

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 under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Programs. The City of Altoona has prepared its Five-Year Consolidated Plan for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2024. The Five-Year Consolidated Plan is a strategic plan to implement federal programs for housing and community development activities within the City of Altoona and how the proposed activities will principally benefit low- and moderate-income individuals. This funding is used for a wide range of activities directed towards providing decent, safe, and sanitary housing, a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities. The Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Action Plan represents the 5th year of the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

Housing Objective: Conserve and rehabilitate existing affordable housing units occupied by owners and renters in the community by addressing code violations, energy efficiency improvements, and accessibility for persons with disabilities. Provide short term rental assistance or security deposit assistance for low- and moderate-income renters. During PY 2024 the City proposes to rehabilitate 10 single family homes, 10 scattered sites rental units, 17 buildings (126 -units) at the Pleasant Village Apartments low/mod housing development, shingle replacement with vinyl siding at the Walnut Place Low/Mod Housing Development (31 Housing units) and providing rent/utility payments (not to exceed 3 months) to household experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness. The City will also be providing emergency roof replacement services to three (3) low- and moderate-income homeowners.

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

the 2024 Program Year, the City has budgeted funds for street reconstruction in multiple low/mod areas of the City serving 5,855 persons. The City will eliminate slum/blight through the removal of 15 dilapidated buildings, provide the Fire Department with the purchase of Pressure Ventilations Fans to assist with fire/smoke damages and also to purchase the Jaws of Life for Station 330 (low/mod area). The City will also provide free meals to anyone in need in the East End low/mod area of the City of Altoona.

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

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The City of Altoona has a good performance record and regularly meets the performance standards established by HUD. Each year the City prepares its CAPER Report which is submitted within the ninety (90) days after the end of the reporting year. Currently in the 2023 the City has expended \$743,651.23 of its CDBG funds to benefit low- and moderate-income persons and households, exceeding the 70% minimum requirement. The City expended \$75,917.24 of its funds on public service activities which is below the statutory maximum of 15% and \$90,044.61 in slum and blight activities, which is below the 30% maximum. The City has spent \$329,630.70 which is under the limit of the 20% 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 2024 HOME funds because the City satisfied the distressed criteria for participating jurisdictions in accordance with HOME Program Regulations. In program year 2023, the City received \$351,266 in HOME funds. Total funds expended for the 2023 Program Year consisted of \$27,117.40 for administration costs and \$76,143.50 in project costs. The City has also met the 15% Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) requirement by providing the local CHDO with \$190,000.00 for improvements to the IDA-CDC Evergreen Manor II Kitchen and Corridors.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City of Altoona, in compliance with the Citizen's Participation Plan, advertised the schedule for preparing the 2024 Annual Plan and review of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan in the local newspaper (Altoona Mirror) on January 17, 2024 and January 24, 2024. The City also advertised on the Public

Access Channel starting January 17, 2024 and on the City of Altoona's Website. Emails were sent to non-profit agencies, businesses, churches, City Directors and Elected Officials which included an application to apply for funding, schedule for preparing and approving the 2024 Annual Plan, and a copy of eligible and ineligible CDBG and HOME projects.

Two public hearings were held on February 7, 2024 and April 24, 2024, to provide information on the 2024 Annual Plan process and to accept comments on identified community needs, programs, and project. Copies of the public hearing minutes and attendance sheets are attached. The proposed list of projects for Program Year 2024 were displayed for a 30-day public comment period in the local newspaper on April 17, 2024, copies of the draft 2024 Annual Plan were displayed at the Altoona Housing Authority, City Clerk's Office, the Altoona Public Library and the Department of Community Development. The city also posted all information on the City's Web Page and public access channel before City Council's proposed adoption of the Plan on May 13, 2024.

5. Summary of public comments

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

The City of Altoona held two public hearings for the development of the 2024 HCD Annual Plan. Both hearings were held in a venue that is accessible for persons with disabilities. The Community Development Director, Deputy Director, HOME Program Manager and Clerical Associate III, were in attendance at the 1st and 2nd public hearings. The first public hearing had three (3) public attendees and four (4) staff members. The second public hearing was to present and accept comment on the PY2024 Proposed Annual Plan and any changes to the 5-Yr Plan. Other than staff, there were two (2) public attendees at the 2nd public hearing. Staff went through the agenda items for the 2nd public hearing and then opened the hearing up for public comments. Please see the attached public hearing minutes.

