

CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

Citizens were advised on May 4, 2021 via the Item that the CAPER would be on display from May 25-June 25, 2021. Citizens were encouraged to come see the Plan and have input as to how the City spent CDBG funds during the last fiscal year, April 1, 2020-March 31, 2021.

Sewer Improvements were completed for three LMI homeowners during this fiscal year.

Historic Preservation provides for partnerships with business and property owners. The Façade Grant Program provides funds to repair the facades of buildings in the downtown business district. Since the inception of the current Façade Grant program which started in 2002, over \$13 million dollars of historic building renovations have been completed in the downtown historic district while spending less than \$400,000 of Community Development Block funds. During this Caper period Façade Grant assistance was provided for three downtown businesses.

Housing Repairs were accomplished with funding from Community Development Block Grant funds. A total of five owner-occupied houses were rehabilitated for LMI occupants during the fiscal year of April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. Under the housing repair line item, the City used funds to pay inspectors for lead-based paint work and the construction advisor for work write-ups, inspections and bid preparation. Each unit is inspected prior to construction, and again after construction is completed for clearance of Lead-Based Paint.

United Ministries Housing Repair: Nine (9) owner-occupied houses had minor repairs done for LMI occupants.

Youth Employment benefited thirty one (31) students last summer. Thirty one (31) were for the Co-Op Program.

YMCA: Twenty five (25) LMI youth received a variety of services provided by the YMCA.

Health Services: Distributed 18,000 masks and 6,000 quarts of hand sanitizer to households throughout the Low Moderate Areas within the City of Sumter. The census tracts distribution was conducted in the Ward 1, 2, 3, 4, (census tracts 11, 13, 15, 16). This project went a long way in curbing the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Additionally, we provided educational material to each household explaining ways to protect themselves from getting infected.

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee’s program year goals.

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Administration	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG-CV: \$	Other	Other	30	90	300.00%	30	90	300.00%
Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	50	59	118.00%	80	59	73.75%
Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	20	1	5.00%			

Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	0	1		5	1	20.00%
Demolition	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Buildings Demolished	Buildings	25	7	28.00%	6	0	0.00%
Health Services	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG-CV: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	15000	15000	100.00%	15000	15000	100.00%
Health Services	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG-CV: \$	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	6000	6000	100.00%	6000	6000	100.00%
Housing Repair	Housing Repair	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	30	5	16.67%	6	5	83.33%
United Ministries	Minor Home Repairs	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	40	9	22.50%	9	9	100.00%
YMCA Youth Services	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	45	25	55.56%	13	25	192.31%

Youth Employment	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	31		0	31	
Youth Employment	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	130	31	23.85%	40	20	50.00%

Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

Assess how the jurisdiction's use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

Fair Housing Evaluation. There is still a need for affordable rental properties that meet housing codes. Much of the affordable rental stock tends to be substandard, but the efforts of the City Codes Enforcement Department have drastically improved the rental stock. There will always be a need for continuous enforcement of the zoning ordinance throughout the City of Sumter to ensure compliance. Also, the foreclosure economic crisis is steadily being turned around, through partnerships, homeowners are being counseled and provided financial assistance in some cases, so they can continue to be homeowners.

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The Authority has currently elected out of Asset Management since FY 2008 in Public Housing. This program maintains utilization between ninety-seven to ninety-nine percent. This program was a high performing agency for 2020 with the expectation of High Performer status in 2021. Identification of the need for additional one and two bedroom units has been driven by the waiting list. Applications for one or two bedroom unit normally exceed an average of one year prior to being housed; while three, four and five bedroom units wait time averages less than a month. The Authority has determined that the modified scattered site process is the most effective for the location and size of the Public Housing Authority. Renovations to the Administrative Building, to improve the professional flow for the operation, have now been completed.

The above represents general accomplishments. The remaining report identifies specifically what the Community Development Program accomplished in several general areas of upward mobility.

The needs of the homeless are with us constantly; however, several agencies in the 12-county area that comprise the Eastern Carolina Homeless Organization are competing for grants to operate programs that will benefit this population.

The City leverages resources in any way possible to provide opportunities for success and progress. The dollar goes further and relationships are fostered. The end result is more persons benefiting with fewer dollars being spent.

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted). 91.520(a)

	CDBG
White	14
Black or African American	6,042
Asian	0
American Indian or American Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Total	6,056
Hispanic	0
Not Hispanic	6,056

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

Narrative

Included in the total of family members is the make up of the household for the mask and sanitizer distributed and household for rehab and the number of people assisted by educating citizens about fair housing and conducting community meetings and public hearings.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	312,047	316,291
Other	public - federal	427,147	167,783

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

In assessing the relationship of the use of CDBG funds to the priorities, needs, goals and specific objectives identified in the Consolidated Plan, the City of Sumter implemented and executed the following projects during the reporting period: (1) Administration, \$62,409.00 (2) Housing Repair, \$167,783.30, (3) Youth Employment, \$39,331.25 (4) YMCA Youth Services, \$2,500.00 (5) United Ministries, \$25,463.84 (6) Demolition, \$3,875.00

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
NRSA	80		

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

Over 70 percent of non Administration funding was distributed within the City of Sumter NRSA, which consist of Census Tracts 13, 15, 11, and 16.

Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

The Summer Youth Co-op program where the City partner with local business to hire 16 and up high school students, the City and local businesses pays half of the hired student salary. The City currently have anywhere from 6 to 8 local businesses participating in the youth summer program.

The City leverages resources through partnerships with funding sources such as CDBG funds and Santee Lynches Council of Governments HOME Funds. These monies are used for housing repair and new housing development.

Publicly owned land was not used in leveraging

Other private and public resources are tapped to address needs identified in the Consolidated Plan such as local banks, service agencies, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, the Eastern Carolina Homeless Organization for the twelve county area, Sumter Housing Authority, Sumter Board of Realtors, Churches, Schools, Consumer Credit Counseling, and other service organizations. These partnerships provide easy access to services for Low-Moderate-Income citizens.

The Banks provide mortgage loans for home buyers. HOME funds close the gap with deferred loans to homebuyers to make the buying process possible. Fannie Mae and others buys these loans from our local banks thereby freeing up cash for new loans.

Partnerships with other agencies using State Housing Finance & Development Authority Trust funds and the City CDBG funds are

leveraged to bring housing repairs to a higher standard using more funds and reaching more people who need housing repair.

The City through the penny sale tax are upgrading and creating new public parks and facilities throughout the City Limits; with special emphasis in LMA. This will go far as not only beautifying LMA but stabilizing and increase the desire to live in these areas.

The Summer Youth Employment Co-Op Program is successful because local businesses leveraged their funds with CDBG funds to make the program work. The partnership with local businesses is due partly to the Chamber of Commerce agreeing to market the summer program for free in the late winter edition of their newsletter.

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	15	15
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	15	15

Table 11 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	15	15
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Total	15	15

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.

The sumter goals were severely impacted by the pandemic as far meeting all annual. The majority of the administration of the CDBG program consists of face to face contact with customers; during the pandemic this was limited because some customers refuse to wear mask. But, overall with the uncontrollable circumstances the City as a whole attain or exceeded most of our annual goals. The rehab one home this program year and sold it as an affordable to a low moderate income citizen. As far as addresses some of our worst case needs; one of which is irratercating homeliness. The City in conjunction with United Ministries, ECHO, local churches have increased bedding for homeless individuals, along with providing transitional housing during work skill training so the homeless can become self sufficient.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

The City of Sumter will continue to strive to meet our Consolidated Plan goals. With the pandemic slowing down, the City of Sumter should meet it's five year goal, so future annual action plans should reflect more units on a program year basis.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	3	0
Low-income	10	0
Moderate-income	2	0
Total	15	0

Table 13 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

Fifteen households were service under the affordable housing activity during program year 2020.

CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

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

In the City of Sumter Homeless and emergency assistance are provided by Alston Wilkes Society (Sumter Office), United Ministries, Christian Charities, Trinity Place and the Salvation Army. These programs provide funds for food and shelter for persons who are homeless or close to becoming homeless. The elderly and persons with disabilities, those who test positive for HIV/AIDS are included in these service opportunities.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The Sumter United Ministries has a homeless shelter that provides up to 3 nights stay for homeless persons. The stay can be extended provided an extension is requested and granted. The YWCA has a homeless shelter for women and children. Housing is provided as well as job skills and job referrals. Some of the housing is provided through the Housing Authority's Section 8 program. When possible these women are also encouraged to participate in the FSSP.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after 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); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

Wateree Community Actions, Inc., Trans Aid Program reports that they provided services to several families during this reporting period. They provided a turn key approach to homelessness by providing housing, education, counseling, job referral, etc., so that clients will have all needed services that will cause them not to return to their former state of homelessness. The Sumter United Ministries provides clothing and free health care for extremely low income along with free prescriptions. Additionally, the Housing Authority plays a big role in keeping low-income individuals from becoming homeless.

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

A ministry for the homeless is in operation on Sunday afternoon at 3:30pm. A group of volunteers bring a hot meal to the Gazebo located off Calhoun Street. These volunteers have a bible study and serve the meal in a loving outside atmosphere. Their ministry is unique in that it is outside winter and summer regardless of weather condition. People from the street feel very comfortable participating in this ministry. This group has formed a bond and they take each other as family.

In concluding this narrative, Wateree Community Actions is the only local agency that has a turn key homeless initiative in Sumter. This, however, does not begin to serve the need of the community.

United Ministries of Sumter County continues to provide assistance to homeless persons and to others to prevent homelessness. They provide assistance with rent, mortgage, utility, medical, hotel/motel accommodation and food and clothing, along with counseling.

Obstacles to meeting underserved needs continues to include the need for an agency or organization that provides assistance to an almost unidentified population: persons who are under or unemployed, lack skills to market with potential employers, and who also need medical care with follow-up as well as housing. These persons often feel left completely out off the system and are also alienated from family and friends. South Carolina Works has a new program designed to retrain employees to enable them to become self sufficient; while also paying them a stipend during training.

CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

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- Housing Choice Vouchers is rental subsidy to Private Citizens who offer their property for rent through the City of Sumter Housing Authority to accommodate Section 8 and other programs. These units are inspected annually and must meet the standard of the Authority. The Authority experienced budget shortfall in 2009 with a budget rebound in 2010; however the difficulty of this is anticipating the time and man hours it takes to bring applicants on the program including updates, verifications, issuance of vouchers, locating the homes, testing affordability, inspection of the unit and approving initial occupancy. The Authority currently is at our budget capacity of families we are able to assist due to exceeding the operating budget. The continued implementation of federally mandated community service had a great impact on the unit turnaround for fiscal year 2015. The Authority is currently addressing non-renewal of leases for Public Housing clients who have not performed the federal requirement of 8 hours per month if they are (a) non-elderly, (b) not employed, (c) not disabled “as defined” by social security, (d) not a student, or (e) not caring for a disabled household member. This federal requirement prevents families from being determined eligible for other Housing subsidies.

