

Draft (Version 1 Minor Amendment) 2021 Annual Action Plan

The original document is made available for review starting on July 15, 2021 followed by a 30-day public review and comment period starting July 15, 2021 and ending on August 13, 2021 at midnight. Please submit your name, address, phone number, and comments by mail, fax, telephone, or email to: City of Dunkirk Planning and Development Department (Attn: Jill Meaux), 342 Central Ave., Dunkirk, NY 14048; FAX 716-363-6460; PHONE 716-366-9879; or email imeaux@cityofdunkirk.com

All comments must be in by midnight on August 13, 2021.

The Minor Amendment was made on November 30, 2022. Updates were made regarding Plan Goals and Plan Projects listed. Any questions about the amendment, please submit your name, address, phone number, and comments by mail, fax, telephone, or email to: City of Dunkirk Planning and Development Department (Attn: Nicole Clift), 342 Central Ave., Dunkirk, NY 14048; FAX 716-363-6460; PHONE 716-366-9878; or email nclift@cityofdunkirk.com

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Dunkirk is designated as an entitlement community based on the amount of its population suffering with poverty. The CDBG entitlement program allocates annual grants to assist in the development of viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and to expand economic opportunities, principally for low and moderate income persons. To receive an annual allocation of federal funds from HUD, the City is required to create a three-year Consolidated Plan (strategic plan) with an annual Action Plan.

The Consolidated Plan includes the amount of assistance the City expects to receive and the range of activities that may be undertaken including the estimated benefit to persons of low and moderate-income. The Annual Action Plan is required to include project or program information, such as location, cost, proposed outcome, and any additional descriptive information. Federal regulations require that funds be aimed where the greatest benefit may be attained for low and moderate income residents. To acquire ample public engagement in all aspects and phases of Plan development, the City of Dunkirk attempted to interact with various stakeholders in meetings, workshops, public hearings, and with written correspondence. We attended other public meetings to announce the meeting dates, published them in the newspaper, created a bi-lingual poster to be distributed all over the city, and enlisted other organizations to get involved by hosting meetings and acting as translators.

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.

Although the City has many needs, this plan identifies and prioritizes the following critical components to the City's development strategy:

Infrastructure Improvements - In order to maintain a safe, healthy, enjoyable environment, the City needs to improve and to modernize its infrastructure, including roadways, streetscapes, community facilities, and parks. Approximately 1000 low-moderate income residents will benefit from these activities.

Provide Safe, Affordable Housing - The City has some of the oldest housing stock in the nation and has identified the need to assist residents make their homes safe and habitable. This will be accomplished by providing emergency roof repair assistance, first time homebuyer downpayment and closing cost

assistance, and housing rehab. Approximately 16 low-moderate income residents will benefit from these activities.

Improve Community Outreach - The City of Dunkirk has an extremely diverse population with close to 30% of our residents being hispanic many of whom either speak very little or no English. To help those residents become aware of services available and feel more a part of the community, the City is investing in a bi-lingual community center. In addition, the City is investing in a community food pantry to help alleviate hungar and food insecurities in our community.

Provide Education Programming for Students - This plan addresses the need for academic assistance for our youth by investing in after-school tutoring and menotoring programs for LMI youth ages 6 - 18. The goals here are to help students remain in school, provide positive role models for our youth, and expose them to new learning and career opportunities. Approximately 70 youth will benefit from these activities

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

Despite the COVID-19 Pandemic, the City of Dunkirk achieved the following accomplishments in 2020:

<u>Career Explorers</u>: The Boys & Girls Club of Northern Chautauqua County was awarded \$18,000.00 in 2019 to operate its Career Explorers Program. A total of 117 low-income youth ages 10-18 participated in exploration and research of career areas of interest. Of those 117 youth, 80 were Hispanic, 25 were multi-racial, 8 were Black/African American, and 4 were white reflecting the diversity of our City. COVID required the program to switch gears dramatically and the organization was able to provide services in the school for remote learning students who needed daytime assistance.

<u>CHRIC Roof Repair:</u> This project assists LMI residents in Dunkirk make necessary repairs to the roofs of their homes that they could not do on their own. It's an important project and CHRIC has an extensive waiting list for assistance. With their 2020 award, CHRIC is in the process of securing contractors to complete the work so this project is on target.

<u>CHRIC Closing Cost Assistance Program</u>: This project has just started as CHRIC is working through the application process and is identifying eligible participants. Last year 8 first time home buyers were assisted with this project.

<u>Sidewalk Repair:</u> This project is ongoing as the City is in the process of identifying the sidewalks in the LMI block groups that require the most attention. Priority will be giving to areas in LMI block areas where children walk to school followed by high pedestrian LMI neighborhoods.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

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.

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

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency		
Lead Agency	Dunkirk			
CDBG Administrator	Dunkirk	Department of Planning & Development		
HOPWA Administrator				
HOME Administrator				
HOPWA-C Administrator				

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

The City of Dunkirk recognizes the importance of coordination and consultation with institutions within the community. As a result, in formulating this plan, the City of Dunkirk made all attempts to work with all organizations through public meetings and hearings, as well as working with organizations at their best convenience however COVID-19 pandemic greatly hindered the City's abillity to host in-person meetings.