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

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

7. Summary

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

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

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

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

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

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

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

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

1. Introduction

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

Broadband Specific - The City of Altoona's Information Technology Director and Breezeline have both confirmed that the City of Altoona has been wired for cable decades ago in Spring of 2000.

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(l))

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

3	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Altoona Housing Authority</p> <p>PHA</p> <p>Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs</p> <p>Altoona Housing Authority was consulted to ascertain the Housing needs of the City of Altoona.</p>
4	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Blair County Chamber of Commerce</p> <p>Regional organization Planning organization Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders Community Development Financial Institution Private Sector Banking / Financing</p> <p>Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Strategy</p> <p>The Blair County Chamber of Commerce was consulted to ascertain the economic development needs of the City of Altoona.</p>

5	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Catholic Charities</p> <p>Housing</p> <p>Services-Elderly Persons</p> <p>Services-Persons with Disabilities</p> <p>Services-homeless</p> <p>Service-Fair Housing</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless</p> <p>Homeless Needs - Families with children</p> <p>Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth</p> <p>Homelessness Strategy</p> <p>Non-Homeless Special Needs</p> <p>Anti-poverty Strategy</p> <p>Community Development Strategy</p>
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Catholic Charities was consulted to ascertain the fair housing and housing needs of the City of Altoona.</p>
6	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Blair County Community Action</p> <p>Housing</p> <p>Services - Housing</p> <p>Services-homeless</p> <p>Service-Fair Housing</p> <p>Regional organization</p> <p>Planning organization</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment</p>

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

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

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Blair County Drug and Alcohol Program was consulted to ascertain the social service needs of the City of Altoona.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	IMPROVED DWELLINGS ALTOONA, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy Fair Housing
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Improved Dwellings for Altoona, Inc., was consulted to ascertain the housing needs of the City of Altoona.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	ALTOONA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Agency - Emergency Management Other government - Local Regional organization Planning organization Civic Leaders Grantee Department Major Employer

	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy Community Development Strategy</p>
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City of Altoona Department Directors were consulted to identify the needs in the city over a five-year period.</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing Services-Children Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Health Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Regional organization Planning organization Lead</p>

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy Community Development Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	PA Department of Health was contacted for lead numbers and HIV/AIDS statistics and information
15	Agency/Group/Organization	United Way of Blair County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	United Way of Blair County was consulted to ascertain the needs of the homeless in the City of Altoona.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	Altoona Veterans Association
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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 Altoona Veterans Association was consulted to ascertain the needs of local Veterans.

17	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>ALTOONA BLAIR COUNTY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION</p> <p>Services-Employment Regional organization Planning organization Business Leaders</p> <p>Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Strategy</p> <p>ABCD Corporation was consulted to ascertain the economic and community development needs of the City of Altoona.</p>
18	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p> <p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p> <p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p> <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Altoona Center for Nursing Care</p> <p>Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Health</p> <p>Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy</p> <p>The Altoona Center for Nursing Care was consulted to ascertain the social service needs of the City of Altoona.</p>

19	Agency/Group/Organization	CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING OF SOUTH CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Service-Fair Housing Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Center for Independent Living was consulted to ascertain the housing and social service needs of the City of Altoona.

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

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

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Blair County Community Action	They are incorporated in the 2020-2024 5-year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan.
5-Year Plan	Altoona Housing Authority	They are incorporated in the 2020-2024 5-year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan.
Positively Altoona	Community Development Department	They are incorporated in the 2020-2024 5-year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan.
Childhood Lead Surveillance	PA Department of Health	They are incorporated in the 2020-2024 5-year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

N/A

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

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

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Minutes from both of the City of Altoona's Public Hearings are located in the attachments.	Minutes from both of the City of Altoona's Public Hearings are located in the attachments.	All comments have been accepted.	
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Minutes from both of the City of Altoona's Public Hearings are located in the attachments.	Minutes from both of the City of Altoona's Public Hearings are located in the attachments.	All comments have been accepted.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	No response	No response	N/A	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Altoona is estimating receiving \$1,429,439.00 from Community Development Block Grant funds and \$351,266.40 from HOME Investment Partnership Program funds. The City of Altoona is also anticipating program income from the CDBG Program of approximately \$80,000.00 during the 2024 Program Year.

