

City of Altoona, Pennsylvania



3RD Annual Action Plan

for

*Community Development Block Grant &
Home Investment Partnership Programs*

PROGRAM YEAR 2022

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City of Altoona, Pennsylvania

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1. Introduction

The City of Altoona, Pennsylvania is an entitlement community under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs. The City of Altoona has prepared its Five-Year Consolidated Plan for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024. The Five-Year Consolidated Plan is a strategic plan to implement Federal programs for housing and community development activities within the City of Altoona and how the proposed activities will principally benefit low- and moderate-income individuals. This funding is used for a wide range of activities directed towards providing decent, safe and sanitary housing, a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities. The Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Action Plan represents the 3rd year of the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

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.

Housing Objective: Conserve and rehabilitate existing affordable housing units occupied by owners and renters in the community by addressing code violations, energy efficiency improvements, and accessibility for persons with disabilities. Provide short term rental assistance or security deposit assistance for low and moderate-income renters. During PY 2022, the City proposes to rehabilitate 8 single family homes, 8 scattered sites rental unit, and 14 apartment unit in two buildings at the Evergreen Manors I Low/Mod Housing Development. The City will also be providing emergency roof replacement services to 5 low and moderate income homeowners. The City will provide continued support for the rehabilitation of the Family Services Homeless Shelter.

Community Development Objective: Improve parks, recreational facilities, neighborhood facilities, and trails including accessibility improvements to public buildings and all community facilities in the City. Improve the public infrastructure through rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction of streets, sidewalks, bridges, curbs, walkways, storm water management, sanitary sewers, lighting, handicap accessibility improvements and removal of architectural barriers. Remove and eliminate slum and blighting conditions through demolition of vacant abandoned and dilapidated structures. Promote fair housing choice through education, training and outreach to affirmatively further fair housing. For the 2022 PY, the City obligated funds for street reconstruction in multiple low/mod areas of the City

serving 6,251 persons; recreation improvements to one city playground serving 4,660 people; street light installation along E. Cherry Avenue serving 1,085 people; and siding installation on 26 buildings at the Fairview Hills public housing development. The City will also eliminate slum/blight through the removal of 10 dilapidated buildings, and continue to support efforts of The Nehemiah Project to provide meals to those in need in the lower Fairview area of the City, serving approximately 5750 people.

Administration Objective: Provide program management and oversight for the successful administration of Federal, State and locally funded programs, including planning services for special studies, annual action plans, five-year consolidated plans, substantial amendments, consolidated annual performance and evaluation reports (CAPER), environmental reviews and clearances, fair housing, and compliance with all Federal State, and local laws and regulations.

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 Altoona has a good performance record and regularly meets the performance standards established by HUD. Each year the City prepares its CAPER Report which is submitted within the ninety (90) days after the end of the reporting year. Currently in the 2021 Program Year, the City of Altoona has expended 79.97% of its CDBG funds to benefit low and-moderate income persons and households, well exceeding the 70% minimum requirement. The City expended 0.776% of its funds on public service activities which is below the statutory maximum of 15%. The City has expended 10.496% on Planning and Administration, which is below the statutory maximum of 20% and 17.788% in slum and blight activities, which is below the 30% maximum.

The HOME Program is being administered in a timely manner and in accordance with applicable activity limitations and match requirements. The City was not required to provide a match for FY 2021 HOME funds because the City satisfied the distressed criteria for participating jurisdictions in accordance with HOME Program regulations. In program year 2021, the City received \$329,427.00 in HOME funds. Total HOME funds expended for the Program Year consisted of \$22,739.10 for administrative costs and \$96,707.20 in project costs. The City has also met the 15% Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) requirement by providing the local CHDO with \$161,000.00 for improvements to the 11 units in the Union Avenue Apartment complex for upgrades. This project is complete.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City of Altoona, in compliance with the Citizen's Participation Plan, advertised the schedule for preparing the 2022 Annual Plan and review of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan in the local newspaper (Altoona Mirror) on January 7, 2022. The City also advertised on the Public Access Channel starting

January 7, 2022 and on the City of Altoona's Web Site. Emails were sent to non-profit agencies, businesses, churches, City Directors and Elected Officials.

Two public hearings were held on February 9, 2022 and April 20, 2022, to provide information on the 2022 Annual Plan process and to accept comments on identified community needs, programs and projects. Copies of the public hearing minutes and attendance sheets are attached. The proposed list of projects for Program Year 2022 were displayed for a 30 day public comment period in the local newspaper on April 4, 2022, copies of the draft 2022 Annual Plan were displayed at the Altoona Housing Authority, City's Clerk's Office, the Altoona Public Library and the Department of Community Development. The City also posted all information on the City's Web Page and public access channel before Council's proposed adoption of the Plan on May 9, 2022. The City of Altoona's allocation amounts were received May 16, 2022 moving the City Council anticipated adoption of the plan to June 13, 2022. Due to the \$147,731.00 decrease in the expected CDBG funding, the city decreased the 2022 Single Family Homeowner Rehabilitation Project by \$96,184.80 and the Housing and Community Development Administration Project by \$51,546.20 as per the public notice of proposed projects. Under the HOME Program for the 2022 Program Year there was an increase of \$36,887.00 to the estimated amount totaling \$382,85.00. The City increased all projects amounts as per the April 4, 2022, advertisement of proposed projects.

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 of Altoona held two public hearings for the development of the 2022 HCD Annual Plan. Both hearings were held in a venue that are accessible for persons with disabilities. The Community Development Deputy Director and HOME Program Manager were in attendance at the 1st and 2nd public hearings. The first public hearing had one public attendee and the local news media present. The second public hearing was to present and accept comment on the PY2022 Proposed Annual Plan and any changes to the 5-Yr Plan. There was one public attendee that had applied for 2022 CDBG funds present. Staff went through the agenda items for the 2nd public hearing and then opened the hearing up for public comments. Public attendee, Mr. Germany inquired about the individual project that was submitted for CDBG funding. Mr. Germany wanted to know when he would receive his funding. Staff informed Mr. Germany that after ranking all project applications submitted, his request scored low because it was not ready and more information and evidence of planning would be required before it could be reconsidered CD&A REcovery House. Please see attachment of Public Hearing Minutes.

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

All comments and suggestions that were received to date, have been accepted and incorporated into the planning documents.

7. Summary

The City of Altoona will use its Consolidated Plan's goals and objectives to allocate funds through PY2024.

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	ALTOONA	
CDBG Administrator	ALTOONA	Department of Community Development
HOME Administrator	ALTOONA	Department of Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Altoona, Pennsylvania's Department of Planning and Community Development is the administering agency for CDBG and HOME programs. The Department prepares the Five5Year Consolidated Plans, Annual Action Plans, Environmental Review Records (ERRs), the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Reports (CAPERs), monitoring, contracting, and oversight of programs on a daily basis. In addition, the City contracts with a private planning consulting firm available to assist the City on an as-needed basis.

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

1. Introduction

The City of Altoona, as part of the CDBG and HOME application process, local agencies/organizations are invited to submit proposals for CDBG and HOME grant eligible activities and to participate in the planning process through attending the public hearings or responding directly to the correspondence. A complete list of agencies that were contacted for their participation can be found in the Citizen Participation attachment.

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 Altoona reaches out to the following agencies to enhance coordination. Each year as part of the application process, they are invited to submit proposals for CDBG and HOME funds and they receive an invitation to come to the public hearings.

Altoona Housing Authority - Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers and improvements to the public housing communities.

Social Services Agencies - Funds to improve services to low and-moderate income persons

Housing Providers - Funds to rehabilitate and develop affordable housing and provide housing options for low and-moderate income households.

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 Eastern Pennsylvania CoC (PA-507) is comprised of 33 Counties, including Blair County and the City of Altoona. For planning purposes, the CoC is divided into five regions and managed by a Regional Homeless Advisory Board (RHAB). The City of Altoona is a member of the Central RHAB and takes an active role in supporting the RHAB by addressing homelessness and breaking the cycle. This structure provides a variety of local services ranging from outreach and assessment to emergency and transitional housing to permanent housing services. All persons are assessed to determine their individual needs and referred appropriately.

The Altoona/Blair County Community Action Agency (CAP) provides a HUD approved Housing Counseling Program offering one-on-one counseling services and workshops in the following areas: pre-purchase, post-purchase, mortgage delinquency, rental and near homeless.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The City of Altoona's Community Development Department staff participate in the Blair County Local Housing Options Team (LHOT) which is the local group that represents South Central RHAB to the CoC. Issues facing homeless persons in Altoona are discussed at the LHOT meeting. These local needs are reported to the greater CoC. The Healthy Blair County Coalition conducts a regular Community Healthy Needs Assessment. While this needs assessment is not geared specifically toward homeless people it does address many of the health and mental health issues that are exhibited by the homeless population. The most recent version of the unsheltered homeless is conducted annually on the date prescribed by HUD. Although the City no longer receives an ESG allocation, the City applies for ESG funds through the Blair County LHOT and our Continuum of Care.

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	UPMC Behavioral Health of the Alleghenies
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Lead-based Paint Strategy Community Development Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	UPMC Behavioral Health of the Alleghenies was consulted to ascertain the social service and homeless needs in the City.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Family Services, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Health Services - Victims Child Welfare Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs Community Development Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Family Services, Inc., was consulted to ascertain information regarding victims of domestic violence and homeless needs of families and individuals.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Altoona Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	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?	Altoona Housing Authority was consulted to ascertain the Housing needs of the City of Altoona.

4	Agency/Group/Organization	Blair County Chamber of Commerce
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders Community Development Financial Institution Private Sector Banking / Financing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Blair County Chamber of Commerce was consulted to ascertain the economic development needs of the City of Altoona.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Catholic Charities
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Catholic Charities was consulted to ascertain the fair housing and housing needs of the City of Altoona.

6	Agency/Group/Organization	Blair County Community Action
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Regional organization Planning organization
	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?	Blair County Community Action was consulted to ascertain the fair housing, housing, and homeless needs of the City of Altoona.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Central PA Landlord's Association
	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?	The Central PA Landlord's Association was consulted to ascertain housing needs of the City of Altoona.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	BLAIR SENIOR SERVICES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Community Development Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Blair Senior Services was consulted to ascertain housing needs of the City of Altoona.

