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The City of Rocky Mount & The Down East HOME Consortium

FY 2020-2021

Amended Annual Action Plan For Housing and Community Development

Year #3 of FY 2018-2021 Three-Year Consolidated Plan

On September 17, 2020, the City of Rocky Mount was notified that it will be receiving an allocation for the third round of CDBG-CV funds. The City's allocation of \$328,242 was authorized by the CARES Act on September 11, 2020. As required, the City of Rocky Mount is amending its FY 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan to incorporate the additional CARES Act CDBG-CV funding as shown below. The City of Rocky Mount intends to collaborate with the Warm Program, nonprofit organizations, and small businesses. The focus will be on services that are benefitting low to moderate income residents that are experiencing hunger, housing challenges, loss of wages or work, or other issues due to the coronavirus. Additionally, the focus will be on providing economic assistance for small businesses impacted by COVID-19. Anticipated uses of CDBG-CV funds include:- Emergency Rental Assistance for up to 6 months (\$78,242)- Utilities assistance for up to 6 months (\$100,000)- Economic development for small business assistance (\$150,000)

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 (Program Year 2020) Annual Action Plan represents the third year of the City of Rocky Mount and Down East HOME Consortium's (DEHC) Consolidated Plan for the Fiscal Year's 2018 - 2021 (Con Plan) as approved by the Rocky Mount City Council and accepted by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Annual Action Plan is the City of Rocky Mount and DEHC's application for the HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement program, CDBG Coronavirus (CDBG-CV), and HOME Investment Partnership Program and identifies the proposed project to be funded during the City's and DEHC's Program Year 2020.

The Annual Action Plan outlines priorities and goals for the 2020 - 2021 Program Year, identifies how the Three-Year Consolidated Plan will be implemented, and provides a summary of actions, activities, and federal and non-federal resources that will be used to address priority needs and goals.

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.

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives are as follows:

- Prepare cost-benefit analysis of revitalization strategies

- Plan for the development of affordable housing options
- Establish guiding principles for equitable code enforcement
- Expand housing choice and access to opportunity
- Increase homeownership among low-income households
- Increase Affordable Housing: CHDO
- Economic Development: Section 108 Loan Repayments
- Provide public services
- Economic Development Activities
- Administration of HOME and CDBG

Please review AP-20 for more details.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

In the second year of implementing the Three-Year Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Year 2018 - 2021, the City of Rocky Mount and DEHC achieved the following accomplishments:

- 23 urgent repairs completed for very-low-to low-income homeowners
- 23 housing repairs completed for low-to-moderate income homeowners
- 2 scattered site rehabs completed for low-to-moderate income homeowners
- 27 housing rehab matching rebates completed for homeowners
- 72 small businesses and entrepreneurs received business services
- 69 homeowners received foreclosure mitigation or pre-purchase housing counseling
- 7 students received in-depth classroom and hands-on training in basic construction methods and carpentry skills

The City will continue to work to provide more housing opportunities for its residents. There is a lack of incentives for developers to include affordable housing in their proposed developments. These observations are true for jurisdictions participating in the DEHC.

In both Edgecombe and Nash Counties, the DEHC will continue to utilize HOME funds to rehabilitate dilapidated housing units to help prevent homelessness for families who own their homes but cannot afford extensive repairs.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City of Rocky Mount and DEHC conducted two public hearings on June 22, 2020 and July 6, 2020 to solicit input from citizens on community development needs. A public notice was published in the Rocky Mount Telegram, Nashville Graphic, and Tarboro Weekly, thirty days preceding the public hearings in addition to being posted on the City of Rocky Mount website and the City of Rocky Mount Office of Community & Business Development and Edgecombe County Planning Office. A presentation including an overview of the CDBG Entitlement Program, HOME Investment Partnership Program, and purpose of the Annual Action Plan, estimated funding amount and eligible projects.

Additionally, the City of Rocky Mount conducted a public hearing on October 26, 2020 to solicit input from citizens on the Amendment to the FY 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan and the FY 2018-2021 Consolidated Plan to incorporate the additional CARES Act CDBG-CV funding. A public notice was published in the Rocky Mount Telegram from October 11 - 25, 2020. Also, the public notice was posted on the City of Rocky Mount website and the City of Rocky Mount Office of Community & Business Development Office.

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.

During the public hearing on June 22, 2020, three citizens made comments. The comments included providing public service funding for United Community Ministries, branding a business district, and a local developer introducing himself and expressing concern regarding the removal of confederate statue. Additionally, written comments were received from the Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc. on behalf of the Steering Committee of the Community Academy (see attached Appendix A).

During the public hearing on October 26, 2020, no comments were made. Additionally, written comments were received from the Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc. on behalf of the Steering Committee of the Community Academy (see attached Appendix B).

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

All written comments from the Community Academy were incorporated into the Annual Action Plan regarding CDBG-CV funds. The following public comment will not be accepted because it is not applicable to the Annual Action Plan:

- Removal of the confederate statue

7. Summary

In preparation for the public hearings, to solicit input for the Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 (Program Year 2020) Annual Action Plan, the City of Rocky Mount Community & Business Development staff developed a presentation describing the Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program, CDBG-CV, HOME Investment Partnership Program, the purpose of the Annual Action Plan, the estimated funding available for Program Year 2020 and the types of eligible projects.

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	Rocky Mount		Department of Community and Business Development
HOME Administrator	Rocky Mount		Department of Community and Business Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

Public housing units are located in the larger Consortium jurisdictions of Rocky Mount, Tarboro, and Princeville. Each of these programs is described below. A more complete description of each is found in the Needs of Public Housing section of this plan.

Rocky Mount Housing Authority

The Rocky Mount Housing Authority (RMHA) was formed in 1951 to provide affordable housing to low and very low-income citizens.