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	1,587,983	80,000	0	1,667,983	0	The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) is a flexible program that provides communities with resources to address a wide range of unique community development needs.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	307,459	0	0	307,459	0	The HOME program is the largest federal block grant to state and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households. HOME funds are awarded annually as formula grants to participating jurisdictions.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

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

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

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

Local Resources - Operation "Our Town" a local philanthropy often contributes funds to the Altoona Law Enforcement Community to assist in dealing with the illegal drug trade issues and to local community activities, such as baseball leagues, City capital planning and general funds are used to leverage Federal funds for various public works projects, including street paving, streetscaping, code/zoning enforcement, planning and policing.

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

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

Discussion

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

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	AMS-1 Overall Coordination	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy	CDBG: \$271,888	Other: 1 Other
2	AMS-2 Fair Housing	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy	CDBG: \$30,000	Other: 1 Other
3	HSS-2 Housing Rehabilitation	2020	2024	Affordable Housing		Housing Strategy	CDBG: \$465,511	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 13 Household Housing Unit
4	CDS-3 Public Services	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development				
5	CDS-1 Community Facilities	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Community Development Strategy		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 24636 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	CDS-4 Clearance/Demolition	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Community Development Strategy	CDBG: \$150,000	Buildings Demolished: 10 Buildings
7	CDS-2 Infrastructure	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Community Development Strategy	CDBG: \$200,827	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4800 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	AMS-1 Overall Coordination
	Goal Description	Program management and oversight for the administration of the Federal Grant Program
2	Goal Name	AMS-2 Fair Housing
	Goal Description	Promote fair housing choice through education, training and outreach to affirmatively furthering fair housing.
3	Goal Name	HSS-2 Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Conserve and rehabilitate existing affordable housing units occupied by owners and renters in the community by addressing code violations, energy efficiency improvements, and accessibility for persons with disabilities.
4	Goal Name	CDS-3 Public Services
	Goal Description	Improve and enhance public services, programs for youth, the elderly and persons with disabilities along with general social/welfare public service programs for low- and moderate-income persons and households.

5	Goal Name	CDS-1 Community Facilities
	Goal Description	Improve parks, recreational facilities, neighborhood facilities and trails including accessibility improvements to public buildings and all community facilities.
6	Goal Name	CDS-4 Clearance/Demolition
	Goal Description	Remove and eliminate slumb and blighting conditions through demolition of vacant, abandoned, and dilapidated structures.
7	Goal Name	CDS-2 Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Improve the public infrastructure through rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction of streets, sidewalks, bridges, curbs, walkways, water, storm water management, sanitary sewers, lighting, handicap accessibility improvements and removal of architectural barriers.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The allocations and priorities were established by the 5-year Consolidated Plan. The PY2024 Plan was constructed after informing all City Directors, Public Officials, Public Safety Dept., Housing Agencies/Organizations, Homeless Agencies and Providers, Social Service Agencies, Fair Housing Organizations, Economic Development Agencies and Faith-Based Institutions, the following projects were established with the intention to provide funding to low and moderate income people/households, elimination of slum and blight and provide administration costs.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Housing & Community Development Administration
2	Fair Housing Administration
3	Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Program
4	Emergency Roof Replacement Program
5	Pleasant Village Roof Replacement
6	Altoona Fire Department District 330 - Purchase of Jaws of Life
7	Fire Department Pressure Ventilations Fans
8	Street Reconstruction
9	Blighted Property Program
10	Center for Community Action Emergency Housing Assistance
11	Overflow Church Meal Program
12	HOME Program Administration
13	Rental Rehabilitation Program
14	IDA-CDC Walnut Place-Shingle Replacement

