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HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP

PROGRAMS

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Altoona, Pennsylvania is an entitlement community receiving federal formula grants from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME). The Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Action Plan represents the fifth year of the City's 5-Year Consolidated Plan for the Fiscal Years 2015-2019 as adopted by Altoona City Council and approved by HUD. These programs provide funding to the community to carry out a wide range of activities directed towards providing decent, safe and sanitary housing, a suitable living environmental, and expanded economic opportunities primarily for low and moderate income persons.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The City of Altoona's 2019 Plan describes the following projects under each objective and their proposed outcomes:

Housing Objective: Improve the quality of the housing stock in the community and increase the supply of affordable, decent, safe, accessible, and sanitary housing for homeowners, renters and homebuyers through housing rehabilitation, construction, counseling and promoting fair housing.

- *Homeowner Rehab – 10 Housing Units
- *Rental Rehab – 259 Rental Units
- *Accessibility Rehab – 12 Housing Units

Community Development Objective: Need to improve community facilities, infrastructure, public services and the quality of life in the City. This can be accomplished by rehabilitation or new construction to improve physical visual and accessibility of public facilities. Improve and increase public safety, programs for youth, the elderly and the disabled, including recreation programs, city services, and social services. Increase neighborhood policing, code enforcement and the demolition and clearance of dilapidated buildings throughout the City.

- *Clearance & Demolition – 10 Buildings
- *Street Improvements – 4,620 People
- *Parks, Recreational Facilities – 10,435 People
- *Sidewalks – 420 People
- *Youth Services – 40 People
- *Public Services – 300 People

Homeless Objective: Housing opportunities and services for homeless persons and persons at-risk of becoming homeless by encouraging local agencies to apply for funds to expand their operation and support services by creating additional units for emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing and the development of housing for homeless and disabled. Also the support of social services, programs, and facilities for the elderly, persons with disabilities and persons with other special needs. Continued cooperation and participation in the planning efforts with the CoC.

*Homeless Facilities – 300 People

*Public Services – 10 People

Economic Development Objective: Increase employment, self-sufficiency, educational training and empowerment for the residents of Altoona by supporting and encouraging non-profits, for-profits, and gov't agencies to create new jobs, retention of jobs, and job training. Encourage business and commercial growth through expansion and new development. Plan and promote the development and redevelopment of vacant commercial and industrial site in the City.

*The City followed its ConPlan encouraging redevelopment in concert with its economic development agencies: the Greater Altoona Economic Development Corporation and Altoona Bl. Co. Dev. Corp. These cooperative marketing and financing efforts were successful. In 2018, 22 economic development projects were completed in the City through GAEDC/ABCD Corp., 71% of the economic development projects completed in all of Blair County. Together, these 22 City projects totaled \$17 million in investment, 57% of the total investment in the entire County. 171 jobs were created in the City by these projects, and 14 jobs were retained (85% and 13% of the County total respectively). These new or retained jobs are critical to raising incomes and reducing poverty in our community. We will continue to work with GAEDC and ABCD Corp. to market and finance economic development in our area, and will continue to seek CDBG projects that will help this goal.

Administration, Planning and Management Objective: Continued planning, administration, management, and oversight of federal, state and local funded programs. Provide planning services for special studies, environmental clearance, fair housing, and compliance with all federal, state and local laws and regulations.

* General Administration of both the CDBG and HOME Programs. Also affirmatively furthering fair housing program.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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 and is submitted within the ninety (90) days after the end of the reporting year. Currently in the 2018 Program Year, the City of Altoona has expended 72.40% of its CDBG funds to benefit low and moderate income persons and households. The City expended 1.06% of its funds on public services activities which is below the

statutory maximum of 15%. This was due to the elimination of the Neighborhood Police Patrol under the CDBG Program in the middle of the 2018 Program Year. It was formally amended out of the 2018 Program on December 31, 2018, but there was very little expenditure between July 1, 2018 and December 31, 2018. This neighborhood police program is still in operation and funded through the City's General Fund. The City has expended 13.09% on Planning and Administration, which is below the statutory maximum of 20% and 13% 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 2018 HOME funds because the City satisfied the distressed criteria for participating jurisdictions in accordance with HOME Program regulations. The City has also met the 15% Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) requirement.

The City of Altoona has chosen its projects based on the priorities and goals established in the current 5-Year Consolidated Plan. Below are the current accomplishments since PY2015:

Housing:

- *Homeowner Rehabilitation – 35 Housing Units
- *Rental Rehabilitation – 164 Rental Units

Public Improvements:

- *Street Reconstruction– 29,440 People Assisted
- *Street Light Enhancement – 11,380 People Assisted
- *Parks, Recreational Facilities – 15,570 People Assisted
- *Sidewalks – 100 People Assisted

Clearance and Demolition:

- *Clearance and Demolition – 53 Housing/Buildings Demolished
- *Property Safeguarding – 5 Housing Units

Public Services:

- *Public Services – 51,518 People Assisted

Code Enforcement:

- *Code Enforcement in Low/Mod Areas – 2,750 Housing Units
- *Building Safeguarding – 1 Housing Unit

Economic Development:

*The City has not received any applications for funding for all five years of the 5-Year Plan

Administration:

*CDBG & HOME Administration

*Fair Housing

*Housing Condition Survey (L/M Areas of the City)

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The City of Altoona, in compliance with the Citizen's Participation Plan, advertised the schedule for preparing the 2019 Annual Plan and review of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan in the local newspaper (Altoona Mirror) on January 24, 2019. The City also advertised on the Public Access Channel starting January 24, 2019 and on the City of Altoona's Web Site. Contact was made with local radio stations to promote public participation in the hearings and emails were sent to non-profit agencies, churches, City Directors and Elected Officials.

Two public hearings were held on February 6, 2019 and April 10, 2019 to provide information on the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2019 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 2019 were displayed for a 30 day comment period in the local newspaper on April 3, 2019, copies of the draft 2019 Annual Plan were displayed at the Altoona Area Public Library, Altoona Housing Authority, City's Clerk's Office 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 on May 8, 2019.

5. Summary of public comments

The City of Altoona held two public hearings for the development of the 2019 HCD Annual Plan. Both hearings were held in a venue that is accessible for persons with disabilities. The Community Development Director, Assistant Director, and CDBG Manager were in attendance at the 1st and 2nd public hearings. Current and former council members attended both public hearings along with a few social service agencies. At the first public hearing the interest from the attendees were questions related to types of eligible projects and the elimination of the long funded Bike Patrol and Code Enforcement Programs. The moving of these projects to the City's general fund has allowed for more public service agencies to request funding. The second public hearing was to present and accept comment on the PY2019 Proposed Annual Plan and any changes to the 5-Yr Plan. No comments were received, but the news media inquired as to what projects were new to the program.

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

All comments and views were accepted and are included in the minutes of both public hearings that are attached to this document.

7. Summary

The City of Altoona followed its Citizen Participation Plan during the Program Year 2019 Annual Plan process. The overall goal of the 5-Yr Plan and Annual Plan is to improve the living conditions for all residents in the City of Altoona, to create a suitable and sustainable living environment, and to address the housing and community development needs. This year's public hearing location was moved to a building where all City Council meetings are held. This building is a one floor fully accessible building with the latest technology.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	ALTOONA	Department of Community Development
HOME Administrator	ALTOONA	Department of Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The administering lead agency is the City of Altoona's Community Development Department for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs. The Department of Community Development's Director reports directly to the City Manager. The Community Development Department is responsible for preparing the Five Year Consolidated Plan, Annual Plans, Environmental Review Records (ERR's), the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER), monitoring, pay requests, contracting, and oversight of the programs on a day to day basis. In addition, the City of Altoona has 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 held a series of meetings with non-profits, local housing providers, social service agencies, community and economic development organizations, and City department directors. An online survey was created for stakeholders and residents to complete, which identified needs, gaps in the system, etc. Input from the meetings and survey were used in the development of specific strategies and priorities for the 5-Year Consolidated Plan.

Each year, 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 contacted 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 works with the following agencies to enhance coordination:

- Altoona Housing Authority - Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers and improvements to 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.

Each year, as part of the CDBG and HOME application process, local agencies and organizations are invited to submit proposals for CDBG and HOME funds for eligible activities. These groups can participate in the planning process by attending the public hearings.

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

The City of Altoona is a member of the Central Regional Homeless Advisory Board (RHAB) Continuum of Care-PA-509. The Eastern PA CoC is composed of 33 counties. For planning purposes, the CoC is divided into 5 regions and managed by a Regional Homeless Advisory Board (RHAB). Blair County is under Region 1 (South Central RHAB) made up of 9 counties, Adams, Bedford, Blair, Cambria, Centre, Franklin, Fulton, Huntingdon, and Somerset. The City takes an active role in supporting RHAB addressing homelessness and breaking the cycle. This organizational structure provides a variety of local services

ranging from outreach and assessment, to emergency and transitional housing, to permanent housing. All persons served are assessed to determine their individual needs.

The Altoona/Blair County Community Action Agency (CAP) 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. 82 families assisted with 118 services.

The County of Blair and a group of social service providers is looking to acquire a commercial building located at 2300 North Branch Avenue, Altoona, to shelter homeless individuals and families while assisting them in securing employment and permanent housing, along with comprehensive case management, information and referrals. Family Services has partnered with Blair County Shelter Task Force as a public private partnership to remedy the lack of shelter availability for homeless individuals in the Blair County area. The intent is to rehabilitate the acquired building to accommodate a 35 bed ADA compliant family shelter and to create 6 low-income affordable housing 2 bedroom rental units. This Annual Plan proposes a \$135,000.00 acquisition purchase for a commercial building located in the City to house a "one stop shop" system and shelter to help the 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 LHOT which is the local group that represents South Central RHAB to the CoC. Issues facing homeless person 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 this 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	Family Services, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City reached out to 28 social service agencies and 19 local churches in Altoona through emails, newspaper, public access channel and invited them to participate in the planning process of the annual plan.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Home Nursing Agency
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The UPMC Behavioral Health of the Alleghenies (formerly known as Home Nursing Agency) discussed the need for accessibility projects such as handicapped ramps or bathroom rehabilitation as it relates to homeless shelters or transitional shelters.

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

All known agencies within the City of Altoona were personally contacted by email at the beginning of the planning process.

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 Agency	They are compatible
5-Year Plan	Altoona Housing Authority	They are compatible
Positively Altoona	Altoona Community Development Department	They are compatible

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 advertised in the local newspaper a schedule for the preparation of the 2019 HUD Annual Action Plan on January 24, 2019. The City also posts all information on the City of Altoona's website at altoonapa.gov and the City's Public Access television channel. The city emailed City Directors and key staff, elected and public officials, housing agencies/organizations, homeless agencies and providers, social service agencies, fair housing organizations, economic development agencies, major employers and faith based institutions. In this email there were two attachments, a schedule of the application process and an application to apply for funding. Included in the application for funding was a description of the CDBG and HOME Programs, listing of eligible and ineligible activities and the City's 5-year consolidated plan priorities.

A draft plan was put on display at the Altoona Area Public Library, Altoona Housing Authority, City Clerk's Office, office of Community Development and posted on the City of Altoona's Website for a 30 day comment period. The proposed list of projects were advertised in the local newspaper along with information on the 2nd public hearing and the location of where the public could review the draft plan on April 3, 2019.

The goals set for this program year reflect the information received from the public hearings and was taken under consideration when reviewing the applications for funding to address the overall 5 year goals.

The City completed application rating forms for each program application received for the 2019 CDBG and HOME process.

The City developed the 5 year consolidated plan based on the input received from the public and stakeholders through interviews, public hearings, focus group meetings and a citizen's survey. Nearly all of the people and agencies involved in the ConPlan process were also contacted by email for our 2019 Annual Plan Process.

