

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Shreveport's 2024 – 2028 Consolidated Plan is the governing document that instructs our city's 2025 Annual Action Plan and guides the use of CDBG, HOME and ESG funding based on applications to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Created according to federal statutory requirements in 24 CFR 91.200-21.230, the Consolidated Plan identified the expressed needs voiced by our citizens; the 2025 Action Plan mirrors these very same expressions. A community survey was created, published to the city's Community Development website and distributed during in-person public meetings in the development of both plans allowing citizens to prioritize needs ranging from affordable housing development and rehabilitation to blight elimination/code enforcement. The directed use of all funding will meet the needs of low to moderate income families who live within nineteen targeted opportunity zones. Our overarching goal is to strengthen communities by advancing affordable housing, workforce development, and inclusive economic growth. The City of Shreveport is committed to building equitable neighborhoods where residents have access to quality housing, meaningful employment, and opportunities to thrive.

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.

The objectives of the 2025 Action Plan are to operate consistently with the 2024 – 2028 Consolidated Plan by addressing the needs developed by our citizens. **Our specific outcomes include:**

- 1) Identifying and addressing the specific needs of our growing homeless population through collaboration with homeless service providers as well as the local continuum of care,
- 2) Providing support services aimed at the prevention and elimination of homelessness as well as extending supportive housing units available to homeless populations,

- 3) Increase the number of affordable housing units, including new constructions, for both rental as well as home ownership,
- 4) Supporting more public facility projects in the CDBG targeted and underdeveloped areas in Shreveport.

Further, to accomplish any of the above goals, it is imperative that we:

- 5) Expand job creation opportunities for low to moderate income families by improving skills (training, certifications) leading to living wages. Job creation will support the economic growth in our community,
- 6) Restore a high quality of life through improved housing conditions in low to moderate income communities thereby increasing the livelihood of our citizens. We aim to create healthy and active communities for our citizens.

To measure the success of both the consolidated and annual plans, we have established SMART goals that are measurable and sustainable. The specific goals can be found in the Consolidated Plan.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The City of Shreveport has a long history of successful programs funded by Community Development Block Grant, HOME Investment Partnerships and Emergency Solutions Grant Programs. Our success has been contingent upon several factors including strong partnerships with the nonprofit sector, consistent engagement with the citizens, transparency in sharing information, and the unyielding support of the city's leadership. We all work together for the good of the whole. Examples of successful projects funded to date include affordable housing (rehabilitation) targeting low to moderate income and elderly households, unrestricted shelter for homeless families and down payment assistance to support home ownership for LMI families.

This level of work cannot be accomplished in a silo. The City of Shreveport works closely with local homeless service providers, Certified HUD Housing Counselors (First Time Homebuyers support), health care providers, educational institutions and local business owners. The aim is for the community to work alongside the city to support the needs of LMI families. We have learned that we are better together! **The details of past performance can be found in both the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation (CAPER) and SAGE reports.**

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

- 1) A public notice was published in the local newspaper (The Shreveport Times) as well as Community's Development website announcing the public meeting, the purpose of the meeting, survey and proposed budget,
- 2) In addition, a press release was distributed to all media (radio, newspaper and local news station) encouraging citizens to attend scheduled, public meetings and share comments via survey,
- 3) A QR code to connect to the survey was created and distributed using all public forums,
- 4) The 2025 Annual Plan was shared with local government leaders including the Mayor, City Council and Caddo Commissioners,
- 5) A comprehensive power point presentation of the proposed budget, details of the funding sources and a list of past/current projects was posted to Community Development's website and shared with every participant who attended the public meetings.

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.

Public Comments are included as an attachment.

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

All Comments were accepted.

7. Summary

The Department of Community Development is under new leadership as of April 16, 2025. There has been a revived commitment to engage citizens to understand funding components provided by HUD and more importantly, how those funding streams can be used to support low to moderate income families. Because of the increase in communication mediums, attendance improved from an average of 6 participants to 40. As a result, we have been able to capture more input from citizens thereby improving our responses to the needs. Based on the survey:

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
CDBG Administrator	SHREVEPORT	Community Development
HOPWA Administrator		N/A
HOME Administrator	SHREVEPORT	Community Development
ESG Administrator	SHREVEPORT	Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

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

1. Introduction

The City of Shreveport works with a wide variety of agencies, organizations, and service providers in an effort to bring various viewpoints to bear in the identification of local housing and service needs. Ongoing relationships focused on specific needs and targeted meetings designed to bring public input into the Annual Action Plan process are two of the ways that the City utilizes outside organizations in the consultation process.