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

Public Housing plays a pivotal role in community development. The local Public Housing Agency provides services to their clients along with a

strong Resident Initiative Program. This program provides opportunities for residents to learn leadership skills as well as plan for home ownership or another kind of business venture

Improvement in public housing and residents' initiatives are ongoing with the City of Sumter Housing Authority. That agency has a Resident Initiatives Coordinator who also carries the title of Self Sufficiency Coordinator. The coordinator works closely with the residents to provide activities at the housing complexes for adults and children while at the same time providing an opportunity for adults to register for the Family Self Sufficiency Program. The program has over 12 active persons listed who have agreed to work towards self sufficiency within a certain period of time, usually five years. There were 33 persons initially; of the initial participants, six have become homeowners. Some left the program since its inception due to transfers and dropouts.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

The Sumter County Housing Authority is not a troubled PHA.

CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken 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. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

In compliance with 24 CFR 91.520(a) City staff is working through the Fair Housing Task Force in an ongoing process to rid the city of Impediments: The City updated Area Impediment was completed during September 2017.

The City adopted a Property Maintenance Code which gives additional guidance to property owners and provides penalties for violations. In its current form there is a duty to the advisement of a 30-day notice of any substandard citing. Such notice is posted with property title in the Courthouse. Property owners will have a duty to repair property before sale or follow through with any prior citing. Sale will be subject to repair within time allotted. The Fair Housing Task Force is working closely with the Codes Enforcement Department to accomplish this.

The City Council also passed an ordinance that is called an Appearance Code. The code does require that property owner's keep their property is in good appearance at all times. Landlords, however, are not included in this group in that if they rent, the person residing in the property is required to keep the appearance up to par.

The City hired additional Codes Enforcement Officers. Part of their work involves issuing citations for property not being in a good state of appearance from the outside.

The City in partnership with the Housing Authority is continually working this issue as funding becomes available. Due to the in foreclosures in the City, the City in partnership with the Housing Authority has identified the need for additional affordable housing in the Sumter Community. The Authority applied for and received funding through a partnership of Neighborhood Stabilization Program in the amount of \$1,700,000.00 for acquisition of foreclosures and rehabilitating for affordable rentals. All partners are purchasing foreclosed homes, and have rehabilitated eleven units. The Sumter community is benefiting from 18 foreclosed homes being converted to rental properties.

The Fair Housing Task Force partnered up with the Sumter Board of Realtors and Local Housing Providers to inform the public, low-moderate-income persons, especially, about Predatory Lending practices and affordable housing opportunities. To celebrate Fair Housing Month and the 26th Anniversary of the HOME Program the City put on a Housing Seminar with emphasis on Available Housing Opportunities in the City and County. Rural Development also participated in this event. Many persons in attendance wanted and needed their information because not all persons desire to live inside the City Limits.

Local housing providers presented their programs visually and verbally. Display tables provided an opportunity for attendees to gain access to

information about banking, finance and affordable housing.

Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

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Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

All rehabilitation of owner occupied homes requires a lead inspection prior to any work being done on the home. If lead is found it would be removed by a license lead qualified extraction contractor.

Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Reduce the number of persons living below the poverty level. This is an awesome task. Training and education is accomplished through the Adult Education Department of both School Districts. They offer basic reading and writing as well as the GED training and preparation for a High School Diploma. Additional training is provided in the areas of Computer Skills at all levels, from basic to advance. Teacher Certification classes are also offered by the Adult Education Department. The Literacy Program is a part of Adult Education. This program teaches English as a second language along with other pertinent classes.

The Technical College and the two 4-year colleges have programs that prepare individuals for upward mobility. As persons avail themselves to training and education their opportunity for living above the poverty level is greater. The initiative, however, must come from the person who is the victim of poverty. Children are assisted when they are employed in our Summer Youth Employment Programs. They have the opportunity to earn money for needed items that include school supplies and clothes. Some students use their money to help parents with household bills.

Contractors who build houses and do housing repairs are encouraged to comply with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Employment Opportunities for Low-or Very-Low-Income Persons, and with its implementing regulation at 24 CFR Part 135. Some students from Youth Build participate with contractors in the housing repair program. The City is supporting the Youth Build application that Sumter County plans to submit.

Seniors who are at least 55 years old are referred to Santee-Lynches Council of Governments to participate in the Title V Older American Act of 1965 Title V Section that established the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). The program accommodates persons who make low retirement incomes. Work assignments increase the income by a large enough margin that they do not live below the poverty level. Some of the job assignments lead to permanent work, although it is often part-time job.

During the orientation and training of students for the Summer Youth Employment Co-Op Program staff makes a strong point of letting students know that they can decide now how they will spend their life in the future. Summer jobs can be the start of a career that can build into a livelihood. We often use the example of the KFC's Executive who has helped with the orientation. He started working at KFC when he was in high school. He worked during college breaks. After graduation he came back into a management training slot at KFC. Now he owns three KFCs and is Vice President for all Kentucky Fried Chickens and Arby's in the 6-county area.

This is an example of how persons can be elevated above the poverty level, thereby reducing the number of persons living below the poverty level. It is a slow process.

Another example is the Family Self Sufficiency Program at the Housing Authority. These participants receive training and get help with their finances. Gradually they learn how to leave Public Housing. Their income increases with new initiatives, information and training, and they live above the poverty level.

Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City of Sumter have made vast improvement in over coming the gaps in institutional structures and enhance coordination. There are not only various agencies who provide services to assist to homeless individuals and families; they all have formed a partnership to coordinate the assistance for homeless and low income citizens. The partnership of the agencies has increased follow up on clients on a regular basis to help alleviate clients continually needed the same services over and over. The goal of the current actions are to make beneficiaries of these program self sufficient in the long run, by providing training, education, housing assistance, daycare assistance, and other programs to give clients the best chance to succeed in all aspects of life.

Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

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its inception due to transfers and dropouts.

Improvements are made to public housing as the director makes upgrades to the units. The Authority has completed HVAC Installation, currently addressing cabinets, electrical and water heaters. The upgrades are continuing.

Additionally, the Fair Housing Task Force bring both private and public entities together handle all sort of issues involving our citizens.

Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

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CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

The grantee pursued all resources it said it would in the Consolidated Plan. This is referenced earlier in this report under Public Housing Initiatives and Leveraging of Resources. (2) The grantee supported efforts by other service agencies by providing letters of support, supplemental funding, and working with agencies to advance their programs. (3) The grantee did not hinder the implementation of the Consolidated Plan by any action or willful inaction. Additionally, each sub-recipient on a yearly basis provides source documents they used for each citizen they assist in determining their eligibility for use of CDBG funds (below 80% median income and reside in the city limits). Also, all sub-recipient are in compliance with proper record keeping requirements of HUD, because this is check on an annual basis when grantee hand carry sub-recipient agreement for signature by the sub-recipient. The grantee went to the YMCA and conducted monitoring in March 2019. The grantee reviewed the files from 2017 and 2018. The files was immaculate and the YMCA are in compliance with the sign sub-recipient agreement. The procedures the sub-recipient uses for providing services to low moderate clientele meet CDBG requirements. An in-house review and general oversight of Sumter United Ministries files was conducted throughout FY 2018 on their files for the last two years prior.

Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

This document was on display inside the Community Development Department from May 25, 2021 to June 25, 2021.

There were no citizens' comments.

The Public Hearing was held May 18, 2021, at 6:00 in the evening. The Notice to The Public was released through The Item, a local newspaper, on May 4, 2021, in the non-legal section.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

There are no proposed or significant changes required by the jurisdiction at this time.

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

There are no proposed or significant changes required by the jurisdiction at this time.

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

Attachment

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PART I: SUMMARY OF CDBG RESOURCES
 01 UNRECORDED CDBG FUNDS AT END OF PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEAR
 02 ENTITLEMENT GRANT
 03 SUPPLUS URBAN RENEWAL
 04 SECTION 108 GUARANTEED LOAN FUNDS
 05 CURRENT YEAR PROGRAM INCOME
 06 FUNDS RETURNED TO THE LOCAL CDBG ACCOUNT
 07 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL AVAILABLE
 08 TOTAL AVAILABLE (SUM, LINES 02-07)

376,467.11
 112,047.00
 0.00
 0.00
 837,832.74
 0.00
 0.00
 1,316,346.85

PART II: SUMMARY OF CDBG EXPENDITURES
 09 DISBURSEMENTS OTHER THAN SECTION 108 REPAYMENTS AND PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION
 10 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL AMOUNT SUBJECT TO LOW/MID BENEFIT
 11 AMOUNT SUBJECT TO LOW/MID BENEFIT (LINE 09 + LINE 10)
 12 DISBURSED IN ISDS FOR PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION
 13 DISBURSED IN ISDS FOR SECTION 108 REPAYMENTS
 14 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL EXPENDITURES
 15 TOTAL EXPENDITURES (SUM, LINES 11-14)
 16 UNRECORDED BALANCE (LINE 08 - LINE 15)

255,733.84
 0.00
 255,733.84
 52,109.00
 0.00
 318,442.84
 598,400.38

PART III: LOW/MID BENEFIT THIS REPORTING PERIOD
 17 EXPENSED FOR LOW/MID-HOUSING IN SPECIAL AREAS
 18 EXPENSED FOR LOW/MID MULTIFAMILY HOUSING
 19 DISBURSED FOR OTHER LOW/MID ACTIVITIES
 20 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL LOW/MID CREDIT
 21 TOTAL LOW/MID CREDIT (SUM, LINES 17-20)
 22 PERCENT LOW/MID CREDIT (LINE 21/LINE 11)

155,197.77
 0.00
 86,957.13
 0.00
 246,148.90
 56.25%

LOW/MID BENEFIT FOR MULTI-YEAR CERTIFICATIONS
 23 PROGRAM YEAR(S) COVERED IN CERTIFICATION
 24 CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURES SUBJECT TO LOW/MID BENEFIT CALCULATION
 25 CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURES BEYOND LOW/MID PERSONS
 26 PERCENT BENEFIT TO LOW/MID PERSONS (LINE 24/LINE 24)

44, 2020 P.Y. P.Y.
 0.00
 0.00
 0.00%

PART IV: PUBLIC SERVICE (PS) CAP CALCULATIONS
 27 DISBURSED IN ISDS FOR PUBLIC SERVICES
 28 PS UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF CURRENT PROGRAM YEAR
 29 PS UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEAR
 30 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL PS OBLIGATIONS
 31 TOTAL PS OBLIGATIONS (LINE 27 + LINE 28 + LINE 30)

41,251.25
 4,668.75
 0.00
 46,920.00
 312,047.00

32 PAY-TILEMENT GRANT
 33 PRIOR YEAR PROGRAM INCOME
 34 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL SUBJECT TO PS CAP
 35 TOTAL SUBJECT TO PS CAP (SUM, LINES 32-34)
 36 PERCENT FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PS ACTIVITIES (LINE 31/LINE 35)

0.00
 0.00
 312,047.00
 14.80%



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PART 0: PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION (PA) CAP	62,409,002
37 DISBURSED BY IDIS FOR PLANNING ADMINISTRATION	0.00
38 PA UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF CURRENT PROGRAM YEAR	0.00
39 PA UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEAR	0.00
40 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL PA OBLIGATIONS	62,409,000
41 TOTAL PA OBLIGATIONS (LINE 37 + LINE 38 + LINE 39 + LINE 40)	312,017,000
42 ENTITLEMENT GRANT	827,819,713
43 CURRENT YEAR PROGRAM INCOME	0.00
44 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL SUBJECT TO PA CAP	1,139,836,713
45 TOTAL SUBJECT TO PA CAP (SUM LINES 42-44)	1,139,836,713
46 PERCENT FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PA ACTIVITIES (LINE 41/DLNE 45)	2.86%



LINE 17 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES TO CONSIDER IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT TO ENTER ON LINE 17

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	Methodical Objective	Fund Area Type	Drawn Amount
2018	4	341	6416996	Housing Repair	14A	LNH	Strategy area	\$6,210.26
2018	4	341	6435306	Housing Repair	14A	LNH	Strategy area	\$7,633.51
2019	3	347	6435306	Housing Repair	14A	LNH	Strategy area	\$79,841.49
2019	3	347	6437466	Housing Repair	14A	LNH	Strategy area	\$19,000.00
2019	3	347	6474159	Housing Repair	14A	LNH	Strategy area	\$22,530.00
2019	3	347	6481255	Housing Repair	14A	LNH	Strategy area	\$24,202.51
Total					14A	Matrix Code		\$159,397.77

LINE 19 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES TO CONSIDER IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT TO ENTER ON LINE 19

Report returned no data.