Efforts made to broaden public participation - At the beginning of the process, staff review, updated, and where possible expanded our mailing list of individuals and organizations that were invited to participate.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>A total of 9 people were in attendance for the two public hearings. This number did not include staff of the Community Development Department.</p>	<p>Multiple questions regarding how project funds can be used such as what type of projects, project eligibility and can funds only be used for projects in the City of Altoona. Media inquired about the elimination of the Code Enforcement Program and the Neighborhood Police Patrol and how that would effect or free up funding under the public service project category.</p>	<p>All comments received were accepted and made a part of the Annual Plan process</p>	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
2	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Information was emailed to Faith-based Institutions, City Department, Elected and Public Officials, Housing Agencies/Organizations, Homeless Agencies and Providers, Social Service Agencies and Economic Agencies.	A total of 15 project applications were received for the CDBG Program and 4 applications for the HOME Program.	N/A	
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	No Response	No comments received directly from the newspaper advertisement	N/A	
4	Public Access Channel	Non-targeted/broad community	No response and no attendance as a direct result from the display on the public access channel.	No comments directly related to the notice displayed on public television.	No comments received directly from the access channel display	
5	City of Altoona's Web Page	Non-targeted/broad community	No response from the Web Page advertising	No response from this form of outreach	N/A	altoonapa.gov

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Altoona receives entitlement grants from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and Home Investment Partnership (HOME) Program.

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	1,569,934	145,000	0	1,714,934	0	5-year Consolidated Plan stated a 5% decrease every year for 5 years. PY 2019 is a 1% decrease from prior year CDBG allocation.

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: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	278,735	0	0	278,735	5-year Consolidated Plan stated a 5% decrease every year for 5 years. PY 2019 is a 5% decrease from prior year HOME allocation.

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

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

The City of Altoona will work with the Altoona Housing Authority on projects to upgrade the Altoona Housing Authority's housing stock. This program year, we will leverage CDBG and HOME funds against other Federal funds through our Altoona Housing Authority (AHA) Storm Door Replacement and the AHA Fairview Hills Sidewalk/Stair Replacement.

Family Services Inc. (FSI) Shelter Acquisition project will be leveraged with Federal, State, local and private funds, not only to complete the acquisition, but also the rehabilitation of the structure.

Note that the City match requirement for the HOME Program has been waived due to the distressed status of the City of Altoona.

STATE PROGRAMS

The Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency (PHFA) provides loans and grants under the Penn Homes Program for development of rental housing and administers the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. 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 for low and moderate income persons. The City received an ARLE Grant to assist with improving public facilities in the downtown area.

PRIVATE RESOURCES

Our CDBG and HOME funds will be leveraged against private funds for the following projects: the 6th Avenue Playground Installation, the Youth Empowerment Program, the Nehemiah After-School Program, the FSI Shelter Acquisition, the HOME Rental Rehabilitation Program (50-50 match), and the IDA Tower Roof Replacement and Parking Lot Resurfacing Project. These resources can take many forms and may even be raised through obtaining either the Low Income Housing Tax Credits or an historic tax credit. Qualifying all of the activities of the private market far exceed the scope of the Consolidated Plan. The City also provides an ongoing 50% matching funds through its HOME program for private landlords to upgrade or rehabilitate housing units that are rented to low income families and individuals.

LOCAL RESOURCES

Our CDBG and HOME funds will be leveraged against local government funds for the following projects: Planning & Community Development Administration (planning), the Blighted Property Program (leveraged against code enforcement efforts), Street Reconstruction, the 6th Avenue Playground

Installation, and the FSI Shelter Acquisition. City capital planning and general funds are used to leverage federal funds for various public works projects, including street reconstruction, streetscaping, planning and policing. Approximately 20,000 per year is budgeted for the Shade Tree Commission, which plants and maintains trees that compliment other CDBG funded activities.

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

The City of Altoona and the Altoona Redevelopment Authority assist in providing land and infrastructure improvements to the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity, when requested, to construct housing to serve low-to-moderate income families.

Discussion

The City of Altoona will continue to use a variety of funds to address and accomplish the goals established in the 5-Year Plan.

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	AM-1 Overall Coordination	2015	2019	Administration, Planning, and Management	Citywide	Administration, Planning, and Management Priority	CDBG: \$342,986 HOME: \$27,874	Other: 2 Other
2	HS-1 Housing Rehabilitation	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Housing Priority	CDBG: \$460,746 HOME: \$250,862	Rental units rehabilitated: 251 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit Other: 12 Other
3	CD-1 Community Facilities	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Community Development Priority	CDBG: \$451,500	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 15475 Persons Assisted
4	CD-6 Slum and Blight	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Community Development Priority	CDBG: \$262,624	Buildings Demolished: 10 Buildings
5	CD-3 Public Services	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Community Development Priority	CDBG: \$62,078	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 350 Persons Assisted
6	HO-1 Operation/Support	2015	2019	Homeless	Citywide	Homeless Priority	CDBG: \$135,000	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 300 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	AM-1 Overall Coordination
	Goal Description	Provide program management and oversight for the successful administration of federal, state and local funded programs.
2	Goal Name	HS-1 Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Increase the supply of affordable, decent, safe, accessible and sanitary housing through the rehabilitation of existing owner-occupied and rental housing stock in the City.
3	Goal Name	CD-1 Community Facilities
	Goal Description	Improve the City's public facilities and infrastructure through rehabilitation and new construction.
4	Goal Name	CD-6 Slum and Blight
	Goal Description	Remove and eliminate slum and blighting conditions throughout the City through demolition and clearance.
5	Goal Name	CD-3 Public Services
	Goal Description	Improve and increase public safety, programs for youth, the elderly and the disabled, including recreational programs, city services, and social service programs throughout the City.
6	Goal Name	HO-1 Operation/Support
	Goal Description	Encourage local agencies to apply for funds to expand their operations and support services by creating additional units for emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent supportive housing.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

The City of Altoona proposed to undertake the following projects with Program Year 2019 CDBG and HOME funds.

#	Project Name
1	Planning & Community Development Administration
2	Single Family Homeowner Rehabilitation
3	Altoona Housing Authority Storm Door Replacement
4	CILSCPA Home Accessibility Project
5	Blighted Property Program
6	Street Reconstruction
7	6th Avenue Playground Installation
8	AHA Fairview Hills Sidewalk/Stair Replacement
9	Youth Empowerment Program
10	AHA Little Free Library
11	Nehemiah After-School Program
12	UPMC Housing and Rental Assistance Program
13	Family Services, Inc., Shelter Acquisition
14	HOME Program Administration
15	HOME Rental Rehabilitation Program
16	IDA Tower Roof Replacement & Parking Lot Resurfacing

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The allocations and priorities were established by an online survey, stakeholder meetings, follow-up surveys from service providers, and public meetings during the 2015-19 Consolidated Plan process. Obstacles to addressing underserve needs would be finding more federal resources to accomplish those activities and having local resources to pair with them to make successful projects.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Planning & Community Development Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	AM-1 Overall Coordination
	Needs Addressed	Administration, Planning, and Management Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$342,986
	Description	Operational budget for the Community Development Department for general management, monitoring, coordination, oversight and evaluation of projects within the Community Development Block Grant Program and monitoring of activities necessary for effective planning implementation such as update of the City's Comprehensive Plan. Fair housing activities including eliminating housing discrimination through the promotion of fair housing using educational programs, monitoring, research and community involvement.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable
	Location Description	1301 12th Street, Suite 400, Altoona, PA 16601
	Planned Activities	CDBG Program Administration. Fair Housing outreach and training to landlords and tenants. Providing a Fair Housing Hotline and building a fair housing network directory.
2	Project Name	Single Family Homeowner Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HS-1 Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$385,212
	Description	Rehabilitation loans to low and moderate income homeowners. Funding for lead-based paint remediation to assist low and moderate income homeowners as part of the City's rehabilitation program.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimating 10 low/moderate income households to be assisted.
	Location Description	Locations of the rehabilitations will be forthcoming based on loan eligibility of the homeowners.
	Planned Activities	All homes will be rehabilitated to meet local code and lead based paint requirements.
3	Project Name	Altoona Housing Authority Storm Door Replacement
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HS-1 Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,500

	Description	Replacement of front and rear storm doors and brick molding on 126 apartment units at the Pleasant Village low/mod housing development. Development is located at 2700 Pleasant Valley Boulevard.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	126 low/moderate income households.
	Location Description	2700 Pleasant Valley Boulevard, Altoona, PA 16602
	Planned Activities	Replacement of the front and rear doors of each housing unit along with the brick molding.
4	Project Name	CILSCPA Home Accessibility Project
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HS-1 Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,034
	Description	Design and construction of accessibility ramps for individuals who require the use of wheelchairs to access their homes.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimating 12 homeowners with a disability.
	Location Description	Applicants will contact the Center for Independent Living with their request for a wheelchair ramp installed to access their property. Locations are unknown at this time.
Planned Activities	Installation of a wheelchair ramp to access the home.	
5	Project Name	Blighted Property Program
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-6 Slum and Blight
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$262,624
	Description	Prevention or elimination of spot blight through property acquisition, relocation, safeguarding, demolition and disposition activities.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable
Location Description	Unknown at this time.	

	Planned Activities	Property assessments forwarded from the Code Enforcement Department on all properties that meet the definition of blighted and this determination is forwarded to the Altoona City Planning Commission Board for their concurrence based on the Altoona Planning Code. Blighted structures are completely removed and vacant ground is backfilled, seeded and strawed.
6	Project Name	Street Reconstruction
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-1 Community Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$200,500
	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. Specific locations will be advertised for public review prior to project initiation.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4620 households to be assisted. 3090 are considered low/moderate income or 67%
	Location Description	C.T. 1003, BG 2; C.T. 1007 BG 1; C.T. 1009, BG 3; C.T. 1016 BG 2
	Planned Activities	Reconstruction of existing roadway.
7	Project Name	6th Avenue Playground Installation
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-1 Community Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,500
	Description	Phase I- Development of several parcels of property on the corner of 23rd Street and 6th Avenue consisting of perimeter fencing, off alley parking, sidewalks throughout the park and the installation of children's playground.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	According to the 2011-15 census data 10,435 people will be assisted with 6,325 being low/moderate income.
	Location Description	2300-08 6th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602
	Planned Activities	Installation of playground equipment, walking paths, fencing and a parking lot.
8	Project Name	AHA Fairview Hills Sidewalk/Stair Replacement
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-1 Community Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,500

	Description	Replacement of sidewalks and stairs leading into the housing units at Fairview Hills Low/Mod Development.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	420 low/moderate income people
	Location Description	1614 1st Street, Altoona, PA 16601
	Planned Activities	Replacement of the sidewalks and stairs.
9	Project Name	Youth Empowerment Program
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,200
	Description	"Taking Control" - teaching youth empowerment with communication skills, computer-based skills, applying for jobs, recovery from addiction, suicide prevention, peer support for mental health first aid, bullying, sexual relationships, recovery from substance abuse and health care. Program aims to provide students with strategies to make good healthy choices that contribute to a meaningful life and promote mental well-being and competence as they face the realities of life.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 low/moderate income youth
	Location Description	2121 5th Avenue
	Planned Activities	1) Assist youth improve decision making skills; 2) adapt positive behavior to deal with everyday challenges; 3) improve their contributions to society; 4) promote higher education; 5) improve confidence; 6) become a referral source for community services
10	Project Name	AHA Little Free Library
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$878
	Description	Installation of the book cabinet to setup the little free library's location at Pleasant Village and Fairview Hills low/mod housing developments. The project allows for access to books of all ages 24/7. The premise is to take a book, leave a book.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	300 low/mod income youth and adults