9	Agency/Group/Organization	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Pennsylvania Department of Aging was consulted to ascertain the housing needs of the City of Altoona.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Altoona Area School District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Altoona Area School District was consulted to ascertain the social service needs of the City of Altoona.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Blair County Drug and Alcohol Program
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Health Agency Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless 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 Blair County Drug and Alcohol Program was consulted to ascertain the social service needs of the City of Altoona.

12	Agency/Group/Organization	The Nehemiah Project, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Community Development Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Nehemiah Project was consulted to ascertain the community development needs of the City of Altoona.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	IMPROVED DWELLINGS ALTOONA, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy Fair Housing
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Improved Dwellings for Altoona, Inc., was consulted to ascertain the housing needs of the City of Altoona.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	ALTOONA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Agency - Emergency Management Other government - Local Regional organization Planning organization Civic Leaders Grantee Department Major Employer

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy Community Development Strategy
	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 Altoona Department Heads were consulted to identify the needs in the City over a five year period.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Children Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Health Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Regional organization Planning organization Lead
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy Community Development Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	PA Department of Health was contacted for lead numbers and HIV/AIDS statistics and information.

16	Agency/Group/Organization	Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Economic Development Community Development Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Southern Alleghenies Planning and Development was consulted to ascertain the economic development needs of the City of Altoona.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	UPMC Hospital - Altoona
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency Business Leaders Business and Civic Leaders Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Community Development Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	UPMC Hospital-Altoona was consulted to ascertain Health service needs for the City of Altoona.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	Blair County NAACP
	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?	Blair County NAACP was consulted to ascertain housing needs for the City of Altoona.

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

All known agency types were contacted during the planning process. See Contact List.

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	Blair County Community Action	They are incorporated in the 2020-2024 5-year Consolidated Plan and the annual action plan.
5-Year Plan	Altoona Housing Authority	They are incorporated in the 2020-2024 5-year Consolidated Plan and the annual action plan.
Positively Altoona	Community Development Department	They are incorporated in the 2020-2024 5-year Consolidated Plan and the annual action plan.
Childhood Lead Surveillance	PA Department of Health	They are incorporated in the 2020-2024 5-year Consolidated Plan and the annual action plan.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

N/A

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 City of Altoona reaches out to all City Department Heads, Elected and Public Officials, Housing Agencies and Organizations, Homeless Agencies and Providers, Social Service Agencies, Fair Housing Organizations, Economic Development Agencies and local Faith Based Institutions. The City also uses the local newspaper, news media, City’s website and local access television channel.

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	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Minutes from both of the City of Altoona's Public Hearings are located in the attachments.	Minutes from both of the City of Altoona's Public Hearings are located in the attachments.	All comments have been accepted	
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Minutes from both of the City of Altoona's Public Hearings are located in the attachments.	Minutes from both of the City of Altoona's Public Hearings are located in the attachments.	All comments have been accepted	

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)
3	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	No response	No response	N/A	
4	Public Access Channel (Television)	Non-targeted/broad community	No response	No response	N/A	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

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	1,597,749	110,000	0	1,707,749	3,195,498	The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs.

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	382,785	0	0	382,785	765,570	The HOME program is the largest federal block grant to state and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households. HOME funds are awarded annually as formula grants to participating jurisdictions.

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

The Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) administers several programs related to affordable housing. The Housing and Community Development (HCD) Program provides loans and grants for acquisition and development of housing for low- and moderate-income persons.

Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources funds have been and will continue to be used to leverage CDBG funds for streetscape and tree planting projects.

PRIVATE RESOURCES

Private investment, in the form of cash equity, private mortgage and other financing that may be available for housing. These resources can take many forms and may even be raised through obtaining either Low-Income Housing Tax Credits or Historic Tax Credits. Qualifying all of the activities of the private market far exceed the scope of the Consolidated Plan.

LOCAL RESOURCES

Operation “Our Town” a local philanthropy often contributes funds to the Altoona Law Enforcement Community to assist in dealing with the illegal drug trade issues and to local community activities, such as baseball leagues, City capital planning and general funds are used to leverage Federal funds for various public works projects, including street paving, streetscaping, code/zoning enforcement, planning and policing. Approximately \$20,000 per year is budgeted for the Shade Tree Commission, which plants and maintains trees that compliment CDBG funded streetscaping projects.

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 provides an ongoing 50% matching funds program through its HOME grant for private landlords to upgrade/rehabilitate housing units that are rented to low-income families and individuals.

Discussion

The City of Altoona will continue to use a variety of funds to address and accomplish the goals established in this Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

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	AMS-1 Overall Coordination	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy	CDBG: \$319,550 HOME: \$38,278	Other: 2 Other
2	HSS-2 Housing Rehabilitation	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Housing Strategy	CDBG: \$742,199 HOME: \$344,507	Rental units rehabilitated: 128 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 12 Household Housing Unit
3	CDS-1 Community Facilities	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Community Development Strategy	CDBG: \$55,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4660 Persons Assisted
4	AMS-2 Fair Housing	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy	CDBG: \$27,000	Other: 1 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	CDS-4 Clearance/Demolition	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Community Development Strategy	CDBG: \$150,000	Buildings Demolished: 10 Buildings
6	CDS-3 Public Services	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Community Development Strategy	CDBG: \$75,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5750 Persons Assisted
7	CDS-2 Infrastructure	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Community Development Strategy	CDBG: \$266,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 7336 Persons Assisted
8	HMS-1 Housing	2020	2024	Homeless	Citywide	Homeless Strategy	CDBG: \$100,000	Homelessness Prevention: 300 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	AMS-1 Overall Coordination
	Goal Description	Program management and oversight for the administration of Federal Grant Programs.
2	Goal Name	HSS-2 Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Conserve and rehabilitate existing affordable housing units occupied by owners and renters in the community by addressing code violations, energy efficiency improvements, and accessibility for persons with disabilities.

3	Goal Name	CDS-1 Community Facilities
	Goal Description	Improve parks, recreational facilities, neighborhood facilities and trails including accessibility improvements to public buildings and all community facilities.
4	Goal Name	AMS-2 Fair Housing
	Goal Description	Promote fair housing choice through education, training and outreach to affirmatively furthering fair housing.
5	Goal Name	CDS-4 Clearance/Demolition
	Goal Description	Remove and eliminate slum and blighting conditions through demolition of vacant, abandoned, and dilapidated structures.
6	Goal Name	CDS-3 Public Services
	Goal Description	Improve and enhance public services, programs for youth, the elderly and persons with disabilities along with general social/welfare public service programs for low- and moderate-income persons and households
7	Goal Name	CDS-2 Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Improve the public infrastructure through rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction of streets, sidewalks, bridges, curbs, walkways, water, storm water management, sanitary sewers, lighting, handicap accessibility improvements and removal of architectural barriers, etc.
8	Goal Name	HMS-1 Housing
	Goal Description	Support the continuum of care's efforts to provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing and other permanent housing opportunities.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City of Altoona proposes to undertake the following activities/projects with the FY 2022 CDBG and HOME funds.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Housing & Community Development Administration
2	Single Family Homeowner Rehabilitation
3	Emergency Homeowner Roof Replacement
4	Blighted Property Program
5	The Nehemiah Project - Meal Preparation
6	CDBG Street Reconstruction Project
7	Donald Witherspoon Basketball Court Revitalization
8	E. Cherry Avenue Street Lighting Installation
9	AHA Fairview Hills Low-Income Housing Development - Siding Installation
10	Family Services, Inc., Homeless Shelter Rehabilitation
11	Home Program Administration
12	HOME Rental Rehabilitation Program
13	IDA-CDC Evergreen Manors I

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The allocations and priorities were established by the 5-year Consolidated Plan. This plan was constructed by an online survey, stakeholder meetings, follow-up surveys from service providers, and public meetings/hearings. CDBG funds are intended to provide low and-moderate income households with viable communities, including decent housing, a suitable living environment and economic opportunities.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Housing & Community Development Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	AMS-1 Overall Coordination
	Needs Addressed	Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$292,550
	Description	Operational budget for the Department of Community Development for general management, monitoring, coordination, oversight and evaluation of projects within the CDBG Program and monitoring of activities necessary for effective planning implementation such as update of the City's Comprehensive Plan, including fair housing activities eliminating housing discrimination through the promotion of fair housing by using education programs, monitoring, research and community involvement.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	1301 12th Street, Altoona, PA 16601
	Planned Activities	24 CFR 570.206 21A General Program Administration 570.206
2	Project Name	Single Family Homeowner Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HSS-2 Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$342,199
	Description	Rehabilitation loans to low and moderate-income homeowners. Funding for lead-based paint remediation to assist low/moderate income homeowners as part of the City's Rehabilitation Program.
	Target Date	6/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	8 low-moderate income households.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	LMH 570.208(a)(3)(i)(C) 14A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential 570.202
3	Project Name	Emergency Homeowner Roof Replacement
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HSS-2 Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	Owner occupied, low-moderate income homeowners that require emergency roof replacement in the City of Altoona. Assistance will be provided to homeowners as 0% interest, deferred loans to be forgiven at a rate of 25% a year over four years. The program is limited to roofs only.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Four (4) low-moderate income households.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	LMH 570.208(a)(3)(i)(C) 14A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential 570.202
4	Project Name	Blighted Property Program
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CDS-4 Clearance/Demolition
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000

	Description	Prevention or elimination of spot blight through property acquisition, relocation, safeguarding, demolition and disposition activities.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Ten (10) vacant dilapidated residential/commercial properties
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	SBS 570.208(b)(2) 04 Clearance and Demolition 570.201(d)
5	Project Name	The Nehemiah Project - Meal Preparation
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	CDS-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000
	Description	Providing free meals to anyone in need in the Fairview area of the City of Altoona.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimating serving 5,570 persons
	Location Description	Service Area: C.T. 1006 BG 1,2,3,4; C.T. 1007 BG 1,2,3; C.T. 1019 BG 1,2; 5750 people with 4550 being low/moderate income or 79.13%
	Planned Activities	LMA 570.208(a)(1)(i) 05W Food Banks 24CFR 570.201(e)
6	Project Name	CDBG Street Reconstruction Project
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	CDS-2 Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$200,000