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 has ongoing relationships with housing providers (CHDOs), The Shreveport Housing Authority, HOPE Connections (CoC), and local mental health agencies to assist with housing development activities and other private and governmental health services. The CHDO system provides a forum for assisting these agencies to grow and meet their own targeted clientele. The City also works closely with the Housing Authority of Shreveport which organizes resources from the federal government to address the housing needs of the City's lowest income households. Through the Continuum of Care process, the City maintains relationships with mental health providers, homeless shelters and services providers, and other governmental agencies with specific responsibilities for homeless individuals and families. The City also participates in a variety of other coalitions that seek to address other issues that relate to housing and service needs.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

City staff actively collaborate with HOPE Connections, the local coordinating body for the Continuum of Care. Staff regularly attend scheduled meetings and participate in point-in-time surveys. Currently, the City recently assisted with funding of safe haven homeless facility, using CDBG resources to support the Continuum of Care’s efforts to provide shelter services to the most vulnerable homeless individuals. In addition, the City distributes Emergency Solutions Grant funding to member agencies of HOPE Connections.

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

Staff from the City of Shreveport participates in the development of the Continuum of Care, working with area service providers to include City resources, to the extent possible, in the provision of services to homeless individuals and families in Shreveport.

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	Housing Authority of City of Shreveport
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	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 Shreveport works closely with the Housing Authority to determine the needs of affordable rental units and to provide gap financing to develop affordable housing.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	HOPE Connections
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	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 Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy 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?	HOPE Connections serves as the HUD designated Lead Agency of the NWLA Continuum of Care. HOPE was beneficial in identifying services needed to fill gaps in services within the Homeless community.

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

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	HOPE Connetions	The City of Shreveport works with the CoC to ensure that the goals do not overlap.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

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

The Citizen Participation Plan provides policies and procedures that assure that the public has adequate notice and opportunities to provide input into the development of the Annual Action Plan. Generally, it provides for appropriate notice prior to public meetings, accommodations for persons with disabilities, and specification of the number of meetings to be held. Conforming to the provisions of the Citizen Participation Plan, a Public Hearing was held on July 8, 2025 at Airport Park, 6500 Kennedy Drive, Shreveport, La 71109. A second Public Hearing was held on July 10, 2025 at A.B. Palmer Community Center, 547 E. 79th Street, Shreveport, La. A community survey was also distributed at the forums and posted on the City's website for completion, tabulation, and consideration in the development of priorities relating to community needs.

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 Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing				
2	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	See attachment	See attachment	Not applicable	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Shreveport receives funding from three federal grant programs, the Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Investment Partnership Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program. These three programs combined will bring \$2,916,727 into the City to support affordable housing, homeless and community development programs and projects.

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	1,946,439.00	0.00	0.00	1,946,439.00	5,839,317.00	

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: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	795,619.39	0.00	0.00	795,619.39	2,386,857.00	
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	174,669.00	0.00	0.00	174,669.00	524,007.00	

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

ESG funding will be matched by each subgrantee. Additional leverage will be identified on a project by project basis, where required.

