

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

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The plan is built around a strong institutional structure that has been in place for decades. The City pledges its support in maintaining files for periodic monitoring and as an internal measuring stick, provides an annual monitoring itself in the form of the CAPER – Comprehensive Annual Performance and Evaluation Report. Home Ownership is an important part of the Community Development Department’s initiative. Prospective homeowners will be encouraged to pursue the American Dream through the City’s Affordable Housing Program. This program has a Housing Counseling component as well as a post-home buyer follow-up program. HOME funds are used to provide subsidies that close the gap between income and the cost of housing. There are many income barriers to successful homeownership. The City hopes to tear down some of these barriers with training and orientation regarding credit issues and proper planning and budgeting for successful homeownership and retention. Homeless prevention is one of the City’s greatest challenges. Many homeless persons are accustomed to a certain lifestyle -- living on the street. Obtaining and maintaining a permanent residence has to be a process. Through the Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization the City will work with member agencies to obtain funds for a continuum of care for the Sumter area that will be large enough to serve a large number of homeless individuals and families with children. It may take some time for this to come to fruition; however, it will materialize in the not too distant future. The Economic Development component of the Community Development Department encompasses a wide range of initiatives. Money circulates throughout the community for insurance on new homes, taxes on repaired and new homes, and labor and materials for construction and repair of homes for LMI citizens, permit fees from contractors, hotel/motel accommodation for contractors and their workers plus food. The same can be said for Downtown Revitalization, Street Paving and Drainage and other projects. The Anti-Poverty Strategy is an effort embedded in everything we do. Other agencies assist with implementation of programs such as Early Head Start, Regular Head Start, Success-By-Six, First steps, Youth Build and others. All of these programs have life skill components that cater to the entire family. Generations to

come will benefit from the services, training and follow-through provided by these and other such programs.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

The objectives and outcomes are identified in within this Plan.

1. Promote the utilization of tax credit programs for construction of units concentrated in low income areas. Target a percentage of HOME funds for construction of new single family housing units for low income individuals and families. Promote effective self-help opportunities requiring homebuyers to participate in construction of their homes, decreasing labor costs.
2. Provide opportunities for financial assistance to first time homebuyers
3. Promote the American Dream Down payment Initiative
4. Target a percentage of HOME passed thru to CHDO's for direct housing subsidies
5. Advocate for modular and panelized constructed factory built units to be built to the National HUD code
6. Promote the replacement of older units not meeting HUD code and factory certifications
7. Educate low income homebuyers on the pro's and con's of purchasing an older used mobile home i.e.: depreciation values, leased land dangers and risks, costs involved in moving units, costs involved in repair, replacement, and resale.
8. Strengthen the role of the manufactured home industry and building codes
9. Increase the number of safe, decent, and suitable manufactured homes available to low income families.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The City of Sumter conducts a variety of city-wide and neighborhood-specific housing and community development activities that benefit low and moderate income households using federal, state and local resources. The City combines its HOME funds annually with local resources to create the Affordable Housing Investment Fund. These funds are used citywide for new construction, acquisition and/or rehabilitation projects to preserve and improve the supply of affordable housing. The City of Sumter

uses the majority of its CDBG funds for “direct benefit” housing rehabilitation and community development activities that are limited to low and moderate income residents citywide.

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The City of Sumter NRSA includes four census tracts, 11, 16, 13, and 15.

As reflected in US Census Bureau, Census 2010, several areas of minority concentration existed in the City NRSA in 2010. Particularly high concentrations of African-Americans were found in all locations: 91% Census tract 16, 98% Census tract 15, 82% Census tract 13, and 66.8% Census tract

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Guided by the Citizens Participation Plan, staff from the Community Development Office conducted outreach through a series of public meetings, public hearings, phone calls and mailings. Staff held meetings at the three HOPE Centers and the South Sumter Resource Center. Many homeless persons congregate in the southern part of the city; however, only a few showed for the meetings this year. Input from them is included in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, as well as the Annual Action Plan.

The City of Sumter Housing Authority assisted with the development of the plan by sharing information from their Annual Action Plan and providing their residents with information about the services of the City’s Community Development Department. They included public housing residents in the development process by disseminating information, providing notification of public meetings and public hearings and encouraging resident participation. The Citizen Participation Plan also provides an opportunity for interpreters for non-English speaking persons if the number of potential beneficiaries

exceeds 10%. Currently the number is below 10%. However, the Community Development Department staff has the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two Spanish-speaking persons who will to assist with interpretation at meetings when needed. Staff has met and talked with these persons.

5. Summary of public comments

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

The citizens expressed interest in better drainage system, street paving, demolition, code enforcement, and mobile home rehabilitation. More specific needs are attached to this document.

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

All comments were accepted

7. Summary

The staff advertised the community meetings in advance through local media and churches. Flyers were placed in public places where some citizens who are low-income congregate. All service agencies were invited to have their clientele participate in the meetings. The locations of meetings were at the HOPE Centers that are located in the central parts of the City and the South Sumter Resource Center on the south side of town.

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

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

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	SUMTER	
CDBG Administrator		City of Sumter
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator		
ESG Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The City of Sumter carries out federal programs administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Consolidated Plan is the document that Sumter County collaboratively with City of Sumter submits to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an application for funding for the following program:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) - City of Sumter
- HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) - Sumter County - Lead Agency

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

The jurisdiction consulted with several agencies, organizations and community groups in preparation of this plan. Low income citizens were invited to all meetings and public hearings. Persons who are HIV/AIDS positive were not excluded from the planning process, nor were the elderly, handicapped and disabled. Three community meetings were held to provide citizens' input into the planning process.

Guided by the Citizens Participation

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

1. Introduction

Guided by the Citizens Participation Plan, staff from the Community Development office conducted outreach through a series of public meetings, public hearings, phone calls and mailings. Staff also visited two homeless sites where they congregate to eat and fellowship. As part of these efforts, low and moderate income was encouraged to provide input on the development of this plan.

The City of Sumter consulted with other public and private agencies to identify and prioritize community needs, develop strategies and action plans, identify community resources and promote the coordination of resources. The following agencies were consulted as part of this process:

Santee Lynches Council of Governments

Santee Lynches Community Development Corporation

Sumter County Community Development Corporation

Wateree Community Actions Trans-Aid Homeless Initiative

Wateree District Health Department

Wateree Community Actions, Inc.

City of Sumter Housing Authority

Alston Wilkes Society

Sumter County Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse

Any Length Recovery

Sumter City/ County Planning Office

Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization

City of Sumter Housing and Economic Development Corporation

South Carolina Vocational Rehabilitation Department

Wateree District Mental Health

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

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

Homeless prevention is one of the City's greatest challenges. Many homeless persons are accustomed to a certain lifestyle -- living on the street. Obtaining and maintaining a permanent residence has to be a process. Through the Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization (ECHO) the City will work with member agencies to obtain funds for a continuum of care for the Sumter area that will be large enough to serve a large number of homeless individuals and families with children. The City has made progress in this area for HIV/AIDS homeless citizens through the agency Empowered Personal Care Home Health Alliance Inc.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Santee-Lynches Regional Council of Governments
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency is a part of the local housing task force. Through meetings, email, and telephone conversation this agency was consulted. The anticipated outcomes of consultation is to share ideas about the local area as a hold, be it community development or economic development.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	SANTEE-LYNCHES AFFORDABLE HOUSING & CDC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency is a part of the local housing task force. Through meetings, email, and telephone conversation this agency was consulted. The anticipated outcomes of consultation is to share ideas about the local area as a hold, be it community development or economic development.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	WATEREE COMMUNITY ACTIONS, INC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-homeless Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency was consulted by phone calls and email. This agency is the primary agency for transitional housing in our grantee area. The anticipated outcomes for both the City and the agency is to gain knowledge of what each other is doing to curb homelessness.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Alston Wilkes Society
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs - Veterans Economic Development

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency was consulted by telephone. This agency plays a vital role in the local area by providing transitional housing facilities, job training and placement services to veterans and released federal prisoners, along with substance abuse and therapeutic counseling; and mentoring to help homeless veterans and ex-prisoners regain self-sufficiency
5	Agency/Group/Organization	SUMTER COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This agency is a part of the local housing task force. Through meetings, email, and telephone conversation this agency was consulted. The anticipated outcomes of consultation are to share ideas about the local area as a hold, be it community development or economic development.

6	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF SUMTER HOUSING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORP.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Service-Fair Housing Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency is a part of the local housing task force. Through meetings, email, and telephone conversation this agency was consulted. This agency specializes in both building and providing down payment assistance for affordable LMI citizens. The anticipated outcomes of consultation is to share ideas about the local area as a hold, be it community development or economic development.