	Description	Revitalize existing public roadways in low to moderate income areas within the City of Altoona. The project will benefit residents to the immediate area improved by providing safer and easier access to their place of residence and also provide a means to the City of Altoona to keep public roadways from deterioration. Project will be administered by the City of Altoona Department of Engineering.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Serving 6,251 people with 3570 being low/moderate income or 57.11% low-moderate income.
	Location Description	C.T. 1005 BG 1,2; C.T. 1006 BG 3,4; C.T. 1007 BG 1,3; C.T. 1009 BG 3
	Planned Activities	LMA 570.208(a)(1)(i) 03K Street Improvements 570.201(c)
7	Project Name	Donald Witherspoon Basketball Court Revitalization
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	CDS-1 Community Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$55,000
	Description	Installation of new basketball standards, fencing, slip resistant color-coding surfacing and installation of a drain and signage on court fencing.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will benefit 4600 persons with 2735 persons or 58.69% being low-moderate income.
	Location Description	1214 19th Street, Altoona, PA - C.T. 1003 BG 1; C.T. 1004 BG 1,2; C.T. 1005 BG 2,3; C.T. 1014 BG 1; C.T. 1016 BG 3; C.T. 1019 BG 2
	Planned Activities	LMA 570.208(a)(1)(i) 03K Street Improvements 570.201(c)

8	Project Name	E. Cherry Avenue Street Lighting Installation
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	CDS-2 Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$66,000
	Description	Purchase and installation of decorative street lighting along E. Cherry Avenue between Kettle Street and Juniata Gap Road.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Serving 1085 people with 775 being low-moderate income or 71.43%
	Location Description	E. Cherry Avenue between Kettle Street and Juniata Gap Road - C.T. 1007 BG 2
Planned Activities	LMA 570.208(a)(1)(i) 03L Sidewalks 24 CFR 570.201(c)	
9	Project Name	AHA Fairview Hills Low-Income Housing Development - Siding Installation
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	HSS-2 Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$350,000
	Description	Installing vinyl siding on 26 buildings located in the Fairview Hills Low-Income Housing Development
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	104 low-income households - White: 223 Black: 43 Asian: 2 Black & White: 16

	Location Description	1614 First Street, Altoona, PA 16601
	Planned Activities	LMH 570.208(a)(3) 14C Rehab; Public Housing Modernization 570.202(a)(2)
10	Project Name	Family Services, Inc., Homeless Shelter Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HMS-1 Housing
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	Construction of 35 bed ADA compliant family shelter and six (6) low-income affordable housing 2-bedroom rental units for persons who are homeless.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	300 homeless individuals
	Location Description	2300 North Branch Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601
	Planned Activities	570.208(a)(2)(A) 03C Homeless Facilities 24 CFR 570.201(c)
11	Project Name	Home Program Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	AMS-1 Overall Coordination
	Needs Addressed	Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy
	Funding	HOME: \$38,278
	Description	Administration costs to provide for staffing to oversee HOME funded projects.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A

	Location Description	1301 12th Street, Altoona, PA 16601
	Planned Activities	24 CFR 570.206(i)(2) 21A General Program Administration 570.206
12	Project Name	HOME Rental Rehabilitation Program
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HSS-2 Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Strategy
	Funding	HOME: \$163,974
	Description	Rental rehabilitation program consists of a 50/50 financial match. Units will be made available to income eligible tenants and comply with HOME affordable period requirements. Structures located within the City's limits which contain substandard rental units are eligible.
	Target Date	6/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	8 low-moderate income households
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	LMH 570.208(a)(3) 14B Rehab: Multi-Unit Residential 570.202
13	Project Name	IDA-CDC Evergreen Manors I
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HSS-2 Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Strategy
	Funding	HOME: \$180,533
	Description	Kitchen and corridor renovation project at Evergreen Manors I Building #5928
	Target Date	6/30/2023

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	16 low/mod Households
Location Description	5919 Evergreen Court, Altoona, Pa 16602
Planned Activities	LMH 570.208(a)(3) 14B Rehab; Multi-Unit Residential

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

The City of Altoona's low/moderate income areas are mostly centered around its Central Business District. They contain the oldest housing stock in the City and stretch northeast to North Eighth Avenue and southwest to Thirty First Street along its railroads and former industrial sites. We strategically focus our HUD resources on these areas. With the 2011-15 Census Data, the City of Altoona has lost four (4) block groups that are no longer considered low and-moderate income areas and has gained (3) new block groups that were not low and moderate income prior to the new data.

The low and-moderate income profile for the City of Altoona is a measurement of the area's needs. City of Altoona has an overall low and-moderate income percentage of 50.55% and a total population 44,910.

The City's highest minorities concentration Census Tracts are C.T. 1017 @ 16%; C.T. 1005 @ 15%; C.T. 1007 @ 15% and C.T. 1008 @ 12%. All other census tracts are below 10% minority concentration. A spreadsheet is attached showing the areas of low/moderate income and racial breakdown per census tract and block group.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION STRATEGY AREA	0
CENTRAL ALTOONA NEIGHBORHOOD STRATEGY AREA	0
Garfield Area	0
Citywide	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City of Altoona is not only attempting to meet the needs of the community but also affirmatively further fair housing. It is essential to engage in not only community building activities and funds needed improvements in low and-moderate income areas but also to provide opportunities for residents to live in non-impacted areas.

Discussion

Not applicable

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of Altoona will utilize its CDBG and HOME funds to rehabilitate affordable housing units. The one-year goals for affordable housing in the City of Altoona for FY 2022 are as follows:

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	146
Special-Needs	0
Total	146

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	0
Rehab of Existing Units	146
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	146

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

Discussion

The City of Altoona will undertake the following activities to address affordable housing:

CDBG-Single Family Homeowner Rehabilitation - The continued funding of citywide rehabilitation loans to low- and moderate-income homeowners. Funding for lead-based paint remediation to assist low/moderate income homeowners as part of the City's Rehabilitation program. Proposed rehabilitation of 8 units.

CDBG Emergency Homeowner Roof Replacement Program to low-moderate income homeowners. Proposed 4 housing units.

CDBG Fairview Hills Low/Moderate Income Housing. Proposed 104 rental units.

CDBG Homeless Shelter. Proposed 6 rental units.

HOME-Rental Rehabilitation Program - Rental rehabilitation program consists of a 50/50 financial match. Units will be made available to income eligible tenants and comply with HOME affordable period

requirements. Structures located within the City's limits which contain substandard rental units are eligible. Rehabilitation of approximately 8 units.

HOME-IDA-CDC Evergreen Manors I- Upgrade of kitchens and corridor renovations of 16 units. These improvements will allow continued safe, decent and affordable housing.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Altoona Housing Authority is the public housing agency that serves the City of Altoona. The mission of the Altoona Housing Authority is to provide affordable, quality housing that promotes self-sufficiency and other resident opportunities based on sound management which is a valuable asset to the community.

The Housing Authority owns and manages 516 public housing units, which 28 are accessible. In addition, the Housing Authority administers 937 Housing Choice Vouchers. A total of 12 Enhanced Vouchers were under contract on April 1, 2022. In addition, the Altoona Housing Authority administers 38 Veterans Administration Supportive Housing (VASH) Vouchers.

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

During FY 2022, the City of Altoona will continue to cooperate with the Altoona Housing Authority in meeting the needs of residents residing in low-income housing. The Altoona Housing Authority's goals and objectives for this year are to continue to reduce public housing vacancies through collaboration efforts between management and maintenance to reach 98% occupancy, increase level of landlord participation in Section 8 Voucher Program through educational workshops, maintain PHAS & SEMAP scores with high performer status, continuation of customer service training for staff, continuation of resident customer satisfaction surveys to determine areas for improvement, continuation of work with the City of Altoona on Code Enforcement, Fair Housing workshops and work on expansion of home-ownership programs, renovation and modernization of public housing units through Capital Fund modernization, and continuing to work with the Blair County Housing Authority, the Indiana County Housing Authority, and the Jefferson County Housing Authority in housing VASH participants within the City limits.

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

The Altoona Housing Authority is improving public safety and supporting crime prevention at its public housing communities to provide a safe living environment for resident by providing security services on-site at its Public Housing Developments: Fairview Hills, the Green Avenue Tower and the Eleventh Street Tower.

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

Not applicable. The Altoona Housing Authority is designated as a "high performer".

Discussion

Not applicable

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

Introduction

The Eastern PA CoC encompasses 33 counties organized by geography into five Regional Homeless Advisory Boards (RHABs). The City of Altoona is a member of the South Central RHAB Continuum of Care - PA-507. The Central RHAB Continuum of Care contains nine (9) member counties: Adams, Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon and Somerset.

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

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

The CoC annually funds a Supportive Services Only Program that is operated in Altoona/Blair County by the Blair County Community Action Agency (BCAP). Services are provided to both sheltered and unsheltered persons. All persons served are assessed to determine their individual needs.

All programs operated by Blair County Community Action Program (BCCAP) require an intake assessment to find out each household's unique needs. Referrals are then made, either in house or to other community resources, to address those needs. BCCAP is an access site for the Coordinated Entry System that, along with 211, conducts assessments for those that are homeless or near homeless and gets referrals to organizations that may be able to assist them. Additionally BCCAP conducts a Point-In-Time Count annually per HUD guidelines. During this count, volunteers conduct a street search and Blair County Community Action Program's main office becomes a drop-in site for households to come be counted.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The Family Shelter in Altoona is operated by Family Services, Inc. It is widely recognized in the community that there are insufficient shelter beds to meet the needs of the Community. Family Services, Inc., has acquired and is currently rehabilitating an old commercial building located at 2300 N. Branch Avenue. The new shelter will serve 300 persons per year and will also have six (6) 2-bedroom units to be used as permanent section 8 housing.