RMHA has 754 units of public housing. The City of Rocky Mount and the RMHA partnered to implement the Beal Street Redevelopment Plan and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program in the City. The City acquired a 24-unit townhouse complex, which it rehabbed and sold to RMHA at a considerable discount in order to increase the supply of affordable rental units.

RMHA opened its public housing waiting list in February 2019 to help 50 victims of Hurricane Matthew due to the expiration of FEMA housing assistance.

Rocky Mount Section 8 Inventory

The RMHA has 265 vouchers in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program. The Waiting List for this program is closed until further notice because the number of applicants far exceeds the expected turnover rate. No HCV units are expected to be lost.

Tarboro Housing Authority

In the Town of Tarboro, public housing is managed by the Town of Tarboro Redevelopment Commission. The Commission manages and operates three public housing developments, one Section 8 housing complex, and 82 units of scattered site public housing.

Princeville Housing Authority

Hurricane Matthew resulted in the displacement of hundreds of families. The entirety of the Town of Princeville's public housing stock was lost due to flooding. The Housing Authority has appealed HUD's decision to not rebuild the units and is still awaiting this approval.

To help achieve excellent quality of life and living environment for its public housing tenants, the Rocky Mount Housing Authority (RMHA) and the housing authorities in Tarboro provide funds in support of programs and activities to enhance the lives of these households. Physical improvements such as

modernization of kitchens and baths, upgrading heating systems, exterior renovations, and site work (sidewalks, landscaping, paving) represent on-going efforts in that direction.

The City also supports the Rocky Mount Housing Authority's efforts to develop senior assisted housing in response to the increasing number of elderly residents in the City. The City also recognizes the need for additional handicapped units and supports the Rocky Mount Housing Authority's renovation program to create more non-senior handicapped units.

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)).

Rocky Mount and DEHC support the efforts of the public housing agencies to improve the lives of residents through rehabilitation efforts.

Rocky Mount Housing Authority actively encourages public housing residents to become involved in management through participation in the Resident Advisory Board and consultations with resident advisory representatives concerning specific needs, issues, or problems.

The City and Rocky Mount Housing Authority also encourage residents to become homeowners through participation in the First-Time Home Buyers program and other resident education and outreach efforts.

The Tarboro Redevelopment Commission has a Resident Advisory Board which provides input into the operations and maintenance of THA.

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 Rocky Mount and the DEHC, working with the counties, local churches, agencies, and not-for-profit organizations, attempt to monitor the situation and to provide services to meet the needs of the homeless and to prevent homelessness.

There has been an increased need for transitional housing and support services for persons with substance-abuse patients and the mentally ill over the past five years. At this time there is only one transitional housing facility for the mentally ill and it can house only five men. The Edgecombe-Nash County Mental Health Department offers 40 units of permanent supportive housing to men, women and children.

Homeless veterans are identified by outreach teams asking about military service, coordinated assessment staff asking veteran status on assessment, Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

grantees outreaching to unsheltered veterans and calling referral sources in the community, in addition to veterans calling into the State's veteran hotline. To increase access, CoC staff provide maps and contact information for the CoC and SSVF programs to the NC Department of Military & Veterans Affairs for a resource guide that is distributed to veterans and agencies serving veterans, including Veteran Service Officers. CoC staff ensure that Regional Committees, VA grantees and VA staff are connected, and each region's coordinated assessment system has a specific process for referring identified veterans to VA programs. SSVF grantees are very active in Regional Committees and complete the majority of screening for VA eligibility. Some Regional Committees currently have by-name lists of homeless veterans and the CoC is working on creating a CoC-wide by-name list.

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

Not applicable

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	ROCKY MOUNT HOUSING AUTHORITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans 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 has worked diligently with Rocky Mount Housing Authority on creation of affordable housing units for transitional housing. The City also supports the Rocky Mount Housing Authority's efforts to develop senior assisted housing in response to the increasing number of elderly residents in the Rocky Mount. Additionally, the City recognizes the need for additional handicapped units and supports the Rocky Mount Housing Authority's renovation program to create more non-senior handicapped units.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	UNITED COMMUNITY MINISTRIES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy

<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>With the resources available, the City attempts to prevent homelessness, address special needs populations, assist the homeless, and eliminate chronic homelessness, through increasing the availability of affordable housing and providing financial support to United Community Ministries (UCM). The City works with UCM to develop and implement programs to address the issue of public institutions that may discharge persons into homelessness. Emergency shelter activities will continue through programs at the UCM's Emergency Shelter.</p>
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

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	State of North Carolina's Balance of State Continuum of Care Plan	The Twin Counties Housing Initiative (TCHI) is a coalition of service providers, faith community representatives, and homeless persons. The City of Rocky Mount and counties participate in the State of North Carolina's Balance of State Continuum of Care Plan, and the TCHI has submitted a Rapid ReHousing Grant application to meet the growing demand for homeless housing.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

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

A draft of the Amendment to the FY 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan and FY 2018-2021 Consolidated Plan was made available for public review and comment for 7 days beginning October 19, 2020 and ending on October 26, 2020. Copies of the draft document could be reviewed online at <http://www.rockymountnc.gov> and they were available for review at the following locations during regular business hours:

- Office of Community & Business Development, Frederick E. Turnage Municipal Building, 331 S. Franklin Street Rocky Mount, NC 27804
- Public Hearing (same address): Monday, October 26, 2020 at 4 pm in City Council Chamber on the 3rd floor

Written comments were encouraged and were asked to be received at the following location no later than October 26, 2020 to be considered:

Ms. Cornelia McGee, Community Development Administrator, 331 South Franklin Street, Post Office Box 1180, Rocky Mount, NC 27802-1180, Cornelia.McGee-Anthony@rockymountnc.gov.

The Rocky Mount City Council approved the Amendment to the FY 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan at its regular meeting on October 26, 2020 at 4 pm. The City of Rocky Mount submitted the Amendment to the FY 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan to HUD on October 28, 2020.