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

The agencies the City consulted with encompasses all aspect of services within the City Limits that primary goals are to provide services to all citizens. This along with public meetings throughout the year hearing directly from citizens enable the City to get a handle on the needs of it citizens; especially low to moderate income citizens.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization	<p>The Five-Year Goal. Provide more transitional housing and supportive services for the homeless. The plan is to work with existing agencies and organizations including non-profits to access funds to develop programs and services for the homeless and eventually have a continuum of care service. Strategy is to do site visits where homeless persons congregate. Staff will perform needs assessment and coordinate and collaborate with existing agencies to get the medical, social and housing needs met by locating the service for the homeless and letting them know where and how to access these services. Additionally staff will work with ECHO to provide technical assistance to non-profits, faith based organizations, government agencies and private citizens that seek opportunities for funding to establish homeless initiatives. Provide grant writing technical assistance upon request. Additional information the City of Sumter has fostered a partnership between the ECHO and the Consultant for HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) installed the system at United Ministries of Sumter County</p>

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	There were about 45 to 50 citizens attending the public hearing in the City Auditorium to accommodate CDC guidelines as far distance between individuals. Most of the attendees stated they saw the advertisement of the public hearing in the local newspaper.	There were no comments received via the AD in the newspaper per say. All comments were made at the Public Meetings and Public Hearing.	All comments were accepted.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	The average attendees at the three public meetings were between 30 - 35 people.	The citizens expressed their concerns for street paving, better drainage systems throughout communities, more demolition were needed in some neighborhoods, sidewalks on all streets, speed bumps for areas where there is a high concentration of kids, mobile home rehabilitation and better lightening in neighborhoods throughout the city.	All comments were accepted	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Approximately 45 - 50 citizens attended the Public Hearing on January 19, 2021.	<p>YMCA requested \$2,500 to provide grants for low moderate kids to be able to participate in mentoring and after school programs throughout the year. A business owner--Elayne Brunson, requested a Facade Grant to provide a facelift for her business. Several citizens requested extra funding needed for mobile home rehabilitation within the City Limits. Coach J requested funding for the boys and girls club of Sumter.</p>	All comments were accepted.	17

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
4	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community				https://www.sumtersc.gov/

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Please see at appendices to the Annual Plan the PY 2021 Council Approved CDBG Budget and a breakdown of all the projects for year 1.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	333,750	0	0	333,750	919,285	

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

The Youth Program allotted \$45,000, local businesses pays half of 28 youth hired and Federal funds are used to pay the other half of the minimum wage salary of youth hired. Additionally, the YMCA supplement the \$2,500 allotted by matching with additional funding to provide services to over 20 low moderate income youth on a yearly basis.

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

The jurisdiction current lease out on a yearly basis for \$1 annually public owned property for Emanuel Soup Kitchen for feeding of the Homeless, United Ministries for financially assisting LMI citizen with needs and providing free medical service for LMI citizens--along with providing a bedding facility for the homeless.

Discussion

The Emanuel Soup Kitchen feeds on an average of 80 to 100 Homeless LMI citizens lunch daily. Unit Ministries provides free medical service, dinner, and bedding for up to 35 homeless citizens daily. Both programs are instrumental in improving the life of our homeless citizens.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	Demolition	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development			CDBG: \$40,000	Businesses assisted: 3 Businesses Assisted Buildings Demolished: 6 Buildings
3	Youth Employment	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development			CDBG: \$45,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 40 Persons Assisted
4	Housing Repair	2020	2024	Housing Repair			CDBG: \$177,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 6 Household Housing Unit
5	YMCA Youth Services	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development			CDBG: \$5,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 22 Persons Assisted
7	Administration	2020	2021	Non-Housing Community Development			CDBG: \$66,750	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 50 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

2	Goal Name	Demolition
	Goal Description	This goal is a combination of Historic Preservation and Demolition
3	Goal Name	Youth Employment
	Goal Description	
4	Goal Name	Housing Repair
	Goal Description	
5	Goal Name	YMCA Youth Services
	Goal Description	This is a combination of YMCA Youth Services and the Boys and Girls Club
7	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	Administer CDBG Program

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City of Sumter FY 2021 Council approved projects are listed below:

#	Project Name
1	Administration
2	Demolition
3	Historic Preservation
4	Housing Repair
5	Youth Employment
6	YMCA Youth Services
7	Boys and Girls Club

Table 7 – Project Information

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

The allocation priorities was determine by City Council after receiving both public comments from citizens and inputs from other agencies

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$66,750
	Description	Administer the entitlement Program
	Target Date	3/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	During public meetings explanation of fair housing at least 50 families will benefit from these meetings
	Location Description	Within the Sumter City Limits
	Planned Activities	Conduct 3 to 4 public meetings explaining fair housing rules and guidance.
2	Project Name	Demolition
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Demolition
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
	Description	Eliminate slum and blight in residential and commercial areas
	Target Date	3/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimate 6 buildings will be demolish
	Location Description	Within the City Limits
	Planned Activities	Demolish 6 structures within the city limits
3	Project Name	Historic Preservation
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000

	Description	Eliminate slum and blight in residential and commercial areas
	Target Date	3/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3 to 4 facade grants to local businesses
	Location Description	Sumter Downtown Historic District
	Planned Activities	provide facade grant to offset cost for downtown businesses beautification
4	Project Name	Housing Repair
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Housing Repair
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$177,000
	Description	Housing repair for LMI citizens
	Target Date	3/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimate 6 families will benefit from the proposed activity
	Location Description	Census Tracts 13, 11, 15, and 16
	Planned Activities	Rehabilitate 6 houses for Low-Moderate income homeowners
5	Project Name	Youth Employment
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Youth Employment
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$45,000
	Description	Provide summer employment for 40 LMI youth
	Target Date	3/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	40 families will benefit form the proposed activities.

	Location Description	Within the City Limits
	Planned Activities	Hire 40 LMI students during the summer
6	Project Name	YMCA Youth Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	YMCA Youth Services
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$2,500
	Description	Provide vouchers for LMI youth to participate in activities
	Target Date	3/31/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	twelve families will benefit from this activity
	Location Description	Within the City Limits
	Planned Activities	
	7	Project Name
Target Area		
Goals Supported		
Needs Addressed		
Funding		CDBG: \$2,500
Description		Provide vouchers for LMI youth to participate in activities
Target Date		3/31/2022
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities		10 low income families will benefit from this activity
Location Description		Within the City Limits
Planned Activities		

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

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Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
NRSA	80

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

As reflected in US Census Bureau, Census 2010 data, several areas of minority concentration existed in the City NRSA in 2010. Particularly high concentrations of African-Americans were found in all locations: 91% Census tract 16, 98% Census tract 15, 82% Census tract 13, and 66.8% Census tract 11. These percentages compare with the City overall African-American population of 46.7%.

Discussion

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

Introduction

Identified Barriers: Bad Credit, Insufficient Credit, Low Income: Applicants for affordable housing will be referred to Consumer Credit Council if they have bad credit problems. The City of Sumter no longer has free consumer credit counseling service. Those with insufficient credit will be encouraged to establish credit with utility companies and landlords. Applicants with incomes so low that they do not have enough income to meet the guidelines will be encouraged to attend training sessions, go to Adult Education programs and Central Carolina Technical College to become better trained for job advancement or a better job with another employer. While homeownership rates are increasing annually for higher income families, lower income families continue to struggle with affordable housing issues. Only 48 percent of very low income households live in owner-occupied homes as opposed to 67 percent of all households and 88 percent of high-income households. There are substantial gaps in homeownership attainment between races and areas of the various communities. Among the barriers to homeownership are the following: Income Barriers--A high percentage of rental households cannot afford to purchase a modestly priced home using a 30-year fixed rate mortgage. Prudent towards the payment of housing costs, including hazard insurance and property taxes. As a result, potential buyers are limited in the amount they can afford to pay by their housing to debt income ratio. Wealth Barriers--Mortgage loans typically require borrowers to make some cash investment in the deal and also limit borrower total debt load, including non-housing consumer debts. Because renters are typically lower-income and have to spend much of their earnings for rent, health care and food, they often use consumer debt, credit cards and installment loans. The result is that many renter families are strapped with high debt loans and little savings. Credit History Barriers--Credit bureau depositories have developed over the past several years offering extensive details on how individuals' access and use credit cards, lines of credit, installment loans and other extensions of credit. While an individual's credit score depends on a number of factors, high risk scores tend to be associated with a history of late payments, maximized credit lines, and repeated applications for additional credit. Credit scores are now commonly used to assess mortgage applicants. The reason most cited for the denial of a single family mortgage home purchase loan is a poor credit history. Lower income and minority households tend to have reduced job security, lower levels of savings and higher debt that disqualify them from obtaining a prime priced home mortgage loan. Information Barriers--There is a significant segment of potential low income buyers who self select out of homeownership due to fear of rejection, confusion about the complexities of the process or misunderstandings about their financial status. Affordable Supply Barriers--There is a delicate balance between growth in home-owning households and the number of housing units suitable for homeownership. First time homebuyers cannot afford the price of a new single family unit and are left instead to purchase existing units many of which are declining in quality. This includes a huge market of used manufactured homes which attract low income families due to the low monthly payments and the limited cost involved in purchasing one.

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

1. Develop new affordable housing units for low income homeowners 2. Promote the utilization of tax credit programs for construction of units concentrated in low income areas. Target a percentage of HOME funds for construction of new single family housing units for low income individuals and families. Promote effective self-help opportunities requiring homebuyers to participate in construction of their homes, decreasing labor costs.

