

City of Joplin, Missouri
Community Development Block Grant
And HOME Partnership
Investment Program

FY2024

ACTION PLAN

JOPLIN

PLANNING, DEVELOPMENT, & NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES

FY2024 ACTION PLAN QUICK GLANCE

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT:	**$568,581.00**
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP:	**$613,842.00**

ANNUAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

PROVIDE SAFE, DECENT, AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING

HOMEOWNER HOUSING UNITS ADDED (NEW CONSTRUCTION)	**6+ UNITS**

IMPROVE INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENCOURAGE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN THE EAST TOWN AREA ($371,864 IN INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS)

IMPROVE LIVELIHOOD THROUGH PUBLIC SERVICE GRANTS

HOMELESSNESS REPORTING AND PREVENTION	**200 PEOPLE**

PROJECTS

CDBG PROGRAM	**$568,581.00**
INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS	**$371,864.80**

Funding to improve infrastructure conditions in the Eastown Neighborhood. The primary focus of this year's funding will be on sidewalk projects to improve connectivity to neighborhood amenities.

COORDINADED ENTRY PROGRAM **$ 50,000.00**

Coordinated Entry is a point of contact assessment of the homeless or those in danger of becoming homeless. Clients are referred to the appropriate services through the Homeless Coalition.

HOMELESS COALITION HMIS FUNDING **$ 17,000.00**

Funding provided to the Homeless Coalition for use of HMIS, a homelessness database required by the Department of Housing and Urban Development

ADMINISTRATION AND PLANNING **$ 113,716.20**

Pro-rata share of salary and benefits of Planning/ Community Development staff plus overhead including supplies, rent, etc. Also includes $2,500 of funding for the Community Housing Resource Board for the promotion of Fair Housing.

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM $613,842.00

CHDO ACTIVITIES **$552,457.80**

A Community Housing Development Organization will act as the owner and developer of properties to be newly constructed or rehabilitated for homebuyers.

***COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HOUSING ORGANIZATION CAN APPLY FOR MULTIFAMILY DEVELOPMENT AS WELL AS SINGLEFAMILY UNDER THIS ALLOCATION**

***COMMENT HAS BEEN RECEIVED TO ALLOCATE FUNDS TO NEW CONSTRUCTION IN CONSIDERATION OF AVALIABLE ALTERNATIVE FUNDS FOR REHABILITATION AND CURRENT DEMAND FOR NEW HOUSING**

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION ACTIVITIES **$ 61,384.20**

Pro-rata share of Planning/ Community Development staff and overhead.

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The FY 2024 Action Plan identifies projects and activities meant to address the needs and goals of the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. The plan guides the direction of the CDBG and HOME programs for the next fiscal year. This is the final Action Plan under the current 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.

The plan lays out a number of projects meant to address the needs identified in the most recent Consolidated Plan. These projects include:

- Neighborhood Revitalization Activities (Infrastructure Improvements, specifically sidewalks however sanitary sewer and stormwater improvements are also needed)
- Public Services Activities (HMIS funding, Coordinated Entry Program, Neighborhood Clean Up & Tool Lending library)
- Homeowner Rehabilitation
- CHDO Homebuyer New Construction
- Façade Grants – Slum & Blight removal

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's past programs have focused on community needs that continue to exist including aging housing and infrastructure, and neighborhood and public improvements. The programs the City has used to address these needs have been well received by residents and neighborhood organizations. Neighborhood Cleanup activities are undertaken annually, and the Tool Lending Library continues to operate for income qualifying residents of the City. This year Community Development intends to fund the Tool lending Library to expand the number of tools to increase services. The City of Joplin will continue to meet its identified needs and goals through housing, infrastructure and public service

projects. The Joplin HOME Consortium has continued to meet the minimum required CHDO production for the timely expenditure of HOME funds. Production for the rehabilitation programs has been slowed due to high demand for contractors during the housing shortage. Community Development has been working on a new partnership arrangement to pool contractors with participating non-profits, as production needs to be addressed to ensure the success of the program and timeliness of funds. In short, the number of agencies participating with the Homeowner rehabilitation program is being expanded.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The participation process for developing this One Year Action Plan included:

- Two advertised public meetings in the publication of record for Jasper County, the Joplin Globe (November 27, 2023 at the Joplin Public Housing Authority; and January 8, 202 at Joplin City Hall for in person attendance of the online meeting of the Homeless Coalition)
- Two 30-day public comment period (November 28th, 2023 - December 28, 2023 & January 9th, 2024 – February 8, 2024)
- Meetings with community partners and stakeholders to discuss previous projects, community needs, and potential for additional partnerships.
- Public Hearing at the April 1, 2024 City Council Meeting; Council approved the plan via resolution at this meeting.

Attendance registers and proof of public notice are included in Attachment A.

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 entitlement program received one direct comment from Habitat for Humanity requesting fund for new construction be prioritized. Currently the City has available alternative funds for homeowner rehabilitation, and with the current market conditions and need for affordable homes, reallocating funds for new construction is recommended and incorporated into this years plan. Homeless Coalition that public service funding is a high priority for services they provide. At the January 8th meeting, the general discussion surrounding the allocation of funds for all grants was positive. The Homeless Coalition remains a high priority for public service dollars given the continued high number of homeless over the last two years.