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

N/A

Discussion

N/A

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	Provide Owner Occupied Housing Rehab	2024	2028	Affordable Housing		Preserve & Develop Affordable Rental Housing	CDBG: \$500,000.00	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 25 Household Housing Unit
2	Increase Homeownership Opportunities	2024	2028	Affordable Housing		Preserve & Develop Affordable Rental Housing	HOME: \$150,000.00	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 10 Households Assisted
3	Provide Owner Occupied Housing Rehab (Reconstructi	2024	2028	Affordable Housing		Preserve & Develop Affordable Rental Housing	HOME: \$446,714.00	Homeowner Housing Added: 4 Household Housing Unit
4	Provide Vital Services for LMI & Special Needs	2024	2028	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements	CDBG: \$291,966.00	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 150 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Provide Homeless Prevention & Rapid Rehousing	2024	2028	Homeless		Homelessness Housing & Supportive Services	ESG: \$64,627.00	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 150 Households Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 150 Persons Assisted
6	Homeless Shelters & Street Outreach	2024	2028	Homeless		Homelessness Housing & Supportive Services	ESG: \$96,942.00	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 150 Beds
7	Enhance Rental Rehab	2024	2028	Affordable Housing		Preserve & Develop Affordable Rental Housing	CDBG: \$596,714.00	Rental units rehabilitated: 25 Household Housing Unit
8	Expand & Improve Public Facilities	2025	2028	Non-Housing Community Development		Preserve & Develop Affordable Rental Housing Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements Economic Development Opportunities	CDBG: \$265,186.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Provide Owner Occupied Housing Rehab
	Goal Description	Homeowner rehabilitation will be provided for low-moderate income homeowners located in the 19 targeted neighborhoods (Allendale, Caddo Heights, Cedar Grove, Cherokee Park, Greenwood Acres, Highland, Hollywood, Ingleside, Ledbetter Heights, Martin Luther king, Mooretown, Queensborough, Reisor, Solo Hood, Stoner Hill and Sunset Acres)
2	Goal Name	Increase Homeownership Opportunities
	Goal Description	Financial assistance for low-to-moderate income first-time homebuyers may include support for down payments, closing costs, and interest rate buy-downs. Eligible homes must be located within one of the 19 targeted neighborhoods: Allendale, Caddo Heights, Cedar Grove, Cherokee Park, Greenwood Acres, Highland, Hollywood, Ingleside, Ledbetter Heights, Martin Luther King, Mooretown, Queensborough, Reisor, Solo Hood, Stoner Hill, or Sunset Acres.
3	Goal Name	Provide Owner Occupied Housing Rehab (Reconstructi
	Goal Description	Owner-occupied single-family homes that are deemed infeasible for repair may be demolished and replaced with a newly constructed home for qualifying low- to moderate-income homeowners. Eligible properties must be located within one of the 19 targeted neighborhoods: Allendale, Caddo Heights, Cedar Grove, Cherokee Park, Greenwood Acres, Highland, Hollywood, Ingleside, Ledbetter Heights, Martin Luther King, Mooretown, Queensborough, Reisor, Solo Hood, Stoner Hill, or Sunset Acres.
4	Goal Name	Provide Vital Services for LMI & Special Needs
	Goal Description	The City will provide funding for supportive services for LMI and special needs populations. These services will be offered city wide.
5	Goal Name	Provide Homeless Prevention & Rapid Rehousing
	Goal Description	Services will be provided by selected non profits to provide homelessness prevention and rapid rehousing activities for homeless and at risk of homelessness individuals and families. These servcies will be city wide.

6	Goal Name	Homeless Shelters & Street Outreach
	Goal Description	Services will be provided through selected organizations to provide shelter operations and street outreach for unsheltered homeless. These services will be city wide.
7	Goal Name	Enhance Rental Rehab
	Goal Description	“New construction or rehabilitation of rental units intended to serve low-to-moderate income individuals will take place in one or more of the 19 targeted neighborhoods: Allendale, Caddo Heights, Cedar Grove, Cherokee Park, Greenwood Acres, Highland, Hollywood, Ingleside, Ledbetter Heights, Martin Luther King, Mooretown, Queensborough, Reisor, Solo Hood, Stoner Hill, and Sunset Acres.”
8	Goal Name	Expand & Improve Public Facilities
	Goal Description	Rehabilitation or new construction of facilities to provide services for low-to-moderate income individuals. Projects will be located in one or more of the 19 targeted neighborhoods (Allendale, Caddo Heights, Cedar Grove, Cherokee Park, Greenwood Acres, Highland, Hollywood, Ingleside, Ledbetter Heights, Martin Luther king, Mooretown, Queensborough, Reisor, Solo Hood, Stoner Hill and Sunset Acres).

