plan. In 2021, the City anticipates that 92% (\$3,408,306) of its program funds will be used to benefit low- and moderate-income families.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City's need for affordable housing was determined during the planning process. The City will fund several projects all of which directly or indirectly impact provision of the affordable housing. In 2022, the City will fund the following activities.

- Housing Rehab Program \$ 350,000
- Senior Rehab Program \$ 300,000
- Neighborhood Rehab Program \$ 125,000
- CHDO Set A-Side Program \$ 107,253
- First-Time Homebuyers Program \$ 10,000
- Rental Assistance Program (TBRA) \$132,000

The following Tables show specific one-year goals for the number of homeless, non-homeless, and special needs households that will be provided affordable housing during the 2022 program year. Also shown is the number of affordable housing units that will be assisted with CDBG and HOME funds.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	130
Non-Homeless	35
Special-Needs	16
Total	181

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	142
The Production of New Units	5
Rehab of Existing Units	31
Acquisition of Existing Units	3
Total	181

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

Affordable housing activities receive the highest portion of the City's allocation at about 30% (\$1,228,515) of the total funds. In 2022, the City will continue to fund a variety of homeownership programs including the owner-occupied rehabilitation grant programs and various homebuyer

assistance programs. Activities supporting affordable housing are expected to include:

- The City of Gary will provide assistance to about 20 families that are seeking homeownership education or seeking to finance a home or in need of homeownership counseling.
- Through the Housing Repair, Senior Repair, and Owner-Occupied Rehab programs, the City is expected to assist up to 31 households with housing repair needs of their homes.
- The City will assist about 666 individuals or families in its homeless program. Some of these are expected to receive temporary housing assistance to prevent homelessness (112).
- The City will rehabilitate two (2) properties, acquired by NSP funds, for sale as affordable housing to low- and moderate-income families. The NSP program is designed to return foreclosed, vacant and blighted homes to owner occupancy by providing funds for acquisition and rehabilitation.
- The Emergency Repair program assist the needy families in urgent need of housing repair. This program is expected to assist 13 families with emergency repairs.
- CHDO set-aside funds will be used to develop two housing units as rental or for sale homes.

All housing assistance programs will be offered to low- and moderate-income households. In addition, the City anticipates to demolish about thirty (30) buildings. Some of these sites, will be offered for housing construction as affordable housing in the future.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Gary Housing Authority (GHA) provides affordable housing for about 2,364 households through its different public housing communities and voucher program. GHA housing inventory, 647 housing units, consist of senior high-rise buildings to walkup apartments and single-family homes. The Authority also provides housing through its Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program to about 1,822 Section 8 Certificate. As a part of its inventory, the Authority also has about 1 single family home in Horace Mann and Duneland communities that are being rented as a part of its lease to purchase homeownership program.

In 2020, GHA prepared a new five-year plan. This plan contains an expansive recovery and a host of strategies that GHA anticipates to undertake to transform and revitalize all of its developments. This plan includes demolition and removal of several current communities and proposes to construct modern replacement communities that offer a variety of housing types and mix of uses.

The Gary Housing Authority for several years was operating under the Administrative Receivership Contract (ARC) program of HUD. In April 1, 2021, GHA received the approval by HUD for transitioning to local control. This is a major accomplishment by the GHA and will open up major opportunities for the agency to implement its revitalization efforts.

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

Part of GHA's recovering plan is removal of obsolete housing stock through demolition of several older housing developments, construction of new housing developments and rehabilitation of others. In 2022, GHA will continue its transformation efforts. These activities include demolition of obsolete housing communities, and participation in the construction of one new development, Broadway Lofts. GHA will be using several funding sources for the demolition and inventory removal. GHA is also providing Housing Choice vouchers for this project.

GHA and the City are partnering to complete the construction of 18 units of senior housing at 700 Broadway. GHA is currently developing construction documents to complete this work and anticipates that these units will be ready for occupancy during the first quarter of 2023. GHA and the City are also partnering to rehab the Carolyn Mosby Senior Highrise which contains 142 units.

The City anticipates to be fully engaged and support the Housing Authority in its transformation efforts. Specific assistance the City will provide include the following:

1. Continue to support GHA in its demolition and disposition efforts.
2. Partner with GHA to serve victims of Domestic Violence to utilize Project Based Vouchers.
3. Assist GHA to acquire vacant land to build new mixed income housing for all Gary residents.

In addition, the City will continue its public services activities which all benefit the residents of the public housing including those of the youth and infants.

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

The Gary Housing Authority maintains continued consultation process with its residents and regularly receives input from the Resident Advisory Board (RAB). As a part of its 2022 Annual plan, the Housing Authority solicited input from residents on the needs in the public housing communities, its operation and the community needs. Activities to support residents include:

- In 2019 GHA was approved as a site HUD's EnVision Center Demonstration program. In 2020 GHA completed the first year of operation for the Center. This Center aims to create an effective and intensive services that meet residents' needs and supports them in overcoming barriers. The Center will serve as the centralized hub for support in the following four areas; 1) Economic Empowerment; 2) Educational Advancement; 3) Health and Wellness; 4) Character and Leadership. The City provides support for these programs on as need basis.
- In cooperation with other agencies, GHA also coordinates activities aimed at resident training for employment and homeownership. Through these programs the residents and Section 8 Voucher Program participants work with GHA staff to gain experience and acquire the requisite skills for full-time regular employment. The City provides support services to individuals enrolled in these programs on an as need basis.
- GHA provided assistance to the Tenant Council Elections for Genesis Towers, Glen Park, Al Thomas, and Mosby
- The City will continue to support employment of public housing residents through Section 3 program.
- The City will provide support and homeownership assistance to public housing residents on as need basis.
- Partner with local service providers that provide workshops and service that will lead to a resident becoming more self-sufficient.
- The Gary Housing Authority is looking to develop a potential lease to purchase homeownership program for single family units that currently exist within the GHA's public housing inventory. The units will be removed from the public housing inventory via Section 18 disposition applications. There currently exists units already approved under a homeownership program and these units are being disposed to potential eligible and qualified residents, and/or the public at large.

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

provided or other assistance

Not Applicable.

Discussion

In order to provide modern and affordable housing units and to improve its fiscal conditions, the Gary Housing Authority prepared a new Strategic Plan in 2016. This plan establishes a 15-year process to transform the agency. The recommendations outlined in this plan cover issues related to staffing capacity, asset management and financial viability. The new 2020-2024 GHA Plan, incorporates many of the recommendations outlined in the Strategic Plan.

In 2022, the City expects to see the first fruit of GHA's efforts by completion of Broadway Lofts. Similarly, demolition of several housing developments and acquisition of vacant properties along Broadway for new development will continue in 2022. These efforts can support revitalization of Downtown and will bring in new mixed-use housing units for Gary residents.

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

Introduction

The City of Gary is a leading member of the Continuum of Care Network of Northwest Indiana (CoC NWI). The Network is an association of sixty different organizations that are involved in housing, mental health, foster care and community reentry programs. The primary goal of the Network is to develop and coordinate the countywide efforts to end homelessness. In 2022, over \$329,684 or about 7% of the City's entitlement funds are dedicated to directly assist the homeless and prevention programs. The following sources of funds will be used to address homeless issues in the City of Gary in 2022:

- A portion of CDBG entitlement funds will be used for shelter operations (\$142,370).
- A portion of CDBG funds will be used to assist people with special needs (\$300,000).
- A large portion of ESG funds will be used for homeless prevention and shelter services (\$187,314).
- Other federal resources will support existing shelter and homeless agencies and outreach
- Local funds from the City and its partner agencies
- State funds provided through different programs related to social and family services.

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 goals and strategies outlined in the City's Consolidated Plan support the Continuum of Care of NWI's Plan and consist of four general strategies, 1) Operation/Support, 2) Prevention, 3) Housing; and 4) Continuum of Care. In 2022, funded activities will support all of the identified goals through allocation of funds from CDBG, HOME, ESG and local funds. The outreach activities will be coordinated by the Continuum of Care Network and partner agencies. In addition, Continuum of Care, under a contract with the City, will assess the homelessness in the City and assist those in the risk of homelessness.

The NWI Continuum of Care Network, will continue to meet on a regular basis with its partner agencies to coordinate how best to reach out to homeless persons and how to assess the needs. Part of this effort is Point in Time Count, which was done in January 27, 2022. As the leading funding agency of Continuum of Care, the City regularly participates in discussions with other service providers to ensure adequate outreach and assessment. As a whole these programs are expected to assist about 666 individuals and families.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported

In 2022 the City is planning several activities consistent with the Homeless goals. To address the needs,

the City will engage in the following activities:

- The Homeless Prevention Program, through Continuum of Care, is expected to assist up to 30 households with a variety of services and programs including emergency assistance.
- Gary Commission for Women is expected to provide services to 200 individuals and families in need of shelter.
- The Crisis Center is expected to provide assistance to 300 runaway and homeless youth in need of shelter.
- Rebuilding the Breach Ministries will provide shelter services to 24 homeless women in need of shelter.
- The Rapid Rehousing Program through Continuum of Care Network will assist up to 50 households who are at imminent risk of homelessness or seeking shelter with assistance.
- The City, using HOME funds will assist up to 12 households with critical and/or emergency housing needs with tenant based rental assistance on a short-term basis.

These activities collectively are expected to benefit 616 homeless individuals or families.

The CoC Network, further will continue its effort to provide a fully integrated system to address the needs including assessment. Homelessness prevention objectives in 2022 include; 1) support Continuum of Care Network to maintain coordination; 2) provide support services which ensure outreach, reduce risk of homelessness; and 3) Coordinate Rapid Rehousing assistance activities.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

ESG funding along with funding from CDBG will provide assistance for emergency and transitional housing needs of the homeless in the City. The Continuum of Care will further continue reassessing the programs that currently receive ESG funding to ensure proper allocation of funds among different programs. In 2022 the City will fund five different activities which address the homeless needs. These programs collectively are expected to benefit 654 homeless families and individuals.

- Crisis Center, Inc. (Shelter Operations) \$115,000
- Rebuilding the Breach Ministries (Lydia House Shelter Operations) \$30,000
- Continuum of Care of NWI (Homelessness Prevention); \$42,057
- Continuum of Care of NWI (Rapid Rehousing); \$42,314
- Gary Commission for Women (The Rainbow-Ark Shelter); \$ 142,370

As part of the 2022 Action Plan, CDBG, HOME and ESG funding are expected to continue for established programs such as the shelter operations and homeless prevention. However, obstacles remain as adequacy of funding and the magnitude of demand continues to be a major concern.

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 Continuum of Care Network continues to partner with its member organizations to maintain an effective process for outreach and transition to independent living particularly for those with chronic homelessness. Continuum of Care Network holds regular meetings with its member agencies to identify needs and coordinate activities which reduce shelter stay and provide support during transition. The annual activity of the Network in 2022 will include:

- The Monthly Meetings with all member agencies
- The Bi-Monthly Meetings of the Executive Officers, Directors, and Liaisons.
- Quarterly Information Exchange Meetings for members
- Technical support and assistance to the membership, including (a) HMIS support training through the Statewide Balance of State (Continuum of Care), and (b) Super NOFA technical project support and workshops
- Point-In-Time Count
- Coordination of funding requests for member agencies as they become available
- Engage Continuum of Care Network to participate and provide input in the decisions for allocating funds for homeless service providers
- The Continuum of Care Network is continuously updating its assessment plan. This plan aims to provide a coordinated process for housing the homeless including establishing a priority vulnerability list, that identifies chronically homeless and those families and/or individuals who have episodic homelessness. In development of this plan, the Gary's need is fully considered.

The City of Gary, in 2022 will continue to support development of programs which provide assistance to individual and families experiencing homelessness, particularly those with children. The City will further funds two programs, Homeless Prevention and Rental Assistance Program (TBRA) that will provide temporary assistance to those at risk of homelessness. These programs collectively will receive \$174,314 funding and are expected to benefit 42 individuals or families. With respect to the needs of Veterans and unaccompanied children, the City will work with local organizations which provide housing services to the Veterans, i.e., CHDO's, and the youths, i.e., Crisis Center, to ensure availability of housing and services.

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.

Several agencies, private and public, in the broader Gary area offer homeless prevention services that include mortgage assistance, rental assistance, and utility payments. Other private and public agencies within the county offer counseling and advocacy services to assist individuals and families who are at risk of becoming homeless. Funding for these services comes from a combination of federal, state, local, and private sources. The Continuum of Care Network in many instances collaborates or coordinates the activities of these agencies. The City also participates in several of these programs. A good example is the Gary Human Relations' Fair housing and Counseling program. The Housing Authority has also established an extensive rapid rehousing program aimed at prevention of homelessness.

To reduce the risk of homelessness, the City will fund four activities that will directly or indirectly assist individuals and families to avoid homelessness. These programs are:

- Emergency Repair Program (\$130,000)
- Rental Assistance Program (TBRA) (\$132,000)
- Continuum of Care Homelessness Prevention (\$42,057)
- Gary Human Relations Commission (\$85,000)

The Emergency Repair Program assist thirteen (13) families to stay in their homes that are the victim of unexpected events or disasters which may force them to leave their homes, i.e., fire, flood, etc. The Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program coordinates rental assistance program to very low income (0-50%) individual or families that are facing emergency or critical needs and may face risk of homelessness. The City will further fund Continuum of Care to implement the Homeless Prevention and Rapid Rehousing programs which will provide assistance to individuals and families, including those of recently discharged, in the areas of housing, education and job training. A total of 130 individuals or families will be assisted through these programs.

Discussion

During the second year of the program, the City aims to fund activities that collectively will support all homeless objectives as outlined in the Consolidated Plan. First the City will fund three shelter providers to operate shelters or provide support services to the homeless. The funded programs collectively assist families, individuals, youths, and women facing violence at home. Second, the City will fund programs that prevent homelessness or provide housing assistance to reduce incidents of homelessness. Activities such as Emergency Repair program or Rental Assistance Program (TBRA) aim to prevent homelessness or reduce the risk of homelessness. Lastly, the City will support an integrated process, where services and programs are aligned to ensure effectiveness of the programs.

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

Introduction:

The primary barrier to affordable housing is the growing mismatch between incomes and housing cost despite Gary having one of the lowest median housing costs in the region. As noted earlier, there is significant gap between income growth and growth in housing cost. Lack of income growth continues to be a major barrier to affordability despite relatively availability of low-cost homes. The City's lack of growth both in population and income, has made the market conditions very unique. While there are a substantial number of low-cost housings in the City, the affordability for those with low- and moderate-income population remains difficult to attain.

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

The City in recent years has made extraordinary efforts to provide assistance for affordable housing development. These efforts have improved to some degree the availability of affordable housing, but they are not adequate. The City recently adopted a new Comprehensive Plan. This plan supports a wide range of policies aimed at revitalization and inclusionary zoning. The City currently is also in the process of updating its zoning code. Despite these efforts, residential investment in the City remains limited to larger multi-unit developments that are typically subsidized with public funds and are generally rental in character.