	Location Description	2700 Pleasant Valley Boulevard, Altoona, PA 16602 1614 1st Street, Altoona, PA 16601
	Planned Activities	Installation of the mounting pole for the library book cabinet.
11	Project Name	Nehemiah After-School Program
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	The Wright Place for Kids After School Care Program for children ages 5-12. Children would be afforded homework assistance, recreation, technical training/computer training, life skills, as well as their evening meal.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 low/moderate income youth
	Location Description	1809 11th Street, Altoona, PA 16601
	Planned Activities	Afterschool care, homework assistance, computer training, life skills training.
12	Project Name	UPMC Housing and Rental Assistance Program
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CD-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$28,000
	Description	Housing and rental assistance for the homeless and case management services to individuals and families with mental illness.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 low/mod income individuals/families
	Location Description	500 East Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601
	Planned Activities	Rental assistance and case management services
13	Project Name	Family Services, Inc., Shelter Acquisition
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HO-1 Operation/Support
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$135,000
	Description	Acquisition of a building at 2300 North Branch Avenue for a family shelter. The specific goal of the shelter is to shelter homeless individuals and families while assisting them in securing employment and permanent housing, along with comprehensive case management, information and referrals.
	Target Date	6/30/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	300 homeless individuals and families
	Location Description	2300 North Branch Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601
	Planned Activities	Acquisition of the building to open a homeless shelter.
14	Project Name	HOME Program Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	AM-1 Overall Coordination
	Needs Addressed	Administration, Planning, and Management Priority
	Funding	HOME: \$27,873
	Description	Administration costs to provide staffing to oversee HOME funded projects.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable
	Location Description	1301 12th Street, Altoona, PA 16601
	Planned Activities	Administration of the HOME Program
15	Project Name	HOME Rental Rehabilitation Program
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HS-1 Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Priority
	Funding	HOME: \$73,861
	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 limits which contain substandard rental units are eligible.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	8 low/mod income individuals/families
	Location Description	Not available at this time
	Planned Activities	Rehabilitation of 8 rental units
16	Project Name	IDA Tower Roof Replacement & Parking Lot Resurfacing
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HS-1 Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Priority
	Funding	HOME: \$177,000
	Description	Roof replacement and parking lot resurfacing at IDA Tower. These improvements will allow continued safe, decent and affordable housing to elderly and disabled persons.
	Target Date	6/30/2021

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	125 low/moderate individuals/families
Location Description	1010 12th Street, Altoona, PA 16601
Planned Activities	Roof and Parking lot replacement

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.

Between 2010 and 2017, the population decreased by approximately 9.5%. Median age in Altoona is 38 years old or 22.7% and seniors age 62 and over are 20.2% of the population. There is 2.8% Black or African Americans, 93.6% are White, 0.2% are Asian, 0.6% are some other race, 2.8% are two or more races and 1.7% are Hispanic or Latino. The Median Income for a family of four (4) in Altoona is \$50,609 for 2017.

The City's 2019 Program year proposes two projects directed specifically towards the low/moderate income areas of the City, street reconstruction project and also a playground installation project. All other projects are based on LMC or LMH, but are available Citywide.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide	73

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 fund needed improvements in low and moderate income areas but also to provide opportunities for residents to live in non-impacted areas.

Discussion

N/A

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of Altoona will utilize HOME funds to rehabilitate affordable housing units. The one year goals for affordable housing in the City of Altoona for FY2019 are as follows:

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	133
Special-Needs	0
Total	133

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	133
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	133

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:

HOME Program, Project #19-15 Rental Rehabilitation Program - This 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.

HOME Program, Project #19-16 (CHDO) IDA Tower Roof Replacement and Parking Lot Resurfacing - Roof replacement and parking lot resurfacing at the IDA Tower located at 1010 12th Street, Altoona, PA. These improvements will allow continued safe, decent and affordable housing to elderly and disabled persons.

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 Housing Authority of the City of Altoona 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 units of public housing, of which 28 units are accessible. In addition, the Housing Authority administers 933 Housing Choice Vouchers. A total of 18 Enhanced Vouchers were under contract on April 17, 2019. In addition, the Altoona Housing Authority manages 26 Veterans Affairs Affordable Housing (VASH) Vouchers.

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

During FY 2019, 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 homeownership programs, renovate and modernize public housing units through Capital Fund modernization, dispose of scattered site public housing properties and utilize proceeds of sale to expand the Authority's Home Buyer Program and make upgrades at the Fairview Hills Development and continue to work with the Blair 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 crime prevention at its public housing communities by providing security services on-site at its Public Housing Developments, Fairview Hills, the Green Avenue Tower & the Eleventh Street Tower, to provide a safe living environment for the residents.

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 City of Altoona is a member of the Central Regional Homeless Advisory Board (RHAB) Continuum of Care-PA-509. The Eastern PA CoC is composed of 33 counties. For planning purposes, the CoC is divided into 5 regions and managed by a Regional Homeless Advisory Board (RHAB). The City takes an active role in supporting RHAB addressing homelessness and breaking the cycle. This organizational structure provides a variety of local services ranging from outreach and assessment, to emergency and transitional housing, to permanent housing. All persons served are assessed to determine their individual needs.

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

In all programs throughout Blair County Community Action Program (BCCAP) an intake assessment is completed 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.

UPMC BHA operates several housing/homeless programs, one of which is Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) program. PATH is very much a housing outreach program that is used as a clearing-house to other housing services. A full-time housing case manager meets with individuals anywhere that are experiencing homelessness or imminently at-risk of homelessness. PATH will assess their needs and work with individuals to secure either emergency or transitional housing with the goal being permanent housing. PATH staff can follow the individual for a period after locating housing to ensure that they are able to maintain that housing and be a successful tenant.

UPMC BHA does not currently provide emergency shelter, however they do offer a transitional housing option through the Blair House program. Blair House is a three-floor building with the first floor being a transitional housing program. It can house up to six individuals in the program for a duration of 4-6 months. During that time residents are working with the PATH Housing Coordinator to search for and obtain permanent housing. Residents have their own private room and share the common areas. There is staff for that program with office hours during the week and can be contacted by cell phone any other time.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The Family Services, Inc. Family Shelter provides a safe, clean and supportive environment for low-income homeless individuals and families in Blair County. The specific goal of the Family Shelter is to shelter homeless individuals and families while assisting them in securing employment and permanent housing, along with comprehensive case management, supportive services, information and referrals. The current Family Shelter offers 16 beds and serves approximately 160 individuals per year. With a turn away rate of 621 individuals for the previous fiscal year, Family Services forecasts the need for an

additional 12 individuals to be served per month; totaling an approximate 300 individuals provided with shelter services. Family services seeks to create a 35 bed Family Shelter to address this need.

Home Nursing Agency runs the Blair Housing Transitional Housing program, for Blair county residents 18 years or older, who are active in the Mental Health systems. There is 6 rooms where tenants share the common areas (kitchen, bathroom, laundry room), but each tenant has their own private room. Individuals usually stay somewhere between 4-6 months, while they work with the PATH Housing Coordinator to locate a permanent housing option. Tenants pay 32% of their income towards rent.

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 three rapid re-housing programs that are operated in Altoona/Blair County by the Blair County Community Action Program (BCCAP). Two serve the general public. The third program has a target sub-population of 18-25 year olds who have a mental or physical disability but are able to live independently. These three programs offer a variety of supportive services to clients to assist them to acquire permanent housing. These services include: life skills, employment services, clothing, general case management, housing search, budget counseling, etc.

The two Rapid Re-Housing Programs (RRH) that serve the general public annually provides \$473,283 to operate the programs. During the most recently completed program year that ended on 9/30/2018 these RRH programs served 179 participants. Of the persons who exited 96% of participants exit into permanent housing. The RRH program that targets the sub-population provides \$181,668 to operate the program. During the most recently completed program year that ended on 9/30/2018 served 51 participants. Of the persons who exited the program 97% exited into permanent housing. BCCAP also receives the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) to assist individuals and families that are homeless under HUD's guidelines gain safe, affordable housing. Through the ESG we also have fund to assist those that are in need of homeless prevention assistance (eg. those that have an eviction notice). With the Homeless Prevention funding, participants do have to meet income guidelines set forth by the program. These funds fluctuate from year to year, but do help assist the general population.

BCCAP receives other ESG funds that specifically assists veterans in our community. In 2019 we have been able to secure funds for both rapid re-housing and homeless prevention. With these funds we are able to assist veterans that may or may not qualify for assistance through the VA (eg. Those that serve in the National Guard, etc).

Currently BCCAP has the Housing Assistance Program (HAP) that is able to serve homeless individuals that meet income and other requirements to secure safe, affordable housing and/or to obtain temporary shelter (eg. Hotel stays). This program serves the general public and does have maximum

limits allowable to each participant.

Recently BCCAP has acquired funding to assist homeless participants receiving treatment for opioid use disorder.

For housing assistance, anyone going to UPMC BHA will first go through the PATH program. UPMC BHA offers permanent housing through the Juniata House, which is a 6 room SRO building where residents share the common areas. UPMC BHA can house chronically homeless and veterans there who have a mental health diagnosis.

All our housing programs operate under a Housing First model which allows UPMC BHA to intervene early in their homelessness making their homeless experience short and non-reoccurring. PATH assists individuals with searching for affordable housing options in the community, through both private landlords and public housing entities. The PATH staff can assist tenants with budgeting and other skills needed to become a good tenant, maintain housing and break the cycle of homelessness.

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.

There are 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) has been operated to help low-income families from becoming homeless. Both the City of Altoona and Blair County operated the ESG program in the past. One subcontractor (Blair County Community Action Program) used \$19980 in ESG funds to provide Homeless Prevention Services to 8 families from becoming homeless between 2/1/18 and 2/28/19. With Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation (PHARE) funds, BCCAP was able to assist 11 households with \$6724 of assistance from 6/1/17 to 12/31/18.

UPMC BHA'S PATH services are located in the same office as the rest of their Community Based Services. When PATH completes the assessment on someone, they are assessing various areas of mainstream service needs like mental health services, employment, education, social services and other health needs. PATH staff can make referrals for any of those services whether in-house or somewhere in the community, they always work with the individual and where they choose to get services from.

UPMC BHA offers both Blended Case Management and Resource Coordination services. These programs can work with individuals on any area of need and can assist with getting linked to requested services in the community.

Discussion

Activities to address housing and supportive services for persons who are not homeless but have other special needs -

The City's Land Use and Zoning Ordinances, Single Family Rehabilitation Program, Rental Rehabilitation Program, the IDA Tower Elderly/Disabled Housing Project (CHDO), and the Center for Independent Living of South Central PA are geared to provide as much accessible housing as possible, as accessible housing is a major need identified in both our consolidated plan and our analysis of impediments. The City also works with the Blair County Community Action Agency, Family Services, Inc., Blair Senior Services, Skills of Central PA, UPMC (formerly known as Home Nursing Agency), and the Nehemiah Project to provide housing and supportive services for individuals with special needs.

The City of Altoona has received and is proposing to fund, in this application, Family Services, Inc., to acquire a building to rehabilitate into a 35 bed homeless shelter to serve 300 homeless individuals per year.

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

Introduction:

The City of Altoona in its most recent Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice has identified and adopted the following changes to the City's Zoning Ordinance:

- Under Title Three, Article 1, Section 101. Purpose, a new subsection titled, "Fostering Housing Choice and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing."
- Definition for, "Accessibility" and "Visibility" to the definition section of the Zoning Ordinance.

There are no known public policies in the City of Altoona that are barriers to affordable housing. The City Community Development 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

Impediment 6: Public Policies

The City's Zoning Ordinance needs additional definitions and provisions concerning Fair Housing.

Goal: The City Zoning Ordinance will affirmatively further fair housing.

Strategies: In order to meet this goal, the following activities and strategies have been undertaken:

- **6-A:** Under Title Three, Article I, Section 101. Purpose, a new subsection titled, "Fostering Housing Choice and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing."
- **6-B:** Definition for, "Accessibility" and "Visitability" to the definition section of the Zoning Ordinance.