Table 7 - Project Information

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

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

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Housing & Community Development Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	AMS-1 Overall Coordination
	Needs Addressed	Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$303,596
	Description	Operational budget for the Department of Community Development for general management, monitoring, coordination, oversight and evaluation of projects within the CDBG Program and monitoring of activities necessary for effective planning implementation such as update of the City's Comprehensive Plan, monitoring research and community involvement.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	1301 12th Street, Altoona, PA 16601
	Planned Activities	24 CFR 570.206 21A General Program Administration 570.206
2	Project Name	Fair Housing Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	AMS-2 Fair Housing
	Needs Addressed	Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
	Description	Fair housing activities eliminating housing discrimination through the promotion of fair housing by using education programs, monitoring, research and community involvement.
	Target Date	6/30/2025

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	1301 12th Street, Altoona, PA 16601
	Planned Activities	Entitlement Communities must affirmatively further fair housing through educating residents of the City concerning their rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing act and to raise awareness that all residents of the City of Altoona have a right under Federal law to fair housing choice. 21A General Program Administration 570.206.
3	Project Name	Single Family Rehabilitation Loan Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	HSS-2 Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$465,511
	Description	Rehabilitation loans to low and moderate-income homeowners. Funding for lead-based paint remediation to assist low/moderate income homeowners as part of the City's Rehabilitation Loan.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 low/moderate income households.
	Location Description	City of Altoona
	Planned Activities	LMH 570.208(a)(3)(i)(C)
4	Project Name	Emergency Roof Replacement Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	HSS-2 Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000

	Description	Owner occupied, low-moderate income homeowners that require emergency roof replacement in the City of Altoona. Assistance will be provided to homeowners as 0% interest, deferred loans to be forgiven at a rate of 25% a year over four years. The program is limited to roofs only.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Three (3) low/moderate income households.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	LMH 570.208(a)(3)(i)(C) 14A Rehab; Single-Unit Residential 570.202
5	Project Name	Pleasant Village Roof Replacement
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	HSS-2 Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$225,000
	Description	Removal and replacement of all roofs on seventeen (17) buildings (126-units) at the Altoona Housing Authority's Pleasant Village Apartments.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	126 housing units (401 low/moderate income persons) LMH 570.208(a)(3) 14B Rehabilitation: Multi-Unit Residential 570.202(a)(1)
	Location Description	The Altoona Housing Authority's Low/Mod Housing units are located at 2700 Pleasant Valley Boulevard, Altoona, PA 16602. 126 households (17 buildings) will be provided with newly installed roofs.
	Planned Activities	Removal and replacement of all roofs.
6	Project Name	Altoona Fire Department District 330 - Purchase of Jaws of Life
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	CDS-1 Community Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Strategy

	Funding	CDBG: \$35,983
	Description	Procurement and purchase of "Jaws of Life" for the Altoona Fire Department District 330
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Persons located in Census Tract 1015, 1016, 1017, and 1018 - 6,895 low/moderate income persons with 12,300 non low/moderate persons. LMA 570.201(c) 030 Fire Station/Equipment
	Location Description	Fire Station - Altoona Fire Dept. District 330 is located at 530 Crawford Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602. This Fire Station serves Census Tracts 1015, 1016, 1017 and 1018 which is a 56.06% percent low and moderate income area.
	Planned Activities	LMA 570.201(c) 030 Fire Station/Equipmnt
7	Project Name	Fire Department Pressure Ventilations Fans
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	CDS-1 Community Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,230
	Description	Purchase of three sixteen-inch and one eighteen-inch Super Vac battery-powered positive pressure ventilation fans (PPV) used at a fire scene to remove smoke, heat, and combustion products by using a positive airflow. This equipment will be placed at Fire Districts 310 and 330 both areas are primarily low/moderate income.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	15,935 persons in AFD District 310 with 8,915 being low/moderate income or 55.95% low/mod. 12,300 persons in AFD District 330 with 6,895 being low/moderate income or 56.06% low/mod.
	Location Description	AFD District 310 is located at 1319 Washington Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601 AFD District 330 is located at 530 Crawford Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602