The CoC annually funds a rapid re-housing program operated in Altoona/Blair County by the BCCAP, that serves the general public and the subpopulation of those aged 18-25 having mental or physical disabilities but who are able to live independently. This program offers a variety of supportive services to clients to assist them to acquire permanent housing. Services include life skills training, employment services, provision of clothing, case management, housing search assistance and budget counseling. Since October 1, 2021, BCCAP has served 101 households with 203 individuals with these program

funds. BCCAP also receives the ESG to assist individuals and families that are homeless under HUD's guidelines so that they gain safe, affordable housing. Through the ESG funds, the agency assists those in need of homeless prevention (eg. those that have an eviction notice). With this funding, participants have to meet income guidelines. Funds fluctuate from year to year, but do help assist the general population. Currently BCCAP operates the Housing Assistance Program (HAP) that serves homeless individuals that meet income and other requirements to secure safe, affordable housing and/or to obtain temporary shelter (eg. hotel stays).

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The CoC annually funds two transitional housing programs that are operated in the Altoona/Blair County area by Blair County Community Action Agency. The Transitional Housing Program serves the general public and the Journey Program is targeted at 18-25 year olds who have a mental or physical disability but are able to live independently. These two programs offer a variety of supportive services to clients to assist them in the transition to permanent housing. These services include; life skills training, employment services, provision of clothing and furniture, general case management, housing search assistance and budget counseling.

BCCAP receives funds to assist veterans in our community. Blair County Community Action Program has been able to secure funds for both rapid re-housing and homeless prevention. These funds assist veterans that may or may not qualify for assistance through the VA eg. (Those that serve in the National Guard, etc). This program serves those households that have military experience and meets income limits.

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 Blair County Community Action Agency has no specific programs designed to address individuals and families who are being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care. The Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) and the Housing Assistance Program (HAP) helps prevent low-income families from becoming homeless. Both the City of Altoona and Blair County operated the

ESG program in the past with helping low-income families from becoming homeless. Altoona lost ESG formula funding when its population dropped below 50,000 in 2012. With Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation (PHARE) funds, BCCAP assisted with preventing homelessness as well. Blair County Community Action Program provides a HUD approved Housing Counseling Program (HUD HCP) offering one-on-one counseling services and workshops in the following areas: Pre-Purchase, Post Purchase, Mortgage Delinquency, Rental and Near Homeless. In each of these categories, budgeting plays a vital role in educating individuals and families regarding basic financial planning.

Discussion

Not applicable

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

Introduction:

There are no known public policies in the City of Altoona that are barriers to affordable housing. The City of Altoona monitors the following:

Tax policies affecting land and other properties, Land Use Controls, Zoning Ordinance, Building Code, Fees and Charges

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

Not Applicable

Discussion:

Specific to the FY 2020, 2021 and moving forward with the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan, the City of Altoona will use the following activities to assist in removing barriers to affordable housing as well as implement the updates of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice as above.

Fair Housing - Provide sound and professional planning, administration, oversight and management of federal, state, and local funded programs and activities.

Single Family Homeowner Rehabilitation - Rehabilitation loans to low and moderate income homeowners. Funding for lead-based paint remediation to assist low/moderate income homeowners as part of the City's rehabilitation program.

Homeowner Emergency Roof Replacement - Assistance to homeowners as a 0% interest, deferred loan to be forgiven at a rate of 25% a year over four years.

HOME Rental Rehabilitation - Improvements to the rental units City-wide that house low-income households.

HOME IDA-CDC Evergreen Manors I - Improvements to the kitchens and building corridor in Building #5928.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City of Altoona has developed the following actions which address obstacles meeting underserved needs, foster affordable housing, reduces lead-based hazards, reduces the number of poverty families, develops institutional structures, and enhances coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The primary action taken in addressing obstacles to meeting underserved needs is identifying additional financial resources and leveraging funds with available state and local funding resources. An additional strategy for meeting unmet needs is to coordinate with other local service providing organizations so to minimize duplication of service and maximize collaborative efforts to meet identified needs. These are the primary strategies utilized in meeting unmet needs.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

With the limited CDBG and HOME funding available, the City intends to continue to increase its supply of affordable housing by rehabilitating homes for eligible homeowners and constructing new homes through its CHDO. Given the resources available, this will reduce, although not eliminate, barriers to affordable housing.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City will continue to reduce the number of housing units containing lead-based paint hazards through housing rehabilitation activities using CDBG and HOME funds.

Below are the City's activities to reduce lead-based paint hazards related to rehabilitation programs.

Rehabilitation Programs:

The City of Altoona will continue to ensure that:

- Applicants for rehabilitation funding receive the required lead-based paint information and understand their responsibilities.
- Staff properly determines whether proposed projects are exempt from some or all lead-based paint requirements.
- The level of Federal rehabilitation assistance is properly calculated and the applicable lead-based paint requirements determined.
- Properly qualified personnel perform risk management, paint testing, lead hazard reduction,

and clearance services when required.

- Required lead hazard reduction work and protective measures are incorporated into project rehabilitation specifications.
- Risk assessment, paint testing, lead hazard reduction, and clearance work are performed in accordance with the applicable standards established in 24 CFR Part 35, Subpart R.
- Required notices regarding lead-based paint evaluation, presumption, and hazard reduction are provided to occupants and documented.
- Program documents establish the rental property owner's responsibility to perform and adhere to ongoing lead-based paint maintenance activities, when applicable.
- Program staff monitors owner compliance with ongoing lead-based paint maintenance activities.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Virtually all of the City's housing activities, programs, and projects are intended to benefit low-to-moderate income persons, and moreover, to reduce the number of poverty-level families. One of the City's primary anti-poverty components of the CDBG program is to provide safe and sanitary housing for the low- and moderate-income individuals residing in the City. Because two-thirds of City residents own their homes, a high percentage in comparison with state and national figures, allowing low-to-moderate-income residents to remain in their own home is a primary component of the City's antipoverty program. The City addresses this through its ongoing single-family housing rehabilitation program, rental assistance program, and rental rehabilitation assistance program.

Providing safe and affordable housing opportunity for the low-to-moderate income population is a major deterrent to poverty.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The Community Development Department is aware of few minor gaps in delivery of services in Altoona. These gaps are not related to institutional capabilities, but rather insufficient funding of the services. The staff and agencies are aware of these areas and are working with providers and agencies to develop appropriate solutions.

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

The City of Altoona created the Altoona Housing Authority (AHA), a body independent of City government whose members are appointed for staggered terms of office by the Mayor with a concurring vote from Altoona City Council. This organizational relationship is determined by

Pennsylvania law.

The administrative activities of the agency are determined in accordance with Pennsylvania law and agency policy, including hiring, contracting and procurement. The relationships between the Altoona Housing Authority and the City of Altoona can be delineated by contract for specific projects. The City and the Housing Authority cooperate in providing police protection to the housing projects and provide funding assistance for specific housing projects. The City also reviews and concurs on capital improvements conducted by the AHA and provides annual inspections on rental units under the City's rental inspection program. The construction of new developments or the demolition or disposition of existing developments is within the exclusive purview of the Housing Authority, although the authority consults routinely with the City of Altoona on these matters.

Discussion:

Not applicable

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The City of Altoona receives an annual allocation of CDBG and HOME funds. Since the City receives these federal allocations, the questions below have been completed as they are applicable. The City of Altoona anticipates that it will receive up to \$110,000 in program income from the repayment of Housing Rehabilitation Loans and Economic Development Loans. These funds have been included in the FY 2022 Program Year Budget. There are no existing program income funds that have been received and which have not been programmed.

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	110,000
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	110,000

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.	90.63%

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:

The City of Altoona does not intend to use any other forms of investment other than those described in 24 CFR 92.205(b). 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:

1. The housing must be single-family housing.

2. The housing must be modest housing as follows:

- a. In the case of acquisition of newly constructed housing or standard housing, the housing has a purchase price for the type of single-family housing that does not exceed 95 percent of the median purchase price for the area.

- b. In the case of acquisition with rehabilitation, the housing has an estimated value after rehabilitation that does not exceed 95 percent of the median purchase price for the area.

3. The housing must be acquired by a homebuyer whose family qualifies as a low-income family as determined by the HOME Investment Partnership Program and the housing must be the principal residence of the family throughout the period described in paragraph 4.

4. *Periods of affordability.* The HOME-assisted housing must meet the affordability requirements for not less than the applicable period specified by HUD, beginning after project completion. The per unit amount of HOME funds and the affordability period that they trigger are described more fully in paragraph 5 (recapture) of this section.

Affordability requirements will be incorporated into lease-purchase agreements, lien agreements, and through deed restriction.

5. *Recapture.* The participating jurisdiction (PJ) recoups all or a portion of the HOME assistance to the homebuyers, if the housing does not continue to be the principal residence of the family for the duration of the period of affordability. The period of affordability is based upon the total amount of HOME funds subject to recapture. If the homebuyer or the homeowner breaches the terms and conditions for any reason, e.g. no longer occupies the property as his/her/their/ principal residence, the full amount of the subsidy is immediately due and payable.

- a. *Reduction during affordability period.* The PJ will reduce the HOME investment amount to be

recaptured on a pro-rata basis for the time the homeowner has owned and occupied the housing measured against the required affordability period at the following rate. Five (5) year period- 1/60th per month, ten (10) year- 1/120th per month, fifteen (15) year-1/180th per month.

b.*Shared net proceeds.* If the net proceeds are not sufficient to recapture the reduced amount of HOME investment as provided for in paragraph 5 (a) plus enable the homeowner to recover a “Fair Return on Investment”, the amount of the homeowner’s down payment and any capital improvement investment made by the owner since purchase. The PJ may share the net proceeds. The net proceeds are the sales price minus loan repayment (other than HOME funds) and closing costs. The net proceeds will be divided proportionally as set forth in the following mathematical formulas:

Continued in Discussion Box

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:

Affordability to a Range of Buyers. The City will ensure continued affordability to a range of buyers, particularly those whose total household incomes range from 65 percent to no greater than 80 percent MFI.

Sales prices shall not be set such that the amount of Principal, Interest, Taxes and Insurance does not exceed 30 percent of the new Buyer’s annual income. The affordable sales price shall not exceed the applicable Market Limit as established and provided by HUD for the Altoona area.