Discussion:

The goal to add "Fostering Housing Choice and Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing" and also adding the definition for "Accessibility" and Visitability" to the City of Altoona's Zoning Ordinance has been

introduced by Altoona City Council and adopted at the July 12, 2017 City Council meeting.

The City of Altoona will continue its efforts in providing Fair Housing Education and Outreach by providing information to tenants, landlords, lending institutions, housing managers, contractors and anyone in the housing business. The City also provides a Fair Housing Hotline for any person wishing to file a housing discrimination complaint. The City has continued their contract with Southwestern Pennsylvania Legal Services, Inc. to provide fair housing services.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City of Altoona has development the following actions which addresses obstacles to meeting underserved needs, foster affordable housing, reduces lead-based hazards, reduces 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 addressing obstacles to meeting underserved needs is identifying additional financial resources and leveraging funds with available state and local fund resources. An additional strategy for meeting unmet needs is to coordinate with other local services providing organizations so to minimize duplication of services 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

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 and Habitat for Humanity. Given the resources available, this will reduce, although not eliminate, barriers to affordable housing. Our support for code enforcement and policing services also helps preserve housing units, keeping them in the market and reducing prices. Our annual affordable housing goals are identified in the Executive Summary.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City intends to reduce the number of housing units containing lead-based paint by eighteen this year by continuing the lead-based paint requirements under the City's CDBG Single Family Homeowner Rehabilitation Program and HOME Rental Rehabilitation Program.

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 and 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 home, a high percentage in comparison with State and National figures, maintaining low to moderate income residents 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.

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 Department is aware of a few minor gaps in delivery 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 \$100,000 in program income from the repayment of Housing Rehabilitation Loans (RL) and \$45,000 from the Economic Development Loan Fund Program. These funds have been included in the FY 2019 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	145,000
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:	145,000

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.	81.79%

**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 plan to provide other forms of investment which are not described in 24CFR 92.205.

- 2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:**

The City does not have plans to provide a "Homebuyer Activities" during the 2019 Program Year.
[See Attached Homeownership Guidelines](#)

- 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:**

For Program Year 2019, the City is not proposing a homebuyer program.
[See Attached Homeownership Guidelines](#)

- 4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:**

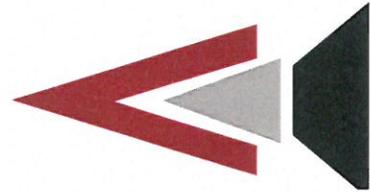
The City does not intend to use HOME funds during PY2019 to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing.

[See Attached Refinancing Guidelines](#)

Discussion:

Not Applicable

*Public Hearing Agendas
Attendance Sheets
Meeting Minutes*



AGENDA

1st Community Public Hearing
City of Altoona Training Facilities and Council Chambers
1320 Washington Avenue
Wednesday, February 6, 2019
5:00 p.m.

I. Welcome & Introduction

II. Purpose of Hearing

III. Define Consolidated Plan and Annual Plan

2019 Estimated Annual Plan Allocations

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) \$1,653,238

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) 306,803

Total \$1,960,041

IV. Time Schedule for Submission of 2019 Annual Plan

V. Questions/Testimony and/or comments from the Public

VI. Closing Remarks

VII. Adjournment

Meeting Minutes
City of Altoona
1st Community Public Hearing
Community Development Block Grant
HOME Investment Partnership Grant
City of Altoona Training Facilities and Council Chambers
1320 Washington Avenue
Altoona, PA 16601
Wednesday, February 6, 2019
5:00 p.m.

Mr. Lee Slusser, Director of the Community Development Department, opened the meeting and introduced Ms. Mary Johnson, CDBG Program Manager, and Mr. Carl Fischer, Assistant Director/Housing Manager. The purpose of the public hearing is for the preparation of the 2019 Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan and review of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. This hearing allows the citizens of the City of Altoona the opportunity to express their concerns and/or needs and also gives them an opportunity to apply for funding from the various programs. This process is necessary to comply with the City's Citizen Participation Plan by which citizens and citizen organizations of the community can become informed and take an active part in the development, implementation, and review of activities carried out by the City of Altoona under its Consolidated Plan.

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 also pointed out the budget spending caps for the CDBG Program, performance measurements, and went over the schedule for the 2019 Annual Plan process noting that this is the first of two public hearings scheduled for this process. She then turned the hearing over to Mr. Fischer.

Mr. Fischer explained that the HOME Investment Partnership funds are allocated to local governments to strengthen public-private partnerships to provide affordable housing. It is a requirement of the HOME Program that 15% of the HOME allocation received must be given to the City's Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) and 10% maximum is allowed for administration activities. Eligible HOME projects are rental rehabilitation, homeowner rehabilitation, first-time homebuyers and tenant based rental assistance.

Ms. Johnson explained that the Department of Housing and Urban Development has not released the 2019 funding amounts and that we are currently working with estimated entitlement amounts of a 5% increase from the 2018 allocations. Allocation estimates are as follows:

CDBG:	\$1,653,238
HOME:	\$ 306,803
PROGRAM INCOME:	\$ 145,000

The meeting was then opened for public questions and comments.

Question: Would funds only apply to the City of Altoona? Answer: Staff responded yes.

Question: Could you explain delivery costs vs. administrative costs. Answer: Staff responded that Administrative costs are incurred by a grantee or a subrecipient and essentially these are costs related to the administration and oversight of your program. Delivery costs are those costs specifically related to performing those activities and/or projects.

Question: Is funding related to only property related projects? Answer: Staff responded No, funding can be used for a multiple of projects as discussed under eligible projects.

Question: Is funding just for the City of Altoona? Answer: Staff responded, Yes

Diana Packech

UPMC Behavioral Health of the Alleghenies

Can funds be used for accessibilities projects such as handicapped ramps or bathroom rehabilitation as it relates to homeless shelters or transitional shelters and also to fund these types of activities is accessibility of the building a requirement? Staff responded yes to both questions.

Terry Figart

Court appointed Special Advocates Program for Children.

Can the Special Advocates Program for Children operate on a county-wide level? Answer: Staff replied no, but the City of Altoona could fund the City of Altoona children and you could also apply to Blair County's CDBG Program and be able to assist children outside the City. Mr. Slusser provided the contact person for the County's CDBG Program. Question: Would records needs to be kept to track the City of Altoona children? Answer: Staff answered yes. Mr. Figart also inquired about income limits for the CDBG program. Staff responded that there is a handout available describing both the income limits for the CDBG and HOME Programs.

Bill Kibler

Altoona Mirror

Mr. Kibler inquired whether the removal of the Bike Patrol and the Safe Housing Code Enforcement programs would free up some funding for other activities under the public service category. Mr. Slusser stated that only the Bike Patrol was under the 15% cap for public service activities not the Code Enforcement Program, but yes, not funding the Bike Patrol does free up funding under the public service category.

Mark Geis questioned whether the 2018 tree removal project on 7th and 8th Street would repair the damaged sidewalk where the tree would be removed. Staff responded that it would.

As there were no further questions, hearing was adjourned.

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Anna Paolich	LIPMC Behavioral Health & the Allergies	cilsopa.org
Carl E. Fisher	COA	
Mary Johnson	"	
Lee Slusser	"	
MARK	Geis	
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AGENDA

2nd Community Public Hearing
City of Altoona Training Facilities and Council Chambers
1320 Washington Avenue
Wednesday, April 10, 2019
5:00 p.m.

- I. Welcome & Introduction
- II. Adoption Schedule
- III. Public Comment / Testimony on the Draft 2019 HCD Annual Action Plan and review of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan
- IV. 2019 Annual Plan Allocations - **ESTIMATES**

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$1,653,238
Program Income	\$ 145,000
Total:	\$1,798,238
HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)	\$ 306,803
Grand Total:	\$2,105,041
- V. Adjournment

Meeting Minutes
City of Altoona
2nd Community Public Hearing
Community Development Block Grant
HOME Investment Partnership Grant
City of Altoona Training Facilities and Council Chambers
1320 Washington Avenue
Altoona, PA 16601
Wednesday, April 10, 2019
5:00 p.m.

Director, Lee Slusser opened the meeting and introduced Mary Johnson, CDBG Program Manager, to conduct the meeting along with Carl Fischer, Deputy Director, of the Department of Community Development. The purpose of the public hearing is to present and accept comment on the proposed 2019 Annual Plan and the review of the Consolidated Plan. This process is necessary to comply with the City's Citizen Participation Plan by which citizens and citizen organizations of the community can become informed and take an active part in the development, implementation, and review of activities carried out by the City of Altoona under its Consolidated Plan.

Mrs. Johnson provided handouts for tonight's hearing displaying the 2019 Proposed List of Project, the "Draft" 2019 Annual Action Plan, a copy of the 5-Year 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, the schedule for preparing and submitting the Annual Plan, available HUD program information, program income limits, and Mayor and City Council information. Mrs. Johnson went over all projects proposed for Program Year 2019 discussing the estimated amounts that were used and how they are divided based on project eligibility and national objectives. She also mentioned that the City anticipated receiving the actual amounts to be allocated before the end of April 2019.

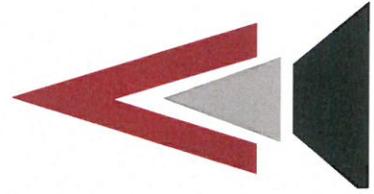
The meeting was then opened for public questions and comments.

The attendees present included Ms. Marty Dombrowski from the Center for Independent Living of South Central PA, Mark Geis, former member of City Council, David Butterbaugh, Council member, Kelly Williams, of UPMC BHA, and Bill Kibler from the Altoona Mirror (local newspaper).

Mr. Kibler asked about which projects were new and that had not been funded before. Mrs. Johnson described the new proposed projects.

As there was no further public comment, the hearing was adjourned.

Newspaper Ads



Loretto inmate files appeal

By PHIL RAY
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An inmate from the federal Correctional Institution at Loretto has asked the U.S. District Court in Johnston to reverse a finding that he used a telephone at the prison to further criminal activity, a violation of the inmate disciplinary program.

The inmate's appeal has been put on hold by U.S. Magistrate Keith Pesto pending his payment of a filing fee or a court declaration that he can proceed because he financially is unable to pay the fee.

The inmate, Mike Richmond, 38, is serving 168 months in the federal prison for conspiracy to distribute or possess cocaine. His prison sentence is to be followed by five years' supervised release.

He was sentenced by a federal judge in Virginia. His release date is 2026.

Richmond in March 2017 was accused of conspiring with another inmate to introduce synthetic marijuana into the prison.

His contention is that the

primary charges against him of conspiring with another inmate were dismissed by a disciplinary hearing officer, but he received a penalty stemming from a telephone conversation he had in December 2016 that supposedly led to sheets of yellow-lined paper being sent to various inmates.

The sheets tested positive for incle carboxide or synthetic marijuana.

Richmond it was charged, received one of the letters containing four sheets of the yellow-lined paper.

He went through the institution's hearing process, and it was determined he violated a part of the disciplinary code that prohibits federal inmates from using the telephone to further criminal activity.

According to the report of the disciplinary hearing provided by Richmond to the court, he denied he was part of a plot to smuggle in the drugs, and that he denied he used his telephone account and conspired with another inmate to introduce the drugs into

the low security prison.

The hearing officer concluded his actions "met the threshold for use of the telephone for illegal purposes."

Richmond reported in his habeas corpus petition that the FBI investigated the incident but did not file charges.

He was penalized by the prison by the disallowance of 46 days of good conduct time placed in disciplinary segregation for 60 days, lost his commissary privileges for a year and had his personal property impounded for a year.