Additionally, a draft of the Proposed Annual Action Plan was made available for public review and comment for 30 days beginning June 8, 2020 and ending on July 8, 2020. Copies of the draft document could be reviewed online at <http://www.rockymountnc.gov> and they were available for review at the following locations during regular business hours:

- Office of Community & Business Development, Frederick E. Turnage Municipal Building, 331 S. Franklin Street Rocky Mount, NC 27804
- Public Hearing (same address): Monday, June 22, 2020 at 4 pm in City Council Chamber on the 3rd floor
- Planning & Development Department, Edgecombe County Administrative Building, 201 St. Andrew Street Tarboro, NC 27886
- Public Hearing (same address): July 6, 2020, at 7 pm

Written comments were encouraged and were asked to be received at the following location no later than July 8, 2020 to be considered:

Ms. Cornelia McGee, Community Development Administrator, 331 South Franklin Street, Post Office Box 1180, Rocky Mount, NC 27802-1180, Cornelia.McGee-Anthony@rockymountnc.gov.

The Rocky Mount City Council approved the FY 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan at its regular meeting on July 13, 2020 at 7 pm. The City of Rocky Mount submitted the FY 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan to HUD on July 15, 2020.

HUD granted several waivers to program procedures to expedite the use of these funds. These waivers included an ability to amend the Citizen Participation Plan and allow for a shorter timeframe for public display, use of the internet to make the Substantial Amendment available to the public and use of virtual meetings to allow for input and comment. The City of Rocky Mount advertised the Substantial Amendment for CDBG-CV funds on May 8, 2022 and made the Substantial Amendment available to the public for a period from **May 10, 2022 through June 13, 2022**. A public hearing, both virtual and in-person, was scheduled for June 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Comments received: No comments on the draft amendment were received.

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	Newspaper Ad	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>Please see a copy of the newspaper outreach as an attachment under Grantee Unique Appendices.</p>			<p>www.rockymounttelegram.com;</p> <p>www.nashvillegraphic.com</p>

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response /attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Internet Outreach	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	<p>Letter dated July 8, 2020 and October 26, 2020 received from Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc.</p>	<p>Please see a copy of letter as an attachment under Citizen Participation Comments.</p>		<p>https://www.rockymountnc.gov/departments_services/community_business_development</p>

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response /attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Public Hearing	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted</p>	<p>Three (3) individuals commented during a public hearing on June 22, 2020. No comments were received during a public hearing on July 6, 2020 at the Edgecombe County Administrative Building. Additionally, no comments were received during a public hearing on October 26, 2020 at the Rocky Mount City Hall</p>	<p>Help for the homeless through a nonprofit organization. Assistance through economic development for all of Rocky Mount. Comments relative to recruiting a real</p>	<p>Removal of the Confederate Monument.</p> <p>Annual Action Plan 2020</p>	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The following table outlines the federal resources available in Program Year 2020 - 2021 to address housing and non-housing community development needs in Rocky Mount and DEHC. Currently, the Rocky Mount and the DEHC utilizes CDBG and HOME funds for owner-occupied rehabilitation/replacement, housing repair, housing development, urgent housing repair, public services, blight removal and other eligible activities. These funding sources are expected to be available over the next five years.

The CDBG and program income resources are applicable to Rocky Mount only. The City expects to receive \$526,640 in CDBG funds and \$309,806 in CDBG-CV funds, and the entire DEHC expects to receive \$417,205.35 in HOME funds in Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021. In addition, the City of Rocky Mount expects to receive an allocation of \$328,242 for the third round of CDBG-CV funds. The City of Rocky Mount expects to receive a total of \$638,048 in CDBG-CV funds.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1			Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$ Total: \$	
						Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$

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	526,560	0	841,435	1,367,995	1,368,075	CDBG funds for non-housing community development
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	579,112	0	1,612,307	2,191,419	2,029,512	HOME funds for housing activities.

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: \$		
Other	public - federal	Public Services	638,048	0	0	638,048	638,048	The CARES Act made available \$5 billion in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds. Of this amount, HUD immediately allocated \$2 billion based on the fiscal year 2020 CDBG formula. The City of Rocky Mount's allocation is \$309,806. The funds can be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

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

In 2019, the City of Rocky Mount received \$100,000 from the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency and \$500,000 in City general funds for housing and community development.

In addition to federal CDBG allocations, State CDBG funds are disbursed on a competitive basis to non-entitlement communities. Historically, the Town of Middlesex, Nashville, Spring Hope, Sharpsburg, Tarboro, and Whitakers, and Nash and Edgecombe Counties have received CDBG Community Revitalization (Concentrated Needs) and Scattered Site Housing funds from the North Carolina Division of Community Assistance to assist with some of their local housing and community development needs. At the time of publication of this document, State CDBG funds were not available for housing rehabilitation, which significantly impacts small municipalities' ability to address critical housing needs.

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 Redevelopment Commission for the City of Rocky Mount purchases land to facilitate housing and commercial development. In addition, the City owns donated vacant lots through-out the City that may be available for future development of affordable housing. For example, the Beal Street Redevelopment in the Happy Hill neighborhood was originally purchased by the Redevelopment Commission for the purpose of developing affordable housing.

Discussion

See written comments dated July 8, 2020 and October 26, 2020 from Legal Aid of North Carolina, Inc. regarding CDBG-CV funds.