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

No comments received were not accepted.

7. Summary

Based on feedback received during public meetings, additional venues for public comment will need to be explored, either online or targeted.

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

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

The following are the agencies/entities 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	Joplin	Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services
HOME Administrator	Joplin	Planning, Development and Neighborhood Services

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The City of Joplin acts as administrator for all Community Development Block Grant funded projects within the jurisdiction of the City of Joplin and administers all HOME funded projects throughout the jurisdiction of the Joplin HOME Consortia on behalf of all members.

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

1. Introduction

Consultation on the development of the plan occurred early this year and the plan has been further developed through public meetings and public comment.

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 Joplin's Public Housing Authority is a separate entity who develops their own plans and receives their own funding. The highest public participation was the public meeting held at the PHA in the formulation of this Action Plan. However, the City does utilize the Housing Authority as a valuable resource in developing plans and identifying at-needs populations. One such growing population in the city is the elderly. Our Housing Authority has identified this as a need area, and we will be partnering with them to develop strategies by which to remedy this and other problems. Some potential strategies have been identified as part of the 2021 Comprehensive Joplin Housing Study. City staff and Public Housing Authority staff serve on the Community Housing Resource Board to promote fair housing and to ensure regular contact and awareness of activities performed by both entities.

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 Joplin assists the area's Homeless Coalition with the administration of their HMIS system through reimbursement through an annual public service grant. Furthermore, City department staff serve on the Homeless Coalition Board and committees including the Vice-Chair for the Homeless Coalition and chair of the Prioritization Committee. The City also serves as a consultant for the Coalition and will work with the Coalition to develop strategies for combating homelessness. In the development of the Consolidated Plan, we met with Homeless Coalition members to discuss the homeless needs of the area.

The City has recently completed a homelessness strategic plan. The focus of the is creating a regional commission on homelessness to better engage with surrounding jurisdictions and agencies, as well as system of care team to enhance coordination between providers and develop key initiatives for implementation to be utilized by all providers.

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 Joplin serves as an environmental oversight body for all of the Continuum of Care Organizations Operating in our area; However the involvement over the allocation of ESG funds is limited to staff serving as chair on the prioritization committee as a member of the coalition who does not apply for ESG. However, the City does provide CDBG funds towards the reimbursement of the Homeless Coalition's HMIS use. The system allows the Coalition to identify the shortfalls in our service of homeless populations.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

1	**Agency/Group/Organization**	ECONOMIC SECURITY CORPORATION OF THE SOUTHWEST AREA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Lead-based Paint Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Economic Security Corporation of the Southwest Area provides a number of services to the Joplin Consortium Area. They preside over the area's Homeless Coalition, are a CHDO, and they provide a number of other services to low-income individuals. ESC was consulted throughout the process in order to develop a better plan in regards to housing and homelessness strategies.
2	**Agency/Group/Organization**	JOPLIN AREA HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Service-Fair Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Joplin Area Habitat for Humanity is a valuable housing resource for the City of Joplin; the City has partnered with them numerous times in the past to provide housing opportunities for low-moderate income families. With their housing expertise, JAHFH was consulted in regards to housing needs of the area specifically. They provided guidance on housing and market needs.
3	**Agency/Group/Organization**	One Joplin
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization Coalition
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs 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?	One Joplin is a coalition, collaborative effort to bring together service agencies from across the Joplin Area. The effort currently has three work groups, which focus on health, human services, and poverty. The City has representatives on all three teams, but the Community Development Division works primarily with the Poverty work team. The Poverty team has afforded the opportunity to discuss and design methods to "move the needle" on poverty. The group has provided input on the proposed Action Plan, and will continue to help guide program resources where they are needed.
4	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Community Housing Resource Board
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Community Housing Resource Board serves as a Fair Housing outreach and advocacy group within the City of Joplin. Their input is valuable in identifying housing need areas and needed policy changes. The group will be especially important as the City begins the Assessment of Fair Housing Process in the 2017 Program Year.
5	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Legal Aid of Western Missouri - Joplin Office
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Regional organization LMI Legal Services
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs 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?	Legal Aid of Western Missouri has entered into agreement to provide legal services to non-profit housing organizations to further affordable housing. Legal Aid also is working with One Joplin and the City on Landlord/Tenant education.
6	**Agency/Group/Organization**	US Ignite, INC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Joplin is a member of US Ignite as part of the Smart Cities resiliency program. Currently the City is conducting a broadband gap analysis as part of this partnership. Link to surveys are on the Joplin Website https://www.joplinmo.org/1124/Smarter-Joplin. Smarter Joplin is also part of the resiliency component of the Disaster Recovery Program.
7	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Joplin Economic Housing Development Initiative
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Service-Fair Housing Regional organization Community Housing Development Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Currently the most active CHDO in the Consortium and was key to planning to meet expenditure needs for the Consortium.
	Agency/Group/Organization	Missouri Stat Public Defender's Office