Dunkirk is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to create its own Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan in order to be considered for entitlement grant funding. Last year the City of Dunkirk completed its 2021-2023 Consolidated Plan, which clarifies and defines the City's future objectives and illustrates how those objectives align with CDBG program objectives. This Annual Action Plan utilizes the priorities outlined in the Consolidated Plan and specifies the intended uses of CDBG funding for Dunkirk's first program year (2021) under the current plan.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))

The City of Dunkirk strives to provide fair and accurate copies of its plans at every stage of their development. As such, the City provided public notices about public hearings via local media sources including print, online, social media, community meetings, posters, and word of mouth sources. The City also worked with, and made all attempts to work with, housing providers such as Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc., the Dunkirk Housing Authority, as well as other agencies involved in healthcare and housing in some form. Notices of public meetings and copies of the City's 2021 CDBG Application were mailed to: Boys & Girls Club of Northern Chautauqua County, Dunkirk Housing Authority, Dunkirk-Fredonia Meals on Wheels, Chautauqua County Office for the Aging, Chautauqua County Department of Health & Human Services, Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene, Chautauqua County Rural Ministry, Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc., Chautauqua Home Rehabilitation and Improvement Corp., Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation, Senior Center of Dunkirk, Southern Tier Environments for Living, the Resource Center, Chautauqua Striders, HOPE Center, Dunkirk Historical Society, Salvation Army, Access to the Arts, and Revitalize Dunkirk. Copies of the draft 2019 Annual Action Plan will be sent to these same agencies to garner their input and feedback. No one was intentionally left out and we encourage interactions, questions, and suggestions from all agencies.

The City of Dunkirk does not currently manage any public housing. Public housing within the City's jurisdiction is managed by the Dunkirk Housing Authority (DHA). The DHA currently maintains 243 housing units. City staff also maintains close relationships with local Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO), including Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. (COI).

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.

Homelessness and chronic homelessness are issues individuals face throughout the United States. Residents of Dunkirk are, unfortunately, no exception to this rule. While efforts are ongoing to improve data collection on the exact amount of homelessness and chronic homelessness exists within the City, a support network has been established for those experiencing homelessness, chronic homelessness, or risk of becoming homeless. Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. (COI) is the City's Continuum of Care provider. In October of 2014 the Chautauqua County Homeless Coalition signed and adopted a 10-year plan to end homelessness in Chautauqua County.

Chautauqua Lake Central School District, which is within the CoC geography, has a McKinney-Vento funding award from the NYS education Department to provide educational services to homeless children. The McKinney-Vento Liaisons in all of the county's 18 school districts have been contacted and asked to join the CoC or be provided with information about homeless services. Chautauqua County has a NY State licensed runaway and homeless youth shelter that is funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and operated by the CoC lead agency.

Providers regularly refer families to other providers when their family composition does not allow them to be accommodated in their facility. The CoC has also held a McKinney-Vento training in coordination with local school districts to improve coordination of services with school districts, and whenever possible, keep children in their school of origin.

If housing is not available for a specific family type, the local Department of Social Services will utilize a local hotel to keep the family together while other housing options are explored.

The Veteran's Administration's regional representative is a member of the CoC decision-making body.

The lead agency also coordinates with VASH as the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher administrator for the county, and was recently awarded a Supportive Services for Veteran Families grant from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs to prevent homelessness among veteran families. The CoC participated in the Veteran's Administration needs assessment. All HUD-funded agencies in the CoC serve veterans as an integrated service.

The CoC lead agency operates a NYS licensed Runaway and Homeless Youth Shelter that is funded with DHHS Basic Center funding, as well as a DHHS funded Street Outreach Program that makes contact with over 7,500 youth in the county annually, and a Transitional Living Program for youth ages 16-21 (DHHS funding). These programs frequently collaborate with other providers that serve the youth population such as Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCA's and YWCA's, church teen groups, municipal recreation programs, and other non- profit organizations. The lead organization and other youth serving providers will

participate in strategic planning meetings to ensure that the needs of homeless youth are addressed in future plans.

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 does not receive ESG funds.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1 Agency/Group/Organization	CHAUTAUQUA OPPORTUNITIES INC.				
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				
	Service-Fair Housing				
What section of the Plan was addressed by	Housing Need Assessment				
Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless				
	Homeless Needs - Families with children				
	Homelessness Needs - Veterans				
	Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth				
	Homelessness Strategy				
	Market Analysis				
	Anti-poverty Strategy				
	Lead-based Paint Strategy				
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization	The City mailed a notice of public hearing to Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. (COI)				
was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of	along with a copy of the 2021 CDBG Application. We also met with the Director of				
the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Housing on June 3rd and are in contact via phone and email on a regular basis. COI				
	also leads the County in Fair Housing efforts, Continuum of Care, and hosts the				
	Homeless Coalition meetings, in which the City of Dunkirk attends.				

2	Agency/Group/Organization	Dunkirk Housing Authority				
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities				
	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				
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City mailed a notice of public hearing to the Dunkirk Housing Authority (DHA) along with a copy of the 2021 CDBG Application. The DHA is also involved in the Homeless Coalition meetings, hosted by COI, which also include the Chautauqua County Department of Social Services and the Chautauqua- Cattaraugus Library System. We also received input from the Director on June 3rd and are in contact via phone and email on a regular basis.				
3	Agency/Group/Organization Agency/Group/Organization Type	Boys and Girls Club of Northern Chautauqua County Services-Children Services-Education				
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs Youth services				