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	Prepare cost-benefit analysis of rev strategies	2018	2021	Affordable Housing	Rocky Mount	AFH FACTOR: Expand housing choice and access to op	CDBG: \$105,312 HOME: \$57,911	
2	Plan for the development of affordable housing opt	2018	2021	Affordable Housing	Rocky Mount	AFH FACTOR: Expand housing choice and access to op	CDBG: \$105,312 HOME: \$57,911	
3	Establish guiding principles for equitable code en	2018	2021	Affordable Housing	Rocky Mount	AFH FACTOR: Expand housing choice and access to op	CDBG: \$105,312 HOME: \$57,911	
4	Expand housing choice and access to opportunity	2018	2021	Affordable Housing	Nash and Edgecombe Counties Rocky Mount	AFH FACTOR: Expand housing choice and access to op	HOME: \$434,334	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 8 Household Housing Unit
5	Increase homeownership among low-income households	2018	2021	Affordable Housing	Rocky Mount	AFH FACTOR: Expand housing choice and access to op	CDBG: \$214,264	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 12 Household Housing Unit Other: 12 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Increase Affordable Housing: CHDO	2018	2021	Affordable Housing	Nash and Edgecombe Counties Rocky Mount	AFH FACTOR: Expand housing choice and access to op	HOME: \$86,867	Rental units constructed: 2 Household Housing Unit
7	Economic Development: Section 108 Loan Repayments	2018	2021	Non-Housing Community Development	Rocky Mount		CDBG: \$103,000	Businesses assisted: 10 Businesses Assisted
8	Provide public services	2018	2021	Non-Housing Community Development	Rocky Mount		CDBG: \$78,984 CDBG-CV: \$488,048	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1120 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 16 Households Assisted
9	Economic Development Activities	2018	2021	Non-Housing Community Development	Rocky Mount		CDBG: \$25,000 CDBG-CV: \$150,000	Businesses assisted: 25 Businesses Assisted
10	Administration of CDBG and HOME programs	2018	2021	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development Administration	Nash and Edgecombe Counties Rocky Mount	Strengthen fair housing enf, operations, and ed Administration of CDBG and HOME programs	CDBG: \$105,312 HOME: \$57,911	

Table 3 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Prepare cost-benefit analysis of rev strategies
	Goal Description	
2	Goal Name	Plan for the development of affordable housing opt
	Goal Description	
3	Goal Name	Establish guiding principles for equitable code en
	Goal Description	
4	Goal Name	Expand housing choice and access to opportunity
	Goal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edgcombe/Nash County Scattered Sites--Rehab 8 units or acquire 8 lots with potential to serve 8 households (\$434,334)
5	Goal Name	Increase homeownership among low-income households
	Goal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redevelopment Projects (\$164,264)Housing rehabilitation costs— Rehab 12 units to serve 12 householdsHolly Street — Rehab 3 units with potential to serve 3 households Down East — Rehab 3 units with potential to serve 3 householdsSoutheast Rocky Mount — Rehab 3 units with potential to serve 3 householdsCentral City — Rehab 3 units with potential to serve 3 households • Rehab Delivery Costs/Inspections and Write Ups for Housing Repair--Support repairs and rehab of 20 units (\$50,000)

6	Goal Name	Increase Affordable Housing: CHDO
	Goal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop and/or rehab 2 units or acquire 2 lots with potential to serve 2 households (\$86867)
7	Goal Name	Economic Development: Section 108 Loan Repayments
	Goal Description	Section 108 Repayment for Douglas Block Redevelopment
8	Goal Name	Provide public services
	Goal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDBG Public Service — Provide services to the public, primarily to benefit low- and moderate-income residents that will include mortgage housing counseling, homeless service support, emergency rental assistance, job training, and youth development to individuals and families. It is estimated at least 500 individuals will be assisted. (CDBG/\$78,984) Utility Assistance — Provide services to the public, primarily to benefit low- and moderate-income residents that will include supporting payment of utilities of customers who have delinquent accounts. It is estimated that 620 individuals or less will be assisted. (CDBG-CV/\$409,806) Emergency Rental Assistance - Provide emergency rental grants to income-eligible individuals or families economically impacted during COVID-19 pandemic through job loss, furlough, or reduction in hours or pay, residing in the City of Rocky Mount. The Subrecipient will provide up to \$784 in rental assistance per month (Rocky Mount's median gross rent) for a period of no more than six (6) consecutive months (total award not to exceed \$4,704). (CDBG-CV/\$78,242)

9	Goal Name	Economic Development Activities
	Goal Description	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Economic Development for Small Business Assistance - Provide small business assistance grants to help eligible small businesses to replace lost revenue needed to pay for the following regularly reoccurring costs, provided that they retain or create jobs held by individuals with low-to-moderate income: payroll for employees, rent/mortgage, utilities, and personal protective equipment (PPE) hand sanitizer and other sanitary supplies (consumable) for employees and customers. Grants will be available up to \$10,000. (CDBG-CV/\$150,000) Economic Development for Small Business Assistance - Provide support for start up and small businesses by providing one-on-one business counseling and technical assistance to entrepreneurs in the target areas of City of Rocky Mount. (CDBG/\$25,000)
10	Goal Name	Administration of CDBG and HOME programs
	Goal Description	

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

In late 1996, ten local communities in Nash and Edgecombe Counties in eastern North Carolina, formed the Down East HOME Consortium (DEHC). With the City of Rocky Mount, already a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement City, as the Lead Entity, the Consortium began receiving Home Investment Partnerships Program funds (HOME) in 1997.

Currently, the following jurisdictions comprise the DEHC: Conetoe, Edgecombe County, Middlesex, Pinetops, Princeville, Rocky Mount, Sharpsburg, Spring Hope, and Whitakers.

Edgecombe and Nash Counties' membership in the DEHC does not include the governments of the municipalities in both Counties who chose not to join the Consortium.

CDBG assistance will be directed to the qualified low- and moderate-income areas in the City of Rocky Mount, while HOME funds will be allocated to the participating members of the Consortium in percentages relative to the population of each within the Consortium.

When the Consortium was established, the member jurisdictions, with Rocky Mount as the lead entity, agreed upon an allocation formula based on the "percent of total Consortium population" for each member. Subsequently, the DEHC agreed to disburse funds on a County basis, excluding Rocky Mount. This agreement was implemented beginning with FY 2006-2007 and will continue with this FY 2020 - 2021 Annual Action Plan.