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The projects listed below will carry out the activities in FY 2025 that will address the goals identified in the consolidated plan.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	21A: CDBG Administration
2	HOME: Administration
3	ESG24 Shreveport, LA
4	14A: Single Unit Housing Rehabilitation
5	05: Services for Children, Families & Special Needs
6	HOME: CHDO Reserves
7	HOME: Non-CHDO Development Activities
8	CDBG Public Facilities and Infrastructure

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The projects listed above were selected based on the feedback received through the Annual Action Plan public hearings. Projects were also selected based on their consistency with the Consolidated Plan.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	21A: CDBG Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Increase Homeownership Opportunities Provide Owner Occupied Housing Rehab Provide Vital Services for LMI & Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$389,288.00
	Description	Program administration of the CDBG program.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
2	Project Name	HOME: Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Increase Homeownership Opportunities Provide Owner Occupied Housing Rehab
	Needs Addressed	Preserve & Develop Affordable Rental Housing
	Funding	:
	Description	Administration of the HOME program.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
3	Project Name	ESG24 Shreveport, LA
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Homeless Prevention & Rapid Rehousing Homeless Shelters & Street Outreach

	Needs Addressed	Homelessness Housing & Supportive Services
	Funding	:
	Description	Increase and improve street outreach and support through homeless persons overnight shelter programs and through homeless prevention services. Provide for rapid re-housing for the homeless population through tenant-based rental assistance and the rapid re-housing program. Provide assistance to homeless shelters through helping them increase availability of overnight shelter beds.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
4	Project Name	14A: Single Unit Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Owner Occupied Housing Rehab
	Needs Addressed	Preserve & Develop Affordable Rental Housing Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,000,000.00
	Description	Provide for owner occupied housing rehabilitation in target areas of the jurisdiction. These activities will benefit LMI households and will be located in the 19 targeted neighborhoods (Allendale, Caddo Heights, Cedar Grove, Cherokee Park, Greenwood Acres, Highland, Hollywood, Ingleside, Ledbetter Heights, Martin Luther king, Mooretown, Queensborough, Reisor, Solo Hood, Stoner Hill and Sunset Acres).
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	A minimum of 50 homeowners will benefit from these funds.
	Location Description	19 targeted neighborhoods.
	Planned Activities	

5	Project Name	05: Services for Children, Families & Special Needs
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide Vital Services for LMI & Special Needs
	Needs Addressed	Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$291,967.00
	Description	Provide funding for supportive services for LMI and special needs populations and will be located in one or more of the the 19 targeted neighborhoods (Allendale, Caddo Heights, Cedar Grove, Cherokee Park, Greenwood Acres, Highland, Hollywood, Ingleside, Ledbetter Heights, Martin Luther king, Mooretown, Queensborough, Reisor, Solo Hood, Stoner Hill and Sunset Acres).
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	approximately 200 low-to-moderate income individuals will benefit from these funds.
	Location Description	Services will be provided city-wide.
	Planned Activities	
6	Project Name	HOME: CHDO Reserves
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Increase Homeownership Opportunities Provide Owner Occupied Housing Rehab (Reconstructi
	Needs Addressed	Preserve & Develop Affordable Rental Housing
	Funding	:
	Description	Increase homeownership opportunities for LMI households through homeowner housing added. Homes must be located within one or more of the the 19 targeted neighborhoods (Allendale, Caddo Heights, Cedar Grove, Cherokee Park, Greenwood Acres, Highland, Hollywood, Ingleside, Ledbetter Heights, Martin Luther king, Mooretown, Queensborough, Reisor, Solo Hood, Stoner Hill and Sunset Acres).
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	One unit for low-to-moderate income household will benefit from these funds.
	Location Description	One of the 19 targeted neighborhoods.
	Planned Activities	New construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing.
7	Project Name	HOME: Non-CHDO Development Activities
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Increase Homeownership Opportunities Provide Owner Occupied Housing Rehab Enhance Rental Rehab
	Needs Addressed	Preserve & Develop Affordable Rental Housing
	Funding	:
	Description	Increase affordable rental housing opportunities in LMI areas through rental units constructed and rental units rehabilitated. Projects must be located within on ore more of the the 19 targeted neighborhoods (Allendale, Caddo Heights, Cedar Grove, Cherokee Park, Greenwood Acres, Highland, Hollywood, Ingleside, Ledbetter Heights, Martin Luther king, Mooretown, Queensborough, Reisor, Solo Hood, Stoner Hill and Sunset Acres).
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
8	Project Name	CDBG Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Expand & Improve Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Services & Quality of Life Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$265,184.00

Description	Funds to create or expand public facilities in Low/moderate-income neighborhoods. Public facilities must be located within one of the 19 targeted neighborhoods.
Target Date	
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
Location Description	
Planned Activities	