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization	The City mailed a notice of public hearing to the Boys and Girls Club of Northern					
	was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of	Chautauqua along with a copy of the 2021 CDBG Application. CDBG Administrator					
	the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	also has met with their Executive Director to discuss challenges they see					
		particularly for our low income families and youth in the community.					
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Revitalize Dunkirk					
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Community Pride / Beautification organization					
	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Market Analysis					
	Consultation?						
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization	The City is in frequent contact with Revitalize Dunkirk, a citizen public service					
	was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of	organization that does various beautification projects throughout the city. They					
	the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	attend most public meetings and are helpful partners in identifying underserved					
		areas and community needs. The City mailed a notice of public hearing to					
		Revitalize Dunkirk along with a copy of the 2021 CDBG Application.					
5	Agency/Group/Organization	SOUTHERN TIER ENVIRONMENTS FOR LIVING, INC.					
	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-Health					

	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Housing Need Assessment
	Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless
		Homeless Needs - Families with children
		Homelessness Needs - Veterans
		Homelessness Strategy
		Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization	The City mailed a notice of public hearing to Southern Tier Environments for Living
	was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of	(STEL) along with a copy of the 2021 CDBG Application. Members from STEL are in
	the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	constant communication with our office as they were awarded a \$17million grant
		to demolish and rebuild several dilapidated homes in the City of Dunkirk.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	C.H.R.I.C.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
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	- Secretify of Summarion 1745	Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Services - Housing
		Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing Housing Need Assessment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization	Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy The City mailed a notice of public hearing to CHRIC along with a copy of the 2021

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

The City of Dunkirk contacted agencies and organizations associated with housing rehabilitation, economic development, community development, infrastructure development, or skills development. All applicable agencies were consulted and no person or group was

intentionally omitted. Any and all agencies involving the needs of the people of the City of Dunkirk are always welcome to discuss the plan with City Department of Planning and Economic Development staff and were given advance notice regarding the public hearings, release of draft plan, and public comment period.

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?		
		In consultation with the Chautauqua County Continuum of Care provider (COI), the City has		
Cambination of Cama	Chautauqua	designed its consolidated plan to reflect the needs and concerns laid out in the CoC. We are		
Continuum of Care Opportunities		working with them to find other solutions to the homeless problem including finding shelters for		
		heating and cooling centers in inclimate weather.		
City of Dunkirk		The City of Dunkirk recently updated the Comprehensive Plan and developed the Strategic Plan to		
City of Dunkirk	City of Dunkirk	align with the challenges and opportunities outlined in the Comprehensive Plan including housing		
Comprehensive Plan		and economic development goals.		

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The City continually consults with Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc., Dunkirk Housing Authority, and Chautauqua Home Rehabilitation & Improvement Corporation (CHRIC) executives to better understand their needs. Through continued partnership with these organizations, the City anticipates improved quality and quantity of services and affordable housing for the homeless and low/moderate-income persons.

We have also undertaken new initiatives to further economic development as well as housing conditions within the City. We were awarded a LISC Zombie Property grant which we used for a survey of housing conditions in the City as well as taking a look at utility bills, sidewalk conditions, foreclosure information, and build dates for the homes. We're using this information in conjunction with the Chautauqua County Landbank and Chautauqua Opportunities in order to direct homeowners on the verge of foreclosure to programs that can keep them in their homes, thereby preventing increased vacancy. This will also allow us to identify where the greatest needs are and to better allocate CDBG funding in the future.

The City is also exploring Certified Local Government (CLG) status. This will allow the city and its residents to control the future of its historical building stock, protect what's important, and guide future development and reuse proposals, including infill in historic neighborhoods. It is the goal of some neighborhood groups to use this tool to establish historic districts which would afford property owners historic tax credits for rehabilitation of their homes.

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 believes in continual communication with its local nonprofits, community leaders, and citizens. To guide this communication, the City of Dunkirk adopted a Citizen Participation Plan (CPP) which was prepared in accordance with Section 104(a)(3) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and federal regulation 24 CFR 91.105. A DRAFT Amended Citizen Participation Plan was put out for a 30-day public comment period and was formally adopted on April 7, 2015.

The City held a Public Hearing/ Meeting during the drafting of its 2021 Annual Action Plan on March 22, 2021. The City also held one Technical Assistance meeting for potential CDBG subrecipients on April 5, 2021. Legal Notices were published in the Observer on March 6, 9, and 10 2021 to announce the public hearing and technical assistance meeting. A legal notice ran on June 5 announcing that a draft Annual Action Plan was posted on the City of Dunkirk's website on June 5, 2021 and was also available in the Planning office and City Clerk's office and that there would be a public meeting on June 23. Public Comment period concluded on July 5, 2021.

Notices of public meetings and copies of the City's 2021 CDBG Application were mailed to: Boys & Girls Club of Northern Chautauqua County, Dunkirk Housing Authority, Dunkirk-Fredonia Meals on Wheels, Chautauqua County Office for the Aging, Chautauqua County Department of Health & Human Services, Chautauqua County Department of Mental Hygiene, Chautauqua County Rural Ministry, Chautauqua Opportunities, Chautauqua Home Rehabilitation and Improvement Corp., Northern Chautauqua Community Foundation, Salvation Army, Senior Center of Dunkirk, Southern Tier Environment for Living, Revitalize Dunkirk, and Chautauqua Striders.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Meeting	General residents and community stakeholders	4 persons attended the meeting	A legal notice ran in the newspaper on March 6, 9, and 11 and on March 22 CDBG Administrator held a public meeting and did a presentation on CDBG, solicited feedback, and answered general questions on the program. No specific comments were submitted.	No comments were declined	
2	Public Meeting	Potential subrecipient applicants	A technical assistance meeting was held virtually for interested applicants on April 5, 2021. CDBG Administrator reviewed application and answered questions.	No comments were submitted	No comments were declined	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted	URL (If applicable)
					and reasons	
3	Public Meeting	Non- targeted/broad community	1 councilmember attended the presentation on June 24, 2021	no comments were received	no comments were declined	