Currently, the DEHC has a match balance sufficient to meet the match requirement. There is no match requirement for FY 2020-2021*. The chart below provides a summary of anticipated HOME resources for the Consortium in FY 2020-2021.

#	Project Name
1	20 HOME Program Administration
2	20 HOME Rocky Mount Reserve
3	20 HOME CHDO
4	20 HOME Edgecombe County Scattered Site Rehabs
5	20 HOME Nash County Scattered Site Rehabs
6	20 CDBG Program Administration
7	20 CDBG Section 108 Loans
8	20 CDBG Public Service
9	20 CDBG Housing Rehabilitation
10	20 CDBG Rehab Delivery
11	20 CDBG Economic Development
12	20 CDBG-CV Economic Development

#	Project Name
13	20 CDBG-CV Public Service

Table 4 – Project Information

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

The City of Rocky Mount and the DEHC jurisdictions have developed a strategic plan to address the key issues raised in the course of this analysis, and which met the HUD requirements for elements to be addresses by this plan.

The four overarching goals, intended to benefit low-, very low- and extremely low-income persons are:

1. To increase affordable housing opportunities through-out the City,
2. To increase public outreach, engagement and awareness opportunities concerning housing options and opportunities,
3. To provide decent housing,
4. To provide a suitable living environment, and
5. To provide expanded economic opportunities.

Several areas of specific need emerge from this analysis and documentation. Each of these needs fits within the three goals noted above. These needs, translated into tangible goals include:

- Provide affordable housing to extremely low-, very low-, and low-income households of all types in order to prevent homelessness;
- Reduce reports of problems with housing, focusing on low-income renters and owners, and especially the elderly in this category;
- Create affordable housing opportunities for both renters and owners; Increase antipoverty programs that integrate job training and placement, welfare to work initiatives, and other programs aimed at improving opportunities for economic self-sufficiency;
- Promote economic development initiatives in coordination with state and federal programs;
- Provide quality public services to low- and moderate-income residents;
- Provide quality public facilities for the needs of low-and moderate-income households.

The system for establishing the priority for these goals and strategies is predicated upon the following criteria in descending order of importance:

The City and the DEHC have observed a number of significant obstacles to meeting underserved needs. These include:

- A lack of affordable housing;
- Low vacancy rates in public housing;
- A lack of private developer funding;
- The increasing costs of development and construction
- A need for increased coordination and collaboration among service providers.

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1	Project Name	20 HOME Program Administration
	Target Area	Nash and Edgecombe Counties Rocky Mount
	Goals Supported	Administration of CDBG and HOME programs
	Needs Addressed	Administration of CDBG and HOME programs
	Funding	HOME: \$57,911
	Description	HOME Program Administration
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The estimated number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities will be in line with 24 CFR 570.205-206 and 570.489(a) per Program Administration costs.
	Location Description	Not applicable
	Planned Activities	Approved activities for the usage of program administration funds.
2	Project Name	20 HOME Rocky Mount Reserve
	Target Area	Nash and Edgecombe Counties
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	HOME: \$153,756
	Description	
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that at least 3 families will benefit from the proposed housing rehabilitation activities.
	Location Description	The location description is Nash and Edgecombe Counties.
	Planned Activities	
3	Project Name	20 HOME CHDO
	Target Area	Rocky Mount
	Goals Supported	Increase Affordable Housing: CHDO
	Needs Addressed	AFH FACTOR: Expand housing choice and access to op
	Funding	HOME: \$86,867

	Description	Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) is a nonprofit community based organization that has staff to develop affordable housing for the Rocky Mount area community it serves.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 2 families will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	The location description is parcels on Vance Street in Rocky Mount.
	Planned Activities	The certified CHDO will use funds to develop affordable housing for the Vance Street Homes Project.
4	Project Name	20 HOME Edgecombe County Scattered Site Rehabs
	Target Area	Nash and Edgecombe Counties
	Goals Supported	Expand housing choice and access to opportunity
	Needs Addressed	AFH FACTOR: Expand housing choice and access to op
	Funding	HOME: \$138,938
	Description	Rehab scattered sites in Edgecombe County.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that at least two families will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	Properties will be located in Edgecombe County.
	Planned Activities	The planned activities include the rehabilitation of two existing owner occupied homes or if deemed uninhabitable the new construction of owner occupied homes in Edgecombe County.
5	Project Name	20 HOME Nash County Scattered Site Rehabs
	Target Area	Nash and Edgecombe Counties
	Goals Supported	Expand housing choice and access to opportunity
	Needs Addressed	AFH FACTOR: Expand housing choice and access to op
	Funding	HOME: \$141,639
	Description	Rehab scattered sites in Nash County.
	Target Date	6/30/2021

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that at least three families will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	The properties will be located in Nash County.
	Planned Activities	The planned activities include the rehabilitation of owner occupied properties or if deemed uninhabitable the new construction of owner occupied properties for low to moderate income homeowners.
6	Project Name	20 CDBG Program Administration
	Target Area	Rocky Mount
	Goals Supported	Administration of CDBG and HOME programs
	Needs Addressed	Administration of CDBG and HOME programs
	Funding	CDBG: \$105,312
	Description	
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The estimated number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities will be in line with 24 CFR 570.205-206 and 570.489(a) per Program Administration costs.
	Location Description	Not applicable.
	Planned Activities	CDBG Program Administration will be in line with 24 CFR 570.205-206 and 570.489(a) per Program Administration costs.
7	Project Name	20 CDBG Section 108 Loans
	Target Area	Rocky Mount
	Goals Supported	Economic Development: Section 108 Loan Repayments
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$103,000
	Description	Section 108 Loan Repayment for Douglas Block Revitalization
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Ten businesses will be assisted.