In its second year of the plan, the City will support activities that will enhance home ownership and preserve the character of the City's neighborhoods. The City will further attempt to address the needs of the existing homeowners particularly those who cannot afford the cost of maintaining their homes. The City will carry out the following activities which directly or indirectly support removal of some of the barriers to affordable housing:

- Emergency Repair Program \$ 130,000
- Neighborhood Rehab Program \$ 125,000
- Homeownership Opportunity Network (HON) \$ 30,000
- Neighborhood Conservation/Code Enforcement \$ 284,295
- Gary Human Relations (Fair Housing & Public Education & Outreach) \$ 85,000
- Gary Dept. of Redevelopment Division (Demolition) \$ 400,000
- First-Time Homebuyer Program \$ 10,000

The Housing Repair Program will assist existing homeowners to upkeep their home, maintain the neighborhood character, and remove blighting influences. Thirteen households will be assisted. The Demolition program will remove dilapidated homes and make the sites available for construction of new

homes while Neighborhood Conservation aims to maintain neighborhood character and prevent decline. Lastly, Fair Housing efforts will aim to educate realtors, developer and land lords with fair housing requirements and indirectly assist renters and homebuyers. As a whole these programs are expected to assist more than 178 households.

Discussion:

With the advent of the new Comprehensive Plan, and the Housing Authority's new local control, new opportunities have risen which can expand housing opportunities as well as promoting revitalization. These efforts, could result in redevelopment of several existing vacant parcels and promote diversity of mixed use and mixed income communities.

In its second year of the Consolidated Plan, the City will continue its efforts to remove barriers to affordable housing by supporting a variety of activities in different parts of the City to redirect the redevelopment efforts towards a revitalization outcome. These activities, collectively are expected to ensure a healthy return on residential investment in the City, however, this will remain a major challenge.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

This section of the Annual Action Plan describes Gary's planned activities to implement the following strategies as outlined in the Strategic Plan:

- Obstacles to meeting underserved needs
- Foster and maintain affordable housing
- Evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards
- Reduce the number of poverty-level families
- Develop institutional structure; and
- Enhance coordination.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The primary obstacle to meeting underserved needs of low- and moderate-income populations in Gary continues to be the magnitude of the needs and availability of funds to address them. Organizations serving these populations continue to experience reductions in funding from both governmental and private sources.

The City of Gary's entitlement funding levels have not kept up with the growing needs. This trend is expected to continue in 2022 despite a slight increase in the overall funding levels. Mirroring this trend is the increasing difficulty in leveraging funds through state and private resources, which have also been strained in recent years. Obstacles that can be identified for the underserved community in the City include:

- Reduced funding from federal, state and other sources due to inadequate revenue; and the housing scarcity.
- High cost of housing and lack of income in Gary which increases the difficulty of meeting affordable housing needs (According to HUD most recent income data, the City's low- and moderate-income population continue to increase. According to HUD Census data, the City's low and mod population is about 70.24%)
- High rates of unemployment, underemployment continue to strain the ability to meet affordable housing needs; and
- Credit crisis has limited availability of capital to develop housing for low- and moderate-income households and special needs groups.

Despite these challenges, the City of Gary in 2022 will address obstacles by focusing on programmatic

and administrative opportunities which include the following:

- Seek other funding opportunities such as ARPA or others for affordable housing.
- Community Development staff will continue to research the availability of funding resources and will use proactive approaches toward future applications for potential federal and state leverage funds; this will assist the City to strategically place future activities in line to address obstacles.
- The City will seek additional private and public partners to leverage CDBG funds to create a larger pool of resources for the underserved. In 2022, this pool consists of at least five different agencies targeting primary minority and underserved population. These agencies will provide a host of services ranging from housing counseling to construction of affordable housing and health and educational services.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

As stated throughout this Plan, affordable housing will continue to remain a high priority objective in 2022. Accordingly, the City prioritizes the use of its funds for the preservation and development of affordable housing that serve low-income households and to addressing homelessness. For the program year 2022, the City anticipates providing direct financial assistance to five programs and benefiting approximately 43 households through the following housing programs.

- Emergency Repair Program (\$130,000)
- Neighborhood Rehab Program (\$125,000)
- CHDO Set a-side (\$107,253)
- Affordable Housing Program (394,262)
- First-Time Homebuyer Program (\$10,000)

The City will further continue to collaborate with the Gary Housing Authority to support GHA's lease purchase program for its single-family housing stock. For further discussion of affordable housing, please refer to AP-55 Affordable Housing.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City has addressed the issue of LBP hazards by making lead hazard information available to a variety of groups and families through several outreach and education activities. Additionally, all housing units that are substantially rehabilitated with CDBG or HOME funds are subject to LBP compliance requirements. Each property will be assessed and lead clearance will be performed by a certified risk assessor, certified lead-based paint inspector or clearance technician before the rehabilitation project can be completed. During program year 2022, the City estimated that up to thirty-one (31) housing units will be treated for lead abatement or removal through Housing Repair, Neighborhood Rehabilitation and

CHDO programs.

The Gary Health Department Lead Poisoning program will further continue to provide the required monitoring and screening of children in 2022. Children identified at risk of poisoning or already exposed will be reported and followed up for treatment and observation. The Department will typically report incident data to appropriate agencies and the City of Gary. In 2022, up to 200 children are expected to be tested and assisted.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City of Gary aims to foster conditions by which reduction in the number of poverty-level individuals and families can be realized. According to most recent data from Census Bureau, 2020, the City continues to have a very high poverty rate with more than 30% of the population living below poverty. The poverty level for families is reported by the Census Bureau as being about 30%. A large portion of these families are families with related children where poverty rates are about 54%.

In 2022, the City will target CDBG and other local resources to activities that provide support services and affordable housing to reduce cost burden. The City will fund three activities at about \$260,101. These activities will help reduce poverty or create opportunity for economic well-being. Collectively these activities are expected to assist more than 1,703 individuals or families. The City's housing programs also impact poverty as they reduce cost burden particularly for seniors and low-income families. Rental assistance will reduce poverty level for those in desperate need of housing assistance.

- Gary Health Department (Sexually Transmitted Diseases) \$49,962.
- Gary Literacy Coalition (\$15,000)
- Gary Youth Services Bureau (\$87,087)
- Senior Rehab Program \$300,000.
- Rental Assistance Program (TBRA) \$132,000.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The Department of Community Development has developed cooperative relationship with local not-for-profit agencies, neighborhood organizations, businesses, and private entities in the City as well as regionally. These relationships exist in the areas of planning, housing, homelessness, redevelopment, brownfields, job training, business development, and in social services. In 2022, the City will rely on several agencies and organizations to carry out its activities. These organizations range from public and non-profit agencies to private development entities involved in a variety of housing, social services and community development activities.

Housing assistance to lower income persons and special populations is provided through several

organizations. The activities that will be carried out in 2022 include:

- City of Gary Housing programs receive funds annually to deliver a variety of housing rehabilitation services to lower-income households.
- HOME funds are made available for use by nonprofit organizations and private entities to construct or purchase/rehabilitate homes for resale and occupancy by lower-income persons.
- Neighborhood improvement projects, including demolition and spot demolition are carried out throughout the City by the Redevelopment Department.
- Public housing revitalization activities are carried out by the Gary Housing Authority. The City will continue to collaborate with GHA to expand affordable housing.
- The City maintains strong relationships with many agencies that are members of the Continuum of Care Network. In 2022 the City will fund this agency to ensure coordination of homeless outreach and providing services. The CoC will further be funded to implement the Homeless Prevention program. In addition, the City will fund three other homeless and shelter services agencies that serve the homeless with shelter and essential services through the Emergency Solutions Grant, CDBG funds and other resources.

To expand outreach, the City annually invites different agencies to participation in the City's Community Development program. This will allow the City to expand opportunities for partnership and also to evaluate needs and align budgeting with such needs. Lastly, in order to strengthen institutional structure, the City seeks input through an annual survey from all subrecipients or potential new agencies and the residents to get input. The City typically reviews these surveys and considers them in program development and funding allocations.

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

The lead agency for the Consolidated Plan is the Community Development Department of the City of Gary. The Department oversees administration, organization and preparation of the Action Plan and will coordinate activities of the public, private and nonprofit entities through which it will carry out the proposed programs.

In 2022, the City will continue to work with the local developers, financial institutions, non-profits, and other entities to ensure that new, affordable housing units are produced on a regular basis. Similarly, the City will work with five different agencies that provide a variety of social and support services. The City's primary goal in these efforts will be to encourage partnership, enhance collaboration, and improve service delivery. To this end, the City will engage in the following activities:

- Through public meetings and hearings on projects and applications for funding, the City will encourage a forum where private and public entities can discuss comprehensive planning,

community development, housing, and other issues.

- Conduct annual survey to get input from funded agencies, the residents and identify opportunities and needs.
- Conduct networking meeting with all subrecipients to encourage partnership and collaboration. (Annually)
- Provide regular technical assistance to agencies in order to insure orderly progress for the activities.
- Through the efforts of the Gary Human Relations Commission, maintain communications with private housing providers and financial institutions.
- Participate and interact with community groups (i.e., CDC's) and others that provide housing and supportive services to low-income residents.
- Continue collaboration with the Gary Housing Authority to preserve and expand affordable housing particularly for those with low income. These efforts will particularly focus in Downtown and Emerson areas.
- Meet with shelter providers to get input about needs and distribution of funds (Annually)
- Through the efforts of the Continuum of Care Network, the City will coordinate homeless activities on a regional basis to assure availability of shelter and homeless services and to reduce gaps in the system.
- Through an expanded HMIS program, integrate activities of homeless shelter and those providing assistance to the homeless or at-risk families.
- Meet with other social and community groups to discuss activities on a regular basis.

During the 2022 program year, the City further will collaborate with different organizations and other City agencies to address neighborhood conditions, code enforcement, brownfields, demolition as well as issues related to neighborhood revitalization.

Discussion:

The City and its program partners will continue to work together to address the many social and economic needs of the community. Through collaboration, the leveraging of resources, and improved tracking of needs, the City aim to better meet the needs of the community, particularly those with low and moderate income and underserved population.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The City of Gary receives annual entitlement funding for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Funds. The City will use these funds to carry out a variety of programs consisting of public services, housing, public infrastructure Improvements, Homeless, and community improvements.

On an annual basis, the City advertises a Notice of Request for Applications in local newspapers and on the City’s website to receive funding applications for HOME funds. The Notice of RFA includes notification that we will only be accepting applications for the development or rehabilitation of affordable housing for low-income households. The Notice of RFA is also sent electronically to the Gary Public Libraries, the Gary Housing Authority, and others. Agencies or other entities, that have made known their interest in this type of funding, are also contacted and made aware that funding applications are being made available. Interested applicants are required to contact the Department of Community Development to receive an application package electronically.

Once applications are received, they are reviewed for completeness and then analyzed and rated by a committee of managing staff members. Funding is then awarded based upon priorities outlined in our Consolidated Plan and accompanying Annual Action Plans.

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	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. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. 90.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

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

Not Applicable

2. 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 HOME funds provide for purchase or rehab assistance to homebuyers, homeowners, or investors. The resale of all HOME assisted properties during the required affordability period will be governed by the recapture guidelines in accordance to provisions of CFR 24, Section 92.253(a)(5) of HUD. This provision allows participating jurisdictions to impose either resale or recapture requirements on properties sold that have been assisted with HOME funds. The City of Gary will utilize the recapture method. A full copy of policies and procedures are attached as Exhibit 2, Resale/Recapture.

Periods of Affordability: The recapture provision will ensure that each housing unit will remain affordable for a period of time determined by the recapture schedule below, established in accordance with 24 CFR 92.254. The City of Gary's has adopted HOME Affordability Limits policy. The document containing these policies are attached as Exhibit 2 Home Affordability Limits.

Net Proceed: The "net proceeds" for this purpose is defined as the sales price minus superior loan repayment (other than HOME funds) and any closing costs. To the extent that net proceeds are

available at closing, all or a portion of the HOME funds are due and may be recaptured.

HOME RESALE/RECAPTURE GUIDELINES ARE CONTINUED BELOW

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

The City of Gary's has adopted HOME Affordability Limits policy. The document containing these policies are attached in Exhibit 2 Home Affordability Limits. In determination of the maximum value of purchased properties, the City of Gary will utilize 95% of the maximum value permitted as determined by HUD for 2022 as outlined in the following Table.

2022 Purchase Price Limits, Effective June 1, 2022

4. 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:

Not Applicable. The City of Gary will not use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing.

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
Reference 91.220(l)(4)**

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

The City of Gary's has adopted written standards for providing ESG assistance. The document containing the standards and policies are attached as Exhibit 3.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

All projects receiving funding will utilize the HMIS system as coordinated by the Continuum of Care Network. The data from these activities are entered into the System to ensure proper assessment and reporting. The Continuum of Care Network of Northwest Indiana, in cooperation and input from the City of Gary and its membership has established a centralized coordinated assessment system or Coordinated Entry System.

The Coordinated Entry System (CES) is governed by a 10-member committee appointed by the member organization’s supervisors. The Continuum of Care regularly convenes and engages in community-and system-level coordination, ranging from the Service Planning Area monthly meetings with representation from service providers and people with lived experience. Coordination at all levels emphasizes the continued growth and improvement of the Coordinated Entry System.

The Coordinated Entry System (CES) for Single Adults, Youth, and Families coordinates supportive services and housing resources across Lake County, Indiana to form a collaborative, no-wrong door network that connects homeless individuals and households to services and housing. The Coordinated Entry System (CES):

- Creates many front doors, to the homeless services delivery system, making all participating providers a point of access;
- Lifts the burden of navigating a complex maze of resources from the person experiencing homelessness by providing someone to help navigate the housing process;
- Encourages resource coordination among service providers so that people receive the right type and level of services and housing supports for their needs;
- Ensures strategic use of limited resources; and
- Distributes resources more equitably across the county

The Coordinated Entry System (CES) was established where Adults/Families could access CES for Single Adults through access centers and crisis housing. Outreach teams can also serve as entry points. Youth can access Youth CES through drop-in centers and crisis housing.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

The City of Gary funding application process is open to all entities including non-profits and faith-based organizations. The City publicly announced on October 4, 2021 availability of funding and availability of applications from October 15, 2021 with a deadline to submit electronically of November 16, 2021 on the City’s website. Supplementing this announcement, the City published public notices in two local newspapers. The City further emailed notifications to previous recipients, non-profit organizations, community centers, faith-based organizations and potential stakeholders using its large email bank, to inform these organizations of availability of funds.

A total of five applications were received by the City. The applications were reviewed by the Community Development Application Committee for eligibility, conformance with the program’s requirements, qualifications of applicants, availability of matching funds and related factors. The City further seeks input from stakeholders and Continuum of Care Network, including a homeless or

formerly homeless person before the public meeting for the selected applications. The meeting occurred on April 20, 2022. The ESG allocation will be allocated as follows: Crisis Center, Inc. - \$115,000; Rebuilding the Breach Lydia House - \$30,000; CoCNWI - \$40,000 Data Collection (HMIS), RRH - \$42,057, HP - \$42,314; and Administration - \$21,840.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

The City of Gary met the homeless participation requirement with a consultation meeting on April 20, 2022 with the Continuum of Care Network of NWI and a formerly homeless individual.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The City of Gary's has adopted written performance standards for providing ESG assistance. The performance standards were developed in collaboration with the Continuum of Care Network which is the coordinating body for the State's Region 1a. The document containing the performance standards and policies are attached as Exhibit 3.

The needs of the homeless during the COVID-19 Pandemic has been challenging for the City, both in terms of demand for housing as well challenges imposed by social distancing requirements, which reduced capacity of many of shelter providers and/or the closing of shelters.