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)
				"As you prepare the		
				City of Dunkirk's		
				CDBG Annual		
				Action Plan, I would		
				like to submit some		
				comments about		
				the topic of Fair		
				Housing to be		
				considered for the		
				plan. My		
				comments are:Fair		
				Housing remains as		
				important as ever.		
				This past year has		
				seen a lot of stress		
				placed on the		
				tenant/landlord		
				relationship. At		
				Chautauqua		
				Opportunities, we		
				are hearing stories		
				from tenants and		
				landlords about		
				acrimonious		
				relationships. In		
				some cases, we are		
				hearing about		
			Annual Action Pla	_	18	
			On June 5 a le 2011	tenant harassment,	_	
OMB Control No:	2506-0117 (exp. 09/30/2021)	notice ran in the	and tenant		
			newspaper	intimidation. In		
			announcing the plan	this environment, it		

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)
5	Public Meeting	Non- targeted/broad community	June 23 Public Meeting was held to present the proposed AAP. 1 Dunkirk Common Councilmember	No comments were received	no comments were declined	
			attended.			

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Allocation announcements from HUD were made in May of 2021. The City of Dunkirk was awarded \$453,402 for the 2021 program year, a \$11,702 decrease over funding for the 2020 program year.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of	Uses of Funds	Expe	cted Amoun	t Available Yea	ar 1	Expected	Narrative Description	
	Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and						Assuming an annual allocation of \$453402, the City is estimating	
		Planning Economic						\$906,804 for the remaining years on this consolidated plan	
		Development Housing							
		Public Improvements							
		Public Services	453,402	0	0	453,402	906,804		

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 City's Planning and Development Department is constantly looking for grant opportunities to improve our community. Where appropriate, we will make every effort to utilize CDBG funding to leverage additional funding for projects. For instance, in this plan we are allocating funds that we used as match for the Lake Shore Drive infrastructure project.

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 desire for additional recreation opportunities has been identified as a need in our community. If City-owned land can be used to help create additional recreation opportunities, this is an option we will strongly consider

Discussion

Our community is one with high levels of need relative to available resources. We are keenly aware of this fact. Keeping this fact in mind, we will strive to spend available CDBG funds effectively and when possible will leverage additional funds with our CDBG award.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Order		Year	Year		Area			
1	Provide Safe,	2021	2023	Affordable	DUNKIRK	Quality, Affordable	CDBG:	Homeowner Housing Added: 1
	Affordable Housing			Housing		Housing	\$117,000	Household Housing Unit
				Homeless		Infrastructure /		Homeowner Housing
						Blight Removal		Rehabilitated: 8 Household
								Housing Unit
								Direct Financial Assistance to
								Homebuyers: 5 Households
								Assisted
2	Improve	2021	2023	Non-Housing	DUNKIRK	Infrastructure /	CDBG:	Public Facility or Infrastructure
	Infrastructure/			Community		Blight Removal	\$42,584	Activities other than
	Pedestrian			Development		Recreational		Low/Moderate Income Housing
	Infrastructure					Opportunities		Benefit: 12813 Persons Assisted
								Other: 12563 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Provide Public and	2021	2023	Non-Housing	DUNKIRK	Children's	CDBG:	Public Facility or Infrastructure
	Youth Community			Community		Education / Youth	\$17,500	Activities other than
	Services			Development		Programming	, ,	Low/Moderate Income Housing
				·		Expanded		Benefit: 50 Persons Assisted
						Community		Public service activities other than
						Outreach		Low/Moderate Income Housing
								Benefit: 110 Persons Assisted
								Public service activities for
								Low/Moderate Income Housing
								Benefit: 50 Households Assisted
4	Enhanced	2021	2023	Non-Housing	DUNKIRK	Infrastructure /	CDBG:	Public Facility or Infrastructure
	Recreational			Community		Blight Removal	\$72,300	Activities other than
	Opportunities			Development		Recreational		Low/Moderate Income Housing
						Opportunities		Benefit: 12563 Persons Assisted
5	Planning and	2021	2023	Planning & Admin	DUNKIRK	Quality, Affordable	CDBG:	Other: 2 Other
	Administrative					Housing	\$89,363	
						Economic		
						Development		
						Children's		
						Education / Youth		
						Programming		
						Expanded		
						Community		
						Outreach		
						Infrastructure /		
						Blight Removal		
						Recreational		
						Opportunities		

Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Order		Year	Year		Area			
6	Creative Economic	2021	2023	Non-Housing	DUNKIRK	Economic	CDBG:	Public service activities other than
	Development			Community		Development	\$10,000	Low/Moderate Income Housing
	Solutions			Development				Benefit: 50 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Provide Safe, Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	
2	Goal Name	Improve Infrastructure/ Pedestrian Infrastructure
	Goal Description	
3	Goal Name	Provide Public and Youth Community Services
	Goal Description	
4	Goal Name	Enhanced Recreational Opportunities
	Goal Description	
5	Goal Name	Planning and Administrative
	Goal Description	
6	Goal Name	Creative Economic Development Solutions
	Goal Description	

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Our selection of projects for the 2021 CDBG program year reflects our best attempt to address the needs determined to be the highest priority in our community. The total amount of funding requests from CDBG applicants far outweighed our anticipated funding. Our application pool was strong, and included submissions from organizations that the City regularly partners with as well as organizations making their first submission.