8	**Agency/Group/Organization Type**	Regional organization LMI Legal Services
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs 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 agency attended the CoC meeting to coordinate services with the CoC and provide a presentation
9	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Missouri Department of Mental Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Behavioral Heath Services-Elderly Persons Service-Veterans Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Member of the Homeless Coalition and primary provider of shelter care+
10	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Veterans Administration
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Veterans Services-Elderly Persons Service-Fair Housing Regional organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Attended the CoC meeting
11	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Joplin Job Cener
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – Job Training Services-Youth
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The principle provider of LMI job training in the area, hope to coordinate in the future

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

The City does not identify any agencies which there would be a rational for not consulting. Some agencies might not be directly listed, but only due to their participation being achieved through program administration of other organizations and coalitions. For example, Jasper County is not listed as an agency consulted but Economic Security Corporation operates the Jasper County Public Housing Authority and Unincorporated Jasper County is a member of the Joplin HOME Consortium, and therefore is consulted through other means.

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	The Homeless Coalition of SWMO	Concurrence
Comprehensive Plan 2012	City of Joplin	Housing
2020 Comprehensive Housing Study	City of Joplin	Housing
2024 Strategic Homelessness Plan	City of Joplin	Homelessness/Housing

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

The City of Joplin Engineering department is responsible for floodplain management with the Director of Engineering being the designated floodplain manager. Currently the department has completed a multi-year flood plain FIRM update in coordination with MO DNR and has identified eight flood control projects to be completed in the next 10 years.

Further the Emergency Management Department of the City of Joplin is responsible for response and resiliency to disasters. Feedback and regional consultation is regularly conducted through partnerships and committees such and the Local Emergency Planning Committee, the Jasper/Newton County Emergency Healthcare Coalition, the Community Organizations Active in Disaster Coalition, and the Four Corners

Emergency management group form all four states in this region. Public education and training are provided by the department to improve local resiliency to disasters and are regularly located in LMI areas. https://www.joplinmo.org/221/Plan-Prepare

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 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

Currently the City of Joplin solicits feedback from the public in accordance with the Citizen Participation plan including two public meetings, two comment periods, Council meetings, newspaper adds and internet outreach. Further stakeholder engagement is held with discussion with current participant and subrecipients in the program reviewing program performance. Community Development activities funded by Housing and Urban Development are also included in the framework for discussion for any activities taking place in target areas identified in current action plans. For example, Historic Preservation efforts such as nomination of National Register Districts in LMI neighborhoods involve public engagement with respect to ongoing Community Development efforts and not solely those related to Historic Preservation.

The pandemic identified a weakness in the public participation process for the City. In person meetings at times were unable to be held or had low attendance. The City hopes to include in a future adopted budget, licensing for on online platform to receive public feedback for ongoing City programs, whether they be related to Community Development or other departments.

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)
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	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/ broad community	Advertisement to encourage public attendance at public meetings. Resulted in no attendance other than participating non-profits.	The Homeless Coalition provided feedback at the positive effect of funding to Coordinated Entry		http://www.joplinglobe.com/
2	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/ broad community				https://www.joplinmo.org/992/HUD-Documents-and-Program-Applications
3	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ broad community				

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

As of the time this draft of the plan was written and presented, the allocation has not been received by HUD. All allocation are based on last years allocation and funding for infrastructure will be adjusted contingent of final allocation for CDBG and CHDO funding will

be adjusted based of allocation for the HOME Consortium.

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	568,581	0	0	568,581	568,581	The prior years resources reflect funds allocated to projects approved under previous plan but are ongoing.
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	613,842	0	0	613,842	613,842	On average, the City of Joplin receives a $500,000 annual HOME allocation. These funds will be used to provide safe, decent, and affordable housing through New Construction and Rehabilitation Activities.
Other	public - federal	Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Services	56,000	0	0	56,000	56,000	Current amount of CDBG-CV funds

Other	public - federal	Public Improvements Other	3,600,000	0	0	3,600,000	3,600,000	This is an estimated amount of CDBG-DR I funds available during the reporting period. CDBG-DR II is closed.
Other	Public - Federal	Acquisition Non-Congregant Shelter Housing TBRA	1,600,000			1,600,000	1,600,000	The Amount of HOME-ARP Funds

Table 2 - 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 most recent Housing Study identified potential avenues to increase the funds leveraged. Currently there are existing financing options through State agencies such as MHDC that are not currently utilized at a high rate. Such financing could be utilized if lenders and homebuyers are made more aware of their availability. The City intends to encourage use of private financing with HOME funds in the mix to increase the provision of affordable housing. More program options in offering CHDO homebuyer assistance, in addition to subsidizing construction, can help incentivize homebuilders to adjust to program changes and help difficult to qualify homebuyers. Partial subsidy of construction and homebuyer assistance will spare more funds for other projects, while simultaneously improving a significant difficulty of program participants by qualifying homebuyers. The Community Development office is also working to clean title on County owned lots to assist in the provision of buildable lots for affordable housing developers. The City is also investigating the creation of a CDFI using City Use Tax funds. The intent is to drastically increase the ability to leverage dollars through the New Market Tax Credit Program and the Capitol Magnet Fund.