The decision by the hearing officer was upheld at the regional and national levels of the Bureau of Prisons.

The administrator of National Inmate Appeals stated Richmond's contention he did not commit the act is "without merit."

He stated Richmond's due process rights were upheld during the discipline process.

Richmond in a Jan. 18 petition is asking U.S. District Judge Kim R. Gibson to review the case.

WE'RE BACK

In the newspaper that is. After a year off, we missed telling you about what we were doing, and the latest developments in Altoona.

Dr. Penick, Dr. Jones, Dr. Barry & Dr. Redd

So for 2019, stay tuned for lots of info, including:

- NEW EQUIPMENT (of course!)
- IMPROVED TREATMENT FOR DRY EYES
- RECENTLY COMPLETED OFFICE RENOVATIONS
- EXCITING OPEN HOUSE - THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2019, WHICH WILL INCLUDE A FASHION SHOW!

Happy New Year, from all of us!

Dr. Fred, Mike, Steve, and Eric

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City woman accused of assault

From Mirror staff reports

An Altoona woman is in jail for simple assault, harassment and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Beatrice Margaret McCloskey, 62, of 419 Third Ave. is accused of hitting and pinching a victim during an argument Sunday, leaving two lacerations on the victim's right forearm and one on his left upper arm, according to

Altoona police.

Police said the victim's lacerations were actively bleeding when they arrived on scene. The victim reportedly told police he had been asleep on the couch when McCloskey woke him up by screaming hysterically that he had taken medication from her.

While looking for the defendant at the residence, police said they found a

cylindrical glass pipe commonly used for smoking narcotics such as methamphetamine in McCloskey's bedroom.

The defendant is housed at the Blair County Prison on a bail set at 10 percent of \$10,000.

Her preliminary hearing is scheduled for 9 a.m. Jan. 30 in front of Magisterial District Judge Daniel DeAntonio.

Police: Teen groped young girl

From Mirror staff reports

A homeless teenager is in jail after police allege he groped a 12-year-old girl.

The incident allegedly happened Sept. 21 at Prospect Park and according to charges filed Wednesday by Altoona police, 18-year-old Devin Cullum is accused of touching the girl's body over her clothing in a sexual manner.

Cullum was with the girl and several other teens when the assault took place.

Police said that Cullum ran off after he learned the girl was only 12 years old and later told police he thought she was "much older than 12," according to Altoona police.

Cullum told police he was homeless and often used a fake name and date of birth when he signed in at the teen shelter located at Sixth Avenue and 17th Street.

Cullum was arraigned Wednesday morning on felony charges of unlawful contact with a minor and corruption of minors, along with three misdemeanor counts of indecent assault, and jailed in lieu of 10 percent of \$25,000 bail. A preliminary hearing is slated for Wednesday at Central Court.

STATE

News in brief from around Pennsylvania

NEW HOPE

Death of frozen man ruled accidental

Authorities said the death of a missing New Jersey man whose body was found frozen in a suburban Philadelphia pool has been ruled accidental.

Prosecutors said New Hope police and Bucks County detectives responded Tuesday afternoon after the body of 28-year-old Jose Quiron Marcial was found in the rear of a business in a construction area.

Prosecutors said the body of Marcial, who had been reported missing from his Lambertville, New Jersey home in mid-December, was submerged in ice in an uncovered in-ground pool.

Prosecutors said Wednesday that an autopsy concluded that the death resulted from an accidental drowning and hypothermia.

HARRISBURG

Steps taken to allow hemp production

Pennsylvania is taking the federal government to approve its state plan to regulate industrial hemp growers and has given conditional approval to applicants to start growing it commercially.

The state Department of Agriculture said Wednesday it approved 84 permit applications and that the applicants have until Feb. 1 to pay a fee and sign an agreement.

The federal government last year legalized the production of industrial hemp, a commodity that's generally been barred because it is related to marijuana.

The federal government had approved a pilot program in the 2014 farm bill to research hemp under state regulation. Pennsylvania's state plan ultimately would require all growers to register and obtain permits through the state Department of Agriculture.

PITTSBURGH

Rabies confirmed in raccoon

Health authorities said rabies has been confirmed in a raccoon involved in an altercation with a dog in western Pennsylvania.

The Allegheny County health department said the dog involved in the incident in Llyper St. Clair was up-to-date on its rabies vaccinations.

This is the first report of a rabid animal in the county this year.

MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT JUDGES

Filed before Hollidaysburg Magisterial District Judge Paula M. Aigner:

Hunter M. Malley, 19, 423 Montgomery St., Apt. 5, charged by Hollidaysburg police with two counts of disorderly conduct, loitering and prowling at nighttime and a liquor violation by a person less than 21 years of age on the 300 block of Strawberry Alley June 30. Two charges of disorderly conduct were moved to nontraffic court; other charges were withdrawn Aug. 14.

Carl L. Williams, 65, 107 Devoms St., East Freedom, charged by Hollidaysburg police with two counts of indecent assault, harassment and disorderly conduct on the 200 block of Newey Street July 21. Charge of disorderly conduct was dismissed; other charges were held for court July 31.

Charges withdrawn Aug. 24:

Kimberly J. Barley, 42, 110 McDonald Drive, Duncansville, charged by Blair Township police with simple assault and harassment at her residence April 14.

Kenneth R. Weyant, 36, 411 W. First St., Williamsburg, charged by Williamsburg police with simple assault, recklessly endangering another person and harassment at his residence July 6.

Charges held for court Aug. 14:

Kanaga T. Powell, 25, 151 Hudson St., near Johnstown, charged by Altoona police with dealing in proceeds of unlawful activities, conspiracy, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance and criminal use of a communication facility in Blair County Jan. 1, 2017.

Erica A. Shrock, 27, 142

Rince S., Pittsburgh, charged by Blair Township police with DUI and two summary traffic violations on the 9700 block of Charge Highway, Hollidaysburg, June 18.

Charges waived to court July 24 - Aug. 28:

Erica A. Duffarbaugh, 40, 14323 E. Dickinson Drive, Apt. B, Altoona, Colo., charged by Blair Township police with DUI and one summary traffic violation at Park Road and NAC Drive, Hollidaysburg, May 26.

Filed before California Area Magisterial District Judge Steven D. Jackson:

Lynni R. Gardin, 41, 2422 Junata Valley Road, Hollidaysburg, charged by Logan Township police with DUI and one summary traffic violation on Pleasant Valley Boulevard June 10. Charges were waived to court Aug. 30.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Altoona has established the following schedule for community participation in the development of the City's 2018 CDBG/HOME Annual Plan and the review of the 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 community 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 2018 Annual Plan will address funding for the period of July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020. The 5-Year Plan was established for the period of 2015 through 2019.

City of Altoona Schedule for Preparing the 2018 Annual Plan and The 5-year HUD Consolidated Plan	
Wednesday, February 8, 2018 8:00 p.m. City of Altoona Training Facilities and Council Chambers 1320 Washington Avenue Altoona, PA 16801	1 st Community Public Hearing - To provide information on the Consolidated Plan, the 2018 Annual Plan and eligible activities and to accept comments on identified community needs, programs and projects.
Friday, March 8, 2019	Deadline for submission of applications for the 2018 projects.
Wednesday, April 3, 2019	Anticipated date of City publication of proposed 2018 Annual Plan and the 2018-2019 Consolidated Plan. Note: date of publication begins mandatory 30-day public comment period before action can be taken.
Wednesday, April 10, 2019 8:00 p.m. City of Altoona Training Facilities and Council Chambers 1320 Washington Avenue Altoona, PA 16801	2 nd Community Public Hearing - To present and accept comment on the proposed 2018 Annual Plan and the Consolidated Plan.
Wednesday, May 8, 2019 7:00 p.m. Altoona Training Facilities and Council Chambers 1320 Washington Avenue Altoona, PA 16801	Anticipated date of City Council to present the finalized 2018 Annual Plan, accept final comments, and adopt Annual Plan.
Friday, May 17, 2019	Submit 2018 Annual Plan to HUD.

The City encourages participation on housing and community development needs prior to preparation/development of the 5 Year HUD Consolidated Plan and Annual Plan by all citizens, organizations and other interested parties. Participation and involvement is especially recommended 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 special informational meetings, meetings with technical advisors, requested information, assistance with preparing a project request and completing the application form or any such assistance necessary to aid in understanding and participation. Citizens who wish to review information obtained by the City for the development of the 5-Year HUD Consolidated Plan or Annual Plan may do so by contacting the City Meetings held to develop or discuss the documents are open to the public pursuant to the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act and citizens may attend or request a copy of the summary of a meeting. If you are unable to attend the community public hearing and wish to comment or if you wish to obtain a project application form, please contact the City at the address or phone numbers shown below, for assistance. Comments can be made at any time, in person, by phone, FAX or mail. Project requests must be submitted in writing using the City's application form which can be found on the City's Web Site at altona.gov and must be submitted by Friday, March 9, 2018.

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 (CAPEP) is prepared by the City after the close of each program year. The 2018 CAPEP will be available for review no later than August 26, 2019, for a 30-day comment period and a public hearing before filing with HUD. The CAPEPs are available for review upon request. Citizens who would like to file a complaint about the Consolidated Plan, Annual Plan or CAPEP Report should submit their complaint in writing to the City at the address shown below. The City will respond to all complaints within 15 days when practicable. Citizens may also file complaints with HUD at U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Moorehead Federal Building, 1000 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-2516, to the attention of Mr. John Tolbert, CPD Director. The City uses a Public Participation Meeting List to disseminate information to special needs groups, minority organizations, as well as other individuals and groups interested in the Consolidated Plan. Applicants for CDBG funding must be federally registered 501(c)(3) or non-profit organizations, governmental entities or educational institutions. 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.

City Of Altoona	Phone:	(814) 945-2470
Department of	TDD:	711
Community Development	FAX:	(814) 949-0372
1301 12th Street, Suite 400		
Altoona PA 16601		

City to dole out HUD funds

By WILLIAM KIBLER
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Not long ago, the Center for Independent Living of South Central Pennsylvania received a call from a car crash victim who now uses a wheelchair, asking for help to make home modifications so the victim could continue to live independently.

The organization sifted its options and ultimately helped him get private funding to build a ramp, according to CIL Assistant Director Marty Dombrowski.

Dombrowski on Wednesday was optimistic that her organization will soon be able to offer that kind of funding itself, after attending the city's first hearing on its upcoming fiscal year's allocation of Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership Program money from the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The city expects to have \$1.6 million in CDBG money and \$306,000 in HOME funds for the fiscal year that begins July 1, city officials explained to Dombrowski and representatives of two other agencies interested in obtaining funds.

There's more money this year for projects not usually funded through CDBG, because in the middle of the current fiscal year, the city shifted two traditional in-house recipient programs to the general fund — the police bike patrol, which was eligible for CDBG money only when working in low- to moderate income neighborhoods and the code officer assigned to those same areas, so that administering those programs would be easier.

The shift of the bike patrol freed up \$210,000, while the shift of the code officer program freed up \$66,000.

The transfer of the bike patrol program was especially significant, because that program had absorbed almost all the CDBG funds in the public service category, which is limited to 15 percent of all the money available for a given year.

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HUD: 'About independent living'

(Continued from Page A1)

To use the 2018 public service money freed up by the bike patrol shift, the city allocated \$31,000 to help residents remove street trees that were leaning into the right-of-way on Seventh and Eighth streets and to repair the sidewalk sections the tree roots had lifted; \$28,000 for the fire department to inspect homes in qualifying areas for fire safety problems and to provide smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers; and \$7,500 for a youth empowerment program at Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, according to CDBG Manager Mary Johnson.

The tree expenditure won't need to be repeated, according to Lee Slusser, the city's community development director.

It's not certain whether there will be requests for renewal of the fire department and Mount Zion programs, according to Johnson.