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

Funding from the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs may be used in any designated target neighborhood or applied citywide, depending on the specific activities planned. In some cases, funds are allocated based on individual benefit rather than area-wide benefit. As a result, it is challenging to provide precise projections for fund distribution by target area. The figures below are therefore estimates based on prior experience.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The proposed fund allocation complies with federal requirements for each formula-based grant. Target areas include neighborhoods with low- to moderate-income concentrations and certain areas with high minority populations. Locations with low homeownership rates and deteriorating housing conditions were also prioritized in the targeting process. Participants in the HAPPI program may purchase a home anywhere within the city.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The Department of Community Development will support first-time homebuyers by offering up to \$10,000 in assistance for down payments, interest rate buy-downs, and closing costs. In addition, rental units are being constructed with HOME, HOME-ARP, and CHOICE Neighborhood funds to provide affordable housing options for low- to moderate-income renters.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	50
Special-Needs	0
Total	50

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	70
Rehab of Existing Units	50
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	120

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

Discussion

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Housing Authority of Shreveport provides services and housing as detailed in their PHA Plan. Below are very short summaries of actions planned for the next 5 years.

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

Actions planned during the next year to address public housing include:

Tenant Protection Vouchers

Bayou Grande Development - 300 mixed income units

Heritage Place Development - Mixed use homes in a target neighborhood

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

- Resident Councils & Advisory Boards**

 - Support the formation and funding of resident councils.
 - Provide leadership and advocacy training so residents can represent their peers effectively.
- Resident Commissioner Positions**

 - Appoint or elect residents to serve on the Housing Authority’s Board of Commissioners.
- Regular Engagement Meetings**

 - Host quarterly “town hall” style meetings where residents can give feedback on policies, programs, and maintenance issues.
- Resident Training Programs**

 - Offer workshops on property management, budgeting, and maintenance, preparing residents for roles in decision-making.
- Surveys & Suggestion Systems**

 - Implement online and in-person suggestion boxes

and periodic surveys to collect resident input on community priorities.</p>

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

The PHA is not designated troubled.

Discussion

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

Introduction

The City of Shreveport along with HOPE Connections (Continuum of Care) continues to provide assistance to non profit organizations to provide shelter operations, rapid rehousing, homelessness prevention, and street outreach to help alleviate homelessness in the City of Shreveport.

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

Non-profits are funded to provide street outreach to identify unshelterd homeless persons. Once identified the CoC will assess their needs and evaluate what is necessary to provide services to get the individual off the streets and possibly into short or long-term housing.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City addresses the needs of homeless persons through a combination of funding, outreach and partnerships, including (ESG Program, Outreach initiatives, Safe Haven Shelters, and nonprofit partnerships).

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 City helps Homeless persons to make the transition to permanent housing by providing rapid rehousing funds, supporting funding programs such as HOME ARP, and forming partnerships with service providers.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The City helps Homeless persons being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care by providing rapid rehousing funds, supporting funding programs such as HOME ARP, and forming partnerships with service providers.

Discussion

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

Introduction:

The City of Shreveport has several barriers to affordable housing. Some include (limited affordable housing stock, funding constraints, land use and zoning restrictions, rising construction cost, and income and employment challenges).

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

Actions planned to remove barriers to affordable housing include (revise zoning and land use regulations, streamline and expedite permitting processes, provide financial incentives and promote fair housing practices).

Discussion:

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Some actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs include: Increase Outreach and Engagement, Enhance Access to services, Strengthen partnerships and coordination, increase affordable and supportive housing and provide workforce development and economic support.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Some actions planned to maintain affordable housing include: expand affordable housing development, preserve existing affordable housing, increase homeownership opportunities, improve housing accessibility and quality, and monitor and evaluate housing needs.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City of Shreveport, Department of Community Development Inspectors provide on-site inspections of homes that are being evaluated for rehabilitation. If homes are found positive for lead based paint, encapsulation is recommended if feasible.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City provides workforce and development and job training through the WIOA program. The City also offers small business and entrepreneurship assistance through the Office of Fair Share Program.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City provides capacity building for staff and partners and enhances public participation and transparency to help develop institutional structure within the Department of Community Development.

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

The City is currently working to establish and strengthen collaborative networks and to formalize partnerships through MOUs and Agreements.

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

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

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

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	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.	0.00%

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

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

The City continues to seek and secure resources to support its community development programs. Beyond the HOME, CDBG, and ESG funds, the City leverages additional federal and state resources.