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

CITY OF GARY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING 2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

The City of Gary's Community Development Department has scheduled a Public Hearing to present a summary of the 2022 Annual Action Plan. The Plan will include the proposed use of federal grant dollars from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG), and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) that affect our community. The public hearing is open to the general public and all citizens are invited to attend and provide comments and/or suggestions. The meeting will start promptly at 4:30 P.M. on the date and at the location listed below:

**Monday, July 11, 2022
Gary Public Library & Cultural Center
Community Room
220 W. 5th Ave.
Gary, IN 46402**

A Draft of the Plan will be made available for review and comment on July 12, 2022 at the City of Gary Community Development Department, 401 Broadway, Suite 300, Gary, IN 46402. There is a 30-day public review and comment period. Survey forms will be made available to citizens in an effort to procure written comments and/or suggestions and may be submitted in person at the public hearing, emailed to kmcclam@gary.gov or mailed to Ms. Kimberley McClam, City of Gary Community Development Department, 401 Broadway, Suite 300, Gary, IN 46402. Comments received will be incorporated into the final document and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Persons requiring special accommodations such as a language interpreter, alternately formatted materials, auxiliary aids, sign language, or other should contact Ms. Kimberley McClam at (219)881-5075 between 9:00 A.M. 4:30 P.M. at least five (5) days prior to the meeting. Please contact Ms. McClam for any other additional information.

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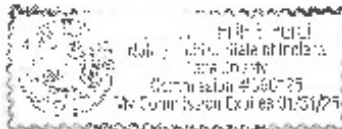
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AGENDA

2022 Annual Action Plan

PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, July 11, 2022
4:30 p.m.

Gary Main Library

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| 1. | Welcome Remarks | Kim McClam |
| 2. | Introduction and Process | Evelyn Aponte
Compliance Manager |
| 3. | 2022 Annual Plan | Taghi Arshami
Principal, The Arsh Group Inc. |
| 4. | Public Comments | |
| 5. | Adjournment | Evelyn Aponte
Compliance Manager |

2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN PUBLIC HEARING		
Location: Gary Public Library	Date: July 11, 2022	DURATION: 25 Minutes
Recorder of Minutes	Kimberley McClam	Initials: KM
List of Attendees	Please see last page of minutes	

Ms. Kimberley McClam, Compliance Specialist Community Development Department, called the public hearing to order at 4:40 pm.

Ms. McClam welcomed those who were in attendance and informed everyone that the meeting was being recorded. Ms. McClam informed everyone that there will be two public hearings today. Ms. McClam indicated that the first public hearing was for the 2022 Annual Action Plan and the second public hearing was for the 2022-2026 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. She stated that Mr. Arshanti, of The Arsh Group, Inc., was the consultant for these documents and added that the attendees should have a copy of the Agenda and the Summary to fellow along during both hearings. Ms. McClam added that the first public hearing is for the City's 2022 Annual Action Plan and once this public hearing has been adjourned, we will begin the second public hearing for the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. Ms. McClam stated that if anyone did not have agendas and handouts, to please let her know. Ms. McClam then turned the meeting over to Ms. Evelyn Aponte, Compliance Manager for the Community Development Department.

Ms. Aponte, Compliance Manager

Ms. Aponte welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the 2022 Annual Action Plan public hearing. Ms. Aponte introduced the staff that was in attendance. She began the public hearing by informing everyone that the Community Development Department is in charge with the administration of the HUD funds that come into the City of Gary which includes the Community Development Block Grant funds also known as CDBG, HOME Investment Partnerships Grant Funds, also known as HOME and the Emergency Solutions Grant program funds, also known as ESG. She also gave a background about how grants are received, the funding process, and the amount of funds that the City receives on a yearly basis which is approved by Congress. She mentioned that the award occurs between February and April and that there is no knowledge of what the funding will be until then but it is based on the submission of the prior year's plan. She also added that projections are used to go forward and inform the community what the City intends to use the dollars for and then make adjustments in those allocations based upon what is actually received.

She stated that the City is required to submit a three to five-year Consolidated Plan, which indicates how the city intends to use the dollars for and then makes adjustments to the allocations based on what was actually received. She added that the City of Gary is required to submit a 3 or 5-year Consolidated Plan where it is indicated how the funds are used under the CDBG, HOME and ESG GRANT programs over 3 or 5 years. She mentioned that the City of Gary began preparing its five-year Consolidated Plan in 2020. She further added that this plan was submitted to HUD and approved in 2021, which included the 2021 Annual Action Plan.

Ms. Aponte mentioned that, on an annual basis, the City is required to submit an Annual Action Plan to state how the City plans to spend their 2022 funds. She added that the 2022 Annual Action Plan is the second-year implementation of this five-year plan. She stated that the 2022 Annual Action Plan details activities the City of Gary will undertake to address housing, homelessness, community development needs and local objectives using CDBG, HOME and ESG funds. She further added that programs and activities funded in the Plan intend to primarily be re/fit low to moderate-income residents of the City of Gary. She mentioned that the activities that are funded meet the objectives established by the Consolidated Plan and supports its priorities. She stated that the City's Department of Community Development is the lead agency in implementing the 2022 Action Plan.

Ms. Aponte then turned the public hearing over to the City's consultant working on the plan, Mr. Taghi Arshanti, Principal of The Arsh Group, Inc.

Taghi Arshami, Consultant/Principal of The Arsh Group, Inc.

Mr. Arshami began by thanking Ms. Aponte and informed the attendees that Ms. Colvin, the Director of the Community Development Department, is normally the presenter of these documents but was not able to attend today's public hearing. He stated that he was chosen to make the presentation for her today.

Mr. Arshami noted that what is being presented today is the second year allocation or second year funding of a Plan that was prepared in 2020 and submitted in early 2021 and HUD approved the Plan and the City is now implementing elements of it. He mentioned that in the handout, there is an Executive Summary of the plan for this year. He stated that these plans are typically submitted and prepared online on the HUD's website and he further stated that the plans mentioned are usually 200 to 250 pages and for that reason, the City normally presents this executive summary. He stated that there is usually a 30-day public review period for the Plan. He informed the attendees that they may submit comments verbally today or in writing and comments will be reported and notified to HUD as described.

He stated that the Consolidated Plan establishes certain guidelines, goals, objectives and priorities. He mentioned, for the development of the plan, they consulted over 60 different agencies and applied their needs and this will represent a continuation of addressing those needs. He added that in this handout, you would see a series of goals and objectives and these are all established on the Plan. Mr. Arshami mentioned that one of the goals is an Economic Development goal and the City is not funding an economic development program this year; however, it will still be a goal of the City as well as Housing and Homeless goals. Mr. Arshami added the specific objectives or strategies under each goal was identified and these plans and the funded activities reflect those strategies. Mr. Arshami added that one of the requirements that HUD has is to describe to the public what the accomplishments of the City were despite the fact that the city received funding very late last year and the same thing happened this year. The City received their funding around May 12th and they should have received their funding in October of last year, nonetheless, in 2021 the City was able to implement or achieve a lot of their goals and collectively they benefited about 3,700 people or beneficiaries. Mr. Arshami mentioned that this was a significant accomplishment understanding that we were under COVID conditions, and the process of developing the plan started late last year and has continued. Mr. Arshami asked Ms. Aponte to give us a synopsis of the application process.

Evelyn Aponte, Compliance Manager

Ms. Aponte stated that normally, we have the application process during September or maybe October but last year we were slightly late due to a shortage of staff. She added that the applications or the request for applications (RFAs) were sent out about October 15, 2021 and the deadline was November 16, 2021. Ms. Aponte noted that they were reviewed for lack of information, had a department meeting or we call it the Review Committee Meeting and reviewed the applications, and rated them to see if they qualified under the priorities of the Consolidated Plan. She mentioned that we basically make recommendation to the Director, the Director makes the recommendations to the Mayor, and then we get the projects approved and the amount of funding. She stated award letters are sent out to those that have been awarded funds and denials and the reason for denials are have our public meeting for the Action Plan.

Taghi Arshami, Consultant/Principal of The Arsh Group, Inc.

Mr. Arshami stated that the City receives on an annual basis somewhere around \$4,000,000 consisting of three different grants. He added, the city is receiving about \$3,293,000 in CDBG funds, the city is getting more than what the city has received in past in Home Funds. In Home Funds, typically the city receives about \$715,000 in ESG funds the city is receiving \$291,211 as a whole. The city is receiving about 4.4 million dollars total for these programs. Included in this 4.4 million, there is about \$14,000 that the city typically anticipates that they will receive for what is called programming costs. These are typically interest income of the loans that the city has made in the past and that is how it comes in. As a whole, the City plans to fund about 28 different activities and these range from housing all the way to homeless to creating activities in different categories. I am going to go over very quickly, these different categories of funding that the city plans to do:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT' BLOCK GRANT - \$3,393,295

Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements

- **Warming Center**, a former fire station that the city is converting it into a Warming Center. CDBG funds are not fully funding it, only partially funding the project.
- **Ambridge Mann Community Center**, this is an old Community Center right on 4th Avenue on the West side of the city which needs renovation.

Public Services

- **Gary Commission for Women (Rainbow-Ark Shelter)**, is a homeless shelter that the City funds which provides a variety of types of services for women, men, and children.
- **Gary Health Department Lead Poisoning Prevention Program**, is a program that will provide testing, monitoring, documentation of lead levels, and case management for children and/or adults at risk.
- **Gary Health Department Sexually Transmitted Diseases Program**, is a program that provides promotion of healthy living through education, prevention, protection, and intervention of sexually transmitted diseases.
- **Gary Human Relations Commission Fair Housing and Employment Rights Program**, is a program that provides human rights counseling services to Gary residents who feel that they have been discriminated against in areas of housing, employment, education, and public accommodation.
- **Gary Youth Services Bureau Out of School Time Program**, is a program that will offer tutoring, martial arts, and boxing classes during out of school time to support or engages kids in activities to keep them off the streets.
- **Gary Literacy Coalition Learner Partner Program**, is a program that offers elementary school students from Frankie Woods-McCullough Academy school a "Learning Partner" mentoring program which engages volunteers from diverse sectors of the community to take responsibility for enhancing the effective domain of 4th-5th grade students.
- **Homeownership Opportunity Network (HON)**, is a program that provides financial, homeownership, and pre and post homeownership education so that people who do buy homes or are interested in buying a home can fully be familiarized with the process and with the challenges that they may have to face.

Housing

- **Emergency Repair Program**, is a program which provides emergency repair assistance grants to homeowners when it is determined to be necessary to alleviate unsafe, hazardous, and/or unsanitary living conditions such as heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC), water heater replacement, hazardous electrical and plumbing repairs.
- **Senior Rehab Program**, is a program which provides rehabilitation grants to owner-occupied Gary senior homeowners with needed repairs to bring the home into code compliance which may include roofing, plumbing, HVAC, electrical, and disabled accessibility.
- **Neighborhood Rehab Program**, is a program which provides for the rehabilitation of 2 properties acquired under the Neighborhood Stabilization Program grants (NSP1 and NSP3) to be sold to a new homeowner.
- **Redevelopment Division Demolition Program**, is a program that is used for the operations of the demolition of unsafe structures throughout the City.
- **Neighborhood Conservation/Code Enforcement**, is a program that provides for the support of the removal of blighting conditions in designated areas of the City where neighborhoods are significantly deteriorated, on-going redevelopment efforts are in place, or revitalization opportunities exist.
- **Temporary Property Management Program**, is a program that provides for the costs of mowing the grass at the old Franklin Elementary School at 600 E. 25th Ave. which was purchased by the City to develop affordable housing.
- **Section 108 Loan Interest**, is a program where the City has to pay back interest from a loan from the federal government that was used to rebuild the Hudson-Campbell Sports & Fitness Center and for the new construction of a fire station in South Glen Park.

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM GRANT - \$715,015

- **CHDO Set A-Side**, this program will provide assistance with the local CDC's and plans to build two houses from that program locally.

- **First Time Homebuyers Program**, is a program which provides downpayment assistance to qualifying first-time homebuyers who participate in the Homeownership Opportunity Network workshops.
- **Rental Assistance Program (TBRA)**, is a program which provides rental assistance on a short-term basis (up to 12 months) to very low-income individuals with critical and/or emergency housing needs who reside in Gary.
- **Affordable Housing Program**, is a program which provides for the development of affordable housing.

EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS PROGRAMS

- **Crisis Center, Inc.**, is program which provides emergency shelter to boys and girls ages 10 to 18 who are homeless, runaways, or unaccompanied youth for up to 20 days. Operating funds are provided by this grant.
- **Rebuilding the Breach Ministries (Lydia House)**, is program which provides emergency safe and secure shelter to homeless women without children for up to 90 days. Operating funds are provided by this grant.
- **Homeless Prevention Program**, is a program which provides housing relocation and stabilization services and short-and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to individuals or families who are at imminent risk of homelessness or seeking shelter including but not limited to a one-time payment for up to 6 months of rental arrears.
- **Rapid Rehousing Program**, is a program which provides housing relocation and stabilization services and/or short-and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to help individuals or families living in shelters or in places not meant for human habitation move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.

Mr. Arshami stated that this is sort of a synopsis of the programs that are being funded this year and mentioned earlier that we are going through a 30-day comment period. He added that everyone was welcomed to make comments and can send the comments to Ms. McClain. Mr. Arshami explained that once the 30-day comment period is over, the City submits the Plan after a couple days to HUD and HUD has 45 days, according to regulations, to respond. Mr. Arshami also explained that once HUD has approved the Plan, the City should receive the funding amounts within 30 days and those agencies that have been funded in the Plan will receive a grant agreement or contract for signature to begin their program.

Mr. Arshami asked if there were any questions.

Judson Salmon, President/Board of Directors Rebuilding the Breach Ministries (Lydia House)

Comment/Question: I am with the Lydia House and when we try to transition women into their own housing, how do we do that, funding wise? You said that there were some funds in the CDBG money or something like that; that there was available for housing. Because none of the women can do anything more than rent, I am sure.

Taghi Arshami

Mr. Arshami responded yes, that there were two different programs that the City funds that would provide assistance to serve transitional assistance to the individuals. He stated that he did not know specifically if the individuals that he was talking about would qualify for one, but there are those programs are currently within this year's planning and have been for the last few years. Mr. Arshami mentioned that the City provides funding for the type of individuals that you need through the Continuum of Care Network.

Judson Salmon, President of Board of Directors Rebuilding the Breach Ministries (Lydia House)

Okay, thank you.

Taghi Arshami

Mr. Arshami responded you are welcome and asked if there were any more questions or comments.

Mary Lewis, Gary Public Library

Ms. Lewis apologized for being late since she works upstairs. Ms. Lewis stated that as she was listening, she had one question in regards to the different areas. She asked if individuals that are seeking assistance in those areas go through the City of Gary or through outside organizations for these different areas?

Taghi Arshami

Mr. Arshami stated that it depends on their needs. He added that there were certain activities that were dropped by the City such as the Housing Repair Program which was eliminated. Mr. Arshami went on to explain that if the City funds it or runs it, you have to put in an application with them and if you need public services you will need to go to that organization and work with them.

Mary Lewis, Gary Public Library

So, in other words, the public assistance programs are with outside organizations?

Taghi Arshami

Mr. Arshami stated that the agencies that the city funds: The Health Department, Youth Services Bureau, Gary Literacy Organization, The Human Relations Commission (they do more than Fair Housing) are very important and they will need to contact them directly.

Evelyn Aponte, Compliance Manager/ COG

Are there any other comments or questions? This meeting is adjourned.

Staff:

Ms. Evelyn Aponte, Compliance Manager
Ms. Wanda Pettigrew, Programs Manager
Ms. Felicia Jones, Senior Compliance Specialist
Ms. Kimberley McClam, Compliance Specialist

Consultant:

Mr. Taghi Arshami, Principal of The Arsh Group, Inc.