Lease-purchase. The lease-purchase agreement must be ratified within nine (9) months of the date of completion of construction or rehabilitation. The homebuyer must qualify as a low-income family at the time the lease-purchase agreement is signed. The homebuyer must provide completion certification of housing counseling training. The housing must be purchased by the homebuyer within thirty-six (36) months of signing. If the housing is not transferred to a homebuyer within this time frame the unit must be rented to an income eligible tenant in accordance with HOME affordability requirements for rental housing.

Contract to purchase. The sales contract must be ratified within nine (9) months of the date of completion of construction or rehabilitation. The homebuyer must qualify as a low-income family at the time the contract is signed. The homebuyer must provide completion certification of housing counseling training. If the housing is not transferred to a homebuyer within this time frame the unit must be rented to an income eligible tenant in accordance with HOME affordability requirements for rental housing.

Homeownership is defined as ownership in fee simple title or a 99-year leasehold interest in a one-

to-four-unit dwelling. The ownership interest may be subject only to the restrictions on mortgages, deeds of trust, or other liens or instruments securing debt on the property as approved by the PJ.

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:

HOME funds may be used to refinance existing debt of multi-family properties that were developed by locally based housing organizations and in which HOME funds are also being used for eligible rehabilitation costs, consistent with 24 CFR 92.206(b)(2), subject to meeting the following conditions:

1. Refinancing is necessary to permit or continue affordability under 24 CFR 92.252.
2. The amount of HOME funds provided for refinancing costs cannot exceed 51% of the combined total cost for eligible rehabilitation costs and refinancing costs. The funds to be used for rehabilitation and refinancing may include sources other than HOME funds, but a minimum level of \$2,000 per unit of HOME funds must be used for eligible rehabilitation costs.
3. Before providing HOME funds, the City shall review the management practices of the owner to ensure that disinvestment in the property has not occurred, that the long-term needs of the project can be met, and that the refinancing will help to ensure the affordability of the units to very low and low-income households over the period of affordability.
4. In its written approval of the HOME funds, the City shall specify that the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units.
5. Refinancing will be limited to projects that have previously received an investment of public funds.
6. Refinancing of multi-family properties shall be eligible anywhere in the City of Altoona.
7. The minimum period of affordability for refinancing of multi-family properties shall be 15 years.
8. The HOME funds cannot be used to refinance multi-family loans made or insured by any other federal program, including CDBG funds.

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c. Amount subject to recapture. The HOME investment that is subject to recapture is based on the amount of HOME assistance that enabled the homebuyer to buy the 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). If the HOME assistance is only used for the development subsidy and therefore not subject to recapture, a resale option must be developed and used.

Resale Provisions. The resale policy is enforced through the use of a Restrictive Covenant signed by the homebuyer at closing. The Restrictive Covenant will specify:

1. the length of the affordability period (based on the dollar amount of HOME funds invested in the unit; either 5, 10, or 15 years);
2. that the home remains the Buyer's principal residence throughout the affordability period; and
3. the conditions and obligations of the Owner should the Owner wish to sell before the end of the affordability period, including:
4. The Owner must contact the City of Altoona Planning and Community Development Department or its representative in writing if intending to sell the home prior to the end of the affordability period;
5. The subsequent purchaser must be low-income as defined by HOME and occupy the home as his/her new purchaser's primary residence for the remaining years of the affordability period. (However, if the new purchaser receives direct assistance through a HOME-funded program, the affordability period will be re-set according to the amount of assistance provided); and
6. The sales price must be affordable to the subsequent purchaser; affordable is defined as limiting the Principal, Interest, Taxes and Insurance (PITI) amount to no more than 30% of the new purchaser's monthly income.

Fair Return on Investment. The City of Altoona will administer its resale provisions by ensuring that the Owner receives a fair return on his/her investment and that the home will continue to be affordable to a specific range of incomes. Fair Return on Investment means the total homeowner investment which includes the total cash contribution plus the approved capital improvements credits as described below:

1. The amount of down payment;
2. The cost of any capital improvements, documented with receipts provided by the homeowner, including but not limited to:
3. Any additions to the home such as a bedroom, bathroom, or garage;
4. Replacement of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems;

5. Accessibility improvements such as bathroom modifications for disabled or elderly, installation of wheel chair ramps and grab bars, and any and all of which must have been paid for directly by the Owner and which were not installed through a federal, state, or locally-funded grant program; and
6. Outdoor improvements such as a new driveway, walkway, retaining wall, or fence.

NOTE: All capital improvements will be visually inspected to verify their existence.

The percentage of change as calculated by the Housing Price Index (HPI) Calculator of the Federal Housing Finance Agency. The HPI Calculator is currently located at www.fhfa.gov and projects what a given house purchased at a point in time would be worth today if it appreciated at the average appreciation rate of all homes in the area. The calculation shall be performed for the Altoona, PA Metropolitan Statistical Area.

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AGENDA

**1st Community-Wide Public Hearing
City of Altoona City Hall
4th Floor Conference
1301 12th Street
Wednesday, February 9, 2022
5:00 p.m.**

- I. Welcome & Introduction
- II. Purpose of Hearing
- III. Define Consolidated Plan and Annual Plan
- IV. The **estimated** total allocation for Fiscal Year 2022 is approximately \$2,091,378 for the following programs:

2022 **Estimated** Annual Plan Allocations

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$1,745,480
HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)	\$ 345,898

Additional funding from program income will increase the total amount of funding available. Estimating \$110,000.00

Total \$2,201,378.00

- V. Time Schedule for Submission of 2022 Annual Plan
- VI. Questions/Testimony and/or comments from the Public
- VII. Closing Remarks
- VIII. Adjournment

**Meeting Minutes
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Ms. Johnson presented the CDBG Program requirements and explained the list of eligible and ineligible CDBG projects, and how they must meet one of the three national objectives; 1) must benefit low and moderate income persons; 2) must prevent or eliminate blight; or 3) must meet community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community, and no other resources are available to meet such needs. She went over the list of eligible and ineligible CDBG Projects/Activities. She also pointed out the budget spending caps for the CDBG Program, performance measurements, no more than 20% is the requirement for planning and administration; 15% is the maximum requirement for public service; 30% maximum requirement for slum/blight; 70% minimum requirement for low/moderate income. She then reviewed the schedule for the 2022 Annual Plan process noting that this is the first of two public hearings scheduled for this process. She then turned the meeting over to Mr. Trexler.

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As there were no further questions, meeting adjourned @ 5:50 P.M.

AGENDA

2nd Community-Wide Public Hearing
City of Altoona City Hall
4th Floor Conference
1301 12th Street
Wednesday, April 20, 2022
5:00 p.m.

- I. Welcome & Introduction
- II. Adoption Schedule
- III. Public Comment / Testimony on the Draft 2022 HCD Annual Action Plan and review of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan
- IV. 2022 Annual Plan Allocations - **ESTIMATES**

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Program Income	\$ 110,000
Total:	\$1,855,480
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Coalport man held in vehicle theft

Robison allegedly stole pickup, rammed gate

By JULIE RAE RICKARD
For the Mirror

CLEARFIELD — A Coalport man is facing felony charges for stealing a vehicle and ramming a gate at Tomorrow's Hope, where he was staying.

Police say Scott H. Robison, 37, who is on state

parole and is not permitted to leave the facility without permission, got into a pickup truck and drove into the gate, causing major damage on Dec. 29.

He then fled the area, heading south of Heverly Boulevard, according to two witnesses at the scene. Later, Robison was reportedly located in Irwona, sitting in the back of a fire truck.

Troopers noted in the criminal complaint that Robison appeared to be

under the influence of narcotics when they spoke with him.

The owner of the vehicle confirmed Robison did not have permission to drive the vehicle, which had the keys inside.

Robison is charged with felony counts of theft, receiving stolen property, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, institutional vandalism and criminal mischief, in addition to misdemeanor counts of driving under the influence, disorderly conduct and escape of a person detained in a facility.

During centralized court in Clearfield County on Wednesday, Robison waived his right to a preliminary hearing, sending the case on to the court of common pleas.

He is being held in the county jail in lieu of \$75,000 bail. Tomorrow's Hope in Coalport is a transitional housing and service center for U.S. veterans.

Crowsnest Broadband to lead Bedford project

From Mirror staff reports

Bedford County has selected Crowsnest Broadband for a Bedford County Wireless Broadband Expansion project.

Nearly \$1 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding through the county to be used for the installation of fixed wireless towers throughout Bedford County.

Crowsnest Broadband has completed equipment installations on 11 towers and plans to complete the remaining towers later this spring.

The effort is expected to bring high-speed service to an estimated 3,900 residents and businesses that currently lack quality internet, according to Alleghenies Broadband Inc.

ABI is a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving internet connectivity in Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Fulton, Huntingdon and Somerset counties.

Huntingdon County recently awarded nearly \$15 million in ARPA funds to two fixed wireless providers. Details on those projects are being finalized and both are slated to begin in the spring. It's estimated that the investment will result in more than 1,500 residents and businesses served, ABI said in a release.

Traffic stop results in drug charges

Police: Roaring Spring man had 75 grams of meth

From Mirror staff reports

A Roaring Spring man faces charges after police allegedly found 75.82 grams of meth in his vehicle during a traffic stop, court documents state.

Isaac William Detwiler,

43, was arraigned Thursday by Magisterial District Judge Andrew L. Blattenberger on felony charges of drug possession with intent to deliver, possession of a controlled substance and conspiracy to deliver.

A traffic stop was initiated after Detwiler allegedly drove into an unrestricted area Dec. 30 on Papermill Road, Roaring Spring.

According to the police report, Detwiler was identified

as having a warrant for his arrest and was also operating the vehicle with a suspended license.

As police approached the vehicle, an unnamed male was detained after he attempted to get in the back seat of Detwiler's Ford Fusion and disobeyed police orders.

As the male was being detained, Detwiler and the vehicle's passenger allegedly switched sides, and

Detwiler moved to the passenger seat.

In Detwiler's vehicle, police allegedly found 75.82 grams of meth, 3.24 grams of marijuana and additional bags of suspected heroin.

Unable to post cash bail of \$5,000, Detwiler was remanded to Blair County Prison.

He is scheduled for a preliminary hearing Jan. 20 before Blattenberger.