LINE 19 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 19

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	Methodical Objective	Drawn Amount
2020	4	357	6434852	Youth Employment	050	LNC	\$7,899.25
2020	4	357	6436954	Youth Employment	050	LNC	\$3,465.00
2020	5	358	6474159	YMCA Youth Services	050	Matrix Code	\$2,500.00
2019	6	350	6482284	United Ministries After School	11A	LNH	\$639.94
2020	3	356	6485255	Housing Repair	14A	LNH	\$19,656.04
2020	6	359	6485255	United Ministries	14A	LNH	\$24,300.00
Total						Matrix Code	\$59,351.19

LINE 27 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 27

Report returned no data.

LINE 27 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 27

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	Fund Type	Grant Number	Methodical Objective	Drawn Amount
2020	4	357	6436852	Youth Employment	050	EN	E20MC452011	LNC	\$7,899.25
2020	4	357	6436954	Youth Employment	050	EN	E20MC452011	LNC	\$3,465.00
2020	5	358	6474159	YMCA Youth Services	050	EN	E20MC452011	LNC	\$2,500.00
Total								Matrix Code	\$14,864.25



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LINE 37 DETAILS: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 37

Plan Year	FYIS Project	FYIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	National Objective	Demon Amount
2020	1	354	6438952	Administration	21A		\$22,445.79
2020	1	354	6438954	Administration	21A		\$21,555.94
2020	1	354	6437466	Administration	21A		\$18,442.80
2020	1	354	6445883	Administration	21A		\$4,996.47
Total							\$67,440.00

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PART I: SUMMARY OF CDBG-CV RESOURCES	
01 CDBG-CV GRANT	427,147.00
02 FUNDS RETURNED TO THE LINE-OF-CREDIT	0.00
03 FUNDS RETURNED TO THE LOCAL CDBG ACCOUNT	0.00
04 TOTAL AVAILABLE (SUM, LINES 01-03)	427,147.00
PART II: SUMMARY OF CDBG-CV EXPENDITURES	
06 DISBURSEMENTS OTHER THAN SECTION 108 REPAYMENTS AND PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	
06 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	10,288.93
07 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR SECTION 108 REPAYMENTS	0.00
08 TOTAL EXPENDITURES (SUM, LINES 05 - 07)	10,288.93
09 UNEXPENDED BALANCE (LINE 04 - LINE 08)	299,363.70
PART III: LOW/MOD BENEFIT FOR THE CDBG-CV GRANT	
10 EXPENDED FOR LOW/MOD HOUSING IN SPECIAL AREAS	
10 EXPENDED FOR LOW/MOD HOUSING IN SPECIAL AREAS	157,498.40
11 EXPENDED FOR LOW/MOD MULTIFAMILY HOUSING	0.00
12 DISBURSED FOR OTHER LOW/MOD ACTIVITIES	0.00
13 TOTAL LOW/MOD CREDIT (SUM, LINES 10 - 12)	157,498.40
14 AMOUNT SUBJECT TO LOW/MOD BENEFIT (LINE 05)	157,498.40
15 PERCENT LOW/MOD CREDIT (LINE 13/LINE 14)	100.00%
PART IV: PUBLIC SERVICE (PS) CALCULATIONS	
16 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PUBLIC SERVICES	
16 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PUBLIC SERVICES	157,498.40
17 CDBG-CV GRANT	427,147.00
18 PERCENT OF FUNDS DISBURSED FOR PS ACTIVITIES (LINE 16/LINE 17)	36.87%
PART V: PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION (PA) CAP	
19 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	
19 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	10,288.93
20 CDBG-CV GRANT	427,147.00
21 PERCENT OF FUNDS DISBURSED FOR PA ACTIVITIES (LINE 19/LINE 20)	2.41%



LINE 10 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES TO CONSIDER IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT TO ENTER ON LINE 10

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LINE 11 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES TO CONSIDER IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT TO ENTER ON LINE 11

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LINE 12 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 12

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LINE 16 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 16

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount
2020	8	362	6474845	CV-Health Services	05M	LWC	\$152,496.40
Total							\$152,496.40

LINE 19 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 19

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount
2020	8	380	6474845	CV-Administration	21A		\$10,286.50
Total							\$10,286.50

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City of Sumter
Community Development Department
Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report
(CAPER)
April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021



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City Manager

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Community Development Director

Executive Summary

Citizens were advised on May 4, 2021 via the *Item* that the CAPER would be on display from May 25-June 25, 2021. Citizens were encouraged to come see the Plan and have input as to how the City spent CDBG funds during the last fiscal year, April 1, 2020-March 31, 2021.

Sewer Improvements were completed for three LMI homeowners during this fiscal year.

Historic Preservation provides for partnerships with business and property owners. The Façade Grant Program provides funds to repair the facades of buildings in the downtown business district. Since the inception of the current Façade Grant program which started in 2002, over \$13 million dollars of historic building renovations have been completed in the downtown historic district while spending less than \$400,000 of Community Development Block funds. During this Capex period Façade Grant assistance was provided for three downtown businesses.

Housing Repairs were accomplished with funding from Community Development Block Grant funds. A total of five owner-occupied houses were rehabilitated for LMI occupants during the fiscal year of April 1, 2020 through March 31, 2021. Under the housing repair line item, the City used funds to pay inspectors for lead-based paint work and the construction advisor for work write-ups, inspections and bid preparation. Each unit is inspected prior to construction, and again after construction is completed for clearance of Lead-Based Paint.

United Ministries Housing Repair: Nine (9) owner-occupied houses had minor repairs done for LMI occupants.

Youth Employment benefited thirty one (31) students last summer. Thirty one (31) were for the Co-Op Program.

YMCA: Twenty five (25) LMI youth received a variety of services provided by the YMCA.

Health Services: Distributed 18,000 masks and 6,000 quarts of hand sanitizer to households throughout the Low Moderate Areas within the City of Sumter. The census tracts distribution was conducted in the Ward 1, 2, 3, 4, (census tracts 11, 13, 15, 16). This project went a long way in curbing the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Additionally, we provided educational material to each household explaining ways to protect themselves from getting infected.

Fair Housing Evaluation. There is still a need for affordable rental properties that meet housing codes. Much of the affordable rental stock tends to be substandard, but the efforts of the City Codes Enforcement Department have drastically improved the rental stock. There will always be a need for continuous enforcement of the zoning ordinance throughout the City of Sumter to ensure compliance. Also, the foreclosure economic crisis is steadily being turned around, through partnerships, homeowners are being counseled and provided financial assistance in some cases, so they can continue to be homeowners.

Public Housing has elected out of Asset Management because the regulatory restrictions were changed from 250 units to 400 units. The Authority, who owns and manages 327 apartments located in the City and County of Sumter, has elected some of the "best practices" of asset management without the confinement of multi-family regulations, which do not apply to the central office structure of the agency. AMP I consists of 164 apartments at two individual sites Harmony Court and Friendship Apartments. AMP II consists of 163 apartments located on four sites: Hamplum Manor, East Street, South Sumter and Pinewood Gardens. The benefits of asset management elected by the Authority will be the ability to bring management on site with a consistent schedule. Additional construction is currently in process to dedicate a Site office for permanent relocation; all others are fully equipped and will have structured hours of on-site operation. Applications now include the opportunity to select either site or first available.

The Authority has currently elected out of Asset Management since FY 2008 in Public Housing. This program maintains utilization between ninety-seven to ninety-nine percent. This program was a high performing agency for 2020 with the expectation of High Performer status in 2021. Identification of the need for additional one and two bedroom units has been driven by the waiting list. Applications for one or two bedroom unit normally exceed an average of one year prior to being housed; while three, four and five bedroom units wait time averages less than a month. The Authority has determined that the modified scattered site process is the most effective for the location and size of the Public Housing Authority. Renovations to the Administrative Building, to improve the professional flow for the operation, have now been completed.

The above represents general accomplishments. The remaining report identifies specifically what the Community Development Program accomplished in several general areas of upward mobility.

The needs of the homeless are with us constantly; however, several agencies in the 12-county area that comprise the Eastern Carolina Homeless Organization are competing for grants to operate programs that will benefit this population.

The City leverages resources in any way possible to provide opportunities for success and progress. The dollar goes further and relationships are fostered. The end result is more persons benefiting with fewer dollars being spent.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

City of Sumter
Community Development Department
As Amended 03/10/09

Beginning in 1994, the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban development (HUD) required the City of Sumter to develop a consolidated plan affecting all of its community planning and development and housing programs. This new plan replaced all individual application requirements with a single submission. The four programs affected by the consolidated plan are: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME), Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA). As such, to incorporate the four programs within the Citizens Participation Plan, "CDBG Programs" are now referred to as "the Consolidated Plan Programs."

The laws governing the grant programs established three basic goals. They are to:

- Provide decent housing
- Provide a suitable living environment, and
- Expand economic opportunities

Further, each of these goals must primarily benefit low- and very low-income persons.

The benefit of having a consolidated plan ensures a collaborative and comprehensive process to establish a unified vision for community development actions.

To insure that citizens are involved in (1) planning, (2) implementation, and (3) assessment of Consolidated Plan Programs, U.S. HUD requires a written plan to show how citizens will be involved in the three areas cited.

Community involvement in the Consolidated Plan Programs shall include, but is not limited to, public notices in the local newspapers for citizen participation, and the public hearings process.