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3	<i>Mary Lewis</i>	<i>REBUILDING THE BREACH 1881 Martin Luther King #105</i>	<i>219-200-7794</i>	<i>doublem1967@gmail.com</i>
4	<i>Wanda Pettigrew</i>	<i>Community Development 401 Broadway Gary, IN 46404</i>	<i>219-881-5075</i>	<i>wpettigrew@gary.gov</i>
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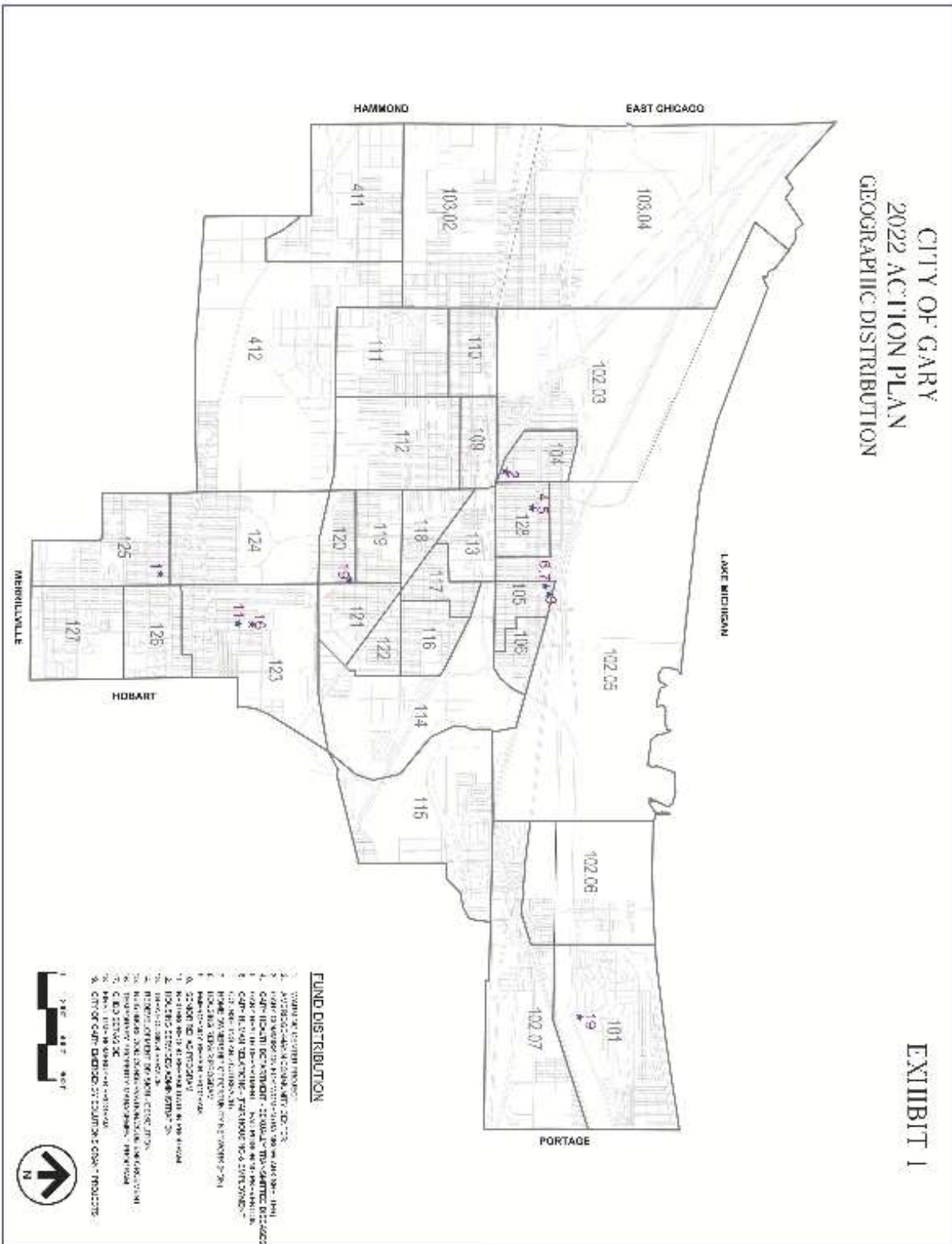


Exhibit 2

HOME Resale/Recapture Provisions (92.254(a)(5))

The City of Gary believes that activities supported by the HUD funds should become long term assets of the community. HOME funds provide purchase or rehab assistance to homebuyers, homeowners, or investors. The resale of all HOME assisted properties during the required affordability period will be governed by the recapture guidelines in accordance to provisions of CFR 24, Section 92.253(a)(5) of HUD. This provision allows participating Jurisdictions to impose either resale or recapture requirements on properties sold that have been assisted with HOME funds. The City of Gary will utilize the recapture method instead of the resale provision.

- A. Periods of Affordability:** The recapture provision will ensure that each housing unit will remain affordable for a period of time determined by the recapture schedule below, established in accordance with 24 CFR 92.254.

HOME Amount per Unit	Minimum Period of Affordability in Years
Less than \$15,000	5
\$15,000 - \$40,000	10
Over \$40,000	15
New Construction	20

- B. Net Proceed:** The "net proceeds" for this purpose is defined as the sales price minus superior loan repayment (other than HOME funds) and any closing costs. To the extent that net proceeds are available at closing, all or a portion of the HOME funds are due and may be recaptured.

- C. Recapture Provisions:** To continue affordability, the City will impose recapture requirements on all HOME funded housing programs. The primary policy of the City is to rely on "Recapture" provisions as a tool to ensure affordability to potential low and moderate-income homebuyers or renters. The "Recapture" provisions are set forth as follows:

1. All homeowner assistance involving HOME funds shall be provided as deferred or amortized loan as evidenced by a note secured by a deed of trust on the property. If the homebuyer does not continue to occupy the property as their principal residence for the duration of the period of affordability, this action shall be treated as an event of default and the homeowner shall become liable for the totality of assistance provided.
2. During the period of affordability, the homebuyer shall not be permitted to refinance the property without the approval and consent of the City.
3. The period of affordability will be based upon the total amount of HOME funds subject to recapture described in Paragraph "A" of this section.

4. Amount Subject to Recapture: The HOME investment that will be subject to recapture will be based on the amount of HOME assistance that enabled the homebuyer to buy a dwelling unit. This includes any HOME assistance that reduced the purchase price from fair market value to an affordable price, but excludes the amount between the cost of producing the unit and the market value of the property (i.e., the development subsidy).
5. Reduction during Affordability Period: The City of Gary will reduce the HOME investment amount to be recaptured, on a prorated basis for each complete month the homeowner has owned and occupied the housing, measured against the required affordability period and based on the following schedule:

<i>Affordability Period</i>	<i>Pro-rated Amount</i>
<i>5 Years</i>	<i>1/60 per month</i>
<i>10 Years</i>	<i>1/120 per month</i>
<i>15 Years</i>	<i>1/180 per month</i>

Ownership terminating on the 16th of a month or any date in the month thereafter shall be rounded up and considered a complete month of occupancy. Ownership terminating on or before the 15th of a month will be rounded down and ownership will be considered to have terminated at the end of the prior month.

If the net proceeds are not sufficient to recapture the full or prorated HOME investment, the City shall retain the totality of all proceeds.

6. Recaptured HOME funds by Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO), shall be returned to the City of Gary, and shall be used by CHDOs to provide affordable housing in the City of Gary.

For failure to meet these requirements, the City, at its own discretion and subject to other legal requirements, may require immediate repayment of a loan or grant from the homeowner for the prorated portion of the HOME funds.

D. Maximum Property Value

PJs are required to use the 95% of Area Median Purchase Price Value as the limitation of purchase price for HOME units. As a surrogate for calculating this data locally, HUD provides allowable value limits for maximum purchase price by area. The dataset used for determining this percentage changed as of the 2013 HOME Final Rule; as a result, the new limits are no longer based on 203(b) and are referred to as the HOME Homeownership Value Limits. The new limits provide maximum values by unit size and with regard to whether the unit is new or existing.

In Gary, the sales price of any homebuyer property assisted with HOME funds must not exceed 95 percent of the area median purchase price for that type of single-family housing for the Gary, IN HUD Metro Area. As noted above, HUD allows PJs to use either the HOME Homeownership Value Limits established by HUD or the actual 95 percent of median sales price limits for the area, whichever is higher; the City of Gary opts to utilize the HOME Homeownership Value Limits method. Program documents (including underwriting worksheets) will be updated annually to reflect the updated figures. The 2020 limits are as follows.

Purchase Price Limits, 2022, Effective June 1, 2022

Purchase Price Limits, Effective June 1, 2022					
Housing Type	1-Unit	2-unit	3-unit	4-unit	Unadjusted Median
Existing Homes	\$200,000	\$255,000	\$309,000	\$383,000	\$210,000
New Homes	\$290,000	\$371,000	\$449,000	\$557,000	\$306,235

In order to ensure compliance with the maximum property value requirement, the City of Gary shall determine and document the value (or after-rehabilitation value for rehab projects) of the unit prior to HOME assistance being provided. To establish the value of the home, the PJ may use an estimate of value, appraisal or tax assessments; these methods are described in greater detail in the Homeowner Rehabilitation Section XI. For homebuyer projects, City of Gary generally shall require that a copy of the appraisal of the HOME-assisted property, conducted prior to the loan closing, be provided to City of Gary. The appraisal amount, when added to the total dollar amount of rehabilitation (according to the bid), must be less than the HOME Homeownership Value Limit for the unit; for down payment assistance-only projects, the rehabilitation amount would be zero (\$0). City of Gary (or the developer, if applicable) shall utilize the "Calculation of Maximum Property Value" form to document compliance with this requirement for each property. A copy of this form shall be completed and dated prior to the date of purchase and maintained with the project file. If the home value calculated is higher than the HOME Homeownership Value Limit, the project must not move forward.

For all units considered for rehabilitation using HOME funds, to avoid the unnecessary expenditure of funds on a project that may not move forward because of this limit, the rehabilitation inspector shall provide a preliminary estimate of the initial value of the property and an estimate of the cost of rehab work following inspection of the property. When added together on the "Preliminary Calculation of After-Rehabilitation Value" form, those amounts should be under the HOME Homeownership Value Limit, or the project should

be abandoned. If applicable, this form shall be completed, signed and dated prior to bidding the project and maintained with the project file.

EXHIBIT 3

ESG Written Standards



**CITY OF GARY, INDIANA
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS PROGRAM
WRITTEN STANDARDS**

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INTRODUCTION

The City of Gary, Indiana has developed the following standards for providing assistance with Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) funds as required by 24 CFR 576.400 (e). These standards were created in coordination with the Region 1a Planning Council which is led by the Continuum of Care of NWI (CoC) which includes Lake County, Indiana. They are in accordance with the interim rule for the Emergency Solutions Grants Program released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on December 4, 2011 and the final rule for the definition of homelessness also released by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on December 4, 2011.

The City of Gary expects that the standards will adjust as the City of Gary gains more experience with and collects more data from services provided with the Emergency Solutions Grants program. The Standards serve as the guiding principles for funding programs.

DEFINITIONS

At risk of homelessness - (1) An individual or family who: (i) Has an annual income below 30 percent of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD; (ii) Does not have sufficient resources or support networks, *e.g.*, family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place described in paragraph (1) of the "homeless" definition in this section; and (iii) Meets one of the following conditions: (A) Has moved because of economic reasons two or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for homelessness prevention assistance; (B) Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship; (C) Has been notified in writing that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance; (D) Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost of the hotel or motel stay is not paid by charitable organizations or by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals; (E) Lives in a single-room occupancy or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than two persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than 1.5 persons reside per room, as defined by the U.S. Census Bureau; (F) Is exiting a publicly funded institution, or system of care (such as a health-care facility, a mental health facility, foster care or other youth facility, or correction program or institution); or (G) Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient's approved consolidated plan; (2) A child or youth who does not qualify as "homeless" under this section, but qualifies as "homeless" under section 387(3) of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a(3)), section 637(11) of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832(11)), section 41403(6) of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2(6)), section 330(h)(5)(A) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)(5)(A)), section 3(m) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012(m)), or section 17(b)(15) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)(15)); or (3) A child or youth who does not qualify as "homeless" under this section, but qualifies

as “homeless” under section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a(2)), and the parent(s) or guardian(s) of that child or youth if living with her or him.

Chronically Homeless – a homeless individual with a disability who lives either in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter, or in an institutional care facility if the individual has been living in the facility for fewer than 90 days and had been living in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter immediately before entering the institutional care facility. In order to meet the “chronically homeless” definition, the individual also must have been living as described above continuously for at least 12 months, or on at least 4 separate occasions in the last 3 years, where the combined occasions total a length of time of at least 12 months. Each period separating the occasions must include at least 7 nights of living in a situation other than a place not meant for human habitation, in an emergency shelter, or in a safe haven.

Continuum of Care (CoC) – the group composed of representatives of relevant organizations, which generally includes nonprofit homeless providers; victim service providers; faith-based organizations; governments; businesses; advocates; public housing agencies; school districts; social service providers; mental health agencies; hospitals; universities; affordable housing developers; law enforcement; organizations that serve homeless and formerly homeless veterans, and homeless and formerly homeless persons that are organized to plan for and provide, as necessary, a system of outreach, engagement, and assessment; emergency shelter; rapid re-housing; transitional housing; permanent housing; and prevention strategies to address the various needs of homeless persons and persons at risk of homelessness for a specific geographic area.

Emergency Shelter – any facility, the primary purpose of which is to provide a temporary shelter for the homeless in general or for specific populations of the homeless and which does not require occupants to sign leases or occupancy agreements.

Homeless – (1) An individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning: (i) An individual or family with a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings, including a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station, airport, or camping ground; (ii) An individual or family living in a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state, or local government programs for low-income individuals); or (iii) An individual who is exiting an institution where he or she resided for 90 days or less and who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution; (2) An individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that: (i) The primary nighttime residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance; (ii) No subsequent residence has been identified; and (iii) The individual or

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family lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, needed to obtain other permanent housing; (3) Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who: (i) Are defined as homeless under section 387 of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5732a), section 637 of the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9832), section 41403 of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e-2), section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b(h)), section 3 of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2012), section 17(b) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(b)) or section 725 of the McKinney-Vento \Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11434a); (ii) Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing at any time during the 60 days immediately preceding the date of application for homeless assistance; (iii) Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during the 60-day period immediately preceding the date of applying for homeless assistance; and (iv) Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time because of chronic disabilities, chronic physical health or mental health conditions, substance addiction, histories of domestic violence or childhood abuse (including neglect), the presence of a child or youth with a disability, or two or more barriers to employment, which include the lack of a high school degree or General Education Development (GED), illiteracy, low English proficiency, a history of incarceration or detention for criminal activity, and a history of unstable employment; or (4) Any individual or family who: (i) Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening conditions that relate to violence against the individual or a family member, including a child, that has either taken place within the individual's or family's primary nighttime residence or has made the individual or family afraid to return to their primary nighttime residence; (ii) Has no other residence; and (iii) Lacks the resources or support networks, e.g., family, friends, faith based or other social networks, to obtain other permanent housing.

Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) – the information system designated by the Continuum of Care to comply with the HUD's data collection, management, and reporting standards and used to collect client-level data and data on the provision of housing and services to homeless individuals and families and persons at-risk of homelessness.

Homelessness Prevention – Housing relocation and stabilization services and short-and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to prevent the individual or family from moving to an emergency shelter, a place not meant for human habitation, or another place described in Homeless Category 1 of Appendix A: HUD Definition for Homeless.