	Planned Activities	The purchase of equipment. LMA 570.201(c) 030 Fire Station/Equipment
8	Project Name	Street Reconstruction
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	CDS-2 Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$200,827
	Description	Bituminous reconstruction on streets and avenues within the low/mod income areas of the City of Altoona.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3,335 low/mod persons or 69% L/M - Total persons 4800.
	Location Description	Block group 1005 BG 1,2; 1006 BG 3,4; 1017 BG 4; 1009 BG 3
	Planned Activities	Paving of City of Altoona streets and avenues. LMA 570.208(a)(1)(i) 03K Street Improvements 570.201(c)
9	Project Name	Blighted Property Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	CDS-4 Clearance/Demolition
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$276,835
	Description	Prevention or elimination of spot blight through property acquisition, relocation, safeguarding, demolition and disposition activities.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The removal of fifteen (15) dilapidated buildings.

	Location Description	City of Altoona, PA
	Planned Activities	Demolition of dilapidated housing and commercial buildings. SBS 570.208(b)(2) 04 Clearance and Demolition 570.201(d)
10	Project Name	Center for Community Action Emergency Housing Assistance
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	CDS-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	Emergency housing assistance providing rent and utility assistance for up to 3 months to prevent homelessness and utility shutoffs.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	54 low/moderate income persons with emergency payment of rent and utilities for up to three months.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Payments made directly to the provider of the service on behalf of an individual or family for up to three months with assistance and supportive services to households experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness. LMC PS
11	Project Name	Overflow Church Meal Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	CDS-3 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	Overflow Church will serve meals during Fall/Winter located at 127 5th Avenue, Altoona, PA and will provide community meals at Jefferson Park 118 4th Avenue, Altoona during Spring/Summer.
	Target Date	6/30/2025

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	C.T. 1017 Block Groups 2,3,4 (3120 persons with 1905 being low/mod (61% Low-Mod)
	Location Description	127 5th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602 118 4th Avenue, Altoona, PA 16602
	Planned Activities	Serving meals to persons in Census tract 1017.
12	Project Name	HOME Program Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	AMS-1 Overall Coordination
	Needs Addressed	Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,745
	Description	HOME Investment Partnership Program Administration
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not Applicable - Administration Costs
	Location Description	The activity is located at 1301 12th Street, Altoona, PA 16601
Planned Activities	The National Objective is Administration The Matrix Code is 21H Administration/Planning Costs of PJ	
13	Project Name	Rental Rehabilitation Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	HSS-2 Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Strategy
	Funding	HOME: \$118,192

	Description	Activity is carried out by City staff and provides deferred loans to private landlords to rehabilitate private rental units city-wide that are subsequently leased to low-income households and subject to a five-year affordability period. Landlords must provide a minimum of 50% matching funds (match budgeted at \$149,500). These improvements will ensure that the units will provide safe, decent affordable housing to low- and moderate-income households.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 Income Eligible Families
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	The project is eligible under 24 CFR 92.205(a)(1). The housing will meet the property standards in 92.251 upon project completion
14	Project Name	IDA-CDC Walnut Place-Shingle Replacement
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	HSS-2 Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Strategy
	Funding	HOME: \$158,521
	Description	Replacing the existing shingles on the side of Walnut Place, a 31-unit apartment building with vinyl siding. This will make the building more sustainable, livable and marketable as a result for low-income households.
	Target Date	6/30/2025
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	31 low to moderate income households
	Location Description	2701 Walnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601
	Planned Activities	Replace shingles on the side of Walnut Place's facade with vinyl siding. Giving the building a more modern look and to be more cost effective than replacing with the same materials.

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 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 areas's needs. The City of Altoona has an overall low- and moderate-income percentage of 50.55% and a total population 44,910.

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

Geographic Distribution

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

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

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

Discussion

Not applicable

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of Altoona, PA, will utilize its CDBG and HOME funds to rehabilitate affordable housing units. The one-year goals for affordable housing in the City of Altoona for FY 2024 are as follows:

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	180
Special-Needs	0
Total	180

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	180
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	180

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

Discussion

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

CDBG-Single Family Homeowner Rehabilitation - The continued funding of citywide rehabilitation loans to low- and moderate-income homeowners. Funding for lead-based paint remediation to assist low/moderate income homeowners as part of the City's Rehabilitation Program. Proposed rehabilitation of 10 housing units.