Assessment of Performance – There will be a public notice to allow citizens and community organizations to assess activities and submit comments on all aspects of the Consolidated Plan Programs. This notice will be published in local newspapers at least 30 days prior to the start of planning for the next program year. Copies of the Annual Performance Report, Proposed Statements of Objectives, and Final Statements of Objectives will be distributed to all public libraries for public review. Copies and information concerning all activities will also be available at the Community Development Office located at 12 W. Liberty Street, Office H..

All comments submitted by citizens, along with the City's responses and a summary of any action taken will be included in the Grantee Performance Report (GPR).

Public Hearings

The City will hold a minimum of two (2) public hearings during the fiscal year (April 1 – March 31). Announcements for the public hearing will be published in *The Item* at least seven (7) days

prior to the hearing. Notices will be prominently displayed in the non-legal section of the local newspaper.

The hearings will be held to address housing and community development needs and receive suggestions for proposed activities. Following the public hearing, a 30-day comment period will allow citizens and interested parties additional time to submit their concerns.

After the development of the CP plan, application for funding and prior to the submission of the application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development, a public hearing will be held to review and solicit public comment upon the proposed activities.

If ten (10%) percent or more of potential beneficiaries of the project are non-English speaking, provisions will be made at the appropriate public hearings for translation of comments and documents into the native language of the majority of non-English speaking residents present. It has been determined, however, that at present, less than ten (10%) percent of the City's residents are non-English speaking.

Soliciting Participation

The City will, to the extent determine necessary by its governing body, make direct efforts in soliciting the participation of the residents and other interested parties in the area(s) in which funds are to be expended. Methods may include, but are not limited to, request appropriate community leaders and other agencies to inform their constituents about the proposed use of funds; distributing notices in very-low and low-income neighborhoods; posting of notices at post offices and neighborhood businesses; radio and television announcements; South Sumter Resource Center, organized Neighborhood Groups, City of Sumter Housing Authority, HOPE Centers, as well as social service agencies.

Meetings

All public meetings and hearings concerning the CP plan program will be held at times and places convenient to city residents, particularly those who are potential beneficiaries. No meetings will be held before 6:00 p.m. on weekdays or 2:00 p.m. on Sundays. No meetings will begin after 8:30 p.m.

The location of such meetings will be selected to provide access for physically challenged persons, and held in a convenient location for actual beneficiaries, and be accessible to accommodate those citizens with special needs. Requests for special assistance should be made by calling 774-1649.

Provisions for Persons with Disabilities – Upon advance notification, appropriate provisions will be made to accommodate persons with mobility, visual or hearing impairments. Persons requiring said accommodations will be directed to contact the Community Development Office.

Housing And Community Development Needs

Prior to the development of the Consolidated Plan application for funds, the City will assess its housing and community development needs particularly those of very low and low-income persons. The citizens of the City of Sumter are encouraged to participate in the assessment

process and the realities of this Needs Assessment will be documented and presented to the citizens of the City at one or more advertised public hearings where citizens' comments will be considered.

Needs Assessment

At the public hearing(s) where the Needs Assessment is presented, the City will also present information concerning the funding, guidelines, and the range of activities that may be undertaken with such funds, particularly in relation to identified needs contained in the Needs Assessment.

Technical Assistance

The City will provide technical assistance to representatives of persons of very low and low income that request such assistance in developing proposals for funding. This assistance shall be limited to the provision of information concerning the CP program, and shall be provided on the condition that activities to be addressed by any such proposal are consistent with identified community development and housing needs, federal program guidelines, that funds are available for funding such activities as may be involved, and that the City Council give its approval for providing such technical assistance. The City will consider any proposals developed by representatives of very low to low income persons, following all the requirements of public participation; however, the determination to submit the proposal to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for funding consideration is the prerogative of the City, since the submission of the application requires approval by City Council.

Comments

The City will consider any comments or views of citizens received in writing, or orally at the public hearings, in preparing the final consolidated plan, amendment of the plan, or performance report. A summary of any comments or views not accepted and the reasons shall be attached to the final consolidated plan, amendment of the plan, or performance report. The City of Sumter will publish a summary of the proposed consolidated plan in *The Item* and copies will be made available at various public agencies throughout the city. A list of where the plan will be available will be identified in the summary.

Complaints/Grievances

The City will provide for a timely, written answer to written complaints and grievances concerning the program, generally within fifteen (15) working days after receipt of the written complaint. Grievances are to be delivered to the City Manager, who will then attempt to resolve the reason(s) for the complaint. If the complaint is not resolved to the satisfaction of the aggrieved party, an appeal to the City Council is the next step available to the party. Complaints or grievances including State law or policy, Federal program guidelines or regulations governing the CDBG program shall be directed to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for resolution. The City will then correct the grievance according to the direction of the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Complaints involving local law or program policies will be resolved at the local level. After the above described appeal process has been exhausted, the complainant may seek relief in the appropriate court of law.

Access To Records

Citizens will be provided with reasonable access to records concerning any projects undertaken with CDBG funds. These records are available for review at City Hall, 21 North Main Street, during normal business hours, upon the submission of the written request stating the reason for requesting access to such records. Confidential information normally protected under the State and Federal Freedom of Information laws may not be made available for public review; for example, information not normally available to the public concerning personal or business financial statements, earnings, or sources of income.

Performance Review

Upon completing the fiscal year projects, the City will conduct at least one public hearing to review performance and accomplishments before closing out the grant through the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Use Of Plan

The City must follow this citizen participation plan until amended.

Criteria For Amendment To Consolidated Plan/Definition Of Substantial Deviation

The City Council will amend the plan when a substantial change in the actual activities, allocations, priorities, or method of distribution of funds is made to carry out an activity using funds from any program covered by the Consolidated Plan. Substantial change would include the elimination or addition of a program and/or to change the purpose, scope, location, or beneficiaries of an activity.

Substantial deviation requiring an amendment to the consolidated plan would be any individual or group of projects totaling more than 15% of the annual allocation. Public notices and called meetings will provide citizens reasonable notification and an opportunity to examine and submit comments on amendments. A period of not less than 30 days will be allowed to receive comments before any amendment is implemented.

Additional Requirements for End of Program Year Reporting

1. **Narrative Statement Addressing the Following:**

a. Assessment of Three-to-Five-Year Goals and Objectives

The City's vision is to increase affordable and economic development. During this reporting period there has been a significant accomplishment with affordable housing. One (1) unit was refurbished and sold with the use of Santee-Lynches HOME Program funds. Additionally, the City will use Program funds for down payment and closing cost assistance during the selling process. The cost of new construction is about \$94,000.00 each. The elderly, disabled, handicapped and all race and ethnic minorities are afforded an equal opportunity to purchase a home.

b. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing

In compliance with 24 CFR 91.520(a) City staff is working through the Fair Housing Task Force in an ongoing process to rid the city of impediments: The City updated Area Impediment was completed during September 2017.

The City adopted a Property Maintenance Code which gives additional guidance to property owners and provides penalties for violations. In its current form there is a duty to the advancement of a 30-day notice of any substandard citing. Such notice is posted with property title in the Courthouse. Property owners will have a duty to repair property before sale or follow through with any prior citing. Sale will be subject to repair within time allotted. The Fair Housing Task Force is working closely with the Codes Enforcement Department to accomplish this.

The City Council also passed an ordinance that is called an Appearance Code. The code does require that property owner's keep their property in good appearance at all times. Landlords, however, are not included in this group in that if they rent, the person residing in the property is required to keep the appearance up to par.

The City hired additional Codes Enforcement Officers. Part of their work involves issuing citations for property not being in a good state of appearance from the outside.

The City in partnership with the Housing Authority is continually working this issue as funding becomes available. Due to the in foreclosures in the City, the City in partnership with the Housing Authority has identified the need for additional affordable housing in the Sumter Community. The Authority applied for and received funding through a partnership of Neighborhood Stabilization Program in the amount of \$1,700,000.00 for acquisition of foreclosures and rehabilitating for affordable rentals. All partners are purchasing foreclosed homes, and have rehabilitated eleven units. The Sumter community is benefiting from 18 foreclosed homes being converted to rental properties.

The Fair Housing Task Force partnered up with the Sumter Board of Realtors and Local Housing Providers to inform the public, low-moderate-income persons, especially, about Predatory Lending practices and affordable housing opportunities. To celebrate Fair Housing Month and the 29th Anniversary of the HOME Program the City put on a Housing Seminar with emphasis on Available Housing Opportunities in the City and County. Rural Development also participated in this event. Many persons in attendance wanted and needed their information because not all persons desire to live inside the City Limits.

Local housing providers presented their programs visually and verbally. Display tables provided an opportunity for attendees to gain access to information about banking, finance and affordable housing.

c. **Affordable Housing**

New construction of single family houses inside the city limits for low-moderate-income citizens is increasing. One (1) house was rehabilitated and sold during this reporting period. The low interest rates during the past couple of years have been in the favor of the buyers. Gap financing, using HOME funds, has provided an opportunity for many persons to afford housing by receiving deferred loans.

The units built for sale is only sold to persons who completed the city's homebuyer training program. The program encompasses consumer credit counseling, maintenance of the unit and budgeting. Funding comes from Santee-Lynchus HOME money.

Fourteen (14) families benefited from both of the housing repair programs during this reporting period, via the City partnership with United Ministries. These units were completed by the end of March 2021. All units were repaired with the use of CDBG Funds. Applicants must be at 80% or below the HUD Income Limits Scale to participate in this program. The City exceeded its target of six repairs this year.

Housing Development Progress -- It will be difficult for the City to reach its target of building one affordable house per year projected in its Five Year Consolidated Plan developed in 2020, due to significant reduction of the funding allocation for this program and few lots to be found in the better areas of the City. The City will strive to attain its target of affordable houses per year; by constructing as many houses as possible with the allotted funding, during the duration of the current Five-Year Consolidated Plan period.

- **Rental housing** owned by the City of Sumter Housing Authority upgraded HVAC, exterior doors, water heater replacement and bathtubs with surrounds through Capital Fund grants for 2009 and 2010 providing approximately \$500,000.00 in upgrades to all six communities. It is the goal of this Authority to provide quality housing. The intent of the pending renovations will allow the Authority to install energy efficient equipment and to continue the upgrade to the capital investment of the properties. In doing so they have stayed in compliance with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Employment Opportunities for Low-or Very-Low-Income Persons in compliance with regulation 24 CFR Part 135.