2. Provide opportunities for financial assistance to first time homebuyers: 1. Promote the American Dream Downpayment Initiative 2. Target a percentage of HOME passed thru to CHDO's for direct housing subsidies. Advocate for modular and panelized constructed factory built units to be built to the National HUD code. 3. Promote the replacement of older units not meeting HUD code and factory certifications. 4. Educate low income homebuyers on the pro's and con's of purchasing an older used mobile home i.e.: depreciation values, leased land dangers and risks, costs involved in moving units, costs involved in repair, replacement, and resale. 5. Strengthen the role of the manufactured home industry and building codes 6. Increase the number of safe, decent, and suitable manufactured homes available to low income families.

Discussion

This will be an ongoing process by the City and our housing partners to decrease the barriers of affordable safe, decent, and suitable housing for low income families.

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

Introduction

The City of Sumter conducts a variety of city-wide and neighborhood-specific housing and community development activities that benefit low and moderate income households using federal, state and local resources. The City combines its HOME funds annually with local resources to create the Affordable Housing Investment Fund. These funds are used citywide for new construction, acquisition and/or rehabilitation projects to preserve and improve the supply of affordable housing. The City of Sumter uses the majority of its CDBG funds for “direct benefit” housing rehabilitation and community development activities that are limited to low and moderate income residents citywide.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

For more than 15 years, the City has concentrated a portion of its CDBG funds in Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (Sumter NRSA Map inserted in plan) showing the greatest needs and opportunities for revitalization, as determined by income and other socio-economic criteria and trends. NRSA designation is limited to areas where at least 51% of the residents are low and moderate income, making the areas eligible under Federal regulations for “area benefit” CDBG activities. The City uses over 80% of its annual CDBG funds on “area benefit” activities in its Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). Additionally, about 15% of the annual allocation is made to public service activities that serve residents of the NRSA. Other programs funded by the Columbia-Sumter Empowerment Zone, such as employment training will be available to NRSA residents as well as low income persons City wide.

The City of Sumter NRSA includes four census tracts, 11, 16, 13, and 15. The City will continue to make these census tracts a focal point for CDBG funding due to the fact they have the most underserved needs in the City.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

One-Year Goal -- To develop Affordable Housing for LMI citizens, through housing repair and home ownership. The City will provide downpayment assistance by using HOME funds if funds are available for five to eight pre qualified buyers and rehabilitate six units in 2020. The City will use HUD Program Proceeds for these programs. CDBG funds will be used to repair houses for citizens whose income falls at 80% or below the median. Housing repair will provide an increase of the housing stock with number of units that are to code and the number of safe, decent and sanitary units for LMI citizens. CDBG Funds will be used to address this need.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Local Health Department officials tell us that the Health Child Program is no longer at their clinic. Local

physicians, especially pediatric clinics test children for lead levels in the blood. The case is referred to the local Health Department for follow-up if a child is tested positive for lead. The Health Department trains the family how to keep the environment safe from lead and teaches the parents how to keep their child(ren) in the care of a physician until the lead levels are in a safe zone.

During Housing Repair, the City will insure that abatement or encapsulation will take place by the contractor when lead is present. If the regular contractor does not have the proper tools or equipment to work the job and/or if he/she is not certified to do lead-based paint construction work, he/she will sub-contract this part of the work out to someone else who is certified to do lead-based paint work.

The above process will decrease the number of housing units that belong to extremely low-income, low-income and moderate-income families living in housing units with lead-based paint.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

One Year Goal: Those persons who are laid off should continue to work closely with the Employment Security Commission (One-Stop Job Service) to prepare for re-employment and benefits associated with their specific lay-offs. (Note: some companies offer various benefits and the government offers certain types of benefits.)

Strategy: The City of Sumter will work with Employment Security Commission to reduce the number of persons who are unemployed due to lay-offs. Market the Youth Employment Program among this group of persons to encourage those who live inside the City Limits to have their children apply for and obtain summer jobs. To work with those who may want homeownership to apply for downpayment assistance with the City when their income is low enough to qualify for the program. The City of Sumter will work aggressively to reduce the number of individuals and families living in poverty by cooperating and coordinating with other organizations and agencies to access services appropriate for individual and family needs. Special efforts will be made to reduce the number of persons whose income is below the poverty level. Supportive services provided by local service providers and employment opportunities along with training and technical assistance provided by the local Job Service Office are other means in process to raise local residents' income above the poverty level provided their training and experience is adequate for jobs that pay wages above the poverty level. A network of agencies, The Interagency Council, will continue to convene and share information about programs and services that are available so that service workers can do diligence in disseminating information and referrals to poverty level individuals and families.

The following initiatives are in place. These initiatives will contribute to reduction in the number of poverty level families:

Family Self-sufficiency (Sumter Housing Authority), Head Start for children 3, 4 and 5 years old (parenting component), Early Head Start for children ages 0-3 years old (parenting component), Local Programs such as After School Programs, Boy and Girl Scout, 4-H Clubs, etc., Workforce

Development Initiatives through Job Service One-Stop Employment Office,

- First Steps (school readiness program)
- Success By Six (school readiness program)
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention programs (through YWCA, United Way, etc.)
- Section 3 (encouraging contractors to comply by employing local LMI persons)
- Youth Build (job training for high school drop outs through South Sumter Resource Center). Center awaits renewal of grant at this writing.
- IDA (Individual Development Account) 3-1 Savings Accounts through (South Sumter Resource Center funded by SC Association of Community Development Corporations)
- SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department*
- Disabilities and Special Needs*

*Entities that have work components that enable persons with special needs to become employable

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The structure in which the CDBG program will be carried out is within a council-manager form of government which was established in 1912. Sumter was the first in the United States to successfully adopt this form of government. With more than 500 City employees, including City Council members, the City of Sumter has leadership in place that not only promotes quality and responsive services, but one that permeates, involves and is accessible to all staff levels. The Mayor is elected and the City Manager is the Chief Executive Officer. City Council hires the City Manager. There are currently 15 department directors. The City of Sumter shares with the County the benefit of several officers: Tax Collector, Property Appraiser, Clerk of Circuit Court, Planning Director, Auditor, Treasurer, and Supervisor of Elections. These officers maintain a high degree of operational integrity and autonomy.

Sumter is home to Shaw Air Force Base, a growing industrial base, the world famous Swan Lake Iris Gardens and a city population of 42,700. The City of Sumter is in the heart of the community with a total City and County population of 108,000. Sumter provides a home town feel with the conveniences of a large city.

The City of Sumter continues the redevelopment of its downtown through an aggressive Downtown Development initiative. Because of its historic significance, many of the structures are, and will be revitalized in a way that they do not lose their historical significance. A multi-million dollar streetscape project has been completed as well as total renovations of five public parking lots in the City Business District (CBD). Decorative cross-arms and buried utility lines have been installed at nine of the eighteen downtown intersections. Underground utility work and the installation of new sidewalks, a newly paved road with stamped crosswalks, curbing, and landscaping and irrigation was completed in 2012 on West Liberty Street from Sumter Street to Main Street, and in 2014 the same is planned for the East Liberty corridor of the CBD. The City is also receive a NIP grant for demolishing unlivable houses and buildings

eyesores throughout the City. Additionally, the penny tax is being utilized for further improve institutional structure; it provided funds for a new court house, and currently in the building stage of a new police department and fire department.

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

The local Housing Authority has a Resident Services Program dedicated to empowering the residents in the community to develop goals and encourage them with support and resources to achieve goals. Resident Service programs are only as supportive as their primary resource, the community partnerships. The participation of the City's Community Development office is an essential member of the partnership through the natural progression of empowerment and education. Community Service has allowed Public Housing clients the opportunity to work with community leaders and management to become oriented to housing opportunities through the various affordable housing programs in the community. Programs currently available to our residents include budget classes, housekeeping classes, parent educators and computer and GED classes.

City staff on a continual basis maintain contact with all social service agencies and the public housing agencies.

Discussion

Since the inception of the housing task force all housing partners are continually striving to assist as many possible LMI income citizens throughout the City limits and county.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

The most pressing needs are Poverty, Infrastructure Improvements and Non-Residential Historic Preservation. Also, the Youth Programs that are Youth Employment during the summer for two different programs will also be a community development need with priority.

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

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

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	3
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	80.00%

Discussion

The City will have a minimum overall benefit of more than 70% of CDBG funds to be used to benefit persons of low and moderate incomes during this program year.

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

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 11.

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 complaint 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.