Private Nonprofit Organization – a private nonprofit organization that is a secular or religious organization described in section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and which is exempt from taxation under subtitle A of the Code, has an accounting system and a voluntary board, and practices

nondiscrimination in the provision of assistance. A private nonprofit organization does not include a governmental organization, such as a public housing agency or housing finance agency.

Program Participant – an individual or family who is assisted under ESG program.

Rapid Re-Housing – Housing relocation and stabilization services and/or short-and/or medium- term rental assistance as necessary to help individuals or families living in shelters or in places not meant for human habitation move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.

Service Area – The City of Gary’s service area includes the City’s incorporated limits. A map for reference is included on Appendix E.

Street Outreach – Essential Services related to reaching out to unsheltered homeless individuals and families, connecting them with emergency shelter, housing, or critical services, and providing them with urgent, non-facility-based care.

Subrecipient – a unit of general purpose local government or private nonprofit organization to which a recipient makes available ESG funds.

Victim Service Provider – a private nonprofit organization whose primary mission is to provide services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. This term includes rape crisis centers, battered women’s shelters, domestic violence transitional housing programs, and other programs.

STANDARDS APPLICABLE TO ALL PROGRAM COMPONENTS

SERVICE AREA

The service area where assistance will be offered is in the City of Gary corporate city limits.

ELIGIBLE ESG PROGRAM COMPONENTS

There are four (4) ESG Program Components that will be offered through the ESG program:

1. Street Outreach;
2. Emergency Shelter;
3. Rapid Re-Housing;
4. Homelessness Prevention; and

Funds for ESG can be used to support any of the eligible components. The City of Gary and the CoC gives priority to funding that supports securing housing options for homeless households and to support the expansion of rapid re-housing.

COORDINATING ASSESSMENT & SERVICES AMONG PROVIDERS

The City of Gary expects that all providers participate in the coordinated assessment system. The system consists of an electronic assessment housed in the HMIS and a dedicated Project Manager through the CoC Lead Agency. Coordinated assessment uses a common housing assessment to ensure that all homeless individuals are referred to the appropriate housing intervention. Coordinated assessment will be used as each housing intervention supported by ESG.

Verification of Homeless Status: Project level staff are required to obtain documentation at project intake of homeless or at-risk of homelessness status. This status must be maintained in the client's file and available for monitoring by the City of Gary and HUD. These Standards establish the order of priority for obtaining evidence [per 24 CFR 576.500 (b)] as: 1) third-party documentation, 2) intake worker observations, and 3) certification from the person seeking assistance.

Designate staff members for Region 1a Planning Council (RPC) Provider Input Meetings: Each agency will assign two representatives to attend the meetings, where at least one member has decision making capacity for the program. RPC Provider Input Meetings will be conducted on the second Thursday of every month at 10:00 a.m. where providers give and receive information regarding RPC strategies and policies.

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Participate in any standardized training as designated by ESG funders and offered through CoC. The CoC will provide a vetted and standardized training curriculum for all housing stability case managers that will be available for all agencies providing case management for housing-based services. The curriculum and standards will be developed as a part of and in partnership with the Continuum of Care Technical Assistance from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. This will focus on the requirements of maintaining stable housing and ensure access to mainstream resources that will provide ongoing, continued and necessary support for households to gain and maintain stable housing.

COORDINATING WITH MAINSTREAM AND TARGETED HOMELESS PROVIDERS

The City of Gary expects that every agency that is funded through ESG will coordinate with and access mainstream and other targeted homeless resources. The City of Gary will evaluate performance of each provider based on the outcomes achieved toward housing models adopted through the Region 1a Steering Committee. These outcome measures will be used to evaluate program success annually. The City of Gary will use this and other performance metrics to guide funding decisions for ESG funded programs. Required outcomes for each intervention around accessing mainstream resources will match the outcomes approved by the Region 1a Steering Committee annually.

The Continuum of Care Network of NWI is serving as the Managing Entity of Region 1A's Prioritization List. The CoC has lead the implementation of the Coordinated Entry system and has committed resources and staffing to administer assessments, analyze assessment results and support referrals to housing interventions. The CoC will also serve on the statewide Indiana Coordinated Entry Steering Committee, as the system was launched, managed and evaluated.

The Coordinated Entry system established in Region 1A has received overall program management support from the Indiana Balance of State Continuum of Care. Our communities focus on quickly connecting households experiencing chronic homelessness to permanent housing interventions. Region 1A has developed de-centralized entry points of access for households experiencing homelessness, managed by the Continuum of Care Network of NWI. These designated access centers will be the sole locations where homeless or those at-risk of homelessness will be directed for assessment prior to being admitted to any homeless assistance program

Utilization of the VI-SPDAT (Vulnerability Index-Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool as created and owned by Community Solutions and Org Code Consulting, Inc.): Standardized Assessment Tool(s) will used by all CE Access Points to determine a household's current housing situation, housing and service needs, risk of harm, risk of future or continued homelessness, and other adverse outcomes. Staff administering the VI-SPDAT Standardized Assessment Tool(s) has completed required training through Org Code.

Coordination of policies and procedures for homeless assistance programs will primarily be achieved through the City of Gary and Regional Planning Council. Active participation in the Regional Planning Council is required. The City and RPC will support a variety of activities which assure availability of services as well as coordination and management. Specifically, the coordination effort will include:

- The City and RPC will implement a coordinated front and back door assessment process through Coordinated Entry participants. All CE participants will be encouraged to use this process and report as required to assure full coordination. This process will be refined to assure rapid rehousing for all homeless and at risk in the system.
- The CE participants will coordinate and evaluate the intake process and conduct a quarterly peer evaluation to assure effectiveness.
- Periodically, meetings of all participating agencies will be held to ensure effective ongoing management and provide updates on any new program developments, outcomes to date, and to allow for discussion and resolution of any project issues.
- Case managers and program representatives will be meeting applicants regularly in CE participating offices or in shelters. The City, CE staff, and shelter staff will also be routinely engaged in conversations and will be requested to participate in any process to assist the program in meeting the needs of the people and families it serves.
- Referral Service:
 - a. Participating agencies, including those receiving ESG funding for shelter operations, will be eligible to refer applicants into CE for homelessness prevention and rapid re-housing assistance.
 - b. The referral process for rapid re-housing and homeless prevention will be as outlined by the CE process and funding availability.
 - c. Referrals will be processed according to the vulnerability assessment (Vulnerability Index - Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool or VI-SPDAT).

COORDINATION WITH OTHER TARGETED HOMELESS SERVICES

The recipient and its subrecipients must coordinate and integrate, to the maximum extent practicable, ESG-funded activities with other programs targeted to homeless people in the area covered by the Continuum of Care or area over which the services are coordinated to provide a strategic, community-wide system to prevent and end homelessness for that area. These programs include:

1. Shelter Plus Care Program (24 CFR part 582);
2. Supportive Housing Program (24 CFR part 583);
3. Section 8 Moderate Rehabilitation Program for Single Room Occupancy Program for Homeless Individuals (24 CFR part 882);
4. HUD—Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (HUD—VASH) (division K, title II, Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, Pub. L. 110–161 (2007), 73 FR 25026 (May 6, 2008));

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5. Education for Homeless Children and Youth Grants for State and Local Activities (title VII–B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11431 *et seq.*));
6. Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals (section 506 of the Public Health Services Act (42 U.S.C. 290aa–5));
7. Healthcare for the Homeless (42 CFR part 51c);
8. Programs for Runaway and Homeless Youth (Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5701 *et seq.*));
9. Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (part C of title V of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 290cc–21 *et seq.*));
10. Services in Supportive Housing Grants (section 520A of the Public Health Service Act);
11. Emergency Food and Shelter Program (title III of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11331 *et seq.*));
12. Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking Program (section 40299 of the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act (42 U.S.C. 13975));
13. Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program (section 5(a)(1)) of the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Assistance Act (38 U.S.C. 2021);
14. Domiciliary Care for Homeless Veterans Program (38 U.S.C. 2043);
15. VA Homeless Providers Grant and Per Diem Program (38 CFR part 61);
16. Health Care for Homeless Veterans Program (38 U.S.C. 2031);
17. Homeless Veterans Dental Program (38 U.S.C. 2062);
18. Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program (38 CFR part 62); and
19. Veteran Justice Outreach Initiative (38 U.S.C. 2031).

The recipient and its subrecipients must also coordinate and integrate, to the maximum extent practicable, ESG-funded activities with mainstream housing, health, social services, employment, education, and youth programs for which families and individuals at risk of homelessness and homeless individuals and families may be eligible. Examples of these programs include:

1. Public housing programs assisted under section 9 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437g) (24 CFR parts 905, 968, and 990);
2. Housing programs receiving tenant-based or project-based assistance under section 8 of the U.S. Housing Act of 1937 (42 U.S.C. 1437f) (respectively 24 CFR parts 982 and 983);
3. Supportive Housing for Persons with Disabilities (Section 811) (24 CFR part 891);
4. HOME Investment Partnerships Program (24 CFR part 92);
5. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) (45 CFR parts 260– 265);
6. Health Center Program (42 CFR part 51c);
7. State Children’s Health Insurance Program (42 CFR part 457);
8. Head Start (45 CFR chapter XIII, subchapter B);

9. Mental Health and Substance Abuse Block Grants (45 CFR part 96); and
10. Services funded under the Workforce Investment Act (29 U.S.C. 2801 *et seq.*).

TERMINATION OF PARTICIPATION AND GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

It is important that sub-recipients effectively communicate termination and grievance procedures to participants and ensure that the procedures are fully understood. The City of Gary CDD recommends that each sub-recipient require each participant to sign a form that states the participant has been explained the termination and grievance policy. Posting the policy on a bulletin board in a common area within the facility is an effective way to ensure that the termination and grievance procedures are available for participants to access at any time.

- A. If a participant violates ESG program requirements, the sub-recipient may terminate assistance in accordance with a formal process established by the sub-recipient that recognizes the rights of individuals affected. The sub-recipient must exercise judgment and examine all extenuating circumstances in determining when violations warrant termination so that a program participant's assistance is terminated only in the most severe cases.
- B. To terminate rental assistance or housing relocation and stabilization services to a program participant, the required formal process, at a minimum, must consist of:
 1. Written notice to the program participant containing a clear statement of the reasons for termination;
 2. A review of the decision, in which the program participant is given the opportunity to present written or oral objections before a person other than the person (or a subordinate of that person) who made or approved the termination decision; and
 3. Prompt written notice of the final decision to the program participant.
- C. Termination under this section does not bar the recipient or sub-recipient from providing further assistance at a later date to the same family or individual.

FAIR HOUSING ACT COMPLIANCE

The Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") is responsible for enforcing the federal Fair Housing Act (the "Act"), which prohibits discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, and disability. One type of disability discrimination prohibited by the Act is the refusal to make reasonable accommodations in rules, policies, practices, or services when such accommodations may be necessary to afford a person with a disability the equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling. HUD and DOJ frequently respond to complaints alleging that housing providers have violated the Act by refusing reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities. State and federal laws require entities to make reasonable changes to policies, practices, procedures and/or physical changes to housing units and/or buildings if such changes are necessary to enable a person with a

disability to have equal access to the housing and/or building. Please note that such changes must be necessary as a result of the person's disability. To read more about what this policy entails refer to this link: https://www.hud.gov/program_offices/fair_housing_equal_opp/fair_housing_act_overview

Agencies receiving ESG Funds must have a policy in place for program recipients to request reasonable accommodations.

EQUAL ACCESS TO HOUSING FINAL RULES

On February 3, 2012, HUD published a final rule in the Federal Register entitled Equal Access to Housing in HUD Programs regardless of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity. The rule creates a new regulatory provision that generally prohibits considering a person's marital status, sexual orientation, or gender identity (a person's internal sense of being male or female) in making housing assistance available. Lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people are guaranteed equal access to all housing for all types of housing (affordable, permanent, transitional and emergency) funded through HUD.

In addition to the final rule on Equal Access to Housing, HUD published a final rule in the Federal Register entitled "Equal Access in Accordance with an Individual's Gender Identity in Community Planning and Development Programs". This rule was published on September 21, 2016. This rule ensures that each individual in accordance with their gender identity will have equal access to housing and shelter programs administered by HUD. This rule creates a new regulatory provision that requires those entities that are receiving any HUD funding grant equal access to facilities, benefits, accommodations and services to individuals in accordance with the individual's gender identity and in a manner that affords equal access to the individual's family.

WAIVERS

A Fair Market Rent Waiver is permission from an authorized HUD office to assist with rent payments above the established Fair Market Rent (FMR). It is considered an "exception" to established requirements. FMRs are used as a guide to determine the level of HUD subsidy for various programs such as the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG). However, the FMR is not in itself the standard used for determining eligible rents. Each HUD rental assistance program is governed by its own set of statutes and regulations which determine how much rent HUD will pay.

Emergency Solutions Grant short- and medium-term rental assistance can be provided to eligible program participants only when the rent, including utilities (gross rent) for the housing unit does not exceed the FMR established by HUD for the MSA and complies with HUD's standard of rent reasonableness. HUD may consider waiver requests from ESG grantees to increase these rent limits. Subrecipients such as ACAM have requested and received waivers, but it should be noted that these waivers are time-limited (often, but not always, one year) and the requirement for rent reasonableness is not waived even when there is an FMR Waiver in place.

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STANDARDS SPECIFIC TO STREET OUTREACH

ELIGIBILITY: HOMELESS STATUS

Individuals/families who meet the HUD criteria for the following definitions are eligible for Street Outreach services:

- Homeless Category 1: Literally Homeless
- Homeless Category 4: Fleeing/attempting to flee DV (where the individuals/families also meet the criteria for Category 1)

In addition, individuals and families must be living on the streets or other places not meant for human habitation **and** be unwilling or unable to access services in an emergency shelter.

TARGET POPULATION

Although the homeless population is considered a vulnerable population, street outreach activities should target those who are extremely vulnerable including youth and chronically homeless persons.

ENGAGEMENT/COLLABORATION

The City of Gary requires that agencies conducting street outreach activities must engage with unsheltered homeless persons for the purpose of providing immediate support, intervention or connections with mainstream social service programs. The connection of any unsheltered person to an emergency shelter, supportive housing, and/or referral to social service agencies will serve as immediate support and intervention for housing stabilization or critical services.

Agencies are encouraged to use evidenced based practices for their street outreach efforts; including the Housing First Model that quickly connects individuals to permanent housing in the face of acute barriers to entry into housing programs. Additionally, the agencies will participate in the local Continuum of Care's Street Outreach Workgroup and utilize the Coordinated Access Assessment to identify barriers to housing.

ELIGIBILITY: INTAKE AND ASSESSMENT

The City of Gary requires that agencies conducting street outreach activities must provide individuals and families with an assessment and enter data into HMIS or a comparable database for DV providers. The City of Gary encourages providers to develop relationships with unsheltered homeless persons that will help connect them with emergency shelter and housing services primarily through a referral to Coordinated Access.

STANDARDS SPECIFIC TO EMERGENCY SHELTER

ELIGIBILITY: HOMELESS STATUS

Homeless clients entering into the shelter system must meet the HUD criteria for homelessness as either literally homeless (Homeless Category 1), at imminent risk of homelessness (Homeless Category 2), homeless under another federal statute (Homeless Category 3), or fleeing/attempting to flee domestic violence (Homeless Category 4).

For additional details related to the HUD definition of Homeless and applicability to each program component, see Appendix A and C.