BLAZIER: Maintains innocence

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Before the sentence was imposed, family members and friends of the student wrestlers spoke of emotional and behavioral changes they've seen in their loved ones. They spoke of suicide attempts, anger, inability to sleep, lack of trust, fear, depression and anxiety.

A teenage friend of both victims said he and his friends initially trusted Blazier because he was their wrestling teacher and coach.

"I watched my friends crumble and fall into a state of depression," the teenager said.

One victim's mother said her son has twice changed schools because of the emotional aftermath that he continues to endure. In the courtroom, that mother turned to Blazier and said: "The pain you have caused our whole family is unforgivable, and I really hope you get help."

said she was satisfied with the sentence Milliron imposed.

"These are difficult cases for everyone, including Judge Smith said. 'But I think Judge Milliron was fair, and I think he put a lot of thought and reasoning into the sentence he imposed.'

"The pain you have caused our whole family is unforgivable, and I really hope you get help."

Mother of victim, to Blazier

When Smith addressed Milliron prior to sentencing, she referred to Blazier's case as "the Blair County version of the Jerry Sandusky case."

Sandusky is the former Penn State football coach convicted in 2012 of sexually assaulting underprivileged children he befriended through a nonprofit organization he founded.

Sandusky, now serving a 30- to 60-year sentence, maintains his innocence.

Like the Sandusky case rocked the Penn State community, Smith spoke of how the students' allegations against Blazier divided the Bellwood Area School District community.

She spoke of state police board meetings where parents were pitted against school administrators. She referenced the "scrambling" she and District Attorney Pete Weeks did during the trial to challenge testimony by school district personnel called to testify in Blazier's defense.

Smith also praised the teenagers and acknowledged that the criminal case

was hard for them. Both testified during the trial. One spoke briefly in court on Thursday about what used to be an excitement for wrestling. He became emotional as he spoke of his anger, depression and lack of motivation, then bowed his head and returned to his seat.

"They had to leave behind their dignity, their privacy and their childhood at the door of Courtroom 1 of the Blair County Courthouse, just to make sure it didn't happen to any other student," Smith said.

Dickey said he will file a motion asking Milliron to reconsider the lengthy sentence for his client who has no prior criminal record.

"We will ask for it to be reduced," Dickey said. "That far of a deviation from the state's standard sentencing guidelines is contrary to law."

Milliron said that the state's standard sentencing guidelines failed to adequately address the gravity of this case.

Based on the guidelines' aggravated levels, the judge assigned the following incarcerations for each of the seven convictions: four to eight years for aggravated indecent assault, four to eight years for witness intimidation, four to eight years for a second count of witness intimidation, three to six years for institutional sexual assault, three to six years for a second count of institutional sexual assault, 1.5 to three years for corruption of minors and 1.5 to three years for corruption of minors.

Milliron also directed Blazier to follow lifetime registration requirements for convicted sex offenders and to enroll in sexual offenders treatment programs available to state prison inmates.

Mirror Staff Writer Kay Stephens is at 814-946-7456.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Altoona has established the following schedule for community participation in the development of the City's 2022 CDBG/HOME Annual Plan and review of the 2020-2024 5-Year HUD Consolidated Plan. The Annual Plan is the 1-year Housing and Community Development Program containing projects that will be funded by Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The 5-Year Plan is a long-term planning document containing housing and community development needs that have been identified in Altoona, a 5-year strategy for addressing those needs and the Annual Plan. The 2022 Annual Plan will address funding for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

Schedule for Preparing the 2022 Annual Plan Review of the 2020-2024 5-Year HUD Consolidated Plan	
Wednesday, February 9, 2022 5:00 p.m. City Hall Conference Room 1301 12th Street, 4th Floor	1st Community-wide Public Hearing - To provide information on the 5-yr Consolidated Plan, and the 2022 CDBG/HOME Annual Plan. Discussions on eligible activities and to accept comments on identified community needs, programs and projects.
Friday, March 18, 2022	Deadline for submission of applications for the 2022 CDBG and HOME projects
Monday, April 4, 2022	Anticipated date of City publication of proposed 2022 Annual Plan. Note: Date of publication begins mandatory 30-day public comment period before action can be taken
Wednesday, April 20, 2022 5:00 p.m. City Hall Conference Room 1301 12th Street, 4th Floor	2nd Community-wide Public Hearing - To present and accept comment on the proposed 2022 Annual Plan, the review of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan.
Monday, May 9, 2022, 6:00 p.m. Altoona Training Facilities & Council Chambers 1320 Washington Avenue	Anticipated date for City Council to present the 2022 Annual Plan, accept final comments, and adopt Plan.
Tuesday, May 17, 2022	Submit 2022 Annual Plan to HUD.

The City of Altoona will also request community participation for the 2021 HOME-American Rescue Plan (HOME-ARP). These funds give jurisdictions significant new resources to address homeless assistance needs by creating or preserving affordable housing, or non-congregate shelter units, provide tenant based rental assistance or supportive services. The City will be accepting applications for funding that is to be used to provide individuals and families that are experiencing homelessness, at-risk of homelessness, fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking and veterans and families that include a veteran family member.

2021 HOME-American Rescue Plan (Schedule)	
Wednesday, February 9, 2022 6:00 p.m. City Hall Conference Room 1301 12th Street, 4th Floor	Community-wide Public Hearing - To provide information on the 2021 HOME-ARP. Discussions on eligible activities and to accept comments on community needs.
Friday, March 18, 2022	Deadline for submission of applications for the 2021 HOME-ARP
Monday, April 4, 2022	Anticipated date of City publication of proposed 2021 HOME-ARP projects
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The City encouraged participation on housing and community development needs prior to preparation of the 5-Year HUD Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice by all citizens, organizations and other interested parties. Participation and involvement were especially requested for lower income residents and residents of community development and urban renewal areas. The City will provide, upon request, technical assistance to citizens and citizen organizations that represent persons of low and moderate income. Assistance may include preparing a project request and completing the application of CAPER. CAPER report should be submitted for review no later than August 26, 2022, for a 15-day comment period and a public hearing before filing with HUD. The CAPERs are available for review upon request. Citizens who would like to file a complaint about the Consolidated Plan, Annual Plan or CAPER report should submit in writing to the City at the address shown below. The City will respond to all written complaints within 15 days, when practicable. Citizens may also file complaints with HUD at: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Moonhead Federal Building, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-2515, to the attention of Mr. Phillip E. McKeough, CPD Director or by email phillip.e.mckeough@hud.gov. The City uses a Public Participation Mailing List to disseminate information to special needs groups, minority organizations, as well as other individuals and groups interested in the Consolidated Plan. If you do not currently receive information and wish to be placed on the mailing list, please contact the City at the address or phone numbers shown below.

All meetings are held in locations that are accessible to persons with disabilities. Upon request, the City of Altoona will accommodate the needs of participants with hearing or visual impairments and non-English speaking participants who identify those needs in advance. Information will be made available upon request in large print, on audio tape or in Braille. Please contact the City at the address or phone numbers shown below. A Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is prepared by the City after the close of each program year. The 2021 CAPER will be available for review no later than August 26, 2022, for a 15-day comment period and a public hearing before filing with HUD. The CAPERs are available for review upon request. Citizens who would like to file a complaint about the Consolidated Plan, Annual Plan or CAPER report should submit in writing to the City at the address shown below. The City will respond to all written complaints within 15 days, when practicable. Citizens may also file complaints with HUD at: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Moonhead Federal Building, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-2515, to the attention of Mr. Phillip E. McKeough, CPD Director or by email phillip.e.mckeough@hud.gov. The City uses a Public Participation Mailing List to disseminate information to special needs groups, minority organizations, as well as other individuals and groups interested in the Consolidated Plan. If you do not currently receive information and wish to be placed on the mailing list, please contact the City at the address or phone numbers shown below.

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City hears request for CDBG funding

By WILLIAM KIBLER

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Pastor Nate Germany would like to obtain money for a parking lot next to his small church on a busy, narrow street, so that older members of his congregation can get into and out of their cars safely.

Germany was the only public attendee at a recent meeting in which city officials explained how to apply for shares of \$3.28 million that Altoona is getting this year from the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The revenue comprises \$1.74 million in Community Development Block Grant funding, \$345,000 in regular HOME Investment Partnership Program funds and \$1.19 million in special HOME funding through the American Rescue Plan.

The money that Germany's 18th Street Community Church could receive would be from the Community Development Block Grant allocation, which is for fiscal 2022, beginning July 1 of this year.

Seventy percent of the available funding must go to help those of low-to-moderate-income, and the neighborhood around the church might qualify, based on actual incomes in the census tract, according to Mary Johnson, deputy director of the city's Community Development Department.

Technically, however, it no longer qualifies, probably because of households in that area not filling out income information on census surveys, Johnson said.

She could potentially rectify that difficulty with a mail survey of the census tract, and, if that didn't net enough response, a door-to-door survey, she said.

The neighborhood would qualify if at least 51 percent of individuals are in the low-to-moderate income category, she said.

Aside from the required 70 percent that must help low- to moderate-income individuals, the money can be used within limitations for slum and blight remediation, public service activities and administration

Eligible activities — bene-

fitting income-qualified people and those with special needs — include housing, parks, playgrounds and senior centers; and support of child care, after-school activities, crime prevention, job development and health care and substance abuse services.

The slate of CDBG projects and programs for the city has tended to look similar year-to-year.

Perennial projects and programs have included street repaving and single-family homeowner rehabilitation.

A couple of perennials, however, were not funded in recent years, including a police bike patrol and the city's blighted building demolition effort.

The city is likely to apply for CDBG money again this year for the demolition program, however, after paying for that work out of the general fund last year, according to Johnson.

HOME funding must benefit families with no higher than 80 percent of median income.

For the regular HOME

funding, 15 percent must go to the local designated Community Housing Development Organization — which for the city is Improved Dwellings for Altoona, according to Jim Trexler, housing program manager.

Up to 10 percent of the money can go for administration.

The city's slate of HOME projects typically includes a significant allocation for rental property rehabilitation.

The ARPA HOME money is designed mainly to help those who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless, at risk of domestic or dating violence, sexual assault, stalking or human trafficking; or veterans.

It can go toward production or maintenance of affordable housing, rental assistance for tenants, supportive services or shelter development.