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
SUMTER CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.
SUMTER OPERA HOUSE AUDITORIUM
(21 NORTH MAIN STREET, SUMTER, SC)

This meeting will be open to the public. Meeting attendees will be required to wear masks and have their temperatures checked to enter the building. The meeting can also be accessed through YouTube at the link below.

www.youtube.com/CityofSumter

1. Call to Order - Mayor David P. Merchant
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman Steven H. Corley
3. Approval of Minutes – February 23, 2021 Special Meeting
March 2, 2021 Regular Meeting

OLD BUSINESS

1. **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**
Consider appointments expired December 31, 2020 and other vacancies.
2. **UTILITIES (WATER AND SEWER)**
Consider *Final Reading* of *Ordinance No. 2731* amending water and sewer rates of the City of Sumter, South Carolina utilizing a five-year annual incremental increase plan, with the first increase to become effective July 1, 2021.
3. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
 - a) Consider *Final Reading* of *Ordinance No. 2732* amending the CDBG Entitlement Budget for the Year 2020-2021 to include a special allocation in the amount of \$243,552 in accordance with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Security Act (CARES Act).
 - b) Consider *First Reading* of an ordinance to adopt the CDBG Entitlement Budget for the Year 2021-2022.
4. **HOSPITALITY FEE REVENUE BOND**
Consider *Final Reading* of *Ordinance No. 2733* entitled: "An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of a City of Sumter, South Carolina Hospitality Fee Revenue Bond, Series 2021, in the Principal Amount of Not Exceeding \$2,550,000; and Other Matters Relating Thereto".
5. **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**
Consider *Ordinance No. 2734* amending and extending the expiration date of Ordinance No. 2723 concerning face coverings in retail and foodservice establishments.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **FAIR HOUSING MONTH**
Consider *Resolution No. 814* designating the month of April 2021 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Sumter.
2. **COUNCIL REPORTS**
Receive comments from Council Members concerning matters of interest to Council and the City of Sumter.
3. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**
Receive comments or reports from City Manager.
4. **LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**
To review any pending legislation pertinent to local government.
5. **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.
6. **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.
7. **ADJOURNMENT**

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
SUMTER CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 6, 2021 – 1:00 P.M.
SUMTER OPERA HOUSE – CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
(21 NORTH MAIN STREET, SUMTER, SC)

The City Council Chambers of the Sumter Opera House is currently closed to the public due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. Please use the following method to view this Council meeting.

www.youtube.com/CityofSumter

1. Call to Order - Mayor David P. Merchant
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman Colin C. Davis
3. Approval of Minutes – March 16, 2021 Special Meeting
March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting

OLD BUSINESS

1. **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**
Consider appointments expired December 31, 2020 and other vacancies.
2. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**
Consider *Final Reading* of *Ordinance No. 2735* adopting the CDBG Entitlement Budget for the Year 2021-2022.
3. **LEASE PURCHASE**
Consider *Final Reading* of *Ordinance No. 2736* entitled: "An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution, Delivery, and Performance of a Lease-Purchase Agreement and Other Documents Relating to the Lease-Purchase Financing of Certain Vehicles and Equipment in an Aggregate Principal Amount of Not Exceeding \$1,500,000, and Other Matters Relating Thereto".

NEW BUSINESS

1. **BUDGET**
Receive preliminary draft budget for Fiscal Year 2022.
2. **LITTER CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD**
Consider *First Reading* of an ordinance to create the Sumter City-County Litter Advisory Board.
3. **COMMUNITY PROJECTS**
Consider *Resolution No. 815* supporting the City of Sumter's application to the House Appropriations Committee for funding for several community projects.

4. **COUNCIL REPORTS**
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8. **ADJOURNMENT**

ORDINANCE NO. 2726

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A BUDGET
FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ENTITLEMENT FUNDS
FOR THE CITY OF SUMTER
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUMTER,
SOUTH CAROLINA, ON THIS 6TH DAY OF APRIL, 2021, AT ITS REGULAR MEETING
IN CITY ASSEMBLY AND BY THE AUTHORITY OF SAME:

Section 1. That the Budget for Community Development Entitlement Funds in the amount of \$328,901.00 for the Federal Fiscal Year 2021-2022 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 accounts 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 voided, such shall not affect the remaining provisions hereof.

DONE AND RATIFIED IN COUNCIL ASSEMBLED THIS 6TH DAY OF APRIL, 2021.

CITY OF SUMTER, SOUTH CAROLINA



David P. Merchant, Mayor



Thomas J. Lowery, Mayor Pro Tem



Calvin K. Hastie, Sr., Councilman



Steven H. Conley, Councilman



Colin C. Davis, Councilman



James B. Blossinger, Councilman



Gifford M. Shaw, Councilman

ATTEST:



Linda D. Hammon, City Clerk

First Reading: March 16, 2021

Final Reading: April 6, 2021



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7002

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

February 25, 2021

The Honorable Gayle Merchant
Mayor of Sumter
P.O. Box 1449
Sumter, SC 29151-1449

Dear Mayor Merchant:

I am pleased to inform you of your jurisdiction's Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 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. Public Law 116-260 includes FY 2021 funding for these programs. Your jurisdiction's FY 2021 available amounts are as follows:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$328,903
Recover Housing Program (RHP)	\$ 0
HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)	\$ 0
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)	\$ 0
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	\$ 0

Individuals and families across the country are struggling in the face of four converging crises: the COVID-19 pandemic, the resulting economic crisis, climate change, and racial inequity. Through these bedrock programs, CPD seeks to develop strong 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. We urge grantees to strategically plan the disbursement of grant funds to provide relief for those affected by these converging crises and help move our country toward a robust recovery.

Based on your jurisdiction's CDBG allocation for this year, you also have \$1,276,513 in available Section 108 financing 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 allocations will be announced at a later date under separate cover.

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Sincerely,



James Arthur Jemison II
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Community Planning and Development



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

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

February 25, 2021

The Honorable David Merchant
Mayor of Sumter
P.O. Box 1449
Sumter, SC 29151-1449

Dear Mayor Merchant:

I am pleased to inform you of your jurisdiction's Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 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. Public Law 116-260 includes FY 2021 funding for these programs. Your jurisdiction's FY 2021 available amounts are as follows:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	\$328,903
Recover Housing Program (RHP)	\$ 0
HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME)	\$ 0
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA)	\$ 0
Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)	\$ 0

Individuals and families across the country are struggling in the face of four converging crises: the COVID-19 pandemic, the resulting economic crisis, climate change, and racial inequality. Through these bedrock programs, CPD seeks to develop strong 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. We urge grantees to strategically plan the disbursement of grant funds to provide relief for those affected by these converging crises and help move our country toward a robust recovery.

Based on your jurisdiction's CDBG allocation for this year, you also have \$1,276,515 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.

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AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
SUMTER CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021 – 5:30 P.M.
SUMTER OPERA HOUSE AUDITORIUM
(21 NORTH MAIN STREET, SUMTER, SC)

This meeting will be open to the public due to scheduled public hearings. Meeting attendees will be required to wear masks and have their temperatures checked to enter the building. The meeting can also be accessed through YouTube at the link below.

www.youtube.com/CityofSumter

1. Call to Order - Mayor David P. Merchant
2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance – Councilman Steven H. Corley
3. Approval of Minutes – January 5, 2021 Regular Meeting
January 12, 2021 Special Meeting

PUBLIC HEARINGS

SIX O'CLOCK P.M.

1. **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- a) Receive comments from the public to amend the CDBG Entitlement Budget for the Year 2020-2021 to include a special allocation in the amount of \$243,552 in accordance with the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Security Act (CARES Act).
- b) Receive comments from the public regarding the proposed CDBG Entitlement Budget for the Year 2021-2022.

OLD BUSINESS

1. **BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

Consider appointments due to expire on December 31, 2020 and other vacancies.

2. **ELECTRONIC COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Consider *Final Reading of Ordinance No. 2722* amending Chapter 2 (“Administration”) of the City Code concerning meetings of City Council to authorize electronic meetings under certain circumstances.

3. **EMERGENCY ORDINANCE**

Consider *Ordinance No. 2723* amending and extending the expiration date of Ordinance No. 2718 concerning face coverings in retail and foodservice establishments.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **ANNEXATION (ANN-20-10), 1351 POCALLA ROAD**
Consider *First Reading* of an ordinance to annex by 100 percent petition an approximate 1.89-acre parcel of land located at 1351 Pocalla Road (Tax Map No. 226-13-03-003).
2. **HOSPITALITY FEE REVENUE BOND**
Consider *First Reading* of an ordinance entitled: "*An Ordinance Providing for the Issuance and Sale of a City of Sumter, South Carolina Hospitality Fee Revenue Bond, Series 2021, in the Principal Amount of Not Exceeding \$2,550,000; and Other Matters Relating Thereto*".
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. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
Receive comments from the public. Please try to limit your comments to three minutes or less.
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**

The Item

3/24/21

Notice to Public

As an Entitlement Community the City of Sumter expects to receive approximately \$328,903.00 from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development for fiscal year 4/1/21-3/31/22. The city is required to complete an Annual Action Plan that identifies the activities it will undertake. Persons wishing to make comments on the proposed plan may do so in writing or by visiting the Community Development office. The review period runs from March 24, 2021 to April 24, 2021. The office is located at the Magnolia Place, 20 N. Magnolia Street, Sumter, SC, through April 16, 2021 and the Liberty Center, Office Designation H, 12 W. Liberty Street, Sumter, SC, April 18, 2021 until April 24, 2021. Office hours are 8:30am to 5:00pm Monday through Friday. You may call Clarence Gaines at 803-774-1449 for further information. Non-English speaking persons, hearing impaired or deaf persons may call the same phone number for assistance and information. Entry to the Liberty Center is handicap accessible.