CDBG Emergency Homeowner Roof Replacement Program to low-moderate income homeowners. Proposed 3 housing units.

CDBG - Altoona Housing Authority Pleasant Village Roof Replacement. Proposed 126 housing units.

HOME-Rental Rehabilitation Program - City administers rental rehabilitation deferred loan program consisting of a 50/50 financial match. Units will be made available to income eligible tenants and comply with HOME affordable period requirements. Structures located within the City's limits which

contain substandard rental units are eligible. Rehabilitation of approximately 10 units.

HOME-IDA-CDC Chateau of Altoona, Inc. - Shingles replacement with vinyl siding at Walnut Place. 31 Housing Units.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

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

The Housing Authority owns and manages 516 public housing units, of which 28 are accessible. In addition, the Housing Authority administers 937 Housing Choice Vouchers. A total of 9 Enhanced Vouchers were under contract on April 1, 2024. In addition, the Altoona Housing Authority administers 35 Veterans Administration Supportive Housing (VASH) Vouchers.

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

During FY 2024, the City of Altoona will continue to cooperate with the Altoona Housing Authority in meeting the needs of residents residing in low-income housing. The Altoona Housing Authority's goals and objectives for this year are to continue to reduce public housing vacancies through collaboration efforts between management and maintenance to reach 98% occupancy, increase level of landlord participation in Section 8 Voucher Program through educational workshops, maintain PHAS & SEMAP scores with high performer status, continuation of customer service training for staff, continuation of resident customer satisfaction surveys to determine areas for improvement, continuation of work with the City of Altoona on Code Enforcement, Fair Housing workshops and work on expansion of home-ownership programs, renovate and modernize public housing units through Capital Fund modernization, and continue to work with the Blair County Housing Authority, the Indiana County Housing Authority, and the Jefferson County Housing Authority in housing VASH participants within the City limits.

In regard to security, the Housing Authority is under contract with the City of Altoona Police Department to provide police services at Green Avenue & Eleventh Street Towers and at Fairview Hills, as needed.

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

The Housing Authority has a Resident Advisory Board consisting of residents from Fairview Hills, the Green Avenue Tower, the Eleventh Street Tower, as well as Section 8 recipients. We encourage residents to participate on the Resident Advisory Board to assist the Housing Authority in making decisions pertaining to modernization activities and providing ideas for other community programs and activities, such as a Resident Organization.

Currently, the Eleventh Street Tower has an active resident organization. The Housing Authority hopes that residents at the Green Avenue Tower and Fairview Hills will show interest in starting a resident

organization at their development.

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

The Altoona Housing Authority is designated as a "high performer".

Discussion

Not applicable

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

Introduction

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

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

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

Center for Community Action (CCA) is an Access site for the CoC Coordinated Entry Program. They employ both the Regional Manager and a Coordinated Entry Specialist. Along with 211, CCA conducts assessments for those that are homeless or near homeless and sends referrals to organizations that may be able to assist them.

All programs operated by CCA require an intake assessment to find out each household's unique needs. Referrals are then made, either in house or to other community resources, to address those needs. Additionally, BCCA conducts a Point-In-Time Count annually per HUD guidelines. During this count, volunteers conduct a street search and CCA's Blair County office becomes a drop-in site for households to be counted.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The CoC annually funds a rapid re-housing program operated in Altoona/Blair County by the CCA, that serves the general public and the subpopulation of those aged 18-25 having mental or physical disabilities but who are able to live independently. This program offers a variety of supportive services to clients to assist them to acquire permanent housing. Services include life skills training, employment services, emergency clothing/food, case management, housing search assistance and budget counseling. CCA also receives the ESG to assist individuals and families that are homeless under HUD's guidelines so that they gain safe, affordable housing. Through the ESG funds, the agency assists those in need of homeless prevention (eg. those that have an eviction notice). With this funding, participants have to meet income guidelines. Funds fluctuate from year to year, but do help assist the general population. CCA will be operating the Housing Assistance Program (HAP) that serves homeless individuals that meet income and other requirements to secure safe, affordable housing and/or to obtain temporary shelter (e.g. hotel stays).