Applications were made available on March 15, 2021. Notices of the applications availability were published in the local newspaper and on the City website. Additionally, applications were mailed and emailed to organizations who have applied in the past or those who requested to be notified when applications were available. The application window closed on May 7, 2021. In total, 14 applications were received.

Applications were reviewed at the staff level for program eligibility and then, following the procedure described in our Citizen Participation Plan, evaluated by a team consisting of the Director of Development, Deputy Director of Development, and the Mayor and then presented to the Dunkirk Common Council for final approval and adoption. This plan was approved and adopted by the Dunkirk Common Council on Tuesday, July 20, 2021.

11.29.2022: Made Minor Amendment- Updated the 2021 AAP by removing RLF Project (lives under 2020 Stand Alone AAP instead). Updated the Goal Group Indicators and the Goals for certain projects so that there is only 1 Goal per project in order for the C.A.P.E.R. to flow correctly with it's data.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Boys and Girls Club Bridging the Gap
2	CHRIC First Time Homebuyer Closing Costs / Down Payment Assistance
3	CHRIC Emergency Roof Repair Program
4	Planning and Administration
5	Dunkirk Public Library After-School Snack Program
6	Lake Shore Drive Complete Streets Improvements
7	The Resource Center SAFER Program
8	Kids at Promise Building Study and Renovations

#	Project Name
9	Chautauqua County Land Bank Lead Removal
10	Chautauqua County Land Bank Hands On Neighborhoods
12	Point Gratiot Park Improvements
13	Wright Park Bathroom upgrades
14	Tree Planting
15	Sidewalk Repair and Replacement Program

Table 7 - Project Information

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

Our allocation priorities were decided based on a number of factors, including:

- Level of need for proposed activity
- · Expected timeliness in spending
- Past history with subrecipients
- Measurability of outcomes
- Number of people served

We acknowledge that there is an imperfect match between our selected projects for 2019 and the needs/goals identified in the Comprehensive Plan. That being said, we have done our best to balance the factors listed above in selecting projects.

Obstacles to addressing underserved needs include:

- Availability of funding
- The limited number of potential subrecipients in the Dunkirk area to assist with projects/programs
- Insufficient data on some populations, including homeless
- Lacking public participation in the planning process

Where possible, we will continue working to improve these underserved needs.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Boys and Girls Club Bridging the Gap
	Target Area	DUNKIRK
	Goals Supported	Provide Public and Youth Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Children's Education / Youth Programming
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	The Boys and Girls Club will deliver and education and career program that will focus on the academic and career development needs of Dunkirk children ages 5 - 18. HUD Matrix Code 05D National Objective = LMC
	Target Date	8/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	60 low / moderate income youth will benefit from this project.
	Location Description	The project will take place in the Dunkirk City Schools and/or Boys and Girls Clubhouse depending of COVID restrictions.
	Planned Activities	This project provides academic enrichment programs, tutoring, and mentoring to combat learning loss, improve drop out rates, and prepare students for a post-secondary education.
2	Project Name	CHRIC First Time Homebuyer Closing Costs / Down Payment Assistance
	Target Area	DUNKIRK
	Goals Supported	Provide Safe, Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Quality, Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$27,000
	Description	CHRIC will provide down payment and closing cost assistance to 8 individual / family first time homebuyers with a HH Income of 80% or below the AMI. HUD Matrix Code 05R; National Objective = LMH
	Target Date	8/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	8
	Location Description	City of Dunkirk

	Planned Activities	CHRIC will provide closing cost / down payment assistance for low / moderate income first time homebuyers.
3	Project Name	CHRIC Emergency Roof Repair Program
	Target Area	DUNKIRK
	Goals Supported	Provide Safe, Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Quality, Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$55,200
	Description	CHRIC will assist at least 5 LMI homeowners will emergency roof repairs / replacement. HUD Matrix Code 14A National Objective = LMH
	Target Date	8/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	A minimum of 5 LMI homeowners will be assisted with this proposed activity
	Location Description	City of Dunkirk
	Planned Activities	CHRIC will provide assistance in securing contractors to repair or replace failing roofs of a minimum of 5 LMI owner occupied homeowners in the City of Dunkirk.
4	Project Name	Planning and Administration
	Target Area	DUNKIRK
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administrative
	Needs Addressed	Quality, Affordable Housing Economic Development Children's Education / Youth Programming Expanded Community Outreach Infrastructure / Blight Removal Recreational Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$89,363
	Description	This activity will fund staffing and other administrative costs to administer the City's CDBG program. HUD Matrix Code 21A

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
5	Project Name	Dunkirk Public Library After-School Snack Program
	Target Area	DUNKIRK
	Goals Supported	Provide Public and Youth Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Children's Education / Youth Programming
	Funding	CDBG: \$1,500
	Description	Dunkirk Public Library provides after school snacks and programming for the middle and high school youth living in the surrounding LMI neighborhood. HUD Matrix Code 05D National Objective = LMC
	Target Date	8/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 LMI youth will benefit from this program
	Location Description	City of Dunkirk, primarily Block Group One Census Tract 357
	Planned Activities	Afterschool snacks will be provided to LMI youth in an effort to alleviate food insecurities and encourage youth to visit and use the library services.
6	Project Name	Lake Shore Drive Complete Streets Improvements
	Target Area	DUNKIRK
	Goals Supported	Improve Infrastructure/ Pedestrian Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure / Blight Removal
	Funding	CDBG: \$85,000
	Description	The City of Dunkirk secured \$1.5 million of grant funding to do a complete streets improvement project for Lake Shore Drive, a main corridor that runs entirely through three of the City's LMI block group areas. Planned activities include using these funds as match for the street improvements, which may include sidewalks, public benches, and tree planting. HUD Matrix Code 03K National Objective = LMA