Specific Projects

Administration (administer the entitlement program)	\$65,750.00
Demolition (eliminate slum and blight in residential and commercial areas)	\$30,000.00
Historic Preservation (eliminate slum and blight in commercial areas)	\$10,000.00
Housing Repair (housing repair for low/moderate-income citizens)	\$174,123.00
Youth Employment (provide summer employment for 15-40 low/moderate income youth)	\$44,000.00
Boys and Girls Club (provide minor home repairs for low/moderate-income citizens)	\$2,500.00
YMCA Youth Services (provide vouchers for LMI youth to participate in activities)	\$2,500.00
Total	\$328,903.00

David R. Merchant
Mayor
CITY OF SUMTER
SOUTH CAROLINAClarence Gaines
Community Development
Director

The Item 12-23-24

Schedule of Community Meetings
City Of Sumter
Community Development Department
In Preparation for the Annual Action Plan for Community
Development Block Grant (CDBG) Budget

- Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 6:00pm
North Hope Center, 904 N. Main St.
- Thursday, January 7, 2021 at 6:00pm
Birmie Hoxe Center, 210 S. Purdy St.
- Tuesday, January 8, 2021 at 6:00pm.
South Hope Center, 1125 S. Lafayette Drive
- **Public Hearing**, Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 6:00pm,
in the Sumter Opera House Auditorium, located on the
First Floor at 21 North Main Street, Sumter, SC.

The public is invited to attend and have input
for the upcoming budget process.

Call the Community Development Office
at 774-1649 for more information.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA)
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COUNTY OF SUMTER)
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CITY OF SUMTER)

RESOLUTION NO. 793
Designating the Month of April 2020
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.

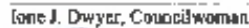
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we the members of Sumter City Council, do hereby designate April 2020 as Fair Housing Month in the City of Sumter, State of South Carolina, and recognize this month as the 29th Anniversary of the HOME Program – Home Investment Partnership Program. The City of Sumter 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. McElvee, Jr., Mayor


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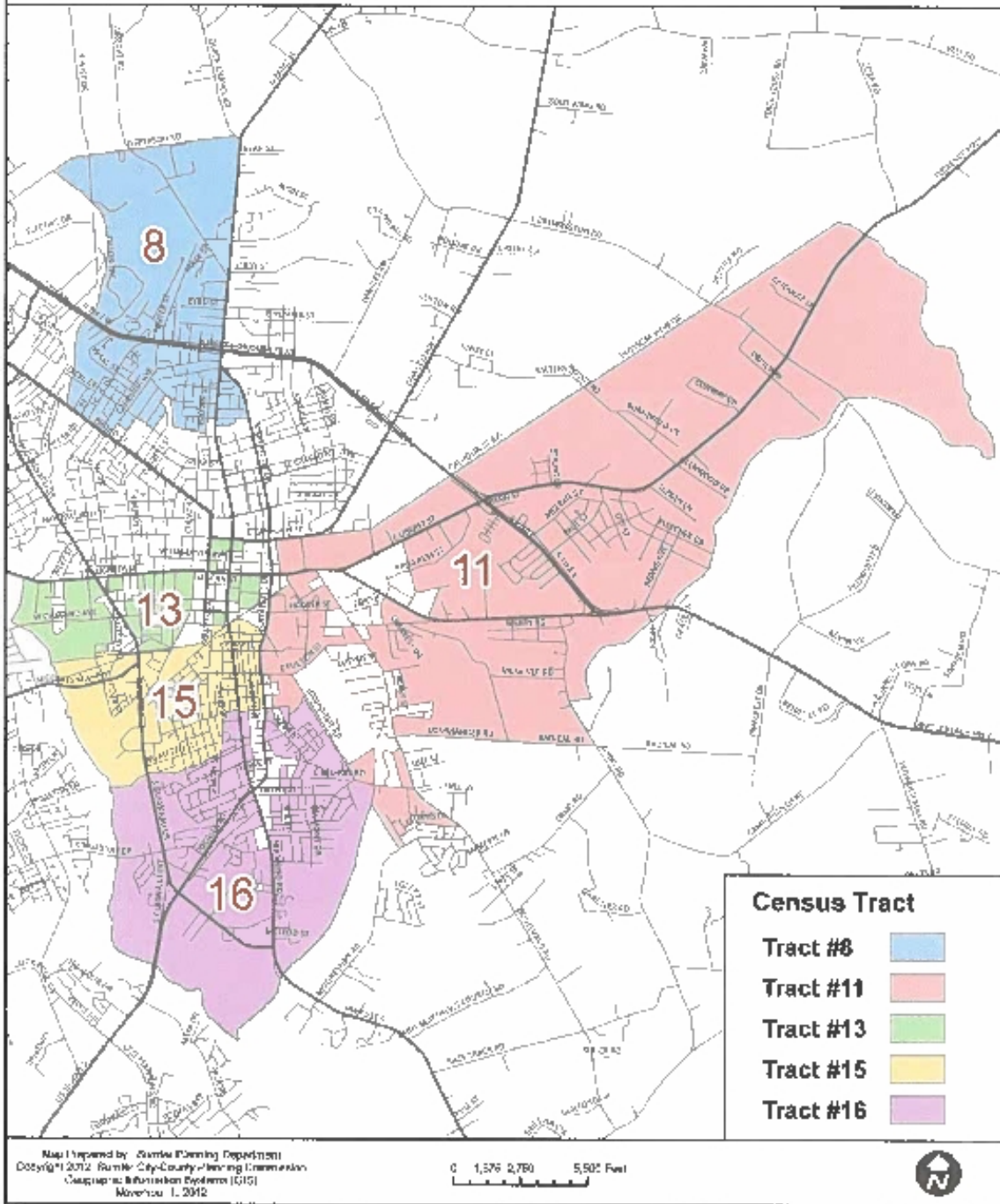