	Location Description	The location description is the city limits of Rocky Mount.
	Planned Activities	<p align="left">The City of Rocky Mount received a Section 108 Loan in the amount of \$3,598,248.36 for the redevelopment of the Douglas Block area. Douglas Block is a public-private redevelopment project that has resulted in a thriving commercial center in Downtown Rocky Mount.</p>
8	Project Name	20 CDBG Public Service
	Target Area	Rocky Mount
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$78,984
	Description	Public service include but not limited to job training, crime prevention and public safety, child care, health services, substance abuse services, fair housing counseling, education programs, energy conservation, services for senior citizens, services for homeless persons, welfare services, and down payment assistance, and recreation services.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that at least 500 individuals will benefit from public service activities.
	Location Description	The location description is the city limits of Rocky Mount.
	Planned Activities	The planned activities include providing services to the public, primarily to benefit low- and moderate-income residents that will include mortgage housing counseling, homeless service support, emergency rental assistance, job training, and youth development to individuals and families.
9	Project Name	20 CDBG Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Expand housing choice and access to opportunity Increase homeownership among low-income households
	Needs Addressed	AFH FACTOR: Expand housing choice and access to op Increase homeownership among low-income households
	Funding	CDBG: \$164,264

	Description	Rehab 12 units to serve 12 households
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least twelve families will be assisted with housing rehabilitation activities.
	Location Description	The homes will be located within the City of Rocky Mount.
	Planned Activities	Homeowners will participate in the Housing Repair Program.
10	Project Name	20 CDBG Rehab Delivery
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Expand housing choice and access to opportunity
	Needs Addressed	AFH FACTOR: Expand housing choice and access to op
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	Rehab delivery includes the costs of housing inspections (planning, preconstruction, and construction phase).
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Twenty-five households will be assisted with rehab delivery costs.
	Location Description	The properties will be located in the City of Rocky Mount.
	Planned Activities	
11	Project Name	20 CDBG Economic Development
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Economic Development Activities
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	To support start and small businesses by providing one-on-one business counseling and technical assistance to entrepreneurs in target areas of the City of Rocky Mount.
	Target Date	6/30/2021

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that at least 5 small businesses will be assisted.
	Location Description	The small business activities will take place in the City of Rocky Mount.
	Planned Activities	The City will partner with a subrecipient to administer the small business assistance activities.
12	Project Name	20 CDBG-CV Economic Development
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Economic Development Activities
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$150,000
	Description	To provide small business grants to help eligible businesses to replace lost revenue needed to pay for the following reoccurring costs, provided that they retain or create jobs held by individuals with low-to-moderate income: payroll for employees, rent/mortgage, utilities, and personal protective equipment (PPE) hand sanitizer and other sanitary supplies (consumable) for employees and customers.
	Target Date	6/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that at least 20 small businesses will be assisted.
	Location Description	The businesses will be located within the City of Rocky Mount.
	Planned Activities	Small business assistance grants will be available up to \$10,000.
13	Project Name	20 CDBG-CV Public Service
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Provide public services
	Needs Addressed	AFH FACTOR: Expand housing choice and access to op Strengthen fair housing enf, operations, and ed
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$488,048

Description	The amended activities include providing services to the public, primarily to benefit low- and moderate-income residents that will include utility assistance (\$42,372); emergency rental assistance (\$78,242); and provision of public services (\$367,434), including transitional housing, homeless prevention, food pantry, and housing counseling to individuals and families impacted by COVID-19.
Target Date	6/30/2023
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 60 households will be assisted with utility assistance; at least 16 households with emergency rental assistance; and 500 households will benefit from public services transitional housing, homeless prevention, food pantry, and housing counseling.
Location Description	The location description is within the City of Rocky Mount.
Planned Activities	The City of Rocky Mount Department of Community & Business Development will partner with the Department of Business & Collection Services to provide one-time grant for up to six consecutive months of utility assistance to low-to-moderate income households impacted by the loss of income due to COVID-19 pandemic. The maximum amount of utility assistance for per household is \$1,000.

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 of Rocky Mount will target CDBG funding to neighborhood revitalization activities in order to maximize outcomes and meet performance measures. The majority of funds will be used for urgent housing repair, blight abatement, and rehabilitation of existing rental and multi-family housing in center-city neighborhoods identified as Target Areas of Opportunity (TAOs). These allocations serve the low- and moderate-income areas of the City and provide multiple benefits with respect to maintaining neighborhoods, providing affordable housing, and creating economic opportunity.

Other activities will continue to be implemented on a scattered site basis. These projects serve to keep low- and moderate-income families and individuals in their homes, thus addressing issues of affordability and sustainability.

Additionally, the City of Rocky Mount will target CDBG-CV funding to public service activities. These allocations will serve the low- and moderate income.

Within the rest of the DEHC, housing rehabilitation project activities will occur in Edgecombe and Nash Counties on a scattered site basis. This effort keeps low- and moderate-income, often elderly, families and individuals in their homes.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Nash and Edgecombe Counties	61
Rocky Mount	39

Table 5 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The rationale for the priorities for allocating investment geographically is based on the population of the jurisdictions.

Discussion

There was no additional discussion.

Affordable Housing

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

Introduction

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One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	100
Non-Homeless	25
Special-Needs	20
Total	145

Table 6 - 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	22
Rehab of Existing Units	36
Acquisition of Existing Units	4
Total	62

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

Discussion

There was no additional discussion.

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

Introduction

Public housing units are located in the larger Consortium jurisdictions of Rocky Mount, Tarboro, and Princeville. Each of these programs is described below. A more complete description of each is found in the Needs of Public Housing section of this plan.

Rocky Mount Housing Authority

The Rocky Mount Housing Authority (RMHA) was formed in 1951 to provide affordable housing to low and very low-income citizens.