Following the Joplin Tornado, there was a large amount of non-federal assistance in the form of donated dollars to area housing non-profits. Non-profits that work with the Joplin HOME program used these dollars produce a number of HOME eligible projects that were claimed as HOME match. Currently the City of Joplin has a large match credit balance of over $1.5 million. The City continues to earn a limited amount of HOME match through waived permits and parts of HOME projects that are not Federally funded, but relies on match credit to ensure that the program meets match requirements. HOME match was again waived following the pandemic and has allowed the HOME match balance to grow once again. The City implementing a Use Tax and ARPS funded for a sizeable homeowner rehab program.

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

Community development is currently funding cleaning titles of a limited number of lots, and the subrecipient has filed at the circuit court. The City is also coordinating with the County to convey lots in the County Trust to affordable housing providers.

Discussion

Using the City's annual allocations over the course of the next year, the City's goal will be to develop and revitalize the low-moderate income areas of the community. The primary area of focus for the Action Plan reporting period is the East Town Neighborhood.

The City of Joplin HOME program largely benefits the Low/Moderate and low-income household. Extremely low-income household are difficult to quality for homeownership and very few if any of the homeowner rehab applicants fall into the extremely low-income category. When an extremely low-income household applies to the homeowner rehab program, they are prioritized based on need. Most extremely low-income household benefit is achieved through the CDBG public service activities, specifically homelessness prevention. In an average year, approximately 200 households are served through coordinated entry and through the Housing Connect program are sheltered or permanently housed.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Provide Safe, decent affordable housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Safe Decent Affordable Housing	HOME: $553,537	Homeowner Housing Added: 4 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 4 Household Housing Unit
2	Improve infrastructure and Encourage economic Dev	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Census Tract 101	Public Infrastructure and Facility Improvements	CDBG: $472,147	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1200 Persons Assisted
3	Improve livelihood through Public Service Activity	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Public Services for Low income and Special Needs	CDBG: $67,000	Homelessness Prevention: 200 Persons Assisted

Table 3 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	**Goal Name**	Provide Safe, decent affordable housing
	Goal Description	New Construction and rehabilitation projects to be completed through coordination with local non-profit organizations such as Habitat for Humanity and Economic Security Corporation in the East Town Neighborhood, a Low-Mod area. Due to the low property values of the area and low area median income, homeownership is difficult to qualify for any but low-income households. If the goal of 6 new home owner households to benefit, it is likely that 5 will be low/moderate income and hopefully at least one be a low-income household.
2	**Goal Name**	Improve infrastructure and Encourage economic Dev
	Goal Description	Providing for the repair and rehabilitation of infrastructure in the East Town Neighborhood. These infrastructure projects will seek to add sidewalks, improve road conditions, and repair and add sanitary sewer systems. Furthermore, there is a planned economic development activity this action plan to create/retain jobs.
3	**Goal Name**	Improve livelihood through Public Service Activity
	Goal Description	Assisting the goals of the Homeless Coalition with the purpose of reducing homelessness though reimbursement for the use of their HMIS system and opening dialogues through reimbursement of the Community Housing Resource Board. In addition, funding will be provided to the Homeless Coalition for the Continuance of their Coordinated Entry Program and neighborhood clean-up will receive an allocation to maintain that activity.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

#	Project Name
1	2024 CDBG Planning and Admin
2	2024 HOME Planning and Admin
3	2024 CHDO Activities
4	2024 Public Infrastructure
5	2024 Public Service activities

Table 4 – Project Information

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

The Coordinated Entry program continues to assist the Homeless Coalition provide services to current needs. Funding will remain at current levels while the observed increase in demand of services is observed. Neighborhood feedback has continued to be in support of neighborhood infrastructure improvements specifically sidewalks north of Broadway in the neighborhood of East Town. HOME funds have been allocated based on past performance and production has increased significantly as a form homebuyer new construction. This year homeowner rehab is unfunded due to the availability of alternative funds. Lack of funding is the most significant obstacle to serving underserved needs. Slum and Blight funds have been expended. The new target area for slum and blight renewal is still in the Sunshine lamp District, however further south than before, one the area received designation. If the area does not received designation, the plan will be amended to move the funds into infrastructure.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	**Project Name**	2024 Public Service Activities
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Improve livelihood through Public Service Activity
	Needs Addressed	Public Services for Low income and Special Needs
	Funding	CDBG: $85,000 under this plan.
	Description	Public services provided through the Homeless Coalition including funding for HMIS and Coordinated Entry. Further programs include Tool Lending Library and Neighborhood Cleanup funded under this plan
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 select clientele individuals. Tool Lending Library/approximately 20 income qualifying individuals
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
2	**Project Name**	2024 CHDO Activities
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide Safe, decent affordable housing
	Needs Addressed	Safe Decent Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: $552,457
	Description	
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	

	Planned Activities	Area is throughout the HOME Consortium. Activities include all provision of new housing received from a designated CHDO that meet HOME eligibility, however, most will be likely single family new construction.
3	**Project Name**	2024 Public Infrastructure
	Target Area	Census Tract 101
	Goals Supported	Improve infrastructure and Encourage economic Dev
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure and Facility Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: $371,864
	Description	
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	600 Residents in the Neighborhood of East Town
	Location Description	East Town Neighborhood
	Planned Activities	
4	**Project Name**	2024 CDBG Planning and Admin
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide Safe, decent affordable housing Improve infrastructure and Encourage economic Dev Improve livelihood through Public Service Activity
	Needs Addressed	Safe Decent Affordable Housing Public Infrastructure and Facility Improvements Public Services for Low income and Special Needs
	Funding	CDBG: $113,716.00
	Description	
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	