ELIGIBILITY: INTAKE AND ASSESSMENT

Specific to Emergency Shelter:

- Any new client entering into a shelter must undergo a complete assessment to understand client needs and barriers and match the client to the most appropriate services provider. The standard assessment accounts for length and frequency of homelessness, physical and mental health status, criminal history, veteran status, domestic violence experience, substance abuse conditions and employment history.
- Clients will be prioritized within the emergency shelter system based on need, available resources, and geographic area.
- Emergency shelters are responsible to assess an individual or family's initial need for emergency shelter and must re-assess their need on an ongoing basis to ensure that only those individuals or families with the greatest need receive ESG-funded emergency shelter assistance. Shelters that serve families must serve all eligible families and may not refuse services based on the age of children or the size of the family.
- Providers must enter data into HMIS or a comparable database for DV providers.

ELIGIBILITY: PRIORITIZATION & REFERRAL POLICIES

Emergency shelters will prioritize individuals/families that:

- Cannot be diverted; and
- Are literally homeless; and
- Can be safely accommodated in the shelter; and
- Not in need of emergency medical or psychiatric services or danger to self or others
- Emergency Shelters cannot discriminate per HUD regulations.

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- There are no requirements related to ID, income or employment.
- Transgender placement based on gender self-identification.

General documentation standards, in order of priority, when obtaining documentation of Homelessness are as follows:

Documentation types in order of priority for households who are **Literally Homeless**:

- 1st - Written Third-Party Documentation** (e.g. a letter on agency letterhead with specific dates of contact such as from an emergency shelter provider, landlord, etc.)
- 2nd - Intake Worker Observations** (e.g. a letter on agency letterhead and/or form with intake worker signature documenting specific dates of contact; intake worker may include pictures in case file of where household is sleeping, if authorized to do so by household)
- 3rd - Applicant Self-Declaration** (Certification from the person seeking assistance when no other documentation can be obtained and client completes and signs form documenting homeless status/dates they experienced homelessness)

Already available documentation:

- Discharge paperwork (e.g. paperwork when discharged from institutionalized setting where they resided less than 90 days, such as jail, hospital, treatment facility, etc.)
- HMIS record: (may include any of the following: current project enrollments/shelter stay, recent outreach contact, recent service transactions)

Documentation types in order of priority for households who are at **Fleeing/Attempting to Flee DV**:

- A court order resulting from an eviction action notifying the individual or family that they must leave within 14 days; or
- For individual and families leaving a hotel or motel – evidence that they lack the financial resources to stay; or
- A documented and verified written or oral statement that the individual or family will be literally homeless within 14 days; and
- Certification that no subsequent residence has been identified; and
- Self-Certification or other written documentation that the individual lacks the financial resources and support necessary to obtain permanent housing.

STANDARDS SPECIFIC TO HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION AND RAPID RE-HOUSING

ELIGIBILITY: STATUS AS HOMELESS OR AT-RISK OF HOMELESSNESS

Individuals/families, who meet the HUD criteria for the following definitions, are eligible for Homelessness Prevention assistance:

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- At Risk of Homelessness
- Homeless Category 2: Imminently at-risk of homelessness
- Homeless Category 3: Homeless under other federal statute and
- Homeless Category 4: Fleeing/attempting to flee DV (as long as the individuals/families fleeing or attempting to flee DV are **not** also literally homeless. If the individuals/families are also literally homeless they would actually qualify for rapid re- housing instead. See below.)

Additional eligibility requirements related to Homelessness Prevention include:

- **Proof of residence** within the City of Gary corporate limits service area. A map for reference is included in Appendix?.
- **Total household income at 30 percent or below of Area Median Income (AMI)** for the area at initial assessment. Clients must provide documentation of household income, including documentation of unemployment and zero income affidavit for clients without income.

RAPID RE-HOUSING

Individuals/families, who meet the HUD criteria for the following definitions, are eligible for Rapid Re-Housing assistance:

- Homeless Category 1: Literally homeless
- Homeless Category 4: Fleeing/attempting to flee DV (as long as the individuals/families fleeing or attempting to flee DV are **also** literally homeless).

For additional details related to the HUD definition of At Risk of Homelessness and applicability of these definitions to each program component, see Appendix B and C.

ELIGIBILITY: INTAKE AND ASSESSMENT

Coordinated Access will be used for all housing interventions. Subrecipients are required to participate in the centralized or coordinated assessment and intake system (HMIS).

Subrecipients must conduct an initial evaluation to determine the eligibility of each individual or family's eligibility for ESG assistance and the amount and types of assistance the individual or family needs to regain stability in permanent housing as set forth at 24 CFR § 576.401(a). These evaluations must be conducted in accordance with the centralized or coordinated assessment requirements set forth under § 576.400(d) and the written standards established under § 576.400(e).

The standard assessment accounts for length and frequency of homelessness, physical and mental health status, criminal history, veteran status, domestic violence experience, substance abuse conditions and employment history.

After the initial evaluation, the type and amount of assistance will be established to ensure the individual or family's needs are met to regain stability. Note: An eviction notice, and proof of income alone are not enough to determine eligibility and appropriateness for ESG.

Subrecipients are expected to include documentation on the results of the eligibility assessment in the case file and what program component, Homeless Prevention or Rapid Rehousing, individuals and/or families are being assisted with.

The SUBRECIPIENT must re-evaluate the program participant's eligibility and the types and amounts of assistance the program participant needs not less than once every three (3) months for program participants receiving homelessness prevention assistance, and not less than once annually for program participants receiving rapid re-housing assistance as outlined in 24 CFR § 576.401(b). At a minimum, each re-evaluation of eligibility must establish that:

- i. The program participant does not have an annual income that exceeds 30 percent of median family income for the area, as determined by HUD; and
- ii. The program participant lacks sufficient resources and support networks necessary to retain housing without ESG assistance.

The SUBRECIPIENT may require each program participant receiving homelessness prevention or rapid re-housing assistance to notify the recipient SUBRECIPIENT regarding changes in the program participant's income or other circumstances (e.g., changes in household composition) that affect the program participant's need for assistance under ESG. When notified of a relevant change, the SUBRECIPIENT must re-evaluate the program participant's eligibility and the amount and types of assistance the program participant needs.

Limited English Proficiency - Executive Order 13166: Limited English Proficiency is a Federal mandate that requires grantees of federal financial assistance to provide "meaningful access" to applicants and

beneficiaries of their programs who do not speak English as their primary language and who have a limited ability to read, write, speak or understand English.

Identification - The ESG and CoC Interim Rules do not require identification as a condition to apply for or receive homeless assistance. HUD requires only that all program participants meet the minimum eligibility criteria and that grantees comply with all local and federal requirements. Further, HUD strongly encourages grantees to adopt Housing First practices and remove unnecessary barriers to receiving assistance, including requiring identification.

The client may, however, need identification to secure and/or maintain housing. In this situation agencies should help the client to obtain identification. ESG funds may be used to pay for primary documents, such as driver's licenses or birth records, only when the primary documents are necessary for a program participant to obtain and/or maintain housing.

Client signatures - The ESG Interim Rule does not specifically address requirements regarding client signatures and does not require grantees to disqualify individuals or families based on inconsistent signatures, nor does it require identification as a condition to apply for or receive homeless assistance. HUD requires only that all program participants meet the minimum eligibility criteria and that grantees comply with all local and federal requirements. Further, HUD strongly encourages grantees to adopt Housing First practices and remove unnecessary barriers to receiving assistance. The fact that a program participant has used multiple signatures, even if those signatures do not match, should not affect their eligibility for ESG rental assistance. Using a preferred name is a way to affirm one's gender identity. A way to accommodate program participants who use a preferred name is to include a field on intake forms for both "legal name" as well as "preferred name".

Informed Consent - Clients must be informed about their rights regarding personal information and sign consent forms:

- Informed Consent form, with accompanying Terms of Service form. By signing this form, the client consents to provide information necessary for determining eligibility and providing services.
- Authorization for Use and Sharing of Information. By signing this form, the client consents to have selected information shared with other providers in order to obtain other services or to coordinate care.

Citizenship Status - Verification of U.S. Citizenship or eligible immigration status is required for Homeless Prevention. Individuals of households who refuse to fill out the Declaration of Section 214 form and provide supporting documentation or submit proof of citizenship will be deemed ineligible members of the household.

Subrecipients may use the Declaration of Section 214 and supporting documentation or provide U.S. Identification that verifies citizenship. All adults in the household must sign the form. Parent/Guardian must sign the form for family member(s) under 18 years of age. (They DO NOT sign child's name, they sign their own name). In addition, for family members with different citizenship status, complete a separate form for each citizenship status.

Examples of documents that can be used to verify citizenship include the following:

- Social Security Card
- Birth certificate
- Religious document
- U.S. Passport
- Adoption Papers
- Military Records if it shows where born
- Certificate of Naturalization (USCIS Form N-550)
- Certification of U.S. Citizenship (USCIS Form N-560 or N-561)
- Certification of Birth Abroad of a U.S. Citizen (USCIS Form FS-240 or FS-545).
- U.S. Citizen Identification Card (USCIS Form I-197)

Notes: A voter's registration card is not acceptable verification for proof of citizenship when citizenship is questionable since an individual is not required to verify citizenship to register to vote.

(See the Declaration of Section 214 for a list of eligible immigration statuses for non-citizens and required supporting documents.)

ESG benefits cannot be provided to a household member who is not a citizen or does not have an eligible immigration status but may be provided to the other household members. Instead, a prorated benefit would be paid to the household. For example, if the household consists of five members and one is not a citizen or does not have an eligible immigration status, the household would receive 4/5 of the rental assistance it would otherwise receive.

All other eligibility requirements must be verified for every household member, regardless of citizenship status.

Street outreach, emergency shelter, safe haven, and Rapid Rehousing meet the Congressionally recognized 3-part test exceptions to protect life or safety and are therefore not subject to the Act's immigration-based restrictions AND THEREFORE, do not need to prove citizenship or sign 214 form either.

TARGETED POPULATIONS: CLIENT PRIORITIZATION

HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION

Note that all targeted individuals and families described below have to meet the minimum HUD requirements for eligibility to HP.

For purposes of ESG, HUD allows various types of documentation, ranging from third party verification to applicant self-declaration. Minimum acceptable types of documentation vary depending on the particular housing status and circumstance being documented. General documentation standards, in order of priority, are as follows:

Documentation types in order of priority for households who are at **Imminent Risk of Homelessness**:

- a. A court order resulting from an eviction action notifying the individual or family that they must leave within 14 days; or
- b. For individual and families leaving a hotel or motel – evidence that they lack the financial resources to stay; or
- c. A documented and verified written or oral statement that the individual or family will be literally homeless within 14 days; and
- d. Certification that no subsequent residence has been identified; and
- e. Self-Certification or other written documentation that the individual lacks the financial resources and support necessary to obtain permanent housing.

RAPID RE-HOUSING

The City of Gary may provide assistance to individuals who are currently homeless but not in need of permanent supportive housing as eligible for rapid re-housing. This can include, but is not limited to individuals and households who:

- are first time homeless;
- have few recent episodes of homelessness; or
- are part of a family that is homeless.

It should be noted, rapid re-housing funds are directed to individuals with income or work history and skills that indicate employability.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

DURATION AND AMOUNT OF ASSISTANCE

The City of Gary will determine the types of assistance and the amount on a case-by-case basis with consultation with CoC, the shelter providers, and other agencies. All clients are assessed to determine initial need and create a budget to outline planned need for assistance. Agencies cannot set organizational maximums or minimums but must rely on the CoC wide tools to determine household need. Through case management, client files are reviewed monthly to ensure that planned expenditures for the month validate financial assistance request. The City of Gary expects that households will receive the minimum amount of assistance necessary to stabilize in housing. The amount will reflect ability to pay, program dollars available, number of applicants planned to be served, and the program end date. The City will use the following as a guideline for assistance:

- Unsheltered homeless (for individuals living on the street only): Costs for Emergency health and mental health services and cost of program participant's travel on public transportation.
- Rental Application fees: amount of rental housing application fee charged by the owner.
- Security Deposits: cannot exceed rent reasonableness standards as established by HUD
- Utility Payments/Utility Deposit: Maximum permitted one month.
- Moving cost Assistance: will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Moving cost may include truck rental for self-hauling option.
- Storage Fees: maximum of 3 months, but not to exceed \$300.00 (no arrears)
- Short-term rental assistance: cannot exceed three (3) months
- Medium-term rental assistance: cannot exceed twelve (12) months and must be reviewed every three months.
- Rental Arrears: One-time payment for up to six (6) months including any late fees on those arrears and cannot exceed both rent reasonableness and fair market rate.
- Use with other subsidies: Rental assistance cannot be provided to a program participant who is receiving tenant-based rental assistance or is living in a housing unit receiving project-based rental assistance or operating assistance through other public sources.
- Rental Restrictions: Rental assistance cannot be provided unless the rent does not exceed the Fair Market Rent established by HUD and complies with HUD's standard of rent reasonableness.
- Duplication of services: No program participant shall be provided duplication of services by organizations receiving ESG funds. A check in the HMIS system should determine if a program participant has received or is in the process of receiving assistance through another organization. Communication must be made between organizations if a program participant attempts to receive duplicated assistance.
- Cost of enrollment in other training programs which enhance employment, money management/budgeting as determined by case management.

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PARTICIPANT SHARE

Participant share will be determined by use of common assessment and budgeting tools. Clients will participate in the development of their individual housing plan with a case manager based on client goals and shared goals for achieving housing stability. Financial assistance is available for households with zero income.

HOUSING STABILIZATION AND RELOCATION RELATED ASSISTANCE AND SERVICES

REQUIRED SERVICES: CASE MANAGEMENT & CASE LOADS

Assistance through the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program is intended to be provided as a part of a system-wide approach. In order to evaluate and coordinate services to the greatest extent possible, ESG grantees and subrecipients providing ESG-funded rental assistance or housing and relocation services under the Rapid Re-Housing and/or Homelessness Prevention components must:

- Develop a plan with each program participant on how they will retain permanent housing after the ESG assistance ends (see 24 CFR 576.401(e)(1)(ii)).
- Require program participants to meet with a case manager not less than once per month while they are receiving ESG-assistance to implement the plan and monitor progress towards housing stability (see § 576.401(e)(1)(i)).
- Assist program participants in obtaining appropriate supportive services, as well as connecting them to other federal, state, local, and private benefits and services for which they may be eligible. This includes, but is not limited to, Medicaid, SNAP, WIC, unemployment insurance, SSI/SSDI, services for veterans, and TANF (see § 576.401(d)).
- Have written policies and procedures for coordination among different providers of services in the community. Activities must be coordinated and integrated to the maximum extent practicable (see § 576.400(e)(3)(v)).

The approach to case management described above is required when providing any amount of Rapid Re-Housing or Homelessness Prevention assistance, even when just a one-time payment of rent/utility arrears is being provided. In this instance, a single case management session may meet the program's requirements so long as the housing plan can be established and the referrals to mainstream resources can be completed during the initial intake meeting. The grantee or subrecipient may require the program participant to attend additional follow-up meetings as a condition of receiving assistance.

Housing and Services/Stabilization Plan - Housing and services plan should be completed for all participants that receive an initial intake evaluation, if necessary. The plan is intended to be a guide for

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both the participant and the subrecipients. It should focus on obtaining or maintaining housing with defined goals, outcomes and timelines. The plan should also identify needed community resources, referrals to partnering agencies especially for mainstream benefits, budget education and tenant education.