- **Worse case needs** are the affordability and the availability of rental units publicly and privately. The Housing Authority of the City of Sumter is currently has dedicated vouchers to houses purchased by the Authority through the Neighborhood Stabilization funds. Project based vouchers has been defined since the 2008 Annual Plan; this will enhance the Authority's goal of removing "older" mobile homes from the voucher program. The community has benefited from the five three bedroom houses from the Neighborhood Stabilization Program funded for acquisition, rehabilitation with providing affordable units.
- **Transportation needs** in the rural areas of Sumter County have influenced the ability to provide housing. Townships like Pinewood, Wedgfield, Maysville and Lynchburg do not have supporting transportation routes through the local transit authority thereby reducing the area of selection of housing opportunities.
- Housing Choice Vouchers is rental subsidy to Private Citizens who offer their property for rent through the City of Sumter Housing Authority to accommodate Section 8 and other programs. These units are inspected annually and must meet the standard of the Authority. The Authority experienced budget shortfall in 2009 with a budget rebound in 2010; however the difficulty of this is anticipating the time and man hours it takes to bring applicants on the program including updates, verifications, issuance of vouchers, locating the homes, testing affordability, inspection of the unit and approving initial occupancy. The Authority currently is at our budget capacity of families we are able to assist due to exceeding the operating budget.
- The continued implementation of federally mandated community service had a great impact on the unit turnaround for fiscal year 2015. The Authority is currently addressing non-renewal of leases for Public Housing clients who have not performed the federal requirement of 8 hours per month if they are (a) non-elderly, (b) not employed, (c) not disabled "as defined" by social security, (d) not a student, or (e) not caring for a disabled household member. This federal requirement prevents families from being determined eligible for other Housing subsidies.

Housing Repair is a very important part of the housing initiative for the city. Improving and maintaining current housing stock is just as important as new housing development. Many of our residents want to stay in their current neighborhoods. City staff successfully renovated five houses during this period. Additionally, United Ministries renovated nine houses using \$24,500.00 of CDBG funds for minor repairs. The plan is to continue the housing repair program so that persons living in older homes in older neighborhoods can stay in their neighborhood and benefit from decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing. To make the housing repair program affordable the city makes the repairs as a grant, with no cost to the homeowner. The grants come from City CDBG funds. All housing repair projects were within the NRSA and the PZ.

Assistance to local Non-Profit –The City assisted non-profit agencies by providing grant assistance and having them refer their LMI clients to the City for any program the City offers.

Homeless and emergency assistance is provided by Alston Wilkes Society (Sumter Office), United Ministries, Wateree Community Actions, Inc., Christian Charities, Trinity Place and the Salvation Army. These programs provide funds for food and shelter for persons who are homeless or close to becoming homeless. The elderly and persons with disabilities, those who test positive for HIV/AIDS are included in these service opportunities.

The **Samaritan House** is a homeless shelter that provides up to 3 nights stay for homeless persons. The stay can be extended provided an extension is requested and granted. The YWCA has a **homeless shelter for women** and children. Housing is provided as well as job skills and job referrals. Some of the housing is provided through the Housing Authority's Section 8 program. When possible these women are also encouraged to participate in the FSSP.

d. Continuum of Care Narrative

Through the 12 -County Eastern Carolina Homeless Organization, the City of Sumter partners with other agencies to make certain homeless families and individuals are provided for through grants from HUD via the Super NOFA.

Waterce Community Actions, Inc., Trans Aid Program reports that they provided services to several families during this reporting period. They provided a turn key approach to homelessness by providing housing, education, counseling, job referral, etc., so that clients will have all needed services that will cause them not to return to their former state of homelessness.

Persons living on the streets were assisted by the Samaritan House, a homeless shelter located on Oakland Avenue, with limited stay – 3 nights. They get a mid day meal at the Soup Kitchen located on the south side of town, housed at the Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 421 South Main Street @ Bee Street. The Soup Kitchen is opened seven days a week. Hot meals are served five days. Lunch with sandwich, fruit and beverage is served on Saturday and Sunday.

A ministry for the homeless is in operation on Sunday afternoon at 3:30pm. A group of volunteers bring a hot meal to the Gazebo located off Calhoun Street. These volunteers have a bible study and serve the meal in a loving outside atmosphere. Their ministry is unique in that it is outside winter and summer regardless of weather condition. People from the street feel very comfortable participating in this ministry. This group has formed a bond and they take each other as family.

In concluding this narrative, Waterce Community Actions is the only local agency that has a turn key homeless initiative in Sumter. This, however, does not begin to serve the need of the community.

United Ministries of Sumter County continues to provide assistance to homeless persons and to others to prevent homelessness. They provide assistance with rent, mortgage, utility, medical, hotel/motel accommodation and food and clothing, along with counseling.

e. Other Actions

Obstacles to meeting underserved needs continues to include the need for an agency or organization that provides assistance to an almost unidentified population: persons who are under or unemployed, lack skills to market with potential employers, and who also need medical care with follow-up as well as housing. These persons often feel left completely out of the system and are also alienated from family and friends. South Carolina Works has a new program designed to retain employees to enable them to become self sufficient, while also paying them a stipend during training.

In **fostering and maintaining affordable housing** the city provides grants to persons who qualify for housing repair. These repairs bring the house up to a safe, decent and sanitary standard. Due to limited funding houses are left with work that still needs to be done.

The city leverage funds with State Housing Trust Fund when available and CDBG. The city eliminates barriers to affordable housings by providing subsidies with HOME funds and

down payment and closing cost assistance with CDBG funds. Duke Energy (formerly Progress Energy) provides a small grant to each homebuyer.

Overcome gaps in institutional structures and enhance coordination. The City of Sumter have made vast improvement in overcoming the gaps in institutional structures and enhance coordination. There are not only various agencies who provide services to assist to homeless individuals and families; they all have formed a partnership to coordinate the assistance for homeless and low income citizens. The partnership of the agencies has increased follow up on clients on a regular basis to help alleviate clients continually needed the same services over and over. The goal of the current actions are to make beneficiaries of these program self sufficient in the long run, by providing training, education, housing assistance, daycare assistance, and other programs to give clients the best chance to succeed in all aspects of life.

Improvement in public housing and residents' initiatives are ongoing with the City of Sumter Housing Authority. That agency has a Resident Initiatives Coordinator who also carries the title of Self Sufficiency Coordinator. The coordinator works closely with the residents to provide activities at the housing complexes for adults and children while at the same time providing an opportunity for adults to register for the Family Self Sufficiency Program. The program has over 10 active persons listed who have agreed to work towards self sufficiency within a certain period of time, usually five years. There were 33 persons initially; of the initial participants, five have become homeowners. Some left the program since its inception due to transfers and dropouts.

Improvements are made to public housing as the director makes upgrades to the units. The Authority has completed HVAC installation, currently addressing cabinets, electrical and water heaters. The upgrades are continuing.

Evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards are an ongoing effort by the city through the housing repair program. The city provided initial inspections on all units built before 1978 that were scheduled for repair and the necessary encapsulation or other remedy upon recommendation of the lead inspector.

Lead-Based Paint Training information is provided to contractors who need Lead Supervisors training as well as Lead Workers training. They must go to a Training Facility, as they offer the training at a cost. The detailed information is provided each contractor that is registered with the City.

Ensure compliance with program and comprehensive planning requirements is ongoing. Program compliance is a major concern of this department. Efforts are made to understand what is required of all programs and projects as they are implemented. To avoid scattered or disjointed planning, the staff maintains a relationship with the City/County Planning Director so that those plans are enveloped into the Community Development programs and projects as well as projections for future operations. The new Consolidated Plan encompasses many of the plans that are part of the City of Sumter Comprehensive Plan

for the period 2010 - 2030. Major elements of this plan are population, housing and economic development.

Comprehensive planning is part of the daily work of this department. Planning is done yearly based upon the existing Five-Year Consolidated Plan submitted in 2020. Overall comprehensive planning is the work of the City/County Planning Office. The Planning Office makes plans for the City and County governments on a daily basis. Codes and Ordinances as well as local laws are developed and executed out of the Planning Office, through City and County Councils.

Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity are woven into the entire planning process so that all citizens will have equal access to programs and services.

Reduce the number of persons living below the poverty level. This is an awesome task. Training and education is accomplished through the Adult Education Department of both School Districts. They offer basic reading and writing as well as the GED training and preparation for a High School Diploma. Additional training is provided in the areas of Computer Skills at all levels, from basic to advance. Teacher Certification classes are also offered by the Adult Education Department. The Literacy Program is a part of Adult Education. This program teaches English as a second language along with other pertinent classes.

The Technical College and the two 4-year colleges have programs that prepare individuals for upward mobility. As persons avail themselves to training and education their opportunity for living above the poverty level is greater. The initiative, however, must come from the person who is the victim of poverty. Children are assisted when they are employed in our Summer Youth Employment Programs. They have the opportunity to earn money for needed items that include school supplies and clothes. Some students use their money to help parents with household bills.

Contractors who build houses and do housing repairs are encouraged to comply with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, Employment Opportunities for Low- or Very-Low-Income Persons, and with its implementing regulation at 24 CFR Part 135. Some students from Youth Build participate with contractors in the housing repair program. The City is supporting the Youth Build application that Sumter County plans to submit.

Seniors who are at least 55 years old are referred to Santee-Lynches Council of Governments to participate in the Title V Older American Act of 1965 Title V Section that established the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP). The program accommodates persons who make low retirement incomes. Work assignments increase the income by a large enough margin that they do not live below the poverty level. Some of the job assignments lead to permanent work, although it is often part-time job.

During the orientation and training of students for the Summer Youth Employment Co-Op Program staff makes a strong point of letting students know that they can decide how how they will spend their life in the future. Summer jobs can be the start of a career that can build

into a livelihood. We often use the example of the KFC's Executive who has helped with the orientation. He started working at KFC when he was in high school. He worked during college breaks. After graduation he came back into a management training slot at KFC. Now he owns three KFCs and is Vice President for all Kentucky Fried Chickens and Arby's in the 6-county area.

This is an example of how persons can be elevated above the poverty level, thereby reducing the number of persons living below the poverty level. It is a slow process.

Another example is the Family Self Sufficiency Program at the Housing Authority. These participants receive training and get help with their finances. Gradually they learn how to leave Public Housing. Their income increases with new initiatives, information and training, and they live above the poverty level.

f. Leveraging Resources

The City leverages resources through partnerships with funding sources such as CDBG funds and Santee Lynches Council of Governments HOME Funds. These monies are used for housing repair and new housing development.

Other private and public resources are tapped to address needs identified in the Consolidated Plan such as local banks, service agencies, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac, the Eastern Carolina Homeless Organization for the twelve county area, Sumter Housing Authority, Sumter Board of Realtors, Churches, Schools, Consumer Credit Counseling, and other service organizations. These partnerships provide easy access to services for Low-Moderate-Income citizens.

The Banks provide mortgage loans for home buyers. HOME funds close the gap with deferred loans to homebuyers to make the buying process possible. Fannie Mae and others buys these loans from our local banks thereby freeing up cash for new loans.

Partnerships with State Housing Finance & Development Authority Trust funds and CDBG funds are leveraged to bring housing repairs to a higher standard using more funds and reaching more people who need housing repair.

The Summer Youth Employment Co-Op Program is successful because local businesses leveraged their funds with CDBG funds to make the program work. The partnership with local businesses is due partly to the Chamber of Commerce agreeing to market the summer program for free in the late winter edition of their newsletter.

g. Citizen Comments

The CAPER was on display in the Community Development Office from May 25 - June 25, 2021. A Public Hearing was held May 18, 2021.

There were no comments during the review period. There were no comments at the Public Hearing.

h. Self-Evaluation

Are activities and strategies making an impact on identified needs?