The city will have eight years to spend the one-time ARPA HOME allocation.

The application deadline for all three programs is March 18.



The Associated Press

Investigators search for evidence at the scene of a mass shooting in Sacramento, Calif., on Sunday morning.

Chief: Multiple gunmen in shooting

Six dead, 12 people injured

By ADAM BEAM
The Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Sacramento's police chief said there were multiple shooters in the mass shooting that killed six people and injured 12. Police Chief Kathy Lester also told reporters Sunday that three of the victims who died were women and three were men. She said all were adults. The shots were fired early Sunday morning as people filed out of bars and nightclubs. A video posted to Twitter showed people running through the street amid the sounds of rapid gunfire. Six people were killed and

12 injured before dawn Sunday in Sacramento when shots were fired into crowds as bars and nightclubs emptied for the night in the second mass shooting in five weeks in California's capital city. The suspect — or possibly suspects — were still at large Sunday afternoon and authorities said they had recovered at least one firearm and were reviewing video footage posted to social media that showed what appeared to be an altercation before the gunfire erupted. Police in a statement said it's not yet clear if the fight was related to the shooting. The crime scene stretched across multiple city blocks, with dozens of blue and yellow evidence markers dotting the pavement. Several of those who were wounded

battled life-threatening gunshot injuries in hospitals. Her friend, Madalyn Woodard, said she saw a crowd in the street scatter amid the gunfire and a girl who appeared to have been shot in the arm laying on the ground. Security guards from a nearby nightclub rushed to help the girl with what looked like napkins to try to staunch the bleeding. A video posted on Twitter showed people running through the street amid the sounds of rapid gunfire in the city of about 525,000

located 75 miles from San Francisco. The area where the violence occurred on the outskirts of the city's main entertainment district is packed with restaurants and bars. Nightclubs close at 2 a.m. and it's normal for streets to be full of people at that hour. The district is anchored by the Golden One Center that attracts big-name concerts and is home to the NBA's Sacramento Kings. City officials have invested heavily in the area to promote development in the area. "This morning our city has a broken heart," Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg said. "We don't know all the facts but we know there were mass casualties in a very short amount of time."

RUSSIA: 'They shot him all over'

(Continued from Page A6) One resident, who refused to give his name out of fear for his safety, said that Russian troops were building to building and took people out of the basements where they were hiding, checking their phones for any evidence of anti-Russian activity and taking them away or shooting them. Hanna Herega, another resident, said Russian troops started shooting at a neighbor who had gone out to gather wood for heating. "They hit him a bit above the heel, crushing the bone, and he fell down," Herega said. "Then they shot off his left leg completely, with the boot. Then they shot him all over." The AP also saw two bodies, that of a man and a woman, wrapped in plastic that residents said they had covered and placed in a shaft until a proper funeral could be arranged. "He put his hands up, and they shot him," said the

resident who refused to be identified. Oleksiy Arestovych, an adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, described bodies lying in the streets of the suburbs of Irpin and Hostomel as well as Bucha as a "scene from a horror movie." He alleged that some of the women found dead had been raped before being killed and the Russians then burned the bodies. "This is genocide," Zelenskyy told CBS' "Face the Nation" on Sunday. But Russia's Defense Ministry said in a statement that the photos and videos of dead bodies "have been staged and managed by the Kyiv regime for the Western media." It noted that Bucha's mayor did not mention any abuses a day after Russian troops left. The ministry said "not a single civilian has faced any violent action by the Russian military" in Bucha. Russia also asked for a meeting Monday of the U.N.

Security Council to discuss events in the city, which it blamed on "Ukrainian provocateurs and their Western patrons." The U.S. and Britain have recently accused Russia of using Security Council meetings to spread disinformation. In Motyzhyn, some 50 kilometers (30 miles) west of Kyiv, residents told AP on Sunday that Russian troops killed the town's mayor, her husband and her son and threw their bodies into a pit in a pine forest behind houses where Russian forces had slept. Inside the pit, AP journalists saw four bodies of people who appeared to have been shot at close range. The mayor's husband had his hands behind his back, with a piece of rope nearby, and a piece of plastic wrapped around his eyes like a blindfold. Ukrainian Deputy Prime Minister Iryna Vereshchuk confirmed that the mayor was killed while being held by Russian forces.

RISE: W.Va. legalized testing strips

(Continued from Page A6) Advocates say test strips can help prevent accidental overdoses of drugs laced with fentanyl. The strips are given out at needle exchanges and sometimes at concerts or other events where drugs are expected to be sold or used. Thomas Stuber, chief legislative officer at The LCADA Way, a drug treatment organization in Ohio that serves Lorain County and nearby areas, has been pushing for the test strip legislation. It also would ease access to naloxone, a drug that can be used to revive people when they're having opioid overdoses. "This is a harm-reduction approach that has received a lot of acceptance," he said. "We cannot treat somebody if they're dead." Since last year, at least a half-dozen states have enacted similar laws and at least a dozen others have considered them, according to research by the National Conference of State Legislatures. In West Virginia, the state hardest hit by opioids per capita, lawmakers passed a bill this month to legalize the testing strips. It now heads to the governor. The measure was sponsored

by Republican lawmakers. But state Delegate Mike Pushkin, a Democrat whose district includes central Charleston, has also been pushing for more access to fentanyl strips. He said the situation got worse last year when a state law tightened regulations on needle exchanges, causing some of them to close. Pushkin, who also is in long-term addiction recovery, is pleased with passage of the testing strip bill but upset with another measure passed this month that would increase the penalties for trafficking fentanyl. That bill also would create a new crime of adding fentanyl to another drug. "Their initial reaction is, 'We have to do something,'" he said. "It's not just about doing something, it's about doing the right thing that actually has results." But for many lawmakers, making sure that tough criminal penalties apply to fentanyl is a priority. California Assemblywoman Janet Nguyen, a Republican, introduced a measure that would make penalties for dealing fentanyl just as harsh as those for selling cocaine or heroin. The Republican represents Orange County,

where there were more than 600 reported fentanyl-related deaths last year. "This is sending messages to those who aren't afraid of selling these drugs that there's a longer, bigger penalty than you might think," said Nguyen, whose bill failed to advance from her chamber's public safety committee in a 52 vote last week. She said after the bill failed that she was considering trying again. She said committee members stressed compassion for drug users, something she also agrees with. "The less available these pills are out there, the better it is," Nguyen said. "And that is going after the drug dealer." The same day her measure failed to advance, a Democratic lawmaker in California announced a different bill to increase fentanyl-dealing penalties. The National Conference of State Legislatures found 12 states with fentanyl-specific drug trafficking or possession laws as of last year. Similar measures have been introduced or considered since the start of 2021 in at least 19 states, the Associated Press found in an analysis of bills compiled by LegisScan.

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NOTICE OF DISPLAY FOR FY 2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, CITY OF ALTOONA, PA

Notice is hereby given that the City of Altoona, PA has prepared an Annual Action Plan for FY 2022. In accordance with the regulations and requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), this plan will be on public display for a period of 30 days, beginning Monday, April 4, 2022 at the following locations:

- Altoona Area Public Library
1600 5th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602
- Altoona City Hall
1301 12th Street, Altoona, PA 16601
- Altoona Housing Authority
2700 Pleasant Valley, Altoona, PA 16602

This plan will be available for public inspection during normal business hours of operation. Written or oral comments will be accepted until May 3, 2022. Comments may be directed to Ms. Diana White, Director of Planning & Community Development, 1301 12th Street, Suite 400, Altoona, PA 16601.

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 5:00 PM in the City Hall Conference Room of Altoona City Hall. The purpose of the hearing is to present the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the estimated amount of \$1,745,480.00 plus an estimated \$110,000.00 of program income and for the use of HOME funds in the amount of \$345,898.00 and a review of the 5-Year HUD Consolidated Plan, The Altoona City Hall and the City Hall Conference Room are accessible to persons with physical disabilities. If special arrangements need to be made to accommodate residents in order for them to participate in the public hearing, please call Ms. Mary Johnson, Community Development Deputy Director, at (814) 949-2470, to make those arrangements. The City intends to submit these documents to HUD on or before May 17, 2022.

The plan will be presented for Altoona City Council's adoption at the May 9, 2022 City Council meeting, Training Facilities and Council Chambers, 1320 Washington Avenue, Altoona PA 16601.

The following CDBG activities are proposed for funding under the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan:

1. Public Services	\$ 75,000.00
The Nehemiah Project – Meal Preparation	\$ 75,000.00
2. Public Facilities Improvements/Infrastructure Improvements	\$200,000.00
Street Reconstruction in low/moderate areas	\$200,000.00
BTW Basketball Court	\$55,000.00
E. Cherry Avenue Street Lighting Installation	\$66,000.00
Altoona Housing Authority Fairview Hills-Siding Install	\$350,000.00
3. Housing Programs	\$ 438,384.00
Single Family Homeowner Rehabilitation	\$ 438,384.00
Emergency Homeowner Roof Replacement	\$50,000.00
4. General Administration	\$344,096.00
Housing & Community Development Administration	\$344,096.00
Fair Housing Administration	\$27,000.00
5. Clearance & Demolition	\$150,000.00
Blighted Property Program	\$150,000.00
6. Homeless Strategy	\$100,000.00
Family Service, Inc., Family Shelter Rehab	\$100,000.00
Total FY 2022 CDBG Funds for Project Activities	=\$1,855,480.00

The following HOME activities are proposed for funding under the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan:

1. Rental Rehabilitation Program	\$136,309.00
2. IDA Evergreen Manors	\$175,000.00
3. HOME Administration	\$ 34,589.00
Total FY 2022 HOME Funds for Project Activities	=\$345,898.00

If the City would undertake an activity that would result in the displacement of families or individuals, then the City would utilize its policy for minimizing such displacement. Furthermore, the City is responsible for replacing all low- and moderate-income housing units that may be demolished or converted as a result of CDBG Funds. All interested persons, groups, and organizations are encouraged to attend this public hearing and will be given the opportunity to present oral or written testimony concerning the proposed plans and use of Federal funds under the FY 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan. Written comments or oral comments may be addressed to Ms. Mary Johnson, Community Development Deputy Director, 1301 12th Street, Suite 400, Altoona, PA 16601 or Phone (814) 949-2470. Persons with hearing and/or speech impediments may contact the City via 711.