	Planned Activities	
5	**Project Name**	2024 HOME Planning and Admin
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Provide Safe, decent affordable housing Improve infrastructure and Encourage economic Dev Improve livelihood through Public Service Activity
	Needs Addressed	Safe Decent Affordable Housing Public Infrastructure and Facility Improvements Public Services for Low income and Special Needs
	Funding	CDBG: $61,384.00
	Description	
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Target area is throughout the HOME Consortium

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 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 has a few census tracts that are identified as to having 51% Low-Moderate Income households. These census tracts are 101, 106.1, 108, and 110 have been the traditional LMI tract in the City. Census tract 106.2 has since been reclassified since the 2020 Census. Public improvements for FY 2023 will be concentrated in tract 101, more specifically in the East Town neighborhood. Additionally, HOME projects will be located within the Consortia area with hopes to serve unserved Consortium members.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Sunshine Lamp District	**15**
Census Tract 101	**70**
Citywide	**15**

Table 5 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

By concentrating a large portion of our funds on a specific area, we can make a more profound impact. East Town is an area that has been identified as high need by city staff and residents who currently reside in the area. It is also a very large neighborhood and has been a multi-year effort to improve the neighborhood Infrastructure.

Discussion

The City of Joplin's target areas are those areas of the City that are generally considered to be low-income or difficult to develop. The City is also coordinating the efforts of area non-profits in the same target area both in terms of housing and services. Non-entitlement funded community projects, including historic preservation activities, are underway and are meant to stabilize the target area on a long-term horizon. Further opportunity will be available for the target areas contingent on the Use Tax funded activities that are selected for implementation, especially the neighborhood and hosing related programs.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.420, 91.220(g)

Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported
Homeless - 200
Non-Homeless - 15
Special-Needs
Total - 215

Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through
Rental Assistance
The Production of New Units - 4
Rehab of Existing Units - 6
Acquisition of Existing Units
Total - 10

Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The yearly goal for the City of Joplin is to be able to provide housing assistance to as many families as possible. Through the construction of new housing inventory, we hope to further affordable housing for citizens.

AP-60 Public Housing - 91.420, 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Joplin Public Housing Authority currently manages 168 public housing units and oversees 435 Section 8 Vouchers. The Housing Authority upkeeps their units to an exceptional standard and ensures Section 8 landlord's compliance. The City of Joplin does not directly oversee or manage the Housing Authority.

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

The Joplin Public Housing Authority has identified the following goals during the upcoming year: expand the supply of affordable housing; reduce public housing vacancies; leverage private or other public funds to create additional housing opportunities; improve the quality of affordable housing; increase customer satisfaction; conduct outreach efforts to potential voucher landlords; continue to implement voucher homeownership program; promotion of self-sufficiency of residents. Further, the PHA is currently in the process of implementing a Rental Assistance Demonstration to create greater flexibility and cost efficiency in program delivery.

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

First, the Housing Authority of Joplin regularly has resident representation on the governing Board. One of the major goals of the housing authority is the promotion of self-sufficiency for their residents. While there are no formal programs for home ownership or assistance within the housing authority, residents do have resources available to them through the City or other area non-profits. The Housing Authority and the Community Development division hope to refer one to two Housing Authority residents to become homeowners through CHDO activities within the next reporting period. This intention to provide CR homebuyer assistance as part of CHDO activity underwriting should help qualify least-well off public housing residents that are determined to be good candidates for homeownership.

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

The Housing Authority is not designated as troubled.

Discussion

The Joplin Public Housing Authority Director meets quarterly with the Community Development Office to inform both organization on ongoing operations. This is achieved through both the Community Development Planner and the Public Housing Director serving on the Community Housing Resource Board.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities - 91.420, 91.220(i)

Introduction

The Homeless Coalition has been making improvements to permanently house the homeless and address special needs annually. The number assisted has increased, however the last point-in-time count has shown a slight increase in the unsheltered. Upon completion of follow-up survey, the coalition found that an unusual number of homeless are not from the area as compared to previous years.

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

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

The Homeless Coalition, which is composed of Joplin area homeless shelter providers, requested funds through the public service grant process to provide assistance with the maintenance of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The system is required by HUD to receive ESG assistance. Through use of the system, the coalition was successful in obtaining funding from ESG program in the previous years. The subcommittee decided that due to the importance of this system, it should be funded on an annual basis, rather than making the coalition re-apply through the public service competition each year. The Coordinated Entry Program is the point of contact with the homeless in assessing need. Due to the importance of this service, the program is also to be funded annually.

In the last year, the Coalition street outreach team has doubled street outreach from one a month to every other week. The City has also recently completed a Homelessness strategic plan. Parallel to the finalization of the pan the City of Joplin Police Department has been exploring the staffing of social workers as part of the department to conduct outreach with the homeless at the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

The Homeless Coalition provided the following information regarding their services:

Prevention

Emergency Shelter

Transitional Housing

Rapid Re-Housing

Permanent Subsidized Supportive Housing

Permeant Housing – Rental and Homeownership

Coordinated Entry assesses homeless need and refers homeless or at risk homeless to appropriate

service providers.