RMHA has 754 units of public housing. The City of Rocky Mount and the RMHA partnered to implement the Beal Street Redevelopment Plan and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program in the City. The City acquired a 24-unit townhouse complex, which it rehabbed and sold to RMHA at a considerable discount in order to increase the supply of affordable rental units.

RMHA opened its public housing waiting list in February 2019 to help 50 victims of Hurricane Matthew due to the expiration of FEMA housing assistance.

Rocky Mount Section 8 Inventory

The RMHA has 265 vouchers in the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) Program. The Waiting List for this program is closed until further notice because the number of applicants far exceeds the expected turnover rate. No HCV units are expected to be lost.

Tarboro Housing Authority

In the Town of Tarboro, public housing is managed by the Town of Tarboro Redevelopment Commission. The Commission manages and operates three public housing developments, one Section 8 housing complex, and 82 units of scattered site public housing.

Princeville Housing Authority

Hurricane Matthew resulted in the displacement of hundreds of families. The entirety of the Town of Princeville's public housing stock was lost due to flooding. The Housing Authority has appealed HUD's decision to not rebuild the units and is still awaiting this approval.

To help achieve excellent quality of life and living environment for its public housing tenants, the Rocky Mount Housing Authority (RMHA) and the housing authorities in Tarboro provide funds in support of programs and activities to enhance the lives of these households. Physical improvements such as modernization of kitchens and baths, upgrading heating systems, exterior renovations, and site work

(sidewalks, landscaping, paving) represent on-going efforts in that direction.

The City also supports the Rocky Mount Housing Authority's efforts to develop senior assisted housing in response to the increasing number of elderly residents in the City. The City also recognizes the need for additional handicapped units and supports the Rocky Mount Housing Authority's renovation program to create more non-senior handicapped units.

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

Rocky Mount and DEHC support the efforts of the public housing agencies to improve the lives of residents through rehabilitation efforts.

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

Rocky Mount Housing Authority actively encourages public housing residents to become involved in management through participation in the Resident Advisory Board and consultations with resident advisory representatives concerning specific needs, issues, or problems.

The City and Rocky Mount Housing Authority also encourage residents to become homeowners through participation in the First-Time Home Buyers program and other resident education and outreach efforts.

The Tarboro Redevelopment Commission has a Resident Advisory Board which provides input into the operations and maintenance of THA.

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

A "troubled housing authority or agency" is one that is in its third year of not having met targets for improved performance. Both the Rocky Mount Housing Authority and Tarboro Housing Authority are designated "high performing" agencies.

Discussion

There was no additional discussion.

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

Introduction

The City of Rocky Mount and the Consortium communities continue to face significant problems associated with homelessness and the prevention of homelessness. The City and the DEHC, working with the counties, local churches, agencies, and not-for-profit organizations, attempt to monitor the situation and to provide services to meet the needs the homeless and to prevent homelessness.

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 City of Rocky Mount and the Consortium communities will continue to support agencies working to address homelessness.

With the resources available, the City attempts to prevent homelessness, address special needs populations, assist the homeless, and eliminate chronic homelessness, through increasing the availability of affordable housing and providing financial support to United Community Ministries (UCM). Given the extent of need and the limited resources available, the City and the DEHC allocates resources to meet these homeless and special needs through the following programs:

- Scattered Site Housing Rehabilitation and Substantial Housing Rehab/Housing Replacement.
- Ensuring rehabbed and newly constructed properties are brought up to Energy Star standards.
- The Beal Street Redevelopment in Rocky Mount is focused on property acquisition and demolition in the targeted Happy Hill community. Dilapidated housing is being replaced with approximately 80 newly constructed single and multifamily housing units.
- The Harambee Square Apartment Renovations in Rocky Mount is providing modern affordable and handicapped accessible units to the senior citizen community.

In addition, the City will continue to assist programs that provide a range of supportive services to persons at risk of becoming homeless. The City works with UCM to develop and implement programs to address the issue of public institutions that may discharge persons into homelessness.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Emergency Shelter activities will continue through programs at the Bassett Center, the Salvation Army, My Sister's House, Tarboro Community Outreach and the United Communities Ministries' Emergency Shelter.

The City has worked diligently with Rocky Mount Housing Authority on the creation of affordable housing units for transitional housing.

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

There has been an increased need for transitional housing and support services for persons with substance-abuse patients and the mentally ill over the past five years. At this time there is only one transitional housing facility for the mentally ill and it can house only five men. The Edgecombe-Nash County Mental Health Department offers 40 units of permanent supportive housing to men, women and children.

Homeless veterans are identified by outreach teams asking about military service, coordinated assessment staff asking veteran status on assessment, Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) grantees outreaching to unsheltered veterans and calling referral sources in the community, in addition to veterans calling into the State's veteran hotline. To increase access, CoC staff provide maps and contact information for the CoC and SSVF programs to the NC Department of Military & Veterans Affairs for a resource guide that is distributed to veterans and agencies serving veterans, including Veteran Service Officers. CoC staff ensure that Regional Committees, VA grantees and VA staff are connected, and each region's coordinated assessment system has a specific process for referring identified veterans to VA programs. SSVF grantees are very active in Regional Committees and complete the majority of screening for VA eligibility. Some Regional Committees currently have by-name lists of homeless veterans and the CoC is working on creating a CoC-wide by-name list.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The Twin Counties Housing Initiative (TCHI) is a coalition of service providers, faith community representatives, and homeless persons. The City and counties participate in the State of North Carolina's

Balance of State Continuum of Care Plan, and the TCHI has submitted a Rapid ReHousing Grant application to meet the growing demand for homeless housing.

TCHI is partnering with the local Social Security office to aid in discharge policy and program eligibility for the homeless.

The City of Rocky Mount has addressed the priorities established by TCHI in the past and will continue to look to this body for direction in developing homeless assistance strategies.

Discussion

There was no additional discussion.