	Target Date	8/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	12000 Dunkirk residents will benefit from this activity
	Location Description	Improvements will occur on Lake Shore Drive between Main Street and Brigham Road
	Planned Activities	The entire project will include sheltered bike lanes, median, curbing and green infrastructure with pedestrian refuge islands designed to better connect the low income areas of the City and Downtown Business District with the lakefront and City Pier and to allow for traffic-calming measures and to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety for Housing Authority high-rise residents as well as resident and visitors accessing Memorial Park, Pier and the Boardwalk. The \$85,000.00 of CDBG funds will be used for the City's matching funds for the street improvement project, which may include sidewalk improvements and the purchase of additional trees and public benches along the project roadway.
7	Project Name	The Resource Center SAFER Program
	Target Area	DUNKIRK
	Goals Supported	Creative Economic Development Solutions
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Supporting and Facilitating Employee Retention (SAFER) program will provide support to employers and primarily poverty level employees to reduce the need for public assistance and support them in career growth. HUD Matrix Code 05H National Objective = LMCSV
	Target Date	8/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	6 businesses and 50 employees
	Location Description	City of Dunkirk

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	Planned Activities	Success and Business Coaching, bi-lingual support. Coaches will collaborate and develop tools to meed the needs of businesses and employees to promote retention. Coaches will meet with employees to assess needs and create a plan to provide supports. Learning topics include financial literacy, home ownership, proper lifting techniques, health insurance options, stress management and more.
8	Project Name	Kids at Promise Building Study and Renovations
	Target Area	DUNKIRK
	Goals Supported	Provide Public and Youth Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Children's Education / Youth Programming
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	To complete a professional evaluation on the Youth Center building to assess condition and begin needed renovations. HUD Matrix Code 03D National Objective = LMC
	Target Date	8/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50
	Location Description	Dunkirk
	Planned Activities	Contract with a professional engineering company to complete an assessment of the Youth Center building to include evaluation of condition and begin necessary repairs.
9	Project Name	Chautauqua County Land Bank Lead Removal
	Target Area	DUNKIRK
	Goals Supported	Provide Safe, Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Quality, Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
	Description	Funding toward Lead paint abatement rehab project for a home that is being rehabbed ultimately to be sold to a LMI homebuyer. HUD Matrix Code 14I National Objective = LMH
	Target Date	8/31/2022

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1
	Location Description	Dunkirk
	Planned Activities	The lead abatement program is a home that will undergo a full rehab and then sold to a LMI family.
10	Project Name	Chautauqua County Land Bank Hands On Neighborhoods
	Target Area	DUNKIRK
	Goals Supported	Provide Public and Youth Community Services
	Needs Addressed	Expanded Community Outreach
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Hands on Neighborhoods is a comprehensive program created to empower residents to nurture healthy and safe neighborhoods by hosting training events for residents to learn crime prevention strategies, home maintenance skills, and nurture cooperation to work towards strengthening their neighborhoods through clean up events and other initiatives. HUD Matrix Code 05I National Objective = LMA
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 LMI residents within the neighborhood will benefit from this program.
	Location Description	Targeted block group neighborhoods in Dunkirk
	Planned Activities	Hands on Neighborhoods is a comprehensive program created to empower residents to nurture healthy and safe neighborhoods by hosting training events for residents to learn crime prevention strategies, home maintenance skills, and nurture cooperation to work towards strengthening their neighborhoods through clean up events and other initiatives.
11	Project Name	Point Gratiot Park Improvements
	Target Area	DUNKIRK
	Goals Supported	Enhanced Recreational Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Recreational Opportunities

	Funding	CDBG: \$62,300
	Description	To make upgrades and improvements to the pavilions, restrooms, and recreation space at Point Gratiot Park. HUD Matrix Code 03F National Objective = LMA
	Target Date	8/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	12563 Dunkirk City residents
	Location Description	Point Gratiot Park, Dunkirk
	Planned Activities	Repair / replacement of rotting pavilion and roof, replace unsafe storage unit, and rewire electrical in pavillion for safety and code compliance.
12	Project Name	Wright Park Bathroom upgrades
	Target Area	DUNKIRK
	Goals Supported	Enhanced Recreational Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Recreational Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Replace rotting doors of Wright Park bathrooms. HUD Matrix Code 03F National Objective = LMA
	Target Date	8/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	12563 City residents
	Location Description	Wright Park
	Planned Activities	Replace rusted, rotting doors for the 2 main bathrooms at Wright Park
13	Project Name	Tree Planting
	Target Area	DUNKIRK
	Goals Supported	Improve Infrastructure/ Pedestrian Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure / Blight Removal
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,455
	Description	Plant approximately 25 new trees throughout the City. HUD Matrix Code 03N National Objective = LMA

	Target Date	8/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	12563
	Location Description	Dunkirk
	Planned Activities	Purchase and plant 25 new trees in LMI Block Groups throughout the City. Most likely wil go towards the Lake Shore Complete Streets Project's landscaping.
14	Project Name	Sidewalk Repair and Replacement Program
	Target Area	DUNKIRK
	Goals Supported	Improve Infrastructure/ Pedestrian Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Infrastructure / Blight Removal
	Funding	CDBG: \$42,584
	Description	Funding to repair or replace broken sidewalks within eligible block group areas. HUD Matrix Code 03L National Objective = LMA
	Target Date	8/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 250 neighborhood residents will benefit from these improvements.
	Location Description	Varying sidewalks located in eligible block group neighborhoods in Dunkirk
	Planned Activities	Repair / Replace broken sidewalks in eligible block group neighborhoods.