Yes.

What indicators that would best describe the results?

- **Youth employment** program that provides employment opportunities for students ages 14 through high school between the two programs – Youth CORPS and Youth Employment Co-Op Program.

Some employers keep the students after the program ends. This provides an opportunity for students to work around their school schedule and on weekends. Students' salaries are paid for exclusively by the employers after the summer program ends. The year round program ended eight years ago when CDBG funds were reduced. Two students became a full-time employee after graduating from high school during this reporting period.

- **Housing repair** program that has provided many residents with decent, safe and sanitary housing without having a financial burden placed on them for paying back loans. All of the housing repair programs are accomplished with grants from leveraging resources among CDBG and one other grantor.
- Through the **Demolition** program we demolished eleven structures. All of them were either in the NRSA or the EZ.
- **Historic preservation** through the Downtown Revitalization effort, two buildings received face lifts through the Façade Grant Program. Business owners/managers contribute to the cost of these repairs.
- **Sewer improvement** for residents who needed sewer repair. Two homeowners were assisted this year.
- **Street paving** of most streets in the city was accomplished more than eight years ago, but the city will continue projects of this type on an as needed basis in LMA as funds become available..

What barriers may have a negative impact on fulfilling the strategies and overall vision?

The unemployment numbers continually looking better with several hiring announcements and the foreclosure situation during the housing bust is almost a thing of the past. In fact foreclosure rates are almost back to normal rates. There are not many known and/or identifiable barriers or negative impact on fulfilling the strategies and the overall vision – affordable housing and economic opportunity.

What is the status of grant programs?

N/A

Are any activities or types of activities falling behind schedule? No

All Grantees Receiving CDBG Entitlement Funds Must Submit a Narrative Statement Addressing the Following Issues:

a. In assessing the relationship of the use of CDBG funds to the priorities, needs, goals and specific objectives identified in the Consolidated Plan, the City of Sumter implemented and executed the following projects during the reporting period.

2020-2021 CDBG Budget
 City of Sumter
 Community Development Department
 Sumter, SC 29150

IIUD Allocation for period April 1, 2020-March 31, 2021	\$312,047.00
Public Service Cap (15%)	\$ 46,807.05
Administration Cap (30%)	\$ 62,409.40

Name of Project Objective	Amount	Matrix Code	Regulation Citation	Area
Administration (administer the entitlement program)	\$62,409.00	21A	570.206	---
Demolition (eliminate slum and blight in residential and commercial areas)	\$30,000.00	04	570.201 (D)	SBS
Housing Repair (housing repair for LMI citizens)	\$148,638.00	14A	570.202	LMH
Youth Employment (provide summer employment for 40 LMI youth)	\$44,000.00	05D	570.201 (E)	LMC*
YMCA Youth Services (provide vouchers for LMI youth to participate in activities)	\$2,500.00	05D	570.201 (E)	LMC*
United Ministries (provide minor home repairs for LMI citizens)	\$21,500.00	14A	570.202	LMH
Total	\$312,047.00			

*Public Service

LMH – Low-to-Moderate Area
 LMC – Low-to-Moderate Clientele
 LMH – Low-to Moderate Housing
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Amendments based on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Security Act (Care Act) allocation of \$183,595.00

2020-2021 CARE ACT CDBG-CV Budget
 City of Sumter
 Community Development Department
 Sumter, SC 29150

HUD Allocation for period April 1, 2020-March 31, 2021	\$183,595.00
Administration Cap (20%)	\$ 26,719.00
*Public Service Cap (Waiver)	\$157,496.40

Name of Project	Amount	Matrix code	Regulation Citation	National Objective
Administration	\$26,098.60	21A	570.206	----
Health Services	<u>\$157,496.40</u>	05M	570.201(E)	*LMA
Total	\$183,595.00			

*Public Service

Amendments based on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Security Act (Care Act) allocation of \$243,552.00

2020-2021 CARE ACT CDHG-CV Budget
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Sumter, SC 29150

HUD Allocation for period April 1, 2020-March 31, 2021	\$243,552.00
Administration Cap (20%)	\$ 48,710.40
Public Service Cap (Waiver)	\$194,841.60

Name of Project	Amount	Matrix Code	Regulation Citation	National Objective
Administration	\$48,710.00	21A	570.206	----
Sumter IJM	\$94,842.00	05Z	570.201(F)	*LMC
YWCA	\$40,000.00	05G	570.201(E)	*LMC
YMCA	\$25,000.00	05D	570.201(E)	*LMC
Boys & Girls Club	\$25,000.00	05D	570.201(F)	*LMC
Durant Children's	<u>\$10,000.00</u>	05D	570.201(E)	*LMC
Total	\$243,552.00			

*Public Service

b. **Describe the nature of and reasons for any changes in program objectives and indications as to how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.**

There are no proposed, significant changes.

c. **Assess grantee efforts in carrying out the planned actions described in its Action Plan as part of the grantee's certifications that it is following a current HUD-approved Consolidated Plan...**

(1) The grantee pursued all resources it said it would in the Consolidated Plan. This is referenced earlier in this report under Public Housing Initiatives and Leveraging of Resources. (2) The grantee supported efforts by other service agencies by providing letters of support, supplemental funding, and working with agencies to advance their programs. (3) The grantee did not hinder the implementation of the Consolidated Plan by any action or willful inaction.

d. **If grantee funds are not used exclusively for the three national objectives, or if the grantee did not comply with the overall benefit certification, the narrative explanation must be included...**

The City used its funds to meet the national objectives.

e. **If any activities specified for the program year involve acquisition, rehabilitation or demolition of occupied real property, a narrative must be submitted that identifies the activities and that describes...**

N/A

f. **If during the program year there were economic development activities undertaken where jobs were made available to low- or moderate-income persons but were not taken by them, then...**

The City does have a HUD-Approved Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area. The Empowerment Zone built a *Farmers' Market*, located across from Bracey Plaza and adjacent to the South Sumter Resource Center. The market continues to provide opportunities for farmers to bring their goods to sell to the public without acquiring a business license. Farmers only need to register at the EZ office.

All housing repair projects are in the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) and EZ. All demolition projects were either in the NRSA or EZ.

The City will continue to push for economic development in the NRSA by partnering with the Chamber of Commerce and other local agencies to market the NRSA to businesses and developers. Also, the City strategy is to continue to improve the NRSA by providing a facelift with Façade Grants, paving streets, improve lighting, increase law enforcement presents to provide security, plugging pot holes, cleaning up or demolish blight and slum areas, adult education assistance programs, job skills programs, providing a youth employment program and by marketing the tax credit incentives available in parts of the NRSA.

For the past five years the Downtown Façade Grant program has been a competitive grant process, open for all property owners in the Central Business District to apply. A committee of seven people reviewed the applications and selected those projects felt most deserving based on available funds. Through this program over 57 buildings have received exterior facelifts, to their front and in some cases rear facades. The program also provides for up to \$500 per business towards the purchase of a new sign that meets the historical design guidelines of the historic district.

1. All Grantees Receiving HOME Funds Must Submit the Following Narrative Information:

a. HOME Funds – these funds come to the City through Santee Lynches Council of Governments. They have a HOME Consortium. The City uses HOME funds for subsidy to close the gap between what the homebuyer can afford and the cost of the house. The subsidy can be as high as \$45,000. Lots are purchased with program funds when necessary. The purchase price is based on the appraised value.

b. N/A

a. N/A

b. N/A

2. Requirement for Grantees receiving HOPWA Funds...

N/A

3. Requirements for Grantees Receiving ESG Funds

N/A

4. Public Participation Requirements

This document was on display inside the Community Development Department from May 25, 2021 to June 25, 2021.

There were no citizens' comments.

The Public Hearing was held May 18, 2021, at 6:00 in the evening. The Notice to the Public was released through *The Item*, a local newspaper, on May 4, 2021, in the non-legal section.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
)
COUNTY OF SUMTER) **RESOLUTION NO. 793**
) *Designating the Month of April 2020*
CITY OF SUMTER) *as Fair Housing Month and the 29th*
) *Anniversary of the HOME Program*

WHEREAS, Sumter City Council desires that its citizens be offered the opportunity to attain a decent, safe and sanitary living environment and,

WHEREAS, Sumter City Council rejects discrimination on the basis of race, color, sex, national origin, religion, ancestral status, and disability; and,

WHEREAS, Sumter City Council desires that every citizen be offered the opportunity to live in the home of his or her choice; hence, the City of Sumter does not discriminate in its housing practices.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we the members of Sumter City Council, do hereby designate April 2020 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Sumter, State of South Carolina, and recognize this month as the 29th Anniversary of the HOME Program - Home Investment Partnership Program. The City of Sumter will continue to promote and advocate fair housing for all of its citizens.

DONE AND RATIFIED IN COUNCIL DULY ASSEMBLED THIS 17TH DAY OF MARCH 2020.

CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA


Joseph T. McElveen, Jr., Mayor


Thomas J. Lowery, Mayor Pro Tem


Jane J. Dwyer, Councilwoman


Calvin K. Hastie, Sr., Councilman


David P. Merchant, Councilman


Steven H. Corley, Councilman


Colin C. Davis, Councilman

ATTEST:



Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk

The Item May 4, 2021

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Sumner will be conducting a Public Hearing Tuesday, May 10, 2021 at 6:00 a.m. in the Sumner Open House located on the First Floor of the Open House at 24 North Main Street, Sumner, SC. to receive comments from citizens on the Community Development and Affordable Housing (CDAP) Report. The CDAP is a report on how the City spends its Community Development Funds in the amount of \$312,000 and the CDAP will be available for review from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, May 24, 2021 through June 23, 2021 in Suite 4 of the Leroy Center, 12 W. 11th Street, Sumner, SC. Handicapped and/or developmentally disabled individuals are encouraged to call the Community Development Office at 774-6642 or our Voice Line for further information may call the same telephone number or visit our website in advance of the hearing. Entrance to the Open House is made on a first-come, first-served basis. Citizens may direct questions to Clarence Galtner at 774-6642.

David P. Alexander, Mayor Clarence Galtner,
Community Development
Director



AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
SUMTER CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MAY 18, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.
SUMTER OPERA HOUSE AUDITORIUM
(21 NORTH MAIN STREET, SUMTER, SC)

Meeting attendees will be required to wear masks and have their temperatures checked to enter the building.

1. Call to Order - Mayor David P. Merchant
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman Steven H. Corley
3. Approval of Minutes – May 4, 2021 Regular Meeting

PUBLIC HEARINGS

SIX O’CLOCK P.M.

1. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Receive comments from the public regarding the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021. The CAPER is a report on how the City utilized its Entitlement Funds in the amount of \$312,047 and CARES Act Funds in the amount of \$427,147 for the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.

2. **BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2022**

Receive comments from the public on the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2022.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Consider appointments due to expire on June 30, 2021 and other vacancies.

2. **BUDGET – FISCAL YEAR 2022**

Continue to discuss Budget for Fiscal Year 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **PROCUREMENT RESOLUTIONS**

- a) Consider *Resolution No. 819* authorizing a contract for the Loringwood Subdivision Storm Drain Reroute Project.
- b) Consider *Resolution No. 820* authorizing a contract for the Veranda Drive Ditch Piping Project.

2. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT – MITIGATION SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT**

Consider *Resolution No. 821* authorizing a Community Development Block Grant-Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) Subrecipient Agreement between the City of Sumter and the South Carolina Disaster Recovery Office to fund an Infrastructure Improvement Project that will mitigate the impact of future disasters.

3. **COUNCIL REPORTS**

Receive comments from Council Members concerning matters of interest to Council and the City of Sumter.

4. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**

Receive comments or reports from City Manager.

5. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

To review any pending legislation pertinent to local government.

6. **COMMENTS BY CITY CITIZENS**

Citizens of the City desiring to speak must notify the City Clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting by completing the sign-up sheet at the meeting room entrance. Comments are limited to no more than three (3) minutes.

7. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

To discuss contractual matters, personnel matters, appointments to Boards and Commissions, or to receive legal advice relating to matters covered by the attorney-client privilege, if necessary, in accordance with Section 30-4-70 of the South Carolina Code of Laws.

The public is hereby notified that if City Council holds an Executive Session, the Council may take official action on the above-listed matters following the conclusion of the Executive Session.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

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Community Development Department
Sumter, SC 29150

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ORDINANCE NO. 2732
(Amending Ordinance Nos. 2655, 2668 and 2696)

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SUMTER'S
 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND
 BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
 ENTITLEMENT FUNDS FOR THE YEAR 2020-2021**

WHEREAS, the City of Sumter desires to comply with all regulations and recommendations by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (hereafter H.U.D.); and

WHEREAS, the City of Sumter needs to amend the 2020 Annual Action Plan for Community Development and the corresponding Budget for Entitlement Funds (April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021) in order to be in keeping with actual allocations from H.U.D. and the advice of best practices given by H.U.D.,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA, AT ITS REGULAR MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF:

That the 2020 Annual Action Plan and the corresponding Community Development Entitlement Budget (April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021) be amended due to (1) the actual revised allocation for CDBG funding from H.U.D. and (2) the funding allocated under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 (Allocation No. 2 to the City of Sumter) as follows:

Increase or Add Funding in the following categories:

<u>Additional Funding from CARES Act of 2020</u> <u>(Allocation 2)</u>		<u>Totals after CARES Act Funding</u> <u>(Allocation 2)</u>	
Administration	\$ 48,710.00	Administration	\$137,179.60
		Health Services	\$157,496.40
		Demolition	\$ 30,000.00
		Housing Repair	\$146,676.00
		Youth Employment	\$ 46,000.00
		YMCA (Youth Services)	\$ 2,500.00
Sumter United Ministries	\$ 94,842.00	Sumter United Ministries	\$119,342.00
YWCA	\$ 40,000.00	YWCA	\$ 40,000.00
YMCA	\$ 25,000.00	YMCA (Youth & Senior Services)	\$ 25,000.00
Durant Children's Center	\$ 10,000.00	Durant Children's Center	\$ 10,000.00
Boys & Girls Club	\$ 25,000.00	Boys & Girls Club	\$ 25,000.00
Total CARES Act 2020 Funding (Allocation 2)	\$243,552.00	Total CDBG Budget after CARES Act 2020 Funding (Allocations 1 and 2)	\$739,194.00

Ordinance No. 2732
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**DONE AND RATIFIED IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED THIS 16TH DAY OF
MARCH 2021.**

CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA



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Thomas J. Lowery, Mayor Pro Tem



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James B. Blessingame, Councilman



Gifford M. Shaw, Councilman

Attest:


Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk

First Reading: March 2, 2021
Final Reading: March 16, 2021



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

December 17, 2020

Deron L. McCormick
City Manager
Administration
Post Office Box 1449
Sumter, South Carolina 29151

Dear Mr. McCormick:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD or the Department) notified the City of Sumter by letter, received on November 9, 2020, of an error in HUD's initial formula allocations for fiscal year (FY) 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) program grants. The Department is poised to undertake Line of Credit Control System (LOCCS) corrections to the grant amounts for these programs and is outlining the next steps the City must take below. As a reminder, the original and adjusted allocations for the FY 2020 CDBG grant are listed below.

	CDBG
Original Allocation	\$312,095
Adjusted Allocation	\$312,047
Difference	-\$ 48

The City must submit new SF-424s for the CDBG program reflecting the changed allocation. The City will also need to amend its 2020 action plan to reference the corrected amount of the CDBG allocation. The Consolidated Plan regulations (24 CFR Part 91) require a grantee to identify in its citizen participation plan the criteria it will use for determining what constitutes a substantial amendment to its action plan. It is these substantial amendments that are subject to a citizen participation process.

The City will need to determine if a substantial amendment is triggered and if so, engage in the necessary citizen participation activities.

HUD will send the City amended grant agreement that reflect the correct allocation amount after the Columbia Field Office of Community Planning and Development receives the newly executed SF-424 for the FY 2020 CDBG grant. Upon receipt, HUD will adjust the allocation amount in IDIS and LOCCS to ensure funds in excess of the revised allocation amount are not disbursed from the City's line of credit.

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The Department appreciates the City's patience and efforts in this process and our office is available to assist in ensuring a timely correction.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Bradley S. Evatt in black ink.

Bradley Evatt
CPD Director

Attachment to Ordinance No. 2732

Amendments based on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Security Act (Carc Act) allocation of \$243,552.00

2020-2021 CARE ACT CDBG-CV Budget
 City of Sumter
 Community Development Department
 Sumter, SC 29150

HUD Allocation for period April 1, 2020-March 31, 2021	\$243,552.00
Administration Cap (20%)	\$ 48,710.40
Public Service Cap (Waiver)	\$194,842.00

Name of Project	Amount	Matrix code	Regulation Citation	National Objective
Administration	\$48,710.00	21A	570.206	---
Sumter UM	\$94,842.00	05R	570.204	*LMC
YWCA	\$40,000.00	05G	570.201(B)	*LMC
YMCA	\$25,000.00	05D	570.201(B)	*LMC
Durant Children's Center	\$10,000.00	05N	570.201(e)	LMA
Boys & Girls Club	\$25,000.00	05D	570.201(e)	*LMC
Total	\$243,552.00			

*Public Service

LMA - Low-to-Moderate Area
 LMC - Low-to-Moderate Clientele
 LMII - Low-to-Moderate Housing
 SBA - Slum/Blight Area
 SBS - Slum/Blight Spot

Administration

Provide staff for the proper administration of the CDBG-CV Program

Sumter United Ministries

Additional funds for the Fireside Fund, providing the following assistance for low-moderate income clientele. Utilization of the funds would be for Electric bill assistance, Heating and Air installation, and rental and hotel assistance for transitional housing.

Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA)

Additional housing, bedding, PPE requirements base on CDC and DHEC guidelines needed as far as social distancing to serve clients. With the uptick of domestic violence, family violence, human trafficking, elder abuse, and sexual assault additional funding is required to accommodate increase clientele, during the pandemic.

YMCA

Provide scholarships for low-moderate income kids and participate in a variety of programs including after school, during school, and various mentoring programs.

Boys and Girls Club

Provide scholarships for low-moderate income kids and participate in a variety of programs including health and wellness, modules with themed activities for elementary, middle school and high school students to make them more efficient in school and literacy programs.

Durant Children's Center

The facility is used for Child Advocacy Services like forensic interview, medical examinations for suspected physical abuse, sexual abuse or neglect, court services, counseling, family advocacy and multidisciplinary case review to assist low moderate income kids.



ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-1000

September 11, 2020

The Honorable Joseph McElveen
Mayor of Sumter
P.O. Box 1449
Sumter, SC 29151-1449

Dear Mayor McElveen:

I am pleased to inform you of a special allocation to your jurisdiction of Community Development Block Grant funds to be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19). This allocation was authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136, which was signed by President Trump on March 27, 2020, to respond to the growing effects of this historic public health crisis.

The CARES Act made available \$5 billion in Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds. Of this amount, the Department immediately allocated \$2 billion on March 27, 2020, the same day President Trump signed the Act, based on the fiscal year 2020 CDBG formula; this constituted the first round of CDBG-CV funds. Next, \$1 billion was required by the Act to be allocated to States and insular areas within 45 days of enactment of the Act; HUD accomplished this on May 11, 2020, and this constituted the second round of CDBG-CV funds. Finally, the remaining \$2 billion in CDBG-CV funds was required by the Act to be allocated to states and local governments at the discretion of the Secretary on a rolling basis; HUD accomplished this on September 11, 2020, and this constituted the third round of CDBG-CV funds. Additionally, up to \$10 million will be set aside for technical assistance.

Accordingly, this letter informs you that your jurisdiction's allocation for the third round is \$243,552. Your cumulative amount for all allocation rounds is \$427,147.

The CARES Act adds additional flexibility for both the CDBG-CV grant and, in some cases, for the annual FY2019 and FY2020 CDBG grants in these unprecedented times. The public comment period is reduced to not less than 5 days, grantees may use virtual public hearings when necessary for public health reasons, the public services cap is suspended during the emergency, and States and local governments may reimburse costs of eligible activities incurred for pandemic response regardless of the date.

In addition, the CARES Act authorizes the HUD Secretary to grant waivers and alternative requirements of statutes and regulations the HUD Secretary administers in connection with the use of CDBG-CV funds and fiscal year 2019 and 2020 CDBG funds (except for requirements related to fair housing, nondiscrimination, labor standards, and the environment). Waivers and alternative requirements can be granted when necessary to expedite and facilitate the use of funds to prevent,

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prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

The CDBG CARES Act Federal Register Notice (FR-6218-N-01) was released on August 10, 2020. The notice describes the allocations and grant procedures applicable to the CDBG-CV grants. It also describes the program flexibilities, waivers, and alternative requirements that apply to the CDBG-CV grants as well as the fiscal year 2019 and 2020 CDBG grants. As further such flexibilities become available, they will be posted on HUD's website and distributed to grantees. The Department will also support grantees with technical assistance.

As you develop your plan for the use of these grant funds, we encourage you to consider approaches that prioritize the unique needs of low- and moderate-income persons and the development of partnerships between all levels of government and the private for-profit and non-profit sectors. You should coordinate with state and local health authorities before undertaking any activity to support state or local pandemic response. CDBG-CV grants will be subject to oversight, reporting, and the requirement that each grantee have adequate procedures to prevent the duplication of benefits (DOB). HUD will provide guidance and technical assistance on DOB, the prevention of fraud, waste, and abuse, and on documenting the impact of this program for beneficiaries.

Reminder, all CPD Grantees must ensure they maintain active Dun and Bradstreet Numbering System (DUNS) numbers in the System for Award Management (SAM) system. Entities must have an active and unexpired DUNS before execution of grant agreements to avoid delays in the obligation of funds- which will delay your ability to drawdown funds in the Integrated Disbursement & Information System (IDIS). Grantees are required to maintain an active SAMs registration by re-activating their DUNS number annually in the SAM system for the entire drawdown period of their grants. DUNS numbers can be registered and renewed each year at the following website: <https://www.sam.gov/SAM/>.

The Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) is looking forward to working with you to successfully meet the urgent and complex challenges faced by our communities. If you or any member of your staff has questions, please contact your local CPD Field Office Director or CPDQuestionsAnswered@hud.gov.

Sincerely,



John Gibbs
Acting Assistant Secretary
for Community Planning and Development
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

ORDINANCE NO. 2655

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET
FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ENTITLEMENT FUNDS
FOR THE CITY OF SUMTER
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMTER,
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 21ST DAY OF JANUARY, 2020, AT ITS REGULAR MEETING
DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF SAID:

Section 1. That the Budget for Community Development Entitlement Funds in the amount of \$306,499.00 for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 is hereby adopted by City Council, and its hereby
made a part hereof as fully as if incorporated herein and a copy thereof is attached hereto.

Section 2. That the City Manager shall administer the Budget and may authorize the following
to achieve the goals of the Budget:

- 1) Authorize the transfer of appropriated funds within and between Departments and
Budgeted accounts as necessary.
- 2) Designate continuing projects from unexpended funds in accordance with the
Comprehensive Plan.
- 3) Follow City Purchasing Ordinance in procurement and awarding of contracts.

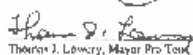
Section 3. Encumbrances will be carried over to the next year as a reserve to the Fund Balance,
and Expenditures approved by Council shall automatically carry over to the next year as a reserve to the Fund Balance
where necessary.

Section 4. If for any reason any sentence, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be
declared invalid, such shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof.

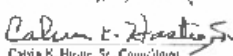
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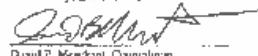
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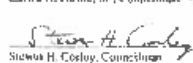

Joseph T. McElveen, Jr., Mayor

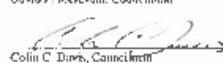

Thomas J. Lowery, Mayor Pro Tem


Isaac F. Douglas, Councilman


Calvin K. Harte, Sr., Councilman


David P. Merchant, Councilman


Steven H. Colby, Councilman


Colin C. Dine, Councilman

ATTEST:


Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk

First Reading: January 3, 2020
Final Reading: January 21, 2020

Attachment to Ordinance No. 2653

2020-2021 CDIG Budget
 City of Sumner
 Community Development Department
 Senior, SC 2400

HUC Allocation for period April 1, 2020 - March 31, 2021 \$306,499.00
 Public Service Cap (1.5%) \$ 45,974.85
 Administration Cap (2.0%) \$ 61,299.80

Name of Project	Amount	Major Code	Regulation Citation	National Objective
Administration	\$ 61,299.00	21A	570.206	----
Demolition	\$ 30,090.00	04	570.201 (D)	SBS
Housing Repair	\$144,854.00	14A	570.202	LMH
Youth Employment	\$ 43,346.00	05D	570.201 (E)	LMC*
YMCA Youth Services	\$ 2,500.00	05D	570.201 (E)	LMC*
United Ministries	\$ 24,399.00	14A	570.202	LMH
Total	\$306,499.00			

*Public Service

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ORDINANCE NO. 2668

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2655
WHICH ADOPTED A BUDGET FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ENTITLEMENT FUNDS
FOR THE CITY OF SUMTER FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021

WHEREAS, the Budget for Community Development Entitlement Funds in the amount of \$306,499.00 for the Federal Fiscal Year 2020-2021 was adopted by City Council on January 21, 2020, based on the amount of funds allocated to the City of Sumter for the previous budget year; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sumter received a letter from HUD dated February 18, 2020 (attached), announcing an actual allocation of \$312,095.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funds to the City of Sumter for Fiscal Year 2020-2021; and

WHEREAS, the Sumter City Council therefore finds it necessary to amend its Community Development Entitlement Budget for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 as shown on the attached amended budget to reflect the official allocation from HUD. The amended 2020-2021 CDBG Budget in the amount of \$312,095.00 is hereby made a part hereof as fully as if incorporated herein and a copy thereof is attached hereto

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL, 2020, AT ITS REGULAR MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF SAME:

Section 1. That the amended Budget for Community Development Entitlement Funds in the amount of \$312,095.00 for the Federal Fiscal Year 2020-2021 is hereby adopted by City Council, and is hereby made a part hereof as fully as if incorporated herein, and a copy thereof is attached hereto.

Section 2. That the City Manager shall administer the Budget and may authorize the following to achieve the goals of the budget:

- 1) Authorize the transfer of appropriated funds within and between Departments and budgeted positions as necessary.
- 2) Designate continuing projects from surplus funds in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan
- 3) Follow City Purchasing Ordinance in procurement and awarding of contracts.

Section 3. Encumbrances will be carried over to the next year as a reserve to the Fund Balance; and Expenditures approved by Council shall automatically carry amendments to Fund Appropriation where necessary.

Section 4. If for any reason any sentence, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid, such shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof.

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**ADOPTED AND RATIFIED IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED THIS 7TH DAY OF APRIL
2020.**

CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA


Mayor Joseph T. McElveen, Jr.

Thomas J. Lowery, Mayor Pro Tem

Ione J. Dwyer, Councilwoman

Calvin K. Hastie, Sr., Councilman

David P. Merchant, Councilman

Steven H. Corley, Councilman

Colin C. Davis, Councilman

ATTEST:


Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk

First Reading: March 17, 2020
Final Reading: April 7, 2020

City Council Meeting - April 7, 2020
This Regular City Council meeting was held as a virtual (electronic) meeting in order to abide by social distancing requirements related to the Coronavirus Pandemic. All Members of Council attended the meeting. Although this Ordinance or Resolution was signed by the Mayor only, the vote was unanimous by the full Council.

Attachment to Ordinance No. 2668

AMENDED
 2020-2021 CDHO Budget
 City of Sumter
 Community Development Department
 Sumter, SC 29150

HUD Allocations for period April 1, 2020-March 31, 2021	\$312,095.00
Public Service Cap (15%)	\$ 46,814.25
Administration Cap (20%)	\$ 62,419.00

Name of Project	Amount	Matrix Code	Regulation Citation	National Objective
Administration	\$ 62,419.00	21A	570.206	----
Demolition	\$ 30,000.00	04	570.201(D)	SBS
Housing Repair	\$146,676.00	14A	570.202	LMH
Youth Employment	\$ 46,000.00	05D	570.201(E)	LMC*
YMCA Youth Services	\$ 2,500.00	05D	570.201(E)	LMC*
United Ministries	\$ 24,500.00	14A	570.202	LMH
Total	\$312,095.00			

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

February 18, 2020

The Honorable Joseph McElveen
Mayor of Sumter
P.O. Box 1449
Sumter, SC 29151-1449

Dear Mayor McElveen:

I am pleased to inform you of your jurisdiction's Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 allocations for the Office of Community Planning and Development's (CPD) formula programs, which provide funding for housing, community and economic development activities, and assistance for low- and moderate-income persons and special needs populations across the country. President Trump signed Public Law 116-94 on December 20th, 2019, which includes FY 2020 funding for these programs. Your jurisdiction's FY 2020 available amounts are as follows:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$312,095
HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)	\$ 0
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)	\$ 0
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	\$ 0

This letter highlights several important points related to these programs. We remind grantees that CPD seeks to develop viable communities by promoting integrated approaches that provide decent housing and suitable living environments while expanding economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income and special needs populations, including people living with HIV/AIDS. The primary means towards this end is the development of partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including both for-profit and non-profit organizations.

Based on your jurisdiction's CDBG allocation for this year, you also have \$1,141,475 in available Section 108 borrowing authority. Since Section 108 loans are federally guaranteed, this program can leverage your jurisdiction's existing CDBG funding to access low-interest, long-term financing to invest in Opportunity Zones or other target areas in your jurisdiction.


Because the funds are not appropriated by Congress, Housing Trust Fund (HTF) formula allocation will be announced at a later date under separate cover.

HUD continues to emphasize the importance of effective performance measurements in all of its formula grant programs. Proper reporting in the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (DIS) is critical to ensuring grantees are complying with program requirements and policies, providing demographic and income information about the persons that benefited from a community's activities, and allowing HUD to monitor grantees. Your ongoing attention to ensuring

complete and accurate reporting of performance measurement data continues to be an invaluable resource with regard to the impact of these formula grant programs.

The Office of Community Planning and Development is looking forward to working with you to promote simple steps that will enhance the performance of these critical programs and successfully meet the challenges that our communities face. If you or any member of your staff have questions, please contact your local CPD Office Director.

Sincerely,



David C. Woll, Jr.
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 2696

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF SUMTER'S
2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND
BUDGET FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
ENTITLEMENT FUNDS FOR THE CITY OF SUMTER**

WHEREAS, the City of Sumter desires to comply with all regulations and recommendations by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (hereafter H.U.D.); and

WHEREAS, the City of Sumter needs to amend the 2020 Annual Action Plan for Community Development and the corresponding Budget for Entitlement Funds (April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021) in order to be in keeping with the advice of best practices given by H.U.D.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA, AT ITS REGULAR MEETING DULY ASSEMBLED AND BY THE AUTHORITY THEREOF:

That the 2020 Annual Action Plan and the corresponding Community Development Entitlement Budget (April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021) be amended due to funding allocated under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act of 2020 as follows:

Increase or Add Funding in the following categories:

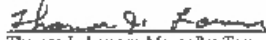
<u>Additional Funding from CARES Act of 2020</u>		<u>Totals for CARES Act Funding</u>	
Administration	\$ 26,098.60	Administration	\$ 88,517.60
Health Services	\$157,496.40	Health Services	\$157,496.40
		Demolition	\$ 30,000.00
		Housing Repair	\$148,576.00
		Youth Employment	\$ 44,000.00
		YMCA Youth Services	\$ 2,500.00
		United Ministries	\$ 24,500.00
Total CARES Act 2020 Funding <u>\$183,595.00</u>		Total after CARES Act Funding <u>\$295,499.00</u>	

Ordinance No. 2696
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DONE AND RATIFIED IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED THIS 18TH DAY OF
AUGUST 2020.

CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA


Joseph T. McElyen, Jr., Mayor


Thomas J. Lowery, Mayor Pro Tem


Ione J. Dwyer, Councilwoman


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Attest:


Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk

First Reading: August 4, 2020
Final Reading: August 18, 2020

Attachment to Ordinance No. 2696

Amendments based on the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Security Act (Cares Act) allocation of \$183,595.00

2020-2021 CARES ACT CDBG-CV Budget
City of Sumter
Community Development Department
Sumter, SC 29150

HUD Allocation for period April 1, 2020-March 31, 2021 \$183,595.00
Administration Cap (20%) \$36,719.00

<u>Name of Project</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Matrix code</u>	<u>Regulation Citation</u>	<u>National Objective</u>
Administration	\$26,098.60	21A	570.206	---
Health Services	<u>\$157,496.40</u>	05M	570.201(E)	LMA
Total	\$183,595.00			