Below are some of the grants currently received or under consideration:

- **Low Income Housing Tax Credits:** Private developers are encouraged to apply for state tax credit allocations to support affordable housing projects. The proceeds from these tax credits help leverage multifamily rental development.
- **Choice Neighborhood Implementation Grant:** Shreveport was awarded a \$24 million Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant. So far, 136 housing units have been developed with these funds, and additional units are under construction. This grant supports the transformation of neighborhoods with concentrated poverty into mixed-income, sustainable communities by revitalizing distressed public or assisted housing, improving access to economic opportunities, and investing in quality services, education, public assets, transportation, and job access.
- **Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA):** WIOA funds support workforce development activities aimed at increasing employment, retention, and earnings. These programs enhance participants' occupational skills, reduce welfare dependency, and improve the productivity and competitiveness of economically disadvantaged individuals.

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 City of Shreveport provides HOME assistance to help low-income homebuyers purchase homes. To ensure affordability, the City enforces recapture requirements as outlined in HOME regulation 92.254(a)(5). These requirements apply throughout the affordability period for all HOME-assisted homebuyer projects and are established through written agreements with the buyer, secured by liens, deed restrictions, or covenants tied to the property.

Recapture provisions are triggered if the home's title is transferred during the affordability period, whether voluntarily or involuntarily. The length of the affordability period depends on the amount of HOME subsidy provided to the buyer, including any HOME program income used for direct assistance. The minimum affordability periods are:

- Less than \$15,000 subsidy: 5 years
- Between \$15,000 and \$40,000 subsidy: 10 years
- More than \$40,000 subsidy: 15 years

Under the recapture option, the homeowner can sell the home to any willing buyer during the affordability period. The City may recapture some or all of the HOME funds originally provided but allows the homeowner to keep any increase in home value (appreciation).

The amount the City recaptures is reduced on a pro-rata basis, based on how long the homeowner has lived in the home compared to the total affordability period. The calculation is:

1. Divide the number of years the homeowner occupied the home by the total affordability period.
2. Multiply that ratio by the original HOME subsidy amount.

The City can only recapture funds up to the amount available from the net proceeds of the sale. If the net proceeds are insufficient to cover the full recapture amount, the City does not have to repay the difference.

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 Shreveport requires partner agencies conform with the recapture requirements of 24CFR 92.254(a)(4) to ensure unit affordability. The City requires all partner agencies to enter into contract with the City for use of HOME funds and abide by all provisions concerning recapture and continuing affordability of units acquired with HOME funds.

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:

The City does not intend to use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME funds. In addition, the funds will not be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program. The City is aware that HOME funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

N/A

6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

N/A

7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

N/A

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

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

Currently funded agencies or those who have received prior funding from the Department of Community Development (DCD) will also be evaluated on past performance in carrying out programmatic activities and contractual compliance. Factors such as agency ability to meet service delivery goals, timely expenditure of funds, timely reporting, accuracy of reporting, ability to meet audit requirements, and other programmatic and fiscal contractual requirements will be considered. These other factors will be considered in conjunction with the proposal score in developing an overall recommendation for agency funding.

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

A **Centralized or Coordinated Assessment System** is a streamlined process used by the Continuum of Care (CoC) to efficiently identify, assess, and connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness to the most appropriate housing and services. This system is designed to ensure that people seeking assistance receive timely and consistent evaluations regardless of where they enter the homeless service system.

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 Shreveport expects to receive approximately \$174,669 for the FY2025 Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program. These funds will be awarded to community-based, nonprofit organizations providing emergency shelter and related services to the homeless, on a dollar-for-dollar match. Emergency Solutions Grant funds may be used for operations and maintenance, homeless prevention, essential support services and renovation/rehabilitation activities in connection with emergency shelters for the homeless. It is a priority of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the City of Shreveport to work under a Continuum of Care approach to homelessness to assist homeless individuals and families to obtain a decent living environment, either through rental housing or home ownership. The Neighborhood Services Department specifically seeks proposals to provide shelter and supportive services for the homeless.

PRIORITIES The purpose of the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program is to: 1) Broaden existing emergency shelter and homelessness prevention activities; 2) Emphasize Rapid Re-Housing; and, 3) Help people quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis and/or homelessness; 4) Enhance alignment of ESG regulations with other HUD programs including CDBG, HOME, and Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program; and, Support more coordinated and effective data collection, performance measurement, and program evaluation.

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.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