Obtaining or maintaining stable housing is a likely primary goal and other steps needed to achieve housing stability (such as employment or needed supports) are likely related goals. Plans must be developed with full involvement from household members and should start with a strength's assessment. Case managers should build plans around the client's own goals. Service needs may include: mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence, education, employment, and health care. The plan should assist the program participant in retaining permanent housing after the ESG assistance ends.

Participants must be assisted, as needed, in obtaining appropriate supportive services such as medical or mental health treatment or services essential for independent living including mainstream benefits (Medicaid, SSI, SSDI, SNAP, WIC, LIEAP etc.)

In addition to assessing and documenting income and the current housing situation of applicant households, the agencies must also assess and document that the household would become homeless **but for** the ESG assistance. This includes assessing and documenting a household's support networks, monthly budget of expenses, financial resources and other housing options.

Providing ESG Case Management Services without Rental or Financial Assistance - Under the Rapid Re-Housing and Homelessness Prevention components, ESG funds can be used for case management services (or other services) alone. That is, although rental assistance cannot be provided independent of case management services, case management can be provided independent of rental assistance. For example, services (such as case management) could be provided after the term of a program participant's rental assistance expires, as long as the 24-month cap for each type of assistance is not exceeded.

ESG "stand alone" case management or other services can also be provided to support program participants who receive rental assistance through non-ESG programs, as long as the individual or family is eligible for ESG assistance at the time of the intake evaluation and any recertification(s) of eligibility.

Limitation on Housing Stability Case Management Under the Rapid Re-Housing Component - Often, households that are eligible for Rapid Re-Housing assistance reside in an emergency shelter or in a place not meant for human habitation while they wait for a unit to be identified. The following principles for

charging the costs of housing stability case management under Rapid Re-Housing apply in these situations:

- Grantees/subrecipients may provide housing stability case management assistance under the Rapid Re-Housing component for up to 30 days during the period these program participants are residing on the street or in an emergency shelter and seeking permanent housing (see § 576.105(b)(2)).
- If the program participant needs more than 30 days of housing stability case management assistance while they are sleeping in an emergency shelter or on the street (or other place not meant for human habitation), it must be charged either to Emergency Shelter: essential services or Street Outreach: case management, as appropriate. The costs are then subject to the cap on these components.
- Once the program participant is in permanent housing, housing stability case management can be provided under the Rapid Re-Housing component for up to 24 additional months.

Homelessness prevention clients must have an initial home visit when first approved for assistance and subsequent house visits with each recertification every three months. It is expected that case managers will conduct office visits with homelessness prevention clients between home visits, at least once per month. Case managers and program managers are encouraged to provide more than the minimum required services through case management.

Case management includes home and office visits determined by client need and supported by the housing plan.

As required by the Continuum of Care Housing Models, case managers are expected to follow up with clients that have successfully exited rapid re-housing case management at a minimum of 30 days after exiting the program. Clients who remain in housing for 90 days after exiting rapid re-housing, identified through HMIS, are categorized as stably housed.

Case management staff must have an updated copy of the Rental Assistance Agreement and ensure that the fiscal agent is informed of any changes to the participant rent share as indicated in the Housing Stabilization Plan.

REQUIRED SERVICES: INSPECTION AND LANDLORD AGREEMENT

Any unit that receives financial assistance through rapid re-housing must meet minimum habitability standards as outlined in the ESG regulations. The inspections will be conducted by the subrecipient.

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Any unit that receives rental assistance payments through rapid re-housing must have a rental lease agreement in place between the tenant and the landlord. The rental assistance lease agreement details the terms under which rental assistance will be provided.

INELIGIBLE SERVICES: CREDIT REPAIR AND LEGAL SERVICES

The City of Gary will not allow ESG funds to be used for credit repair and legal services to be eligible activities. The City of Gary has found limited access to this resource by clients and providers and will instead encourage the use of mainstream service providers and establish them as part of the system of providers with formal relationships.

OPTIONAL SERVICES: SECURITY/UTILITY DEPOSITS

Rental and utility deposits can be included in housing stabilization services as dictated by the housing stabilization plan. Rental and utility deposits can be included in lieu of or in combination with rental assistance for a unit. Security deposits can cover up to two months of rent.

OPTIONAL SERVICES: RENTAL APPLICATION FEES

The City of Gary expects that rapid re-housing navigation and location specialists will work closely with housing providers and establish trusting relationships among landlords in a way that will encourage property owners and managers to waive application fees for rental properties. To that end, application fees can only be provided for one application at a time; but note that this only limits the number of applications that require application fees. Case managers and housing specialists can and should work with clients and landlords to process as many free applications as possible.

ELIGIBILITY: PERIODIC RE-CERTIFICATION


All case managers are required to re-certify clients based on the following schedule. At that time, a case manager may decide to extend, decrease or discontinue providing assistance.

Program Component	Schedule	Re-certification Criteria
Homelessness Prevention	Every 3 months	For both HP and RRH, to continue to receive assistance, clients must <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be at or below 30% AMI AND • lack sufficient resources and support networks necessary to retain housing without ESG assistance. Families are required to provide information on income, assets greater than \$5,000, deductions, and family composition during the annual recertification process.
Rapid Re-Housing	Annually	

APPENDIX A: HUD DEFINITION FOR HOMELESS AND RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS

HUD CRITERIA FOR DEFINING HOMELESS	Category 1	Literally Homeless	<p>(1) Individual or family who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, meaning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Has a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not meant for human habitation; (ii) Is living in a publicly or privately operated shelter designated to provide temporary living arrangements (including congregate shelters, transitional housing, and hotels and motels paid for by charitable organizations or by federal, state and local government programs); <u>or</u> (iii) Is exiting an institution where (s)he has resided for 90 days or less <u>and</u> who resided in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation immediately before entering that institution
	Category 2	Imminent Risk of Homelessness	<p>(2) Individual or family who will imminently lose their primary nighttime residence, provided that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Residence will be lost within 14 days of the date of application for homeless assistance; (ii) No subsequent residence has been identified; <u>and</u> (iii) The individual or family lacks the resources or support networks needed to obtain other permanent housing
	Category 3	Homeless under other Federal statutes	<p>(3) Unaccompanied youth under 25 years of age, or families with children and youth, who do not otherwise qualify as homeless under this definition, but who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Are defined as homeless under the other listed federal statutes; (ii) Have not had a lease, ownership interest, or occupancy agreement in permanent housing during the 60 days prior to the homeless assistance application; (iii) Have experienced persistent instability as measured by two moves or more during in the preceding 60 days; <u>and</u> (iv) Can be expected to continue in such status for an extended period of time due to special needs or barriers
	Category 4	Fleeing/ Attempting to Flee DV	<p>(4) Any individual or family who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Is fleeing, or is attempting to flee, domestic violence; (ii) Has no other residence; <u>and</u> (iii) Lacks the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing

RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS


	Category 1	Literally Homeless	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written observation by the outreach worker; <u>or</u> • Written referral by another housing or service provider; <u>or</u> • Certification by the individual or head of household seeking assistance stating that (s)he was living on the streets or in shelter; • For individuals exiting an institution¹-one of the forms of evidence above <u>and</u>: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ discharge paperwork <u>or</u> written/oral referral, <u>or</u> ○ written record of intake worker's due diligence to obtain above evidence <u>and</u> certification by individual that they exited institution
	Category 2	Imminent Risk of Homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A court order resulting from an eviction action notifying the individual or family that they must leave; <u>or</u> • For individual and families leaving a hotel or motel-evidence that they lack the financial resources to stay; <u>or</u> • A documented and verified oral statement; <u>and</u> • Certification that no subsequent residence has been identified; <u>and</u> • Self-certification or other written documentation that the individual lack the financial resources and support necessary to obtain permanent housing
	Category 3	Homeless under other Federal statutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certification by the nonprofit or state or local government that the individual or head of household seeking assistance met the criteria of homelessness under another federal statute; <u>and</u> • Certification of no PH in last 60 days; <u>and</u> • Certification by the individual or head of household, and any available supporting documentation, that (s)he has moved two or more times in the past 60 days; <u>and</u> • Documentation of special needs <u>or</u> 2 or more barriers
	Category 4	Fleeing/ Attempting to Flee DV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>For victim service providers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ An oral statement by the individual or head of household seeking assistance which states: they are fleeing; they have no subsequent residence; and they lack resources. Statement must be documented by a self-certification or a certification by the intake worker. • <i>For non-victim service providers:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Oral statement by the individual or head of household seeking assistance that they are fleeing. This statement is documented by a self-certification or by the caseworker. Where the safety of the individual or family is not jeopardized, the oral statement must be verified; <u>and</u> ○ Certification by the individual or head of household that no subsequent residence has been identified ; <u>and</u> ○ Self-certification, or other written documentation, that the individual or family lacks the financial resources and support networks to obtain other permanent housing.

APPENDIX B: HUD DEFINITION FOR AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS AND RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS

HUD CRITERIA FOR DEFINING AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS	Category 1	Individuals and Families	<p>An individual or family who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Has an annual income below <u>30%</u> of median family income for the area; <u>AND</u> (ii) Does not have sufficient resources or support networks immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place defined in Category 1 of the "homeless" definition; <u>AND</u> (iii) Meets one of the following conditions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (A) Has moved because of economic reasons 2 or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for assistance; <u>OR</u> (B) Is living in the home of another because of economic hardship; <u>OR</u> (C) Has been notified that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance; <u>OR</u> (D) Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost is not paid for by charitable organizations or by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals; <u>OR</u> (E) Lives in an SRO or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than 2 persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than one and a half persons per room; <u>OR</u> (F) Is exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care; <u>OR</u> (G) Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness, as identified in the recipient's approved Con Plan
	Category 2	Unaccompanied Children and Youth	A child or youth who does not qualify as homeless under the homeless definition, but qualifies as homeless under another Federal statute
	Category 3	Families with Children and Youth	An unaccompanied youth who does not qualify as homeless under the homeless definition, but qualifies as homeless under section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and the parent(s) or guardian(s) or that child or youth if living with him or her.

RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS



	Category 1	Individuals and Families	Intake and certification form meeting HUD specifications to verify "at risk of homelessness" status; (i) Documentation for determining annual income; (ii) Certification on a form specified by HUD that the program participant has insufficient financial resources and support networks; <i>e.g.</i> , family, friends, faithbased or other social networks, immediately available to attain housing stability and meets one or more of the conditions under paragraph (1)(iii) of the definition of "at risk of homelessness" in § 576.2; (iii) The most reliable evidence available to show that the program participant does not have sufficient resources or support networks; <i>e.g.</i> , family, friends, faith-based or other social networks, immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place described in paragraph (1) of the "homeless" definition. Acceptable evidence includes: (A) Source documents (<i>e.g.</i> , notice of termination from employment, unemployment compensation statement, bank statement, health-care bill showing arrears, utility bill showing arrears); (B) To the extent that source documents are unobtainable, a written statement by the relevant third party (<i>e.g.</i> , former employer, public administrator, relative) or the written certification by the recipient's or subrecipient's intake staff of the oral verification by the relevant third party that the applicant meets one or both of the criteria under paragraph (1)(iii) of the definition of "at risk of homelessness" in § 576.2; or (C) To the extent that source documents and third-party verification are unobtainable, a written statement by the recipient's or subrecipient's intake staff describing the efforts taken to obtain the required evidence; and (iv) The most reliable evidence available to show that the program participant meets one or more of the conditions under paragraph (1)(iii) of the definition of "at risk of homelessness" in § 576.2. Acceptable evidence includes: (A) Source documents that evidence one or more of the conditions under paragraph (1)(iii) of the definition (<i>e.g.</i> , eviction notice, notice of termination from employment, bank statement); (B) To the extent that source documents are unobtainable, a written statement by the relevant third party (<i>e.g.</i> , former employer, owner, primary leaseholder, public administrator, hotel or motel manager) or the written certification by the recipient's or subrecipient's intake staff of the oral verification by the relevant third party that the applicant meets one or more of the criteria under paragraph (1)(iii) of the definition of "at risk of homelessness"; or (C) To the extent that source documents and third-party verification are unobtainable, a written statement by the recipient's or subrecipient's intake staff that the staff person has visited the applicant's residence and determined that the applicant meets one or more of the criteria under paragraph (1)(iii) of the definition or, if a visit is not practicable or relevant to the determination, a written statement by the recipient's or subrecipient's intake staff describing the efforts taken to obtain the required evidence.
	Category 2	Unaccompanied Children and Youth	Certification of the child or youth's homeless status by the agency or organization responsible for administering assistance under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5701 <i>et seq.</i>), the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 <i>et seq.</i>), subtitle N of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e <i>et seq.</i>), section 330 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b), the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 <i>et seq.</i>), section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786) or subtitle B of title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11431 <i>et seq.</i>), as applicable.
	Category 3	Families with Children and Youth	Certification of the child or youth's homeless status by the agency or organization responsible for administering assistance under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5701 <i>et seq.</i>), the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 <i>et seq.</i>), subtitle N of the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (42 U.S.C. 14043e <i>et seq.</i>), section 330 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 254b), the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 <i>et seq.</i>), section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786) or subtitle B of title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11431 <i>et seq.</i>), as applicable.

APPENDIX C: CROSS WALK OF HUD HOMELESS AND AT RISK DEFINITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY TO ESG PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Eligibility by Component	Emergency Shelter	<p>Individuals and families defined as Homeless under the following categories are eligible for assistance in ES projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Category 1: Literally Homeless • Category 2: Imminent Risk of Homeless • Category 3: Homeless Under Other Federal Statutes • Category 4: Fleeing/Attempting to Flee DV
	Rapid Re-Housing	<p>Individuals and families defined as Homeless under the following categories are eligible for assistance in RRH projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Category 1: Literally Homeless • Category 4: Fleeing/Attempting to Flee DV (if the individual or family is also literally homeless)
	Homelessness Prevention	<p>Individuals and families defined as Homeless under the following categories are eligible for assistance in HP projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Category 2: Imminent Risk of Homeless • Category 3: Homeless Under Other Federal Statutes • Category 4: Fleeing/Attempting to Flee DV (if the individual or family is NOT also literally homeless) <p>Individuals and families who are defined as At Risk of Homelessness</p> <p>Additionally, HP projects must only serve individuals and families that have an annual income BELOW 30% AMI</p>

APPENDIX D: ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND PRIORITIZATION TOOL FOR HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION SYSTEM

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

All potential clients will be screened for the following:

Income – Only households with income below 30% of the Area Median Income are eligible for Homelessness Prevention services (see Attachment A for income limits)

PLUS

Trigger Crisis – An event has occurred which is expected to result in housing loss within 30 days due to one of the listed reasons (see Attachment B for qualifying trigger crises)

PLUS

No resources or support network to prevent homelessness –No other options are possible for resolving this crisis. “But for this assistance” this household would become literally homeless—staying in a shelter, a car, or another place not meant for human habitation

OR

Unaccompanied children and youth who qualify as homeless under another Federal statute – See Runaway and Homeless Youth Act definition or Documentation for school district certification of homelessness (see Attachment C for other definitions of homelessness)

OR

Families with children or youth who qualify as homeless under another Federal statute –See Runaway and Homeless Youth Act definition or Documentation for school district certification of homelessness (see Attachment C for other definitions of homelessness)

APPENDIX E: EMERGENCY TRANSFER PLAN FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, DATING VIOLENCE, SEXUAL ASSAULT, OR STALKING

EMERGENCY TRANSFERS

[Insert name of ESG Subrecipient or Provider], ESG Provider, is concerned about the safety of its Program Participants who receive rental assistance, and such concern extends to the Program Participants who have experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. In accordance with the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA),¹ ESG Provider allows Program Participants who have experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to request an emergency transfer from the Program Participant's current unit to another unit. The ability to request a transfer is available regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.² The ability of ESG Provider to honor such request for Program Participants currently receiving assistance, however, may depend upon a preliminary determination that the Program Participant is or has experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, and on whether ESG Provider has another dwelling unit that is available and is safe to offer the Program Participant for temporary or more permanent occupancy.