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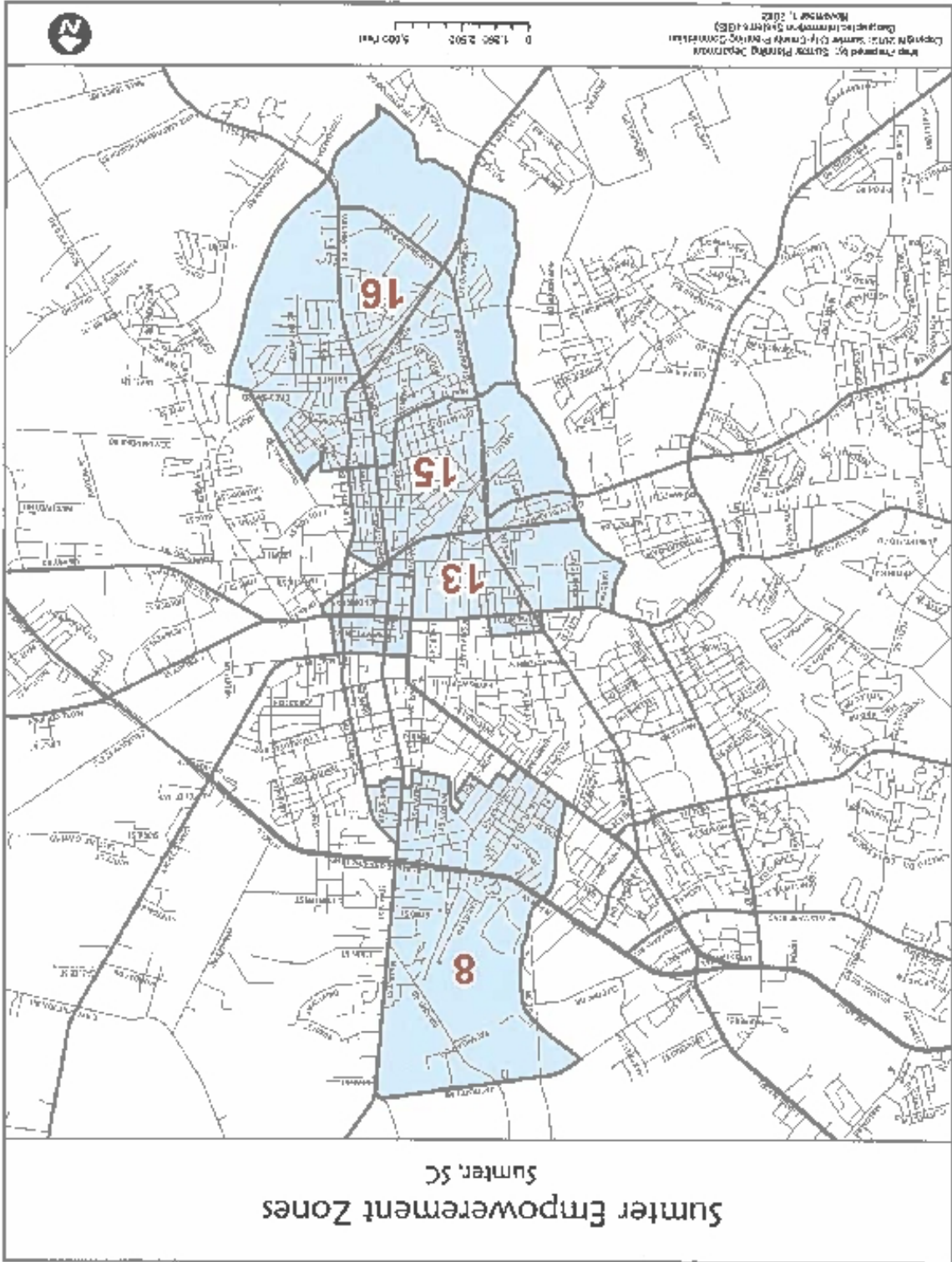
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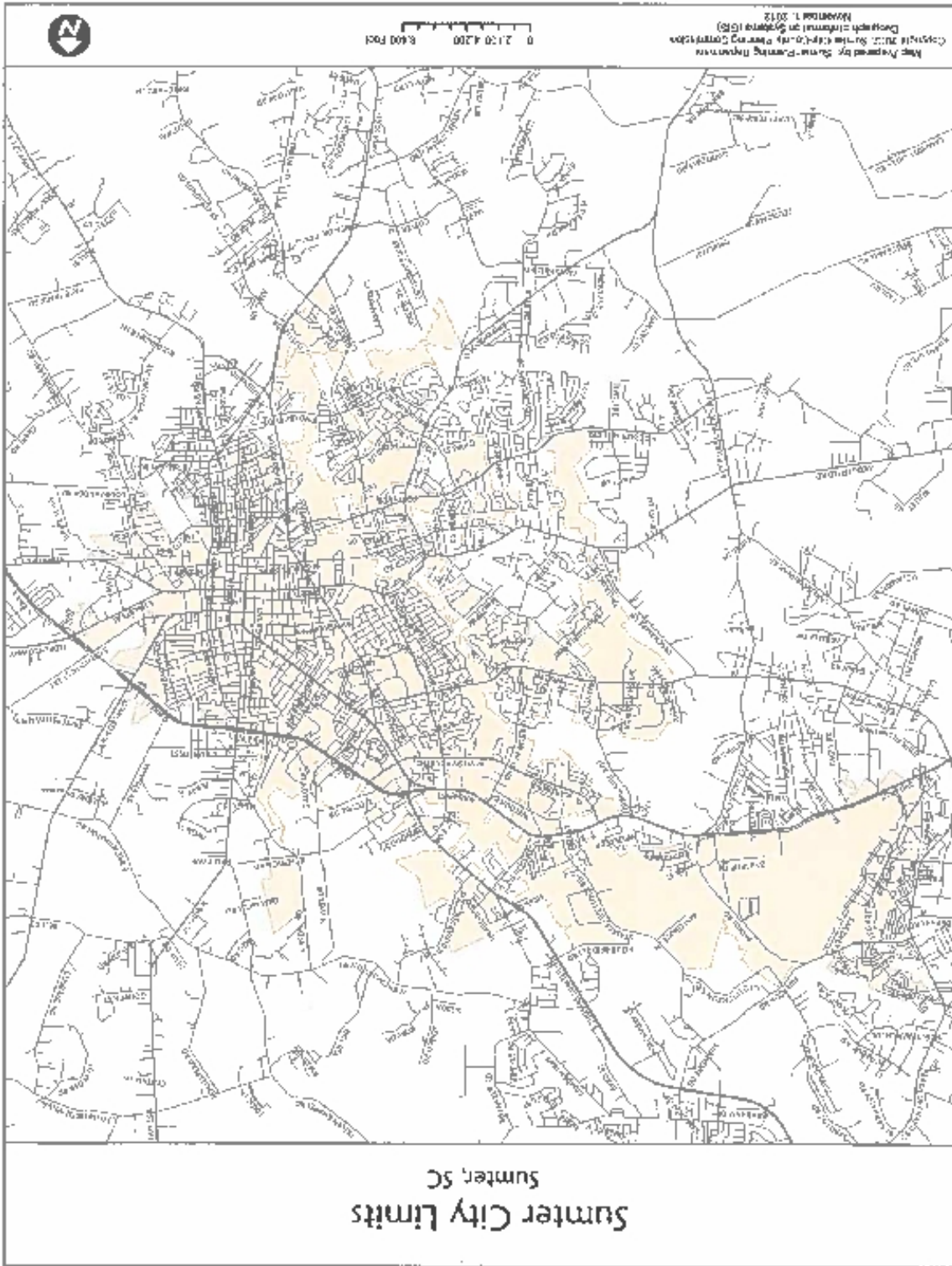

Linda D. Hammett, City Clerk

City / County Census Tracts 8, 11, 13, 15, 16

Sumter, SC

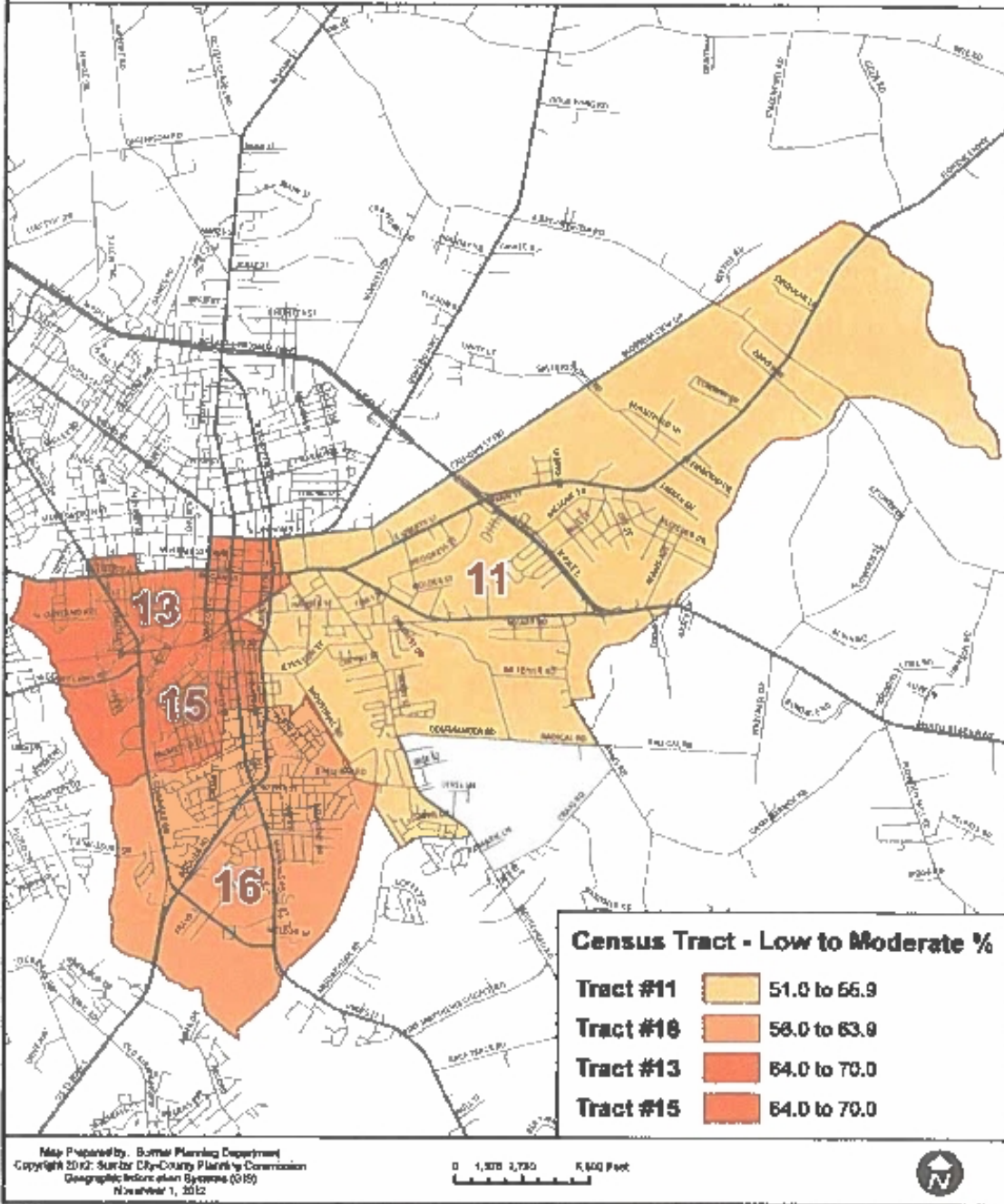






Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area

Sumter, SC



City of Sumter
Annual Action Plan
Housing, Non-Housing & Community Development
2021-2022



Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Program Year: April 1, 2021-March 31, 2022

**City of Sumter
Community Development Department
Annual Action Plan
April 1, 2021-March 31, 2022**

Executive Summary

The Lead Agency for developing the One-Year Annual Action Plan is the City of Sumter. The direct responsibility has been delegated to the Community Development Department.

Consultation and coordination with area agencies, organizations, citizens, low-income citizens, especially the homeless, elderly, handicapped and disabled was intentional.

The City made an effort to broaden public participation by advertising the public meetings and public hearings, and by holding these meetings at a time convenient for working and non-working people. The location of these meetings was central to where people usually gather for other activities.

The plan is built around a strong institutional structure that has been in place for decades.