Notes: The Homeless Coalition's outreach efforts will include a variety of strategies to reach people who are living unsheltered. One method will be to host two Project Homeless Connect events per year. (January and July) The events will be advertised through local social service agencies and meal sites. They are set up as a one stop shop event offering information, resources, giveaways, and services on site. All people attending Project Homeless Connect events will be surveyed. The survey collects information about length of homelessness, reasons for homelessness, and tracks a number of indicators.

Outreach also happens once per year when the Point-In-Time count is conducted. (January) Teams of volunteers divide up the communities and known locations in search of people living unsheltered. Volunteers survey people they encounter and offer resource information.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

As part of the Continuum of Care the Homeless Coalition regularly analyses gaps in homeless need and services. One area needing increased level of service is emergency shelter and transitional housing. To that end Watered Gardens (Coalition Shelter) is establishing a new facility in the former Washington Elementary School for women with children.

The current emergency shelter providers are:

Restoration Life, Souls Harbor, Watered Gardens, Carthage Crisis Center

The current transitional housing providers are:

The H.O.U.S.E. Inc., Economic Security Corporation, Lafayette House, Carthage Crisis Center

Homeless persons receive referral to providers through Coordinated Entry.

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

As part of the established Continuum of Care, the Homeless Coalition employs a Point in Time count, and a Housing Inventory Count to specially identify and house/shelter the chronically homeless, families with children, veterans and unaccompanied youth. Veterans, families with children and unaccompanied

youth are tracked monthly and prioritized.

The Homeless Coalition established committees to address chronically homeless, families with children, veterans and unaccompanied youth:

- Services for Homeless Veterans
- Monitoring Committee
- Prioritization Committee

Economic Security Corporation also operates the Chronically Homeless Program as part of the Permeant Subsidized Supportive Service implementation of the Homeless Coalition.

Notes: The Homeless Coalition maintains a Coordinated Entry process abiding by **Policy 5.00 Order of Priority for Permanent Supportive Housing Projects** which outlines how persons experiencing homelessness will be prioritized for housing services in our community. The policy states that the most vulnerable will be prioritized first which would include the chronically homeless.

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..

Coalition Members and area service providers refer at risk of homelessness households to Coordinated Entry. Area service providers include non-profit thrift stores, local hospitals, MO Career Center, Veterans Affairs, the Joplin Health Department and Community Development Office, Preferred Family Healthcare providers and Legal Aid of Western Missouri.

Current homeless prevention service providers include Catholic Charities, Economic Security Corporation, Legal Aid, Bright School District, Futures, Children's Haven, Lafayette House, the Salvation Army and Crosslines.

Legal Aid is instrumental in providing legal services to prevent homelessness due to eviction. This role has been greatly increased in the last year due to the pandemic and pending evictions once the moratorium is no longer in affect.

Discussion

The Homeless Coalition has made great strides in their services and programming since the implementation of the Housing Connect Program, and in particular in the last year. The website has been significantly upgraded to be a better resource center and through the recently completed

homelessness strategic plan has a framework to better the system of care. The Coalition has better input from Coalition members and the community at large through the formulation of said plan. In their partnership with the City and area service providers, particular focus will be placed on prevention activities. Specifically, through an existing coalition of area non-profits known as One Joplin, the City will work with area non-profit and for-profit service providers to ensure that persons are not discharged or released into vulnerable situations. Potential partners include the Housing Authority, Freeman Hospital, Mercy Hospital, and Ozark Center.

Non-housing, special needs populations are at the most risk of becoming homeless. In the upcoming year, the City will provide funding towards the Homeless Coalition's HMIS and Coordinated Entry Programs. Coordinated Entry will help those who are risk of becoming homeless be diverted into stable housing or referred to proper service providers.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

The Continuum of Care reports a shortage of one bedroom or single occupant rentals. Further, many providers that do provide affordable units might not provide accessible units. The largest supplier of accessible units in the area is the PHA and the waitlist is often highly populated by those with a disability requiring an accessible unit.

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

The City has made some progress on objectives laid out in its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. Recently the City has begun work on creating a Tenant Bill of Rights ordinance. In addition, the City will has adopted an updated zoning code to be more in line with the 2012 Comprehensive Plan, allow for greater flexibility in housing choice and minimum requirements. Code updates address setback, minimum lot size and minimum housing footprint requirements of the existing code to increase affordable housing supply in older affordable neighborhoods, where old recorded lots make new construction difficult to comply with current code. The Joplin Public Housing Authority has had increasing difficulty in landlords accepting housing choice vouchers as had all hosing providers since the housing shortage. The City is implimenting a sizable home rehab program to improve quality of housing stock with funds from the Use Tax and a recently received ARPA grant.

Discussion

HOME funded activities have, particularly CHDO activities, have made great improvement in modifying building plans to create accessible units including, slab on grade foundations and budgeting for on site alterations prior to move in for applicants that require accommodation.