The proposed projects are based on the entitlement amounts above. If the City of Altoona receives more or less than the proposed amount an increase will be added to the Blighted Property Program or a deduction from the Single-Family Homeowner Rehabilitation Project under the CDBG Program; and the difference will be added to or deducted from the Rental Rehabilitation Project under the HOME Program. The City of Altoona's HOME-American Rescue Funds (HOME-ARF) from HUD will continue with project selections and will not be advertising a list of projects as previously advertised. The City will advertise the list of HOME-ARF projects for a 30-day comment period before any final decisions have been approved by Altoona City Council. April 4, 2022

City of Altoona, Pennsylvania

Citizen Participation Contact List

List of Organizations and Agencies for the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan for the City of Altoona, PA

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City of Altoona, Pennsylvania

Budget Worksheet

Project Descriptions

Project Location Map

PROGRAM YEAR 2022
JULY 1, 2022 THRU JUNE 30, 2023
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME)
PROJECTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECTS

<p>22-01 Housing & Community Development Administration (ADM) <i>Operational budget for the Department of Community Development for general management, monitoring, coordination, oversight and evaluation of projects within the CDBG Program and monitoring of activities necessary for effective planning implementation such as update of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Including fair housing activities eliminating housing discrimination through the promotion of fair housing using education programs, monitoring, research and community involvement.</i> Location: 1301 12th Street</p>	<p>\$319,549.80</p>
<p>22-02 Single Family Homeowner Rehabilitation (LMH) <i>Rehabilitation loans to low- and moderate-income homeowners. Funding for lead-based paint remediation to assist low/moderate income homeowners as part of the City's rehabilitation program.</i> Location: Citywide – Proposed Outcome: 8 Housing Units</p>	<p>\$342,199.20</p>
<p>22-03 Emergency Homeowner Roof Replacement (LMH) <i>Owner occupied, low-moderate income homeowners that require emergency Roof replacement in the City of Altoona. Assistance will be provided to Homeowners at 0% interest, deferred loans to be forgiven at a rate of 25% A year over four years. The program is limited to roofs only.</i> Location: Citywide – Proposed Outcome: 4 Housing Units</p>	<p>\$ 50,000.00</p>
<p>22-04 Blighted Property Program (SBS) <i>Prevention or elimination of spot blight through property acquisition, relocation, safeguarding, demolition and disposition activities.</i> Location: Citywide- Proposed Outcome: 10 Housing Units</p>	<p>\$150,000.00</p>
<p>22-05 Nehemiah Project Meal Preparation (LMA) <i>Providing free meals to anyone in need in the Fairview area of the City of Altoona.</i> Location: 1809 11th Street – Proposed Outcome 5750 People Service Area: C.T. 1005 BG 1,2; C.T. 1007 BG 1,2,3; C.T. 1019 BG 1,2 5750 people with 4550 being low/mod 79.13%</p>	<p>\$ 75,000.00</p>
<p>22-06 Street Reconstruction (LMA) <i>Revitalize existing public roadways in low to moderate income areas within the l City of Altoona. The project will benefit residents to the immediate area improved by providing safer and easier access to their place of residence and also provide a means to the City of Altoona to keep public roadways from deterioration. Project will be administered by the City's Department of Engineering.</i></p>	<p>\$200,000.00</p>

Location: C.T. 1005 BG 1,2; C.T. 1006 BG 3,4; C.T. 1007 BG 1,3; C.T. 1009 BG 3
Proposed Outcome: 6,251 people with 3570 being low/mod or 57.11%.

22-07 Donald Witherspoon Basketball Court Revitalization (LMA) **\$ 55,000.00**

Installation of new basketball standards, fencing, slip resistant color-coding surfacing, and installation of a drain and signage on court fencing.

Location: 1214 19th Street serving C.T. 1003 BG 1; C.T. 1004 BG 1,2; C.T. 1005 BG 2,3; C.T. 1014 BG 1; C.T. 1016 BG 3; C.T. 1019 BG 2

Proposed Outcome: 4660 people with 2735 being low/mod or 58.69%.

22-08 E. Cherry Avenue Street Lighting Installation (LMA) **\$ 66,000.00**

Purchase and installation of decorative street lighting along E. Cherry Avenue between Kettle Street and Juniata Gap Road.

Location: East Cherry Avenue btw Kettle Street and Juniata Gap Road

Proposed Outcome: C.T. 1007 BG 2, serving 1085 people with 775 being low/mod or 71.43%.

21-09 AHA Fairview Hills Low-Income Housing Development – Siding Installation (LMH) **\$350,000.00**

Installing vinyl siding on 26 buildings located in the Fairview Hills Low-income Housing development.

Location: 1614 First Street - **Proposed Outcome:** 104 Housing Units

22-10 FSI - Homeless Shelter Rehabilitation (LMC) **\$100,000.00**

Construction of 35 bed ADA Compliant Family Shelter and six (6) low-income Affordable housing 2-bedroom rental units for persons who are homeless.

Location: 2300 North Branch Avenue – **Proposed Outcome:** 300 People

TOTAL CDBG PROJECTS **\$1,707,749.00**

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

22-11 HOME Program Administration (ADM) **\$ 38,278.00**

Administration costs to provide for staffing to oversee HOME funded projects.

Location: 1301 12th Street.

22-12 HOME Rental Rehabilitation (LMH) **\$ 163,974.00**

Rental Rehabilitation Program consists of a 50/50 match. Units will be made available to income eligible tenants to comply with HOME affordable period requirements. Structures located within the City's limits which contain substandard rental units are eligible.

Location: Citywide – **Proposed Outcome:** 8 Housing Units

22-13 IDA-CDC Evergreen Manors I (LMH) **\$180,533.00**

Improvements to the kitchens and corridor renovation at Evergreen Manors I Building #5928.

Location: 5919 Evergreen Court – **Proposed Outcome:** 16 Housing Units

TOTAL HOME PROJECTS **\$382,785.00**

City of Altoona, Pennsylvania

City Council Resolution

RESOLUTION

Resolved by the Council of the City of Altoona, Pennsylvania, that

WHEREAS, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to make grants to States and units of general local government to help finance Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs approved in accordance with the provisions of this Title, specifically for programs where the projected use of funds has been developed so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities that will carry out one of the broad national objectives of (1) benefit to low/moderate income families, or (2) aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight, or (3) meet other Community Development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet these needs; and

WHEREAS, under the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to make grants to States and units of general local government to help finance HOME Investment Partnerships Programs approved in accordance with the provisions of this Act, specifically to expand the supply of decent, affordable housing, primarily rental housing; and

WHEREAS, under regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, entitled *Consolidated Submissions for Community Planning and Development Programs*, (24 CFR Part 91; Federal Register Vol. 60, No. 3, January 5, 1994), the planning and application processes for the CDBG and HOME Programs, have been consolidated into a single annual submission; and

WHEREAS, the City of Altoona has furnished citizens with required information concerning the consolidated planning and application process, has developed and made available in accordance with its Citizen Participation Plan the City of Altoona's 2022 HUD Annual Action Plan, has held two public hearings, and has taken into consideration all comments and views received;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Altoona;

THAT the attached submission, to be known as the 2022 *HUD Annual Action Plan*, is hereby in all respects approved, and

THAT the Community Development Department is hereby directed to submit said document, along with the accompanying Certifications and any other necessary documentation to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and

THAT the City Clerk is hereby directed to file a copy of said documents along with the accompanying Certifications with the minutes of this meeting.

RESOLUTION

Resolved by the Council of the City of Altoona, Pennsylvania, That

Adopting the 2022 HUD Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Programs and authorizing, Matthew Pacifico, Mayor of the City of Altoona, Pennsylvania, to execute all documents and certifications and the City Clerk to file appropriate statements, certifications and meeting minutes to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

City of Altoona, Pennsylvania

Standard Forms 424

Standard Forms 424D

Assurances

Certifications

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- Preapplication
 Application
 Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- New
 Continuation
 Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

23-6001899

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

B-22-MC-42-0100

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

City of Altoona, Pennsylvania

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

23-6001899

* c. UEI:

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d. Address:

* Street1:

1301 12th Street, Suite 400

Street2:

* City:

Altoona

County/Parish:

Blair

* State:

PA: Pennsylvania

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

16601-3458

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Community Development Dept.

Division Name:

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Diana

Middle Name:

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.218

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grant/Entitlement Grant

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

N/A

* Title:

N/A

13. Competition Identification Number:

N/A

Title:

N/A

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

The FY 2022 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant

* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="1,597,742.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value=""/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value=""/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value=""/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value=""/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="110,000.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="1,707,742.00"/>

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?**

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- Yes
- No

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** I AGREE

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Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:
Middle Name:
* Last Name:
Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:

* Date Signed:

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* 1. Type of Submission:

- Preapplication
- Application
- Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- New
- Continuation
- Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

23-6001899

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

M-22-MC-42-0507

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: City of Altoona, Pennsylvania

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

23-6001899

* c. UEI:

YEQ8SQVGMK45

d. Address:

* Street1: 1301 12th Street

Street2: Suite 400

* City: Altoona

County/Parish: Blair

* State: PA: Pennsylvania

Province:

* Country: USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code: 16601-3458

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Community Development Dept.

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: Ms.

* First Name: Diana

Middle Name:

* Last Name: White

Suffix:

Title: Community Development Director

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number: 814-949-2470

Fax Number: 814-949-0372

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14.239

CFDA Title:
HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

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N/A

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* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="382,785.00"/>

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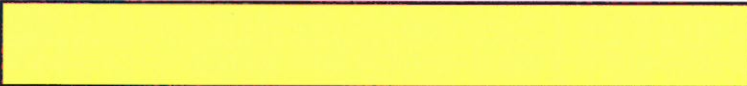
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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

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. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI 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. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), 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 nondiscrimination 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 nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 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. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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 7324-7328) 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 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. 93-205).
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. §§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 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.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE Mayor, City of Altoona
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION City of Altoona, PA	DATE SUBMITTED 