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

For the 2021 program year, CDBG assistance will be directed to those areas of the City that demonstrate the highest levels of need. These neighborhoods are concentrated near downtown and/or along the Main St. corridor. Programs targeted to these areas include a sidewalk repair / replacement, park improvements, housing rehabilitation, Hands on Neighborhoods, and low income youth services.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
DUNKIRK	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Our rationale for directing assistance to these neediest areas is two-fold. First, it represents our best attempt to address the needs outlined in the Plan exactly where it is most needed. This aligns with the CDBG program objective of benefitting low-to-moderate incomes persons, who make up the majority of households in these neighborhoods. Second, it reflects where CDBG applicants have applied for their projects to occur. Our choice in where to distribute projects is constrained in part by the location of projects that have been submitted by applicants.

Discussion

Although directing program funds to the areas of Dunkirk that demonstrate the highest levels of need will always be justifiable, we also strive to be strategic in how exactly funds are distributed geographically. For instance, because many Dunkirk residents have limited transportation options, especially low-income residents, locating a facility to provide assistance to low-income residents near where these residents live makes a lot of sense.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.220(g)

Introduction

As demonstrated elsewhere in our Consolidated Plan, there is a strong need in Dunkirk for additional affordable housing options. Through the programs applied for through our CDBG process, we hope to continue tackling the issue of affordable housing.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported		
Homeless	0	
Non-Homeless	15	
Special-Needs	0	
Total	15	

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	15		
Acquisition of Existing Units	0		
Total	15		

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

Discussion

The programs that will help us reach these one year goals for affordable housing include:

- Chautauqua County Land Bank Lead Abatement
- CHRIC'S Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance Program
- CHRIC's Roof Repair Program

While we recognize that the number of households helped by these programs is a drop in the bucket relative to the need for affordable housing in our community, these programs will make a meaningful impact in the lives of the households assisted. We hope that they can be a catalyst for additional improvements going forward.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Dunkirk Housing Authority (DHA) provides a valuable supply of affordable housing options in our community. In the upcoming program year, we will look for ways to support and partner with the DHA and its residents.

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

Our consultation process in preparing this plan suggests that public housing needs are less urgent than other housing needs in the community. The DHA, while acknowledging that some ongoing issues do exist, has conveyed that public housing in Dunkirk is in stable condition. With this in mind, we feel that other more pressing housing needs should be the focus of our efforts. The DHA currently has a plan to encourage and increase tenant participation on committees and coalitions by creating a Tenant Advisory Board (TAB) that spearheads the flow of information and communication among other developments and their tenants. Out of the TAB grow leaders interested in learning and communicating their role in the management of the HA.

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

We will continue working with local organizations including the DHA, Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. (COI), and Chautauqua Home Rehabilitation and Improvement Corps (CHRIC) to make public housing residents aware of available housing programs. We also recognize that the majority of public housing residents in Dunkirk are Hispanic. In the next year we intend to look for ways to engage with and provide resources for our community's Hispanic population. We will be sure to include the DHA and its residents in any of this outreach. The DHA reports that they share the process of first time homeownership and the availability of local resources that can assist through the general systems of communication such as a monthly newsletter and monthly tenant meetings. They also invite guest speakers familiar with the process to facilitate informational sessions.

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

The Dunkirk Housing Authority is not designated as troubled.

Discussion

The housing challenges that impact our community are deep and widely felt. The resources necessary to

ameliorate the full extent of housing challenges are far greater than the resources available to our community to address these challenges. With this is mind, and considering the generally good condition of public housing in Dunkirk, we have prioritized funding for other housing programs during this program year. We will continue, though, to seek out opportunites to engage public housing residents in our community and to connect them with resources and services that may benefit them.

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

We recognize that homelessness is a real challenge for some members of our community. The data presented elsewhere in this Plan indicate that a variety individuals and families experience homelessness for a variety of reasons. There are challenges that the local Continuum of Care and other local service providers face in addressing the needs of homeless persons, including the lack of a dedicated homeless facility in northern Chautauqua County. We are aware of these challenges and will look for opportunites to assist these organizations where possible.

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

Given the urgency of other housing challenges and the programs applied for by local agencies, our funding for this program year does not include homeless programs. That being said, we will continue working with our local Continuum of Care to provide assistance in reaching out to homeless persons and assessing their individual needs.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons is an ongoing effort in Dunkirk. These needs are largely addressed by our local Continuum of Care, which is coordinated by Chautauqua Opportunities, Inc. (COI). We will work with COI to provide assistance in this effort where possible.

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

One of the ways we have been working towards this goal is by working with Southern Tier Environments for Living, Inc. (STEL) on their Dunkirk Renovation and Ownership Program, which in Phase 1 has created close to 50 new housing units in our community, a number of which have been targeted to homeless persons. Adding these new housing units and providing associated services have helped homeless persons make the transition to permanent housing and independent living. STEL is also planning a Phase II of this project and intends to apply for funding to from New York State to continue this

important initiative.

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.

We will continue working with our local Continuum of Care to find ways to help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless.

Discussion

Our first strategic plan goal is to provide safe, affordable housing for Dunkirk residents. With this in mind, in future program years we will consider funding any programs aimed at assisting low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless.

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

Introduction:

As stated elsewhere in this Plan, quality affordable housing is one of the most pressing needs in our community. We are committed to providing expanded opportunities for affordable housing as well as removing any potential barriers to affordable housing.