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

The City is currently conducting a prioritization process for a number of action plans to address neighborhood needs, neighborhood revitalization, housing and homelessness.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

FY2024 activities that will address underserved needs of the community will consist of the following Public Service activities. The City of Joplin will help assist with homeless needs (HMIS Reimbursement and Coordinated Entry Program).

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The housing activities described earlier (homeowner rehabilitation and CHDO activities) will all foster and maintain affordable housing in the area for a total of approximately 8 affordable units assisted. Furthermore, the City is proactively fostering the use of affordable housing tools to increase the productivity of affordable housing providers. Cleaning title on County owned lots will begin a small land bank for affordable housing. Through collaboration with the One Joplin Coalition the City and One Joplin have launched a landlord/tenant education program funded by a grant from the Missouri Foundation for Health. This is intended to decrease the number of evictions in affordable rentals in the city due to better rental practices. Further, the creation of a CDFI is currently being explored to enhance resources to increase the provision of affordable housing.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Lead testing is required for rehabilitation programs. Participating organizations will follow current HUD lead-based paint regulations. In addition, every six months, Economic Security Corporation randomly audits one of its projects to verify compliance. A copy of the City's current Lead-Based Paint policies is included in the plan appendices.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City is currently evaluating possible future economic development activities under the current consolidated plan. The City of Joplin, through support of the Coordinated Entry Program, hopes to increase job placement of those at risk of homelessness and eventually out of poverty. Further, the provision of affordable housing will alleviate those low-income families effectively living in poverty due to housing cost burden.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City has expanded involvement with One Joplin, a coalition of non-profits within the City. One Joplin is increasing collaboration and beginning to conceive of low-income and poverty focused projects, both

in services and housing. Partnership with this group will help with outreach and programming and allow for excellent delivery of services despite decreasing funding. City staff has representation to the One Joplin steering team and the Community Development Planner is on the One Joplin Poverty Team, and the City staff representative Housing Sub-Committee. The One Joplin Poverty Team Housing Sub-Committee is nearing the end of a planning phase for an affordable micro-home design program, and rental rehabilitation program. This year One Joplin has launched a landlord/tenant education program with the goal of leading to housing policy updates in the future.

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

One Joplin is the local coalition of 40 non-profits and a total of 70 organizations. Each organization sends representatives to the facilitating teams of Health, Human Services, Poverty, Literacy, and Transportation relevant to their organizational mission. The City Manager sits on the steering team of One Joplin. The Joplin Community Development Planner co-chair on the Poverty Team and sits on the Housing Sub-Committee. The City will continue its partnership with ESC and Habitat for Humanity as CHDO's using HOME funds.

Discussion

As mentioned in other sections in this plan, the Use Tax and ARPA funds are being used to fund activities in addition to the resources available to Community Development activities related to Housing, Homelessness, neighborhood services and neighborhood revitalization.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(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
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
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements
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.
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities

Total Program Income

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities

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 through sub-recipients offers HOME funds for owner-occupied rehabilitation on a forgivable loan basis and offers homebuyer’s subsidies to allow affordable homes to low- and moderate-income homebuyers through the CHDO activity. Homebuyer assistance through CHDO's are offered through the CHDO and do not exceed the 10% threshold for HOME investment.

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 shall have the right to review and audit all records of any DEVELOPER pertaining to any payment by the CITY. Said records shall be maintained for a period of five years after the project completion date. Except, for documents imposing Resale/Recapture restrictions which must be retained for Five years after the affordability period terminates [92.508 (c)(2)].

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.[92.254 (a)(4)].

The DEVELOPER shall assure that any NOTES and MORTGAGES recorded for homebuyers shall be in compliance with 24 CFR 92.254 and that the DEVELOPER will monitor each unit for principal residency (under 92.254(a)(3)) and resale/recapture (under 92.254 (a)(4) – (5)).

A copy of the City's current Deed Restriction and Covenant is found in the Appendices of this Plan

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

   The PJ has structured the CHDO's and Joplin Area Habitat for Humanity's recapture provisions based on the amount of HOME assistance that enables the homebuyer to purchase the unit. The period of affordability will be based upon the total amount of HOME funds subject to recapture [CFR 24 92.254(a)(5)(ii)]. The following chart outlines the funding limits and period of affordability.

   When the recapture requirement is triggered by a sale (voluntary or involuntary) of the housing unit, the amount recaptured cannot exceed the net proceeds, if any. The net proceeds are the sales price minus superior loan repayment (other than HOME funds) and any closing costs [CFR 24 92.254(a)(5)(ii)(A)]. The program will use a deed restriction to enforce the recapture provisions.

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 currently has no plans to use HOME funds for such refinancing.

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)).

The City currently has no plans to use HOME funds for TBRA.

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)).

   The City currently has no plans to use HOME funds for TBRA.

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 City is currently working on developing a

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December 1st, 2023

Thomas Walters
City of Joplin
602 S. Main Street
Joplin, MO 64801

Re: Comments for 2024 Action Plan

Mr. Walters,

The Joplin Area Habitat for Humanity and the Joplin Economic Housing Development Initiative (JEHDI) have greatly appreciated our work together to advance affordable housing. Our work is dedicated to providing home ownership opportunities for those who do qualify through conventional lending. In the last 12 years we have built 157 homes, several of those are because of our relationship with the City of Joplin and the HOME Consortium.