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families

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

CCA strives to help 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 programs that CCA manages offer a variety of supportive services to clients to assist them in the transition to permanent housing. These services include; life skills training, employment services, provision of clothing/food, case management, housing search assistance and budget counseling. We can also provide intensive case management services and additional resources on a case by case basis through our Community Based Case Management (CBCM) and Cultivating Health for Success (CHFS) programs.

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.

CCA is in the process of starting a re-entry program in Blair County for individuals coming out of the Blair County Prison with Pennsylvania Housing Affordability and Rehabilitation (PHARE) and Community services Block Grant (CSBG) Discretionary funds. The Emergency Solutions Grant Program (ESG) and the Housing Assistance Program (HAP) also help prevent low-income families from becoming homeless. We can also provide intensive case management services and additional resources on a case by case basis through our Community Based Case Management (CBCM) and Cultivating Health for Success (CHFS) programs.

Discussion

Not applicable

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

Introduction:

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

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

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

Not Applicable

Discussion:

Specific to the FY 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023 and moving forward with the FY 2024 Annual Action Plan, the City of Altoona will use the following activities to assist in removing barriers to affordable housing as well as implement the updates of the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice as above.

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

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

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

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

HOME IDA-CDC Chateau of Altoona, Inc., - Installing vinyl siding on the outside of the property.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

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

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

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

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

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

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

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

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

Rehabilitation Programs:

The City of Altoona will continue to ensure that:

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

and clearance services when required.

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

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

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

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

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

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

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

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

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

Discussion:

Not applicable

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The City of Altoona receives an annual allocation of CDBG and HOME funds. Since the City receives these federal allocations, the questions below have been completed as they are applicable. The City of Altoona anticipates that it will receive up to \$80,000 in program income from the repayment of Housing Rehabilitation Loans. These funds have been included in the FY 2024 Program Year Budget. There are no existing program income funds that have been received and which have not been programmed.

The city in partnering with Improved Dwellings for Altoona Community Development Corporation (IDA-CDC), the City's CHDO. IDA-CDC does not loan any monies for planning and administration, CHDO operating, CHDO capacity building and project specific expenses. The city does not require the 25% match. All funds go directly towards the project specific development. Under the IDA-CDC Chateau of Altoona, Inc. - Walnut Place Low/Mod Housing, IDA-CDC is receiving CHDO's 15% or \$52,689.96 plus an additional \$101,449.80 of HOME entitlement directed to towards this project. IDA-CDC is receiving 44% of the City's HOME Funds for PY2024.

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	80,000
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:	80,000

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
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2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.

0.00%

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

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

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

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

See Attachment ????? "Affordable Housing: 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:

See Attachment ????? "Affordable Housing: 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:

See Attachment ????? "Affordable Housing: Homeownership Guidelines"

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

Not applicable

6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will

narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

Not applicable

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

The Program Year 2024 HOME Program Allocation is \$307,459.00

\$30,745.90 or 10% of the grant is budgeted for general administration.

15% of the total allocation or \$46,118.85 is allocated to Improved Dwellings for Altoona Community Development Corporation (IDA-CDC), the City's CHDO. IDA-CDC is receiving a total of \$158,521.40 which includes the CHDO 15% minimum set aside and an additional HOME entitlement amount of \$112,402.55 of the total 2024 HOME funding allocation. Funding is subject to the five-year affordability period. This project will provide for the replacement of vinyl siding at the Chateau of Altoona- Walnut Place Low/Mod Housing Development.

\$118,192.60 in HOME funds will provide deferred loans directly to landlords (requires a private 50% match) to renovate 10 apartments throughout the City of Altoona that will be subsequently leased to low- and moderate-income households and subject to a five-year affordability period. Program is administered by City Staff.

Program income for the HOME Program received historically has been \$5.00 to \$40.00 per year, consisting of interest earned on the HOME Checking Account. Projected amount of HOME program income for 2024 will be approximately \$600.00

Not applicable