Regardless, there should be money for new programs, they indicated.

Dombrowski's CIL should be a prime candidate for regular, nonpublic-service CDBG funding, as one of the qualifying purposes for the program is "removal of

architectural barriers" through installation of ramps, widening of doorways, installation of elevators and other accessibility modifications, according to a document provided at the meeting.

The rationale for such eligibility is the automatic designation of people with disabilities as tantamount to low to moderate-income, which is the prime eligibility requirement of the entire program, according to Johnson.

The Center for Independent Living gets calls "all the time" from "consumers" who already receive agency services and from others who don't, requesting modifications so they can live on their own, Dombrowski said.

"We're all about independent living," she stated.

She's not sure how much the agency might request for the program, she said.

UPMC Altoona Director of Behavioral Health Diana Packech attended the meeting for information that could help her program — formerly under the Home Nursing Agency — obtain money to provide additional housing for a special population of low-income individuals and families.

Her program already runs

the Blair House, the Juniata House and the Tartaglio Personal Care Home, all in Altoona, all serving that special population, Packech said.

Terry Figart, a member of the Court Appointed Special Advocate Association in Cambria County, attended to get information on funding that could help start a CASA program in Blair County.

CASA is a nonprofit whose volunteers interact with abused children and with those who interact with those children so they can advise judges in custody cases how best to place the kids.

Current President Judge Elizabeth Doyle is interested, Figart said.

One potential obstacle to CDBG funding for CASA is Figart's desire for the program to serve all of Blair versus the need for the funding to serve only residents of the city, Johnson said.

It might be workable, however, if he can ensure the funding goes only to eligible cases, she said.

Dombrowski called the city officials "super, super helpful."

"I came away very encouraged," she said.

City HUD meetings set

From Mirror staff reports

The city of Altoona planning office will hold a public hearing at 5 p.m. Feb. 6 in City Council chambers, 1320 Washington Ave., to present information on the Department of Housing and Urban Development's allocation for this year of Community Development Block Grant and HOME

money, and to receive suggestions on how best to use the money.

The office will hold a second public hearing at 5 p.m. April 10 in council chambers to present a plan for spending the money and to receive comment.

The city is expected to adopt the spending plan at its regular meeting May 8.

NOTICE OF DISPLAY
FOR FY 2019 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
CITY OF ALTOONA, PA

Notice is hereby given that the City of Altoona, PA is preparing an Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2019 thru June 30, 2020) in accordance with the regulations and requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Plan will be on public display for a period of 30 day public comment period, beginning Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at the following locations:

Altoona Area Public Library
1600 5th Avenue, Altoona PA 16602

Altoona City Hall
1301 12th Street, Suite 100 & 400, Altoona PA 16601

Altoona Housing Authority
2700 Pleasant Valley Blvd, 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, 2019. Comments may be directed to Mr. Lee Slusser, Director of Community Development, 1301 12th Street, Suite 400, Altoona, PA 16601.

A public hearing will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. in the City of Altoona Training Facilities and Council Chambers, 1320 Washington Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601. The purpose of the public hearing is to present the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the amount of \$1,798,238 and for the use of HOME funds in the amount of \$306,803 and a review of the 5-Year HUD Consolidated Plan. The Training Facilities and Council Chambers is 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 Mr. Lee Slusser, Community Development Director (814) 949-2470, to make those arrangements. The City intends to submit this document to HUD on or before May 17, 2019.

The plan will be presented for Altoona City Council's adoption at the May 8, 2019 City Council meeting, Altoona Training Facilities and Council Chambers, 1320 Washington Avenue, Altoona PA 16601.

The following CDBG activities will be funded under the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan:

1. Public Services	
Altoona Housing Authority "Little Free Library"	\$ 878.00
Mt. Zion Youth Empowerment Program	\$ 8,200.00
Nehemiah's After-School Care Program	\$ 25,000.00
UPMC Housing & Rental Assistance	\$ 28,000.00
2. Public Facilities Improvements/Infrastructure Improvements	
Street Reconstruction in low/mod areas	\$ 200,500.00
6th Avenue Playground Installation	\$ 150,500.00
AHA Fairview Hills Sidewalk/Stair Replacement	\$ 100,500.00
3. Housing Rehabilitation	
Single Family Homeowner Rehabilitation	\$ 452,502.00
Altoona Housing Authority Storm Door Replacements	\$ 50,500.00
CILSPA Home Accessibility Project	\$ 25,034.00
4. Clearance/Demolition	
Blighted Property Demolition Program	\$ 262,624.00
5. Homeless	
Family Services Inc. Shelter Acquisition	\$ 135,000.00
6. General Administration	
Housing & Community Development Administration	\$ 338,000.00
Fair Housing Administration	\$ 21,000.00
Total FY 2019 CDBG Funds for Project Activities	= \$ 1,798,238.00

The following HOME activities are proposed for funding under the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan:

1. Rental Rehabilitation Program	\$ 99,122.70
2. IDA Tower Roof Replacement/Parking Lot Resurfacing	\$ 177,000.00
3. HOME Administration	\$ 30,680.30
Total FY 2018 HOME Funds for Project Activities	= \$ 306,803.00

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.

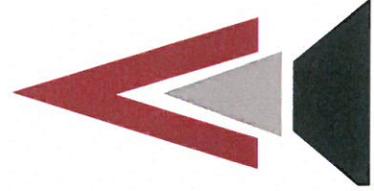
If the City would undertake an activity that would result in the displacement of families or individuals, then the City would utilize its policy for minimizing such displacement. Furthermore, the City is responsible for replacing all low- and moderate-income housing units that may be demolished or converted 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 2015-2019 Five Year Consolidated Plan and the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan.

Written comments or oral comments will be received until Friday, May 3, 2019 and may be addressed to Mr. Lee C. Slusser, AICP, Community Development 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.
April 3, 2019

Wednesday, April 3, 2019

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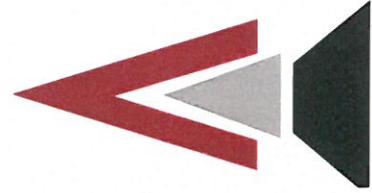
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Public Works	Nathan Kissell	(814) 949-2446	nkissell@altoonapa.gov
Police Chief and Bike Patrol Supervisor (Tom Venios)	Janice Freehling	(814) 949-2489	jfreehling@altoonapa.gov
Fire Chief	Mike Tofano	(814) 949-2529	mtofano@altoonapa.gov
School District	Thomas Otto	(814) 946-8350	totto@asdsdcat.com
City Clerk	Linda M. Rickens	(814) 949-2486	cityclerk@altoonapa.gov
Code Enforcement	Rebecca Brown	(814) 949-2456	rbrown@altoonapa.gov
Department of Accounts and Finance	Omar Strohm	(814) 949-2439	ostrohm@altoonapa.gov
City Solicitor	Larry C. Clapper	(814) 946-4391	lclapper@ghscoslaw.com
Information Technology	Victor Curfman	(814) 949-2536	vcurfman@altoonapa.gov
AMTRAN (Public Transportation)	Eric Wolf	(814) 944-4074	ericwolf@amtran.org
Blair County Historical Society	Joseph A. DeFrancesco	(814) 942-3916	director@blairhistory.org
Altoona Mirror	Bill Kibler	-814	bkibler@altoonamirror.com
Altoona Parking Authority	Patrick Miller	(814) 944-6113	patm@abcdcorp.org
Elected & Public Officials			
Mayor & City Council	Matt Pacifico	(814) 949-2486	council@altoonapa.gov
City Manager	Marla Marcinko	(814) 949-2408	manager@altoonapa.gov
Housing Agencies/Organizations			
Altoona Housing Authority Staff/Section 8 Pub. Housing	Cheryl Johns	(814) 949-2000	Cheryl.Johns@altoonahousing.org
Altoona Housing Authority	Kim Palmer	(814) 949-2029	Kim.Palmer@altoonahousing.org
HUD Assisted Housing Providers	Marj Kashella	(814) 946-0603	mkashella@calibreidential.com
Housing Counseling Services - Bl. Co Community Action	Ms. Billie Egan	(814) 946-3653	billie.egan@blaircap.org
CHDO - Improved Dwellings for Altoona (IDA)	Michelle Peterson	(814) 944-9466	mpeterson@improved-dwellings.org
Blair Senior Services	Steve Williamson	(814) 946-1235	swilliamson@blairsenior.org
Habitat for Humanity		(814) 943-3480	habitatblaircounty@gmail.com
Homeless Agencies and Providers			
Home Nursing Agency Community Services	Diana Packech	(814) 943-0414	DPACKECH@HOMENURSINGAGENCY.com
Blair County Community Action	Sergio Carmona	(814) 946-3651	sergio.carmona@blaircap.org
Family Services, Inc.	Lisa Hann	(814) 944-3583	Lhann@familyservicesinc.net

Altoona Veterans Association	Ginny Vayda	(814) 943-8164	virginiavayda@va.gov
Social Service Agencies			
Altoona Area Public Library	Adrienne Brown	(814) 946-0417 ext. 136	abrown@altoonalibrary.org
Blair County Mental Health- Dept of Social Services	James Hudack	(814) 693-3023	jhudack@blairco.org
Blair County Drug and Alcohol Services	Judy Rosser	(814) 381-0921	jrosser@blairdap.org
Skills of Central PA	Kristin Luciano	(814) 944-4519 x 331	kluciano@skillsgroup.org
Salvation Army	Larry Fulmer	(814) 946-3645	larry.fulmer@use.salvationarmy.org
Child Advocates of Blair County Child Care	Erica Peterson	(814) 946-5247	epeterson@cabc-bchs.org
Lilly Pond Child Care Services	Emily Freidhof	(814) 943-8177	efreidhof@kidsfirstblair.org
Central Blair Recreation Commission	Mike Hofer	(814) 949-2233	hofer@cbrcparks.org
Gloria Gates Memorial Foundation	Toni Bilik	(814) 949-8838	director@ggmf.org
Fair Housing Organizations			
Fair Housing Advocates - Catholic Charities	Jean Johnstone	(814) 944-9388	johnstone@dioceseal.org
NAAAC	Donald Witherspoon	(814) 942-1126	DEW2312@yahoo.com
Self-Determination Housing Project of PA Inc.	Howard Ermin	(814) 502-4448	howard@sdhp.org
Blair/Clearfield Assoc. for the Blind & Visually Impaired	Gloria Pattie	(814) 944-2021	bcabgloria@verizon.net
Center for Independent Living	George Palmer	(814) 949-1905	gpalmer@cliscpa.org
Operation Our Town, Inc. (OOT)	Shawna Hoover	(814) 296-8730	OOT@lsfore.com
Blair County Human Relations	Ron Miller		ronald1944.1@verizon.net
Landlord Association	William Kitt	(814) 695-2138	bvproperties@hotmail.com
Local Housing Option Team (LHOT)	Jodi Williams	(814) 693-3046 x1482	Jodi.Williams@blaircap.org
Economic Development Agencies			
Chamber of Commerce	Joe Hurd	(814) 943-8151	jhurd@blairchamber.com
Altoona Redevelopment Authority Board	Donald Devorris	(814) 949-8280	kwagner@blaircompanies.com
Faith-Based Institutions			
Altoona Bible Church	Linda	(814) 942-2131	altoonabible@toonabible.org
Cornerstone Fellowship	Pastor Steve Olivieri	(814) 942-4003	runninman2005@yahoo.com
Mount Carmel Rectory	Father Frank Scormaienchi	(814) 942-8501	olmc806@aol.com
Abundant Life Assembly of God	Walt Smith	(814) 942-6650	smithrosehill@gmail.com
Our Lady of Fatima	Father Zatalava	(814) 942-0371	olfoffio@hotmail.com
Sovereign Grace Chr-CENTRAL PA	Tom Kurtz	(814) 949-5940	tomkurtz@sovgracepa.org
Twenty-Eighth Saint Church Brethren	Brian Brumbaugh	(814) 946-0098	altoona28stcob@verizon.net
Pleasant Valley Assembly of God	Karen Maher	(814) 944-1948	kmaher@pvag.org
Riggles Gap Bible Church	Riggles Gap BC	(814) 946-3376	rigglesbnc@verizon.net