We are grateful and ready to do more work as it is surely needed. We currently have 11 future homeowners selected and waiting and dozens more in the process. Our homeowner selection process can be difficult as we have a lot of prerequisites that must be met before selection occurs. We know that these families have been through the process and they are ready.

I understand that the City of Joplin has an amount of funds that is dedicated for rehabilitation. We have been fortunate to have our critical home repair program funded from exterior sources. Upon meeting recently with Ryan Peterson, CEO with Economic Security, we shared our perspective that the need for new construction is significant and it would be beneficial to take rehabilitation dollars and put towards new construction.

It has been estimated that there is a shortage of 122,075 affordable and available homes for extremely low-income renters in the State of Missouri alone. I am requesting that current and past rehabilitation dollars be reallocated to new construction to help us continue to try to fill that need for our proven home ownership program.

Please reach out with any questions or whatever is needed of me.

Sincerely,

Scott Clayton
Executive Director, Joplin Area Habitat for Humanity
President, Joplin Economic Housing Development Initiative

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Walters, Thomas

From: Debra Gaskill <Debra.Gaskill@usc.salvationarmy.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 16, 2024 12:42 PM
To: Walters, Thomas
Subject: Letter of support for HMIS funding

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This email originated outside our network. If it is unsolicited or unexpected, please delete. If expected, use caution when opening any links or attachments.

Good Afternoon Tom,

The Salvation Army Jasper Newton County would like to see the continuation of financial support for the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The HMIS system, or a comparable database is required by Missouri Housing Development Commision to track the use of funds they distribute to local agencies serving the homeless and low-income households.

Without the financial support from the Entitlement Program Action Plan for the HMIS system, each organization would be required to pay a portion of the cost, reducing the amount of financial assistance and the number of families and individuals in crises we are able to help.

Please accept this email as support and a request to keep the Homeless Management Information System as a part of the grant funding.

Many Blessings,

Debra Gaskill
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Homeless Coalition Meeting, January 8, 2024 attendance

- Rebecca Wuerdeman, Catholic Charities
- Melinda Blankenship, Catholic Charities
- Ruth Patrick, Sharity Global
- Tom Walters, City of Joplin
- Scott Cragin, City of Joplin
- Rhonda Thompson, Vita Nova Village
- Casey Van Story, Jasper County Public Housing Authority
- Lynette Lee, Mercy
- Belinda Kirkland, Ozark Center
- Chris Ailes, Catholic Charities
- April Crossno, Economic Security
- Jessica Lara-Hughes Dept. of Mental Health
- Denise Gallon, ACCESS family care
- Brian Harter, Joplin Job Center
- Shonna Greninger, Housing Connect
- Susanna Mercado, Jasper Co Public Housing Authority
- Tammy Walker, Economic Security
- Amy Bettenga, Children's Haven
- Rebacca Clemons, Home State Health
- Diana Gurley, Soul's Harbor
- Joni Baker, VA
- Dandy Myles, Institute for Community Alliances
- Robin Smith, Economic Security
- Ashley Shead, Lafayette House
- Christina Wilson, Legal Aid
- Sarah Canada, Legal Aid
- Debra Gaskill, Salvation Army
- Josh Shackels, Higher Society

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2nd Public Meeting -2024 Entitlement Action Plan in person Attendance

Date:January 8th, 2024 **Time: 11:30 am - 12:30 pm** **Place: Joplin City Hall, 602 S Main St 64801**

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Public Meeting -2024 Entitlement Action Plan

Date:November 27th, 2023 **Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm** **Place: Joplin Public Housing Authority, 1824 W 24th St. Joplin**

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PY 2024 Action Plan Public Meeting

Joplin Public Housing Authority
1834 West 24th Street
Joplin MO, 64804

Monday 27th of November, 2023
4:00pm – 6:00pm

The public is invited to come and go at their convenience to review the intended goals and activities for the Community Development Action Plan prior to submittal to the United State Department of Housing and Urban Development. Staff will be available to answer question and to receive comments to be incorporated in to current and future Action Plans.

Agenda Items

- **Attendance Registration and Introduction to Staff**
- **Summary of Community Development Objectives**
  - **Housing Needs**
  - **Non-Housing Needs**
- **Citizen Participation**
  - **Review of Past Comments**
- **Proposed Allocation for PY 2024 CDBG & HOME Allocations**

This will be the first of two public meeting in the formulation of the plan. A thirty day comment period will commence the day following the meeting in which further comments from the public may be received. For any questions with regard to the plan please contact community development staff.

NOTE: If you are in need of disability related auxiliary aids or services, contact our Joplin ADA Coordinator at 624-0820, Ext. 210, or the Joplin City Clerk's Office at 624-0820, Ext. 220. Kindly give us forty-eight (48) hours' notice to arrange for the aids or services. TTD Number (417) 625-4774. *Interpreter services are also available if requested at least seven calendar days in advance of the meeting. Servicios de interpretación están disponibles si se piden al menos 7 días antes de la reunión.*

Notice posted at 2:00 pm on this the fourteenth day November 2023 . (RsMO 610.020)