This plan identifies Program Participants who are eligible for an emergency transfer, the documentation needed to request an emergency transfer, confidentiality protections, how an emergency transfer may occur, and guidance to Program Participants on safety and security. This plan is based on a model emergency transfer plan published by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Federal agency that oversees that Emergency Solutions Grants is in compliance with VAWA.

ELIGIBILITY FOR EMERGENCY TRANSFERS

A Program Participant who has experienced domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking, as provided in HUD's regulations at 24 CFR part 5, subpart L is eligible for an emergency transfer, if the Program Participant reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the Program Participant remains within the same unit. If the Program Participant has experienced sexual assault, the Program Participant may also be eligible to transfer if the sexual assault occurred on the premises within the 90-calendar-day period preceding a request for an emergency transfer.

¹ Despite the name of this law, VAWA protection is available to all victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking, regardless of sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

² Housing providers cannot discriminate on the basis of any protected characteristic, including race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status, disability, or age. HUD-assisted and HUD-insured housing must be made available to all otherwise eligible individuals regardless of actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status.

A Program Participant requesting an emergency transfer must expressly request the transfer in accordance with the procedures described in this plan.

Program Participants who are not in good standing may still request an emergency transfer if they meet the eligibility requirements in this section.

EMERGENCY TRANSFER REQUEST DOCUMENTATION

To request an emergency transfer, the Program Participant shall notify Housing Provider's management office and submit a written request for a transfer to **[ESG Subrecipient or Provider to insert location]**.

ESG Provider will provide reasonable accommodations to this policy for individuals with disabilities. The Program Participant's written request for an emergency transfer should include either:

1. A statement expressing that the Program Participant reasonably believes that there is a threat of imminent harm from further violence if the Program Participant were to remain in the same dwelling unit assisted under the ESG Provider's program; OR
2. A statement that the tenant was a sexual assault victim and that the sexual assault occurred on the premises during the 90-calendar-day period preceding the tenant's request for an emergency transfer.

ESG Provider must keep records of all requests and outcomes of such requests.

EMERGENCY TRANSFER CONFIDENTIALITY

The ESG Provider will keep confidential any information that the Program Participant submits in requesting an emergency transfer, and information about the emergency transfer, unless the Program Participant gives ESG Provider written permission to release the information on a time limited basis, or disclosure of the information is required by law or required for use in an eviction proceeding or hearing regarding termination of assistance from the covered program. This includes keeping confidential the new location of the dwelling unit of the Program Participant, if one is provided, from the person(s) that committed an act(s) of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking against the Program Participant. See the Notice of Occupancy Rights under the Violence Against Women Act for All Program Participants for more information about HP's responsibility to maintain the confidentiality of information related to incidents of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking.

EMERGENCY TRANSFER TIMING AND AVAILABILITY

ESG Provider cannot guarantee that a transfer request will be approved or how long it will take to process a transfer request. ESG Provider will, however, act as quickly as possible to move a Program Participant who is a victim of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking to another unit, subject to availability and safety of a unit. If a Program Participant reasonably believes a proposed transfer would not be safe, the Program Participant may request a transfer to a different unit. If a unit is available, the transferred Program Participant must agree to abide by the terms and conditions that govern occupancy in the unit to which the Program Participant has been transferred. ESG Provider may be unable to transfer a Program Participant to a particular unit if the Program Participant has not or cannot establish eligibility for that unit.

If ESG Provider has no safe and available units for which a Program Participant who needs an emergency is eligible, ESG Provider will assist the Program Participant in identifying other housing providers who may have safe and available units to which the Program Participant could move. At the Program Participant's request, ESG Provider will also assist Program Participants in contacting the local organizations offering assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking that are attached to this plan.

If ESG Provider assists through project-based rental assistance and if a Program Participant qualifies for an emergency transfer, but a safe unit is not immediately available for an internal emergency transfer, that Program Participant shall have priority over all other applicants for tenant-based rental assistance, utility assistance, and units for which project-based rental assistance is provided. For families receiving tenant-based rental assistance, the following actions will be taken for the non-transferring family member(s), if the family separates in order to effect an emergency transfer: **[ESG Subrecipient or Provider insert actions here]**.

EMERGENCY TRANSFER SAFETY AND SECURITY OF PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS

Pending processing of the transfer and the actual transfer, if it is approved and occurs, the Program Participant is urged to take all reasonable precautions to be safe.

Program Participants who are or have been victims of domestic violence are encouraged to contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-7233, or visit the online hotline at <https://www.thehotline.org/> or a local domestic violence shelter, for assistance in creating a safety plan. For persons with hearing impairments, that hotline can be accessed by calling 1-800-787-3224 (TTY).

Program Participants who have been victims of sexual assault may call the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network's National Sexual Assault Hotline at 800-656-HOPE, or visit the online hotline at <https://www.rainn.org/>

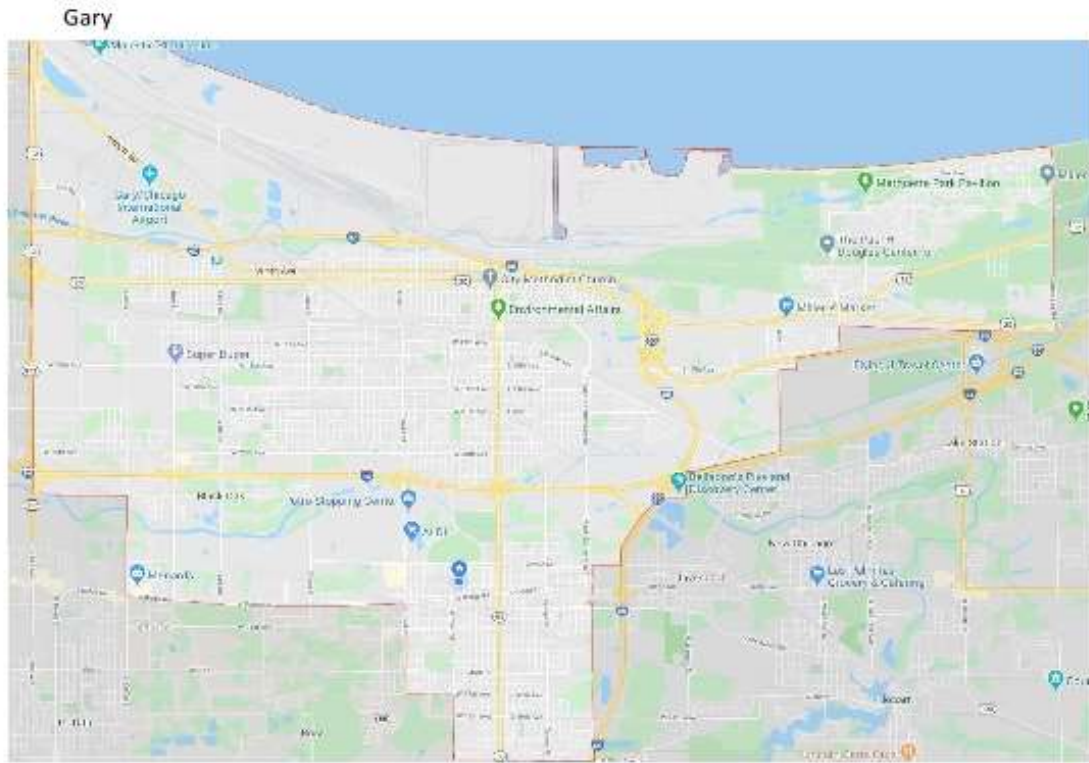
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Program Participants who are or have been victims of stalking seeking help may visit the National Center for Victims of Crime's Stalking Resource Center at <https://victimsofcrime.org/stalking-resource-center/>.

Program Participants who are or have been victims of domestic violence and are looking for assistance or are seeking shelter may seek help at <https://www.domesticshelters.org/help/in>.

For questions regarding VAWA, and/or if you need to move due to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking please contact the Gary Commission for Women at (219) 883-4155 for assistance in locating other available housing (note, this is not a domestic violence hotline). Depending on your location, the Gary Commission for Women may also have a listing of local service providers and advocates who can help you move to a safe and available unit.

APPENDIX F: CITY OF GARY CORPORATE BOUNDARIES MAP



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ATTACHMENT A – 30% AREA MEDIAN INCOME (EFFECTIVE 04/01/2020)

Income Level	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
0 - 30%	\$15,750	\$17,200	\$20,420	\$24,600	\$28,780	\$32,960	\$37,140	\$41,320

ATTACHMENT B – OTHER DEFINITION OF HOMELESSNESS

- Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C 5701 et seq.)
Runaway and Homeless Youth funding is administered by the Family and Youth Services Bureau within the Administration for Children & Families (ACF) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). Information about Runaway and Homeless Youth program grantees is available online at <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/fysb/programs/runaway-homeless-youth>
- Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.)
Head Start funding is administered by the Office of Head Start (OHS) within ACF/HHS. A listing of Head Start programs, centers, and grantees is available online at <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/HeadStartOffices>
- Violence Against Women Act of 1994; subtitle N (42 U.S.C. 14043e et seq.)
Violence Against Women Act established the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) within the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). OVW administers financial and technical assistance to communities across the country that are developing programs, policies, and practices aimed at ending domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Currently, OVW administers one formula grant program and eleven discretionary grant programs, all of which were established under VAWA and subsequent legislation. More information about OVW is available online at <https://www.justice.gov/ovw>
- Public Health Service Act; section 330 (42 U.S.C. 254b)
The Public Health Service Act authorized the Health Center Program, which is administered by the Bureau of Primary Health Care within the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of HHS. Information about local Health Centers can be found online at <http://bphc.hrsa.gov/index.html>
- Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2011 et seq.)
Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 relates to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as Food Stamps. SNAP is administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). More information about SNAP can be found online at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/>
- Child Nutrition Act of 1966; section 17 (42 U.S.C. 1786)
Child Nutrition Act of 1966 authorized numerous programs related to school lunches and breakfasts and funds for meals for needy students. For more information about these programs, contact the local School Department.
- McKinney-Vento Act; subtitle B of title VII (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.)
McKinney-Vento Act authorized the McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youths Program, which is administered via the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education within the U.S. Department of Education. More information about this program is available online at <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html>. Also, contact the local School Department.

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* c. UFI: 2A9F244MG303	
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* Street2: [REDACTED]	
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Division Name: [REDACTED]	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:	
* First Name: ME	
* Last Name: COLVIN	
* Title: DIRECTOR	
* Telephone Number: 2198913005	
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* Email: a.colvin@gary.in.gov	

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

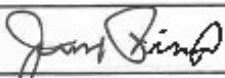
1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint: Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. Those include but are not limited to: (a) Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1861-1863, and 1865-1866), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to non-discrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to non-discrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or a alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§280 dd-3 and 280 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§8601 et seq.), as amended, relating to non-discrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other non-discrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other non-discrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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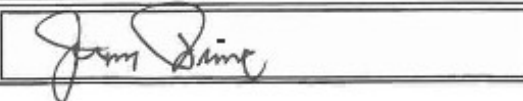
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11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7329) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating families pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1401 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
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18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from: (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
If "Yes", provide explanation and attach:	
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Middle Name: <input type="text" value="A."/>	
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Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
Title: <input type="text" value="MAYOR"/>	
Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="(219) 881-1302"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text" value="(219) 881-1357"/>
Email: <input type="text" value="jfronco@quincy.gov"/>	
Signature of Authorized Representative: 	Date Signed: <input type="text" value="7-22-22"/>

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
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* a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="CITY OF GARY"/>		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="15-5201040"/>	* c. UFI: <input type="text" value="FA7834NH0309"/>	
d. Address:		
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* City: <input type="text" value="GARY"/>	Country/Postal: <input type="text" value="USA"/>	
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e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: <input type="text" value="COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT"/>	Division Name: <input type="text"/>	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: <input type="text" value="Ms."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="ANTHONY"/>	
Middle Name: <input type="text" value="D."/>	* Last Name: <input type="text" value="O'CLYVE"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	Title: <input type="text" value="DIRECTOR"/>	
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="2198845000"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text" value="2198815000"/>	
* Email: <input type="text" value="aoc_vlad@city.gary.in.gov"/>		

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: * b. End Date:

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* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="125,000.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
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* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="129,000.00"/>

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a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12572 Process for review of.

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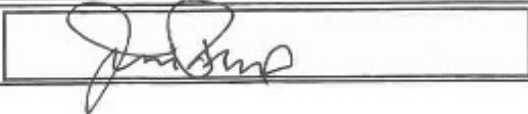
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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

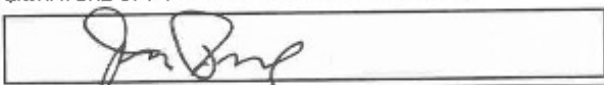
1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs); to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance, and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
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14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11860; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11888; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§466a-1 et seq.).
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19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(c) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect; (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE SECRETARY
APPLICANT NAME CITY OF CARY	DATE SUBMITTED 7-22-22

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* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text"/> 35-8001940	* c. UEI: <input type="text"/> U4VER42737621	
d. Address:		
* Street 1: <input type="text"/> 401 BRADWAY	<input type="text"/>	
* Street 2: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* City: <input type="text"/> BAY	<input type="text"/>	
* State: <input type="text"/> IN: Indiana	<input type="text"/>	
* Zip / Postal Code: <input type="text"/> 46402-512	<input type="text"/>	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: <input type="text"/> COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	Division Name: <input type="text"/>	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: <input type="text"/> Mr.	* First Name: <input type="text"/> JEROME	<input type="text"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text"/> COLVIN	<input type="text"/>	
* Fax: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Title: <input type="text"/> DIRECTOR	<input type="text"/>	
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: <input type="text"/> 2192615000	* Fax Number: <input type="text"/> 2192615000	
* Email: <input type="text"/> jcolvin@communitydev.org		

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* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text" value="City or Township Government"/> Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/> Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/> * Other (specify): <input type="text"/>	
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* a. Start Date: <input type="text" value="10/01/2021"/>	* b. End Date: <input type="text" value="05/30/2022"/>
18. Estimated Funding (\$):	
* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="291,211.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
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Middle Name: <input type="text" value="A"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="BRINCE"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="MAYOR"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="(219) 881-1307"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text" value="(219) 881-1337"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="jbrince@jany.gov"/>	
* Signature of Authorized Representative: 	* Date Signed: <input type="text" value="7-22-22"/>

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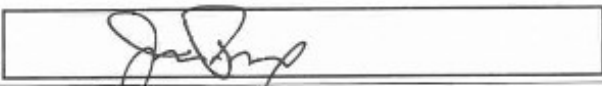
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13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
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15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-203).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1988 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (Identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1998 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

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	MANAGER
APPLICANT NAME	DATE SUBMITTED
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CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

Anti-lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-I.L.L. "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.



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Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2022, 2023, 2024 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific unsecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.



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OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification – Not Applicable

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(e):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

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Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

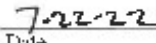
Tenant Based Rental Assistance – If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

Eligible Activities and Costs – It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy layering -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing.



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Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 5 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long as the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

Matching Funds – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy - The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.



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Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications – Not Applicable

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the consolidated plan:

1. For a period of not less than 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility;
2. For a period of not less than 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.

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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.