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

Introduction

The major barrier to affordable housing in the City of Rocky Mount and the DEHC in general is the high cost of housing created by rising land, infrastructure, and construction costs.

A review of local ordinances, zoning, fees and building codes notes that the City's zoning code permits a wide range of housing construction in a range of areas across the City. The building codes, while contributing in some measure to increased construction costs, are necessary for the health and safety of residents; the same applies to the development standards and subdivision regulations.

The City continues to work to provide more housing opportunities for its residents. There is a lack of incentives for developers to include affordable housing in their proposed developments. These observations are true for the jurisdictions participating in the DEHC.

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

Rocky Mount and the DEHC completed (December 2017) an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing in advance of the development of this Consolidated Plan.

The following contributing factors of disparities in access to opportunity were identified, some of which are barriers to affordable housing:

- The availability, type, frequency, and reliability of public transportation
- Impediments to mobility/inaccessible public or private infrastructure
- Location and type of affordable housing
- Location of employers
- Land use and zoning laws
- Location of proficient schools and school assignment policies

Discussion

There was no additional discussion.

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

Introduction

The following information illustrates other actions that Rocky Mount and the DEHC will take to address its priority needs.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The primary impediment to the Rocky Mount and the DEHC ability to meet underserved needs is the limited amount of funding to address identified priorities. The Consortium will continue to seek public and private resources to leverage its entitlement funds in assisting with implementation of policies and programs.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City has been implementing focused community development/revitalization in an effort to provide affordable housing and at the same time maintain good neighborhoods, stop the deterioration of tipping point neighborhoods and turnaround deteriorating neighborhoods. These projects include Beal Street Redevelopment, Genesis Estates, Holly Street Revitalization, Starling Way Apartments, M.S. Hayworth Court, Ravenwood Crossing, and East Grand Apartments.

In both Edgecombe and Nash Counties, DEHC will continue to utilize HOME funds to rehabilitate dilapidated housing units to help prevent homelessness for families who own their homes but cannot afford extensive repairs.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The DEHC communities have concentrations of older housing that have a very high chance of containing lead paint as well as concentrations of children in the most susceptible age range. Many of these concentrations of older homes in Rocky Mount are located in the CDBG eligible Census Tracts which have significant low/mod populations.

It should be noted, however, that the lead-based paint hazard remains a significant problem for all households living in units with lead-based paint.

All contractors are required by the City to have lead Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) certification before working on any housing rehabilitation projects.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Rocky Mount and the DEHC will collaborate with human service, social service, and economic development agencies and organizations to facilitate their efforts and maximize their resources to

provide quality services to low-income residents to help them improve their incomes.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Investigation of housing partnership tools in other cities, including projects with national housing foundations, is an important first step in establishing new partnerships. The City and the DEHC will research the organization of housing partnerships in other cities of similar size in the southeast to determine what models or techniques might be successfully employed in the Consortium communities.

New and existing public-private partnerships are critical, and must be fostered, expanded, and strengthened. In particular, new methods need to be developed of involving churches, financial institutions, educational institutions, corporations, and foundations.

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

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Discussion

There was no additional discussion.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

The City of Rocky Mount expects to receive \$526,640 in CDBG funds and \$309,806 in CDBG Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds, and the DEHC expects to receive \$417,205 in HOME funds in Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

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	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.	100.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

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

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as follows:

Not applicable.

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

Resale and Recapture: Recapture provisions as outlined in 24 CFR 92.254 (a)(5)(ii)(A)(1) through (7) shall be enforced in cases where HOME funds are provided as a direct subsidy to the homebuyer/owner.

Resale: The recapture option allows the DEHC to recapture the entire HOME subsidy, subject to net proceeds, if the HOME recipient decides to sell the unit within the period of affordability at whatever price the market will bear. All HOME-assisted units' sale under the recapture provision shall meet the following criteria:

- The housing is made available for subsequent purchase only to a buyer whose family qualifies as a low-income family and will use the property as the family's principal's residence;
- The price at resale provides the original HOME-assisted owner a fair return on investment (including homeowner's investment and capital improvement); and
- The housing will remain affordable to a reasonable range of low-income homebuyers.

The sale of the property during the period of affordability triggers repayment of the direct home subsidy, subject to net proceeds, to the DEHC that the owner received when he or she originally purchased/rehabilitated the home.

The borrower(s) agrees that he/she/they must comply with the standards set forth in the resale requirements to ensure, if the housing does not continue to be the principal residence of the family for the duration of affordability period that the housing is made available for subsequent purchase only to a buyer whose family qualifies as a low-income family and will use the property as the family's principal's residence. The period of affordability is based on the total amount of HOME funds invested in the housing.

Recapture provisions shall be enforced through a promissory note and the recapture agreement filed with the Nash and/or Edgecombe County Register of Deeds, and the requirements within shall be triggered upon sale or transfer of the HOME-assisted property.

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 Down East Home Consortium understands that any HOME-assisted housing must meet the

affordability requirements for not less than the applicable period specified in the following chart, beginning after project completion. The per unit amount of HOME funds and the affordability period that they trigger are described below:

Under \$15,000: 5 year affordability

\$15,000 - \$40,000: 10 year affordability

Over \$40,000: 15 year affordability

In the case of foreclosure or transfer of title by deed in lieu on the Homebuyer, the requirement of affordability will terminate. However, the termination will cease to be in effect if the owner of record before the aforementioned action obtains an ownership interest through family or business ties.

The proceeds from the sale of the dwelling acquired and constructed and/or rehabilitated will be used to create additional affordable housing for homebuyers.

The Homebuyer will execute the Declaration of Deed Restrictions. The City of Rocky Mount will monitor each sale initiated. Along with the Declaration being executed at the loan closing, a request for notice will be executed thereby providing notice to the City in the event of foreclosure or such similar actions or transfer of title through a legitimate sale.

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:

Not applicable.

There was no additional discussion.