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

We are currently unaware of any public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing. However, given the importance of affordable housing to our community, we will continue to monitor for any policies that do have the effect of creating barriers to affordable

Discussion:

We will continue to look for potential barriers to affordable housing and to remove those barriers where appropriate. For instance, one of the efforts we undertook in 2018 was to examine housing challenges in our community. We worked with a planning consultant, czb, LLC, to identify and develop strategies to deal with vacant and distressed housing. As part of this project, czb provided recommendations to the City regarding housing policies and programs. If any of these recommendations can help us improve accessibility to affordable housing then we will strongly consider implementing them.

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.220(k)

Introduction:

This section outlines other actions that we will undertake to address the needs and advance the goals set forth in this Consolidated Plan. These actions include efforts to better manage our CDBG program internally as well as actions to better coordinate our CDBG work with other community agencies.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The largest obstacle to meeting underserved needs in our community is a lack of funding. We will diligently look for additional grant opportunities, especially those that will allow us to meet underserved needs, of which there are many in our community. For instance, we will seek out additional future funding for CHRIC's Roof Repair Program through New York State's Affordable Housing Corporation

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

A number of the projects/programs that are proposed for funding in this program year are aimed at increasing housing accessibility or maintaining affordable housing for low- to moderate-income Dunkirk residents. These include:

- Chautaugua County Land Bank Neighborhood Pride Program
- CHRIC'S Down Payment and Closing Cost Assistance Program
- CHRIC's Roof Repair Program

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

We will continue working with local agencies, including Chautauqua Home Rehabilitation and Improvement Corps (CHRIC), the Chautauqua County Land Bank, and the Chautauqua County Department of Health and Human Services, that aim to reduce lead-based paint hazards in our community. Where possible, we will also seek out grant opportunities to address lead-based paint hazards.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The most effective way to reduce the number of poverty-level families is to improve the local economy. The City's Planning and Development Department works constantly to do just that by supporting local businesses, finding ways to attract new businesses, and seeking out available grant opportunities to improve our community and its economy. This work will continue going forward.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Dunkirk will continue to look for ways to improve our institutional structure both within City Hall and with community organizations. We will seek ways to communicate better amongst City departments and with the organizations doing important work in the community. Among the actions currently planned are:

- Creating checklists and procedures to better follow CDBG processes
- Continuing education of the CDBG program, taking advantage of learning resources provided by HUD
- Creation of systems and internal structure to guide the City's CDBG program in the future
- Continuing information sharing between organizations and City staff to ensure that all are aware of resources available and can guide residents appropriately
- Continuing to participate in the HUD Field Office CoC informational and planning discussions

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

Prior to COVID the City's Planning and Development Department had started a business roundtable series that opens a dialogue between representatives from different sectors of the local economy. This idea could be extended to include public and private housing and social service agencies, which would help enhance coordination between the agencies and as the restrictions of COVID are loosening this is an idea that the City will look to pursue again.

City Planning and Development staff have also started participating in a homelessness workgroup run by the local Continum of Care and attended by most of the local social service/housing agencies. This participation will further enhance coordination between the City and these agencies.

Discussion:

We will continue to look for ways to improve our adminstration of the CDBG program and our efforts towards meeting the CDBG programs goals. While the CDBG program is an effective tool in and of itself, we realize that the work undertaken through CDBG occurs in the context of other work being done in our community by a variety of agencies. All of these agencies provide a valuable contribution towards the well-being of our community, especially those higher needs residents requiring additional services. We will continue to work to ensure that our CDBG program is well-coordinated with other work being done in our community.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

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

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

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next	
program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to	
address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not	
been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0
Other CDBG Requirements	
1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit	
persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one,	
two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70%	
of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the	
years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	85.00%

Attachments

Grantee Unique Appendices

CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

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

- 1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any conperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
- 2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
- 3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award decuments for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

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

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Honsing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C., 1701n) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.

Signature of Authorized Official

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Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

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NOTE: Cortain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, clease contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicant

As the duty authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

- Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerist and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
- Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General
 of the United States and, if appropriate, the State,
 the right to examine all records, books, papers, or
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 a proper accounting system in accordance with
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- 3 Will not diapose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and matructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
- Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
- 5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
- Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
- Will establish safeguards to prohibit smoloyees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.

- Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728 4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Morit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpert F).
- Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
- 10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352). which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1688), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1970, as amended (29) U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as arriended (42 U.S.C. §§8101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as arriended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to rondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alexholism: (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3801 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale. rental or financing of housing; (I) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statue(s). under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statue(s) which may apply to the

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- 11. Will comply, or has already complied with the requirements of Tities It and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Politides Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-845) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
- Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which first the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whose or in part with Federal funds.
- 13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§278a to 278a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §278c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding latin standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
- 14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(s) of the Flood Quasater Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
- 15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11736; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood nazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the accorded State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (18 U.S.C. §§1451 of seq.); (f) conformity of

- Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 178(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-823); and, (n) protection of andangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
- Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the nations; wild and scenic rivers system.
- Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1986, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11983 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq).
- Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1998 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
- Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
- 20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 108(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-reaptent from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in porsons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Produting a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

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CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

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

- 1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an amployee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grunt, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
- 2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, losa, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
- 3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and enoperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

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

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

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Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Futitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation — It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91,105.

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

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

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

- 1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families of aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee carrifles are designed to meet other community development needs having particular negately because existing conditions pose a serious and innucliate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).
- 2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate uso of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2021 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.
- 3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

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

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

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

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

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

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

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

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OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other cummunity development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

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