Sacred Heart Formation Center	Msgr. Stanley Carson	(814) 943-8553	sacredheart511@verizon.net
St. Mary's Rectory	Msgr. Stein	(814) 942-2416	StMaryaltoona@dioceseai.org
Christ Community UMC	Connie Loose -Secretary	(814) 942-9504	ccumc@outlook.com
Simpson Temple United Parish	Patty Jo	(814) 942-0840	simpsontemple@atlanticbbn.net
Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament	Msgr. Robert C. Mazur	(814) 944-4603	altocathedral@dioceseai.org
Hope Community Church	Tammy Gray	(814) 381-7020	tgray@atlanticbb.net
Juniata United Methodist Church	Pastor Brent Salsgiver	(814) 942-6065	juniataumc@atlanticbbn.net
Altoona Restoration Church of God	Pastor Jeff Suhoney	(814) 941-2773	cor911@atlanticbbn.net
Catholic Charities	Jean Johnstone-Director	(814) 944-9388	jjohnstone@dioceseai.org
Mt. Zion Baptist Church	Charles Dupree	(814) 321-4141	charlesdupree2@aol.com

City Council Resolution



RESOLUTION No. 0039-19

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Cacciotti	✓		Neugebauer	✓	
Cagle	✓		Mayor Pacifico	✓	
Jordan <i>via phone</i>	✓				
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Adopted _____

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Mayor

Date Signed

Attest:

City Clerk

MAY 09 2019

Date Recorded

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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

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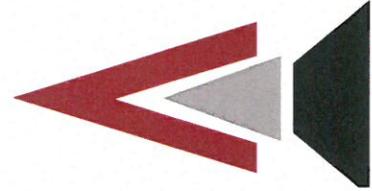
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Adopting the 2019 HUD Action Plan for Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Programs and authorizing Interim City Manager, Peter S. Marshall to execute all documents and certifications and the City Clerk to file appropriate statements, certifications and meeting minutes to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Budget Worksheet
Project Descriptions
Project Location Map



PROGRAM YEAR 2019
JULY 1, 2019 THRU JUNE 30, 2020
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME)
PROJECTS

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECTS

19-01 Planning & Community Development Administration (ADM) \$342,986.00

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. Also including fair housing activities eliminating housing discrimination through the promotion of fair housing using education programs, monitoring, research and community involvement.

Location: 1301 12th Street

19-02 Single Family Homeowner Rehabilitation (LMH) \$385,212.00

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.

Location: Citywide – Proposed Outcome: 10 Housing Units

19-03 AHA Storm Door Replacement (LMH) \$ 50,500.00

Replacement of front and rear storm doors and brick molding on 126 Apartment units at Pleasant Village Housing Development

**Location: 2700 Pleasant Valley Boulevard –
Proposed Outcome 126 Housing Units**

19-04 CILSCPA Home Accessibility Project (LMH) \$ 25,034.00

Design and construction of accessibility ramps for individuals who require the use of wheelchairs to access their homes.

Location: Citywide – Proposed Outcome: 12 Housing Units

19-05 Blighted Property Program (SBS) \$262,624.00

Prevention or elimination of spot blight through property acquisition, relocation, safeguarding, demolition and disposition activities.

Location: Citywide – Proposed Outcome: 10 Housing Units

19-06 Street Reconsruction (LMA) \$200,500.00

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's Department of Engineering.

**Location: C.T. 1003 BG 2; C.T. 1009 BG 3; C.T. 1007 BG 1; C.T. 1016 BG2
Proposed Outcome: 4,620 People**

<p>19-07 6th Avenue Playground Installation (LMA)</p> <p>Phase I – Development of several parcels of property on the corner of 23rd St. and 6th Avenue consisting of perimeter fencing, off alley parking, sidewalks throughout the park and the installation of children’s playground.</p> <p>Location: 23rd Street and 6th Avenue – Proposed Outcome: 10,435 People</p>	<p>\$ 150,500.00</p>
<p>19-08 AHA Fairview Hills Sidewalk/Stair Replacement (LMC)</p> <p>Replacement of sidewalks and stairs leading into the housing units at Fairview Hill Low/mod Development.</p> <p>Location: 1614 1st Street – Proposed Outcome: 420 People</p>	<p>\$100,500.00</p>
<p>19-09 Youth Empowerment Program (LMC)</p> <p>Teaching youth empowerment, communication, computer based skills, applying for jobs, recovery from addiction, suicide prevention, peer support for mental health first aid, bullying sexual relationships, recovery from Substance abuse and health care. Program aims to provide students with strategies to make good healthy choices that contribute to a meaningful life and promote mental well-being and competence as they face the realities of life.</p> <p>Location: 2121 5th Avenue – Proposed Outcome: 20 People</p>	<p>\$ 8,200.00</p>
<p>19-10 AHA Little Free Library (LMC)</p> <p>Installation of the book cabinet, pole and cement to set up the little free library’s location at Pleasant Village and Fairview Hills. The project allows for access to books of all ages 24/7. The premise is to take a book, leave a book.</p> <p>Location: 2700 Pleasant Valley Boulevard and 1614 1st Street</p> <p>Proposed Outcome: 300 People</p>	<p>\$ 878.00</p>
<p>19-11 Nehemiah After-School Program (LMC)</p> <p>The Wright Place for Kids After School Care Program for children Ages 5-12. Children would be afforded homeowner assistance, recreation, technical training/computer training, life skills training, as well as their evening meals.</p> <p>Location: 1809 11th Street – Proposed Outcome: 20 People</p>	<p>\$ 25,000.00</p>
<p>19-12 UPMC Housing and Rental Assistance Program (LMC)</p> <p>Housing and Rental Assistance for the homeless and case management Services to individuals and families with mental illness.</p> <p>Location: 500 East Chestnut Avenue – Proposed Outcome: 10 People</p>	<p>\$ 28,000.00</p>
<p>19-13 Family Services, Inc., Shelter Acquisition (LMC)</p> <p>Acquisition of a building at 2300 North Branch Avenue for a Family Shelter. The specific goal of the shelter is to shelter homeless individuals and families while assisting them in securing employment and permanent housing, along with comprehensive case management, information and referrals.</p> <p>Location: 2300 North Branch Avenue – Proposed Outcome: 300 People</p>	<p>\$135,000.00</p>

TOTAL CDBG PROJECTS

\$1,714,934.00

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

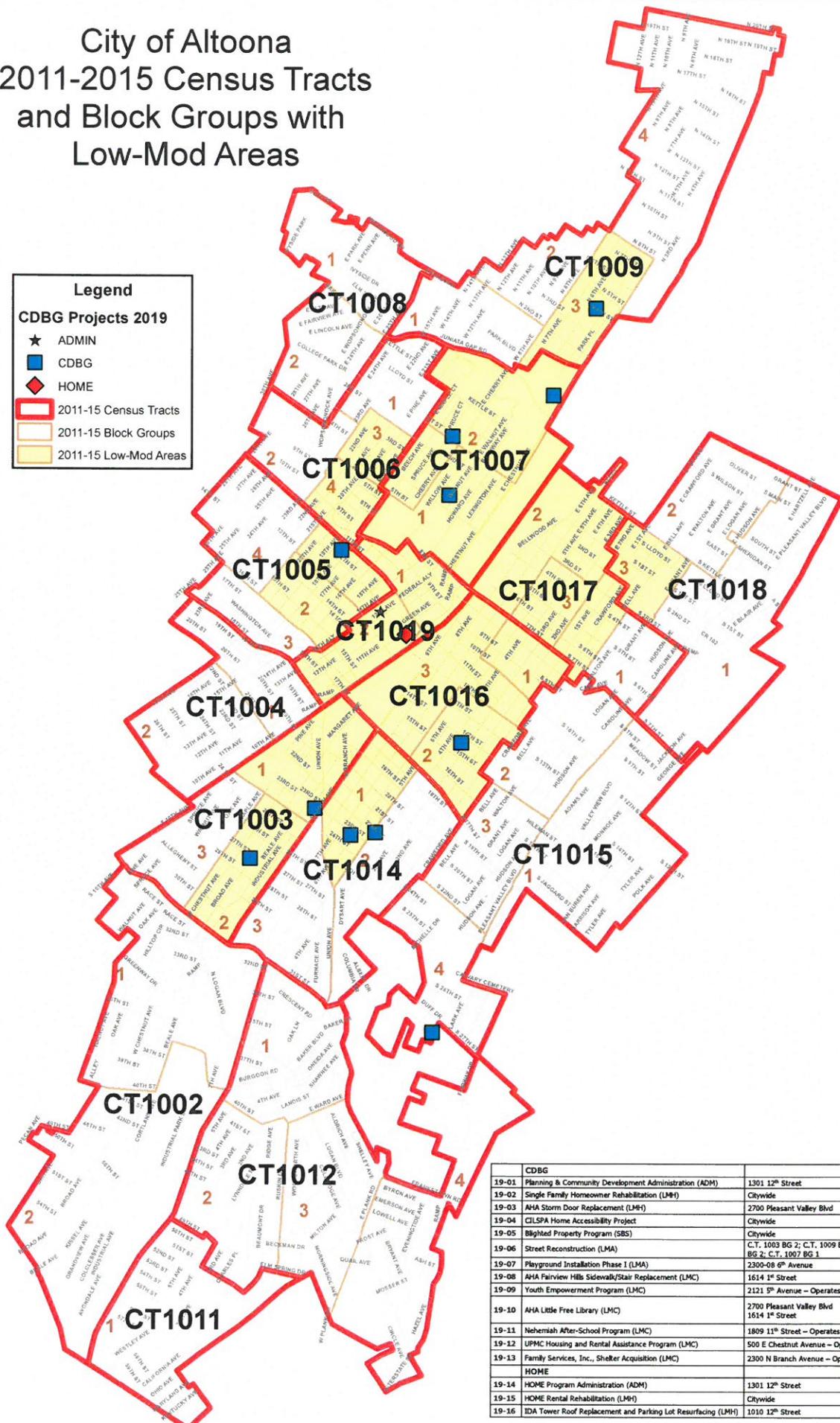
19-14 HOME Program Administration (ADM)	\$ 27,873.50
Administration costs to provide for staffing to oversee HOME funded projects. Location: 1301 12th Street.	
19-15 HOME Rental Rehabilitation (LMH)	\$ 73,861.50
This rehab program consists of a 50/50 match. Units will be made available to income eligible 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	
19-16 IDA Tower Roof Replacement and Parking Lot Resurfacing (LMH)	\$177,000.00
Roof replacement and parking lot resurfacing at IDA Tower. These improvements will allow continued safe, decent and affordable housing to elderly and disabled persons. Location: 1010 12th Street – Proposed Outcome: 125 Housing Units	
TOTAL HOME PROJECTS	\$278,735.00

City of Altoona 2011-2015 Census Tracts and Block Groups with Low-Mod Areas

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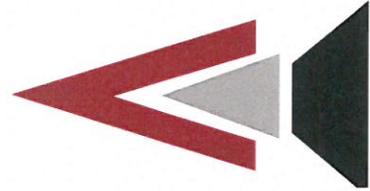
CDBG Projects 2019

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Jordan <i>via phone</i>	✓				
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Adopted _____


 Mayor _____ **MAY 08 2019**
 Date Signed

Attest: 
 City Clerk _____ **MAY 09 2019**
 Date Recorded

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

*** a. Legal Name:**

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <input type="text" value="23-6001899"/>	* c. Organizational DUNS: <input type="text" value="9690352030000"/>
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d. Address:

* Street1:	<input type="text" value="1301 12th Street, Suite 400"/>
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County/Parish:	<input type="text"/>
* State:	<input type="text" value="PA: Pennsylvania"/>
Province:	<input type="text"/>
* Country:	<input type="text" value="USA: UNITED STATES"/>
* Zip / Postal Code:	<input type="text" value="16601-3490"/>

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name: <input type="text" value="Dept. of Community Development"/>	Division Name: <input type="text" value="Community Development"/>
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f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: <input type="text" value="Mr."/>	* First Name: <input type="text" value="Lee"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text" value="C."/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Slusser"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	

Title:

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="814-949-2470"/>	Fax Number: <input type="text" value="814-949-0372"/>
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*** Email:**

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* Other (specify):

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

U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14-218

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grant

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

Notice: CPD-19-01

* Title:

Guidance of Submitting Consolidated Plans and Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

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

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

Community Development for the City of Altoona, Pennsylvania, Program Year 2019

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="1,569,934.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
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* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="145,000.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="1,714,934.00"/>

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

a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on

b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

Yes No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

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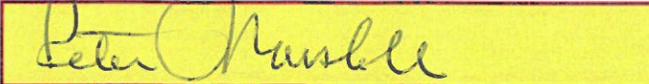
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* Other (specify):

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

U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14-239

CFDA Title:

HOME Investment Partnership Program

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

Notice: CPD-19-01

* Title:

Guidance of Submitting Consolidated Plans and Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

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

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

HOME Investment Partnership Program for the City of Altoona, Pennsylvania, Program Year 2019

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant

* b. Program/Project

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

17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

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* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value=""/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value=""/>
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* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value=""/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="278,735.00"/>

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

- a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

- Yes
- No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

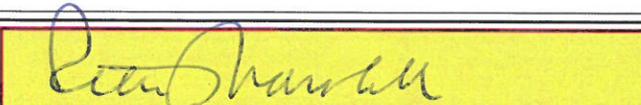
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* Signature of Authorized Representative:



* Date Signed:

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

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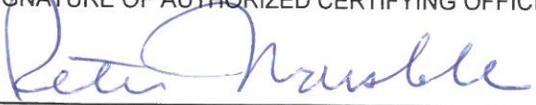
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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. 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 the project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, through any authorized representative, access to and 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 interest in the title of real property in accordance with 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 progress 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 for 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.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE Interim City Manager
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION Community Development Department	DATE SUBMITTED 5/8/19

Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

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

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

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

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

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

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2019 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

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

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

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

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

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

CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

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

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;

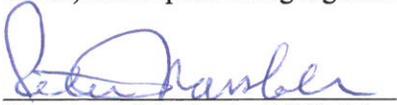
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and

3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

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

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.


Signature of Authorized Official

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

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

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



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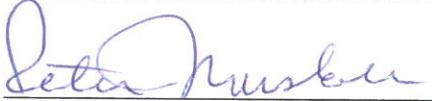
Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

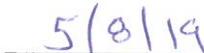
Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

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

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



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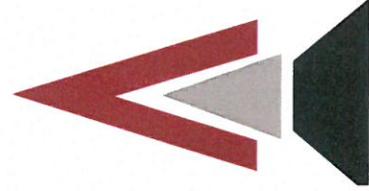
APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

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

Homeownership Guidelines
Refinancing Guidelines



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Affordable Housing: Homeownership Guidelines

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, as established by HUD.
 - 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, as established by HUD.
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 in the following table, 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.

Homeownership assistance HOME amount per-unit	Minimum period of affordability in years
Under \$15,000	5
\$15,000 to \$40,000	10
Over \$40,000	15

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 prorata 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 downpayment 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:

$\frac{\text{HOME Investment}}{\text{HOME Investment} + \text{Homeowner Investment}}$	x Net Proceeds =	HOME amount to be recaptured

$\frac{\text{Homeowner Investment}}{\text{HOME Investment} + \text{Homeowner Investment}}$	x Net Proceeds =	amount to homeowner

- 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.
- d. In the event of the property changing title due to foreclosure, the City will **not** share any net proceeds from the sale. The City will retain any remaining net proceeds following payment of the first mortgage. The City shall have the right of first refusal to buy out the first mortgage from the primary lender in the event of foreclosure.
- e. Upon any refinancing, sale or other disposition of the property following the affordability period, the loan provided by the City and the additional mortgage assistance loan, where applicable, shall become due and payable immediately. In the event that the lending institution mortgage is paid off in full, the full amount of these loans shall become due and payable within ninety (90) days thereafter.

6. *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 remain 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:
 - a. the Owner must contact the City of Altoona Department of Community Development or its representative in writing if intending to sell the home prior to the end of the affordability period;
 - b. 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
 - c. 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:
 - a. Any additions to the home such as a bedroom, bathroom, or garage;
 - b. Replacement of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems;
 - c. 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
 - d. Outdoor improvements such as a new driveway, walkway, retaining wall, or fence.

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

3. 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.

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.

7. *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.
8. *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.
9. 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.
10. Underwriting and Market Analysis shall be conducted by the Subrecipient/Developer or homebuyer's financial lending institution and submitted to the City for review and approval.

APPENDIX
BASIC TERMINOLOGY

Affordable Housing – The City of Altoona follows the provisions established in 24 CFR 92.254, and consider that in order for homeownership housing to qualify as affordable housing it must:

- Be single-family, modest housing;
- Be acquired by a low-income family as its principal residence, and
- Meet affordability requirements for a specific period of time as determined by the amount of assistance provided

The City: means the City of Altoona’s Department of Planning and Community Development Department or its sub recipient

Fair Return on Investment: means the total homeowner investment which includes the total cash contribution plus the approved capital improvements credits.

Capital Improvement: means additions to the property that increases its value or upgrades the facilities. These include upgrading the heating and air conditioning system, upgrading kitchen and bathroom facilities, adding universal access improvements, or any other permanent improvement that would add to the value and useful life of the property. The costs for routine maintenance are excluded.

Capital Improvement Credit: means credit for verified expenditures for Capital Improvements.

Direct HOME subsidy: is the amount of HOME assistance, including any program income that enabled the homebuyer to buy the unit. The direct subsidy includes down payment, closing costs, interest subsidies, or other HOME assistance provided directly to the homebuyer. In addition, direct subsidy includes any assistance that reduced the purchase price from fair market value to an affordable price.

Net proceeds: are defined as the sales price minus superior loan repayment (other than HOME funds) and any closing costs.

Recapture: the recapture provisions are established at SS92.253(a)(5)(ii), permit the original homebuyer to sell the property to any willing buyer during the period of affordability while the PJ is able to recapture all or a portion of the HOME-assistance provided to the original homebuyer.

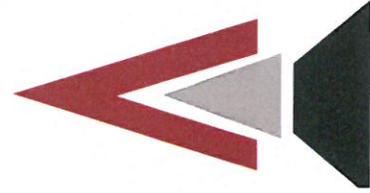
City of Altoona

Multi-Family Refinancing Guidelines

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.

Low/Mod/Racial Data



2011-15 LOW/MOD CENSUS DATA

LOW/MOD DATA		RACIAL DATA										TOTAL	
C.T.	BG	L/M	L/M UNV	L/M %	HISPANIC	WHITE	AFRICAN AMERICAN	AM INDIAN & ALASKA NATIVE	ASIAN	ISLANDER & PACIFIC	OTHER	2 OR MORE	TOTAL
1002	1	575	1250	46.00%	0	1250	9	0	0	0	0	0	1259
1002	2	185	970	19.07%	0	969	0	0	0	0	0	0	969
1003	1	240	350	68.57%	0	351	0	0	0	0	0	0	351
1003	2	850	1435	59.23%	0	1433	10	0	0	0	0	1	1444
1003	3	460	1020	45.10%	0	929	7	0	0	0	0	86	1022
1004	1	460	1050	43.81%	0	944	69	0	0	0	0	43	1056
1004	2	280	750	37.33%	0	746	5	0	0	0	0	0	751
1005	1	635	850	74.71%	0	576	193	0	0	0	0	102	871
1005	2	785	955	82.20%	0	730	147	29	31	0	0	22	959
1005	3	470	950	49.47%	0	967	13	0	0	0	0	0	980
1005	4	165	1050	15.71%	0	1029	22	0	0	0	0	0	1051
1006	1	70	710	9.86%	0	713	2	0	0	0	0	0	715
1006	2	250	825	30.30%	0	767	16	0	45	0	0	0	828
1006	3	230	375	61.33%	0	376	0	0	0	0	0	0	376
1006	4	530	775	68.39%	0	751	6	0	0	0	0	16	773
1007	1	755	940	80.32%	0	766	151	0	0	0	0	22	939
1007	2	775	1085	71.43%	0	874	113	0	0	0	6	90	1083
1007	3	405	600	67.50%	0	603	1	0	0	0	0	0	604
1008	1	240	585	41.03%	0	922	99	0	41	0	8	0	1070
1008	2	200	695	28.78%	0	697	0	0	0	0	4	0	701
1009	1	205	590	34.75%	0	558	0	8	9	0	6	11	592
1009	2	610	1220	50.00%	0	1202	0	7	0	0	0	17	1226
1009	3	580	1015	57.14%	0	983	20	0	0	0	12	0	1015
1009	4	645	1335	48.31%	0	1320	0	0	6	0	0	10	1336
1011	1	345	1525	22.62%	0	1419	63	10	0	0	0	44	1536
1012	1	80	810	9.88%	0	813	0	0	0	0	0	0	813
1012	2	225	750	30.00%	0	722	0	0	21	0	0	10	753
1012	3	325	1305	24.90%	0	1264	4	0	0	0	0	43	1311
1012	4	560	1130	49.56%	0	1074	2	0	7	0	99	0	1182

LOW/MOD DATA				RACIAL DATA										
C.T.	BG	L/M	L/M UNV	L/M %	HISPANIC	WHITE	AFRICAN AMERICAN	AM INDIAN & ALASKA NATIVE	ASIAN	ISLANDER & PACIFIC	NATIVE HAWAIIAN	OTHER	2 OR MORE	TOTAL
1014	1	1100	1180	93.22%	0	1117	14	0	0	0	0	0	48	1179
1014	2	690	1580	43.67%	0	1502	5	0	0	0	0	49	26	1582
1014	3	370	890	41.57%	0	859	54	0	0	0	0	5	0	918
1015	1	230	1110	20.72%	0	1037	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	1108
1015	2	175	530	33.02%	0	516	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	533
1015	3	260	730	35.62%	0	704	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	730
1015	4	315	740	42.57%	0	785	14	0	0	0	0	0	46	845
1016	1	785	930	84.41%	0	913	13	0	0	0	0	0	35	961
1016	2	905	1230	73.58%	0	1227	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	1232
1016	3	1135	1280	88.67%	0	1267	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	1281
1017	1	275	610	45.08%	0	492	33	0	0	0	0	0	83	608
1017	2	780	1390	56.12%	0	1286	79	0	0	0	0	0	86	1451
1017	3	550	900	61.11%	0	741	158	0	0	0	0	0	0	899
1017	4	575	830	69.28%	0	673	47	0	11	0	0	0	101	832
1018	1	435	890	48.88%	0	954	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	954
1018	2	185	905	20.44%	0	904	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	904
1018	3	605	965	62.69%	0	964	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	964
1019	1	695	715	97.20%	0	753	4	0	0	0	0	12	62	831
1019	2	500	605	82.64%	0	607	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	615
TOTALS		22700	44910	50.55%	0	43049	1373	59	171	0	0	201	1140	45993
DISABILITY DATA														
					144	9109	340	28	11	0	0	28	197	9713