The City pledges its support in maintaining files for periodic monitoring and as an internal measuring stick, provides an annual monitoring itself in the form of the CAPER – Comprehensive Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

The public expressed concern for housing, drainage, demolition, sidewalks, and street paving issues during community meetings in preparation for the development of the Plan. The City pledges to step up its housing programs, housing repair, especially to provide more decent and sanitary housing for the elderly, disabled and LMI citizens.

Home Ownership is an important part of the Community Development Department's initiative. Prospective homeowners will be encouraged to pursue the American Dream through the City's Affordable Housing Program. This program has a Housing Counseling component as well as a post-home buyer follow-up program.

The City makes this a workable program with the use of CDBG funds for down payment and closing cost assistance as well as acquisition of land when necessary. HOME funds are used to provide subsidies that close the gap between income and the cost of housing.

There are many income barriers to successful homeownership. The City hopes to tear down some of these barriers with training and orientation regarding credit issues and proper planning and budgeting for successful homeownership and retention.

Homeless prevention is one of the City's greatest challenges. Many homeless persons are accustomed to a certain lifestyle -- living on the street. Obtaining and maintaining a permanent residence has to be a process. Through the Eastern Carolina Homelessness

Organization the City will work with member agencies to obtain funds for a continuum of care for the Sumter area that will be large enough to serve a large number of homeless individuals and families with children. It may take some time for this to come to fruition; however, it will materialize in the not too distant future.

The Economic Development component of the Community Development Department encompasses a wide range of initiatives. Money circulates throughout the community for insurance on new homes, taxes on repaired and new homes, and labor and materials for construction and repair of homes for LMI citizens, permit fees from contractors, hotel/motel accommodation for contractors and their workers plus food. The same can be said for Downtown Revitalization, Street Paving and Drainage and other projects.

The Anti-Poverty Strategy is an effort embedded in everything we do. Other agencies assist with implementation of programs such as Early Head Start, Regular Head Start, Success-By-Six, First steps, Youth Build and others. All of these programs have life skill components that cater to the entire family. Generations to come will benefit from the services, training and follow-through provided by these and other such programs.

HOPWA – Housing Opportunities for People with Aids is a much needed program for Sumter. A group of interested citizens birth a new initiative forming the agency Empowered Personal Care Home Health Alliance Inc., which provides housing, working skills training, and a continuum of care for the clientele. The spread of HIV/AIDS in the Sumter area is being maintained due to the partnership of Department of Social Service and the City of Sumter. Recent statistics rank Sumter 5 in HIV/AIDS infections in the State, with 663 cases of AIDS/HIV, cumulative through the years 2017-2019. Additionally, out of the total cases there have been 431 deaths.

NRSA – Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area was approved in 1996. Several initiatives have taken place in this area since that time including the Bracey Plaza, new programs at the South Sumter Resource Center to include the birth of a non-profit for Affordable Housing and Housing Repair, Youth Build and a new extension of the Sumter County Library. The NRSA now has one of the three HOPE Centers on the edge of one of its census tracts, Census Tract 16. The City is in the process of renewing the NRSA designation.

There are strategic plans and goals projected for the upcoming year. These plans and goals will materialize as we work the programs on a daily basis.

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.

Program Year 2 General Narrative

The City of Sumter conducts a variety of city-wide and neighborhood-specific housing and community development activities that benefit low and moderate income households using federal, state and local resources. The City combines its HOME funds annually with local resources to create the Affordable Housing Investment Fund. These funds are used citywide for new construction, acquisition and/or rehabilitation projects to preserve and improve the supply of affordable housing. The City of Sumter uses the majority of its CDBG funds for "direct benefit" housing rehabilitation and community development activities that are limited to low and moderate income residents citywide.

For more than 15 years, the City has concentrated a portion of its CDBG funds in Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas (Sumter NRSA Map inserted in plan) showing the greatest needs and opportunities for revitalization, as determined by income and other socio-economic criteria and trends. NRSA designation is limited to areas where at least 51% of the residents are low and moderate income, making the areas eligible under Federal regulations for "area benefit" CDBG activities. The City uses over 70% of its annual CDBG funds on "area benefit" activities in its Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). Additionally, about 15% of the annual allocation is made to public service activities that serve residents of the NSRAs. Other programs funded by the Columbia-Sumter Empowerment Zone, such as employment training will be available to NRSA residents as well as low income persons City wide.

The City of Sumter NRSA includes four census tracts, 11, 16, 13, and 15. A depiction that shows the race distribution and population of each census tract is listed below:

2010 Census

SC - Sumter County - Census Tract 16

Population	
Total Population	4,004
Housing Status (in housing units unless noted)	
Total	1,702
Occupied	1,461

Owner-occupied	863
Population in owner-occupied (number of individuals)	2,203
Renter-occupied	598
Population in renter-occupied (number of individuals)	1,789
Households with individuals under 18	553
Vacant	241
Vacant: for rent	37
Vacant: for sale	12
Population by Sex/Age	
Male	1,822
Female	2,182
Under 18	1,096
18 & over	2,908
20 - 24	281
25 - 34	474
35 - 49	708
50 - 64	768
65 & over	544
Population by Ethnicity	
Hispanic or Latino	114
Non Hispanic or Latino	3,890

Population by Race	
White	260
African American	3,642
Asian	0
American Indian and Alaska Native	14
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	3
Other	53
Identified by two or more	32

SC - Sumner County - Census Tract 15

Population	
Total Population	2,078
Housing Status (In housing units unless noted)	
Total	981
Occupied	767
Owner-occupied	405
Population in owner-occupied (number of individuals)	1,022
Renter-occupied	362
Population in renter-occupied (number of individuals)	1,021
Housholds with individuals under 18	255

Vacant	214
Vacant: for rent	34
Vacant: for sale	6
Population by Sex/Age	
Male	960
Female	1,118
Under 18	557
18 & over	1,521
20 - 24	160
25 - 34	226
35 - 49	353
50 - 64	407
65 & over	308
Population by Ethnicity	
Hispanic or Latino	31
Non Hispanic or Latino	2,047
Population by Race	
White	9
African American	2,028
Asian	1
American Indian and Alaska Native	3
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	0

Other	18
Identified by two or more	19

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SC - Sumter County - Census Tract 13

Population	
Total Population	2,073
Housing Status (in housing units unless noted)	
Total	1,220
Occupied	985
Owner-occupied	356
Population in owner-occupied (number of individuals)	847
Renter-occupied	629
Population in renter-occupied (number of individuals)	1,215
Households with individuals under 18	211
Vacant	235
Vacant: for rent	66
Vacant: for sale	16
Population by Sex/Age	
Male	959

Female	1,114
Under 18	408
18 & over	1,665
20 - 24	125
25 - 34	208
35 - 49	321
50 - 64	514
65 & over	458
Population by Ethnicity	
Hispanic or Latino	25
Non Hispanic or Latino	2,048
Population by Race	
White	330
African American	1,692
Asian	10
American Indian and Alaska Native	5
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	7
Other	12
Identified by two or more	17

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SC - Sunter County - Census Tract 11

Population	
Total Population	4,327
Housing Status (in housing units unless noted)	
Total	1,711
Occupied	1,518
Owner-occupied	932
Population in owner-occupied (number of individuals)	2,466
Renter-occupied	586
Population in renter-occupied (number of individuals)	1,861
Households with individuals under 18	645
Vacant	193
Vacant: for rent	46
Vacant: for sale	19
Population by Sex/Age	
Male	2,047
Female	2,280
Under 18	1,315
18 & over	3,012
20 - 24	245
25 - 34	587
35 - 49	814

50 - 64	787
65 & over	433
Population by Ethnicity	
Hispanic or Latino	217
Non Hispanic or Latino	4,110
Population by Race	
White	1,223
African American	2,892
Asian	11
American Indian and Alaska Native	20
Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander	3
Other	135
Identified by two or more	43

As reflected in US Census Bureau, Census 2010 data above, several areas of minority concentration existed in the City NRSA in 2010. Particularly high concentrations of African-Americans were found in all locations: 91% Census tract 16, 98% Census tract 15, 82% Census tract 13, and 66.8% Census tract 11. These percentages compare with the City overall African-American population of 46.7%.

The Process

1. The **City of Sumter is the lead agency**. The City of Sumter carries out federal programs administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Consolidated Plan is the document that Sumter submits to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as an application for funding for the following program:

- **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)**

2. The jurisdiction met with and consulted with several agencies, organizations and community groups in preparation of this plan. Low income citizens were invited to all meetings and public hearings. Persons who are HIV/AIDS positive were not excluded from the planning process, nor were the elderly, handicapped and disabled. Four community meetings were held to provide citizens' input into the planning process.

3. The City of Sumter will continue to participate in the Interagency Monthly Meetings. These meetings provide an opportunity for persons to become familiar with program and services that are in the area for low-moderate-income persons. This is a place where most of the service agencies, including some health care providers, housing providers, and Public Housing Authority representatives meet and share information and ideas about services and care to low-income, special needs and the elderly, including HIV/AIDS victims.

The City will continue to work closely with the Housing Authority to make information available to its residents on Fair Housing issues and tenant's rights and responsibilities. Affordable Housing opportunities and credit counseling along will continue to be included in the curriculum the City will share with the residents.

Citizen Participation

1. **A summary of the process follows:** Guided by the Citizens Participation Plan, staff from the Community Development Office conducted outreach through a series of public meetings, public hearings, phone calls and mailings. Staff held meetings at the three HOPE Centers and the South Sumter Resource Center. Many homeless persons congregate in the southern part of the city; however, only a few showed for the meetings this year. Input from them is included in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, as well as the Annual Action Plan.

The City of Sumter Housing Authority assisted with the development of the plan by sharing information from their Annual Action Plan and providing their residents with information about the services of the City's Community Development Department. They included public housing residents in the development process by disseminating information, providing notification of public meetings and public hearings and encouraging resident participation. The Citizen Participation Plan also provides an opportunity for interpreters for non-English speaking persons if the number of potential beneficiaries exceeds 10%. Currently the number is below 10%. However, the Community Development Department staff has the names, addresses and telephone numbers of two Spanish-speaking persons who will to assist with interpretation at meetings when needed. Staff has met and talked with these persons.

2. **A Summary of Citizens' Comments follow:** The citizens expressed interest in better drainage system, street paving, demolition and code enforcement. More specific needs are attached to the end of this document.

3. **Efforts to broaden public participation follows:** The staff advertised the community meetings in advance through local media and churches. Flyers were placed in public places where some citizens who are low-income congregate. All service agencies were invited to have their clientele participate in the meetings. The locations of meetings were at the HOPE Centers that are located in the central parts of the City and the South Sumter Resource Center on the south side of town.

Homeless persons were not excluded from these meetings.

4. There were no comments that were not accepted.

Institutional Structure and Coordination of Resources:

Government Structure

1. The structure in which the CDBG program will be carried out is within a council-manager form of government which was established in 1912. Sumter was the first in the United States to successfully adopt this form of government.

With more than 500 City employees, including City Council members, the City of Sumter has leadership in place that not only promotes quality and responsive services, but one that permeates, involves and is accessible to all staff levels. The Mayor is elected and the City Manager is the Chief Executive Officer. City Council hires the City Manager. There are currently 15 department directors. The City of Sumter shares with the County the benefit of several officers: Tax Collector, Property Appraiser, Clerk of Circuit Court, Planning Director, Auditor, Treasurer, and Supervisor of Elections. These officers maintain a high degree of operational integrity and autonomy.

Sumter is home to Shaw Air Force Base, a growing industrial base, the world famous Swan Lake Iris Gardens and a city population of 42,700. The City of Sumter is in the heart of the community with a total City and County population of 108,000. Sumter provides a home town feel with the conveniences of a large city.

Shaw Air Force Base was spared during the recent Base Realignment and Closure initiative. After the arrival of 3rd Army from Fort McPherson, Georgia to Shaw AFB, Sumter has experienced a gain in population. Due to the increase in population, there will be the need for additional housing and supportive services for service persons and their families. The school districts are prepared for the increase in students, and higher education administrators anticipated the increase in demand for adults wanting to further their education.

Shaw Air Force Base

Shaw Air Force Base has been part of the Sumter Community for more than 60 years. There has been a working partnership between the base and the community that has become a proud tradition for a superior quality of life. The partnership represents the excellence in supporting the Air Force mission while, at the same time, building civic pride and patriotism in the community, both now and in the future.

Shaw Air Force Base has expanded with the 3rd Army Headquarters which is located here from Ft. McPherson, GA. This move created approximately 75-150 civilian jobs, 1700-2000 military jobs, and generated a population growth initially of about 3100 including all family members, with the potential population increase to 10,000.

The Sumter community prepared for the growth under the auspices of the Sumter Base Defense Committee, Mission Growth Committee. The Mission Growth Committee was concerned with four main initiatives:

- 1) Mission Growth
 - 2) Economic Development
 - 3) Quality of Life
 - 4) Public Safety
- 1) **Mission Growth.** The 20th Fighter Wing, 9th Air Force and 3rd Army Headquarters are worked side by side to determine the community support required.
 - 2) **Economic Development.** The Base Defense Committee worked with the City, County and Chamber of Commerce to meet the needs of the influx of persons our community will have as a result of BRAC. Approximately 10,000 total people have come to this area. Dependents account for about 4,000. About 2000-2500 need jobs. Sumter have improved immensely for job opportunities and identifying the type of work skills that are required. Of the 70% dependents looking for work, the majority have found work to match their skill set. About 20% of them have professional skills such as teachers and administrators. Another 20% will probably have managerial skills. With many of them very well skilled, is high demand for the abundance of available jobs here for them with Sumter experiencing a 5.9% unemployment rate compared to the national average of 6.0% and the State of South Carolina's average of 5.3%.
 - 3) **Quality of life.** Like private industry, military personnel and their families look for quality of life assets. All new-comers to Sumter look for good jobs, housing, education, recreation, healthcare, security and cultural activities. Caterpillar for example has two plants here in Sumter. This is because of retirees from Shaw Air Force Base and the skills they have that are an asset to the workforce at their plants.

Sumter's current workforce is below standard for technology, which the local businesses and local technical college is making a concerted effort to rectify this problem. There are two elements that are of serious concern to the Base Defense Committee:

- A. Education
- B. Employment

Sumter has one public school district. The superintendent does not see a problem accommodating the influx of students due to BRAC. The quality of education here is adequate to accommodate the influx. Students that do not attend public school will attend private school or be home schooled. Additionally, there are at least five to six colleges in the area when you combine the colleges on Shaw and the colleges in Sumter.

Housing is not a problem. Privatization has taken care of the increased population needs for on-base housing. One significant observation, however, is the need and request for four bedroom units. With extended families becoming all too common, most families prefer having four bedroom units to accommodate future needs.

Security is another need. Sumter Police and Sheriff Departments made the necessary adjustments within their departments to sufficiently patrol all areas. Gangs are an emerging concern for the Sumter community. They are not organized as they are in larger cities. Therefore they lack leadership, and organization (as a consequence,) could be more dangerous in their activities.

Healthcare is adequate. Shaw Air Force Base closed its hospital some years ago. It now has only a day clinic. There is no Emergency Room. Palmetto Tuomey Healthcare System has taken on a big responsibility for (with) Shaw AFB and its population. Tuomey has expanded its Emergency Room and added 40 beds to the hospital. This expansion will generate about 160 jobs. Currently there are 160-165 doctors with hospital privileges. With Shaw's increase in population Sumter will need more doctors to relocate here.

- 4) **Public Information** is very important. It highlights cultural, recreational, entertainment, parks and educational opportunities. This was done in many ways and through many venues including the Visitor's Center, brochures, newsletters and websites.

Information was disseminated about jobs, schools, churches, etc. Churches will be encouraged to be open to accepting persons who are new to the current membership.

It is anticipated that most of the military personnel will look to Sumter for fulfilling their needs. Although the Army leadership wants their personnel not more than one hour away from their work station, it is believed that most of them

will want housing and schooling as well as recreational, educational and cultural activities here in Sumter.

Technology will play a pivotal role in that Sumter develop and maintained a website with new-comer information and news articles about what's happening at Shaw and in Sumter, such as Shaw Fest, Family Support Center activities, New Comers Club, etc.

1. Sumter Today

The City of Sumter is the seat of Sumter County and is the eighth largest metropolitan area in the state of South Carolina. Incorporated as Sumterville in 1845, the city's name was shortened to Sumter in 1855. It has grown and prospered from its early beginnings as a plantation settlement.

The city and county of Sumter bear the name of General Thomas Sumter, the "Fighting Gamecock" of the American Revolutionary War. His place in US history is secure as a patriot and military genius. General Sumter was one of the models for Mel Gibson's character in the 2000 movie, "The Patriot" along with Francis Marion and Andrew Pickens, also from South Carolina, and his service to his country continued for the duration of his long life.

In 1912 the City of Sumter became the first city in the United States to successfully adopt the council-manager form of government. It is still in effect today. Sumter's political leadership of elected officials in the form of a seven-member City Council headed by the Mayor, with the strong managerial experience of an appointed City Manager, who serves as the chief administrative and executive officer of the city.

Sumter is centrally located in the middle of South Carolina with the beautiful beaches in one direction and the Blue Ridge Mountains in the other.

The strength of the delivery system for services is the strong relationship established and maintained between service agencies and organizations, non-profits and the public housing authority.

2. Downtown Sumter

The City of Sumter continues the redevelopment of its downtown through an aggressive Downtown Development initiative. Because of its historic significance, many of the structures are, and will be revitalized in a way that they do not lose their historical significance. A multi-million dollar streetscape project has been completed as well as total renovations of five public parking lots in the Central Business District (CBD). Decorative cross-arms and buried utility lines have been installed at downtown intersections with more intersections to be updated. Underground utility work and the installation of new sidewalks, a newly paved road with stamped crosswalks, curbing, and

landscaping and irrigation was completed in 2016 on East Liberty Street from Harvin Street to Main Street. Main Street saw a brand new resurfacing from Calhoun to Bartlett while improvements were also made to the power and irrigation to poise the downtown for continued growth.

In 2017, construction continued for a 93 room Hyatt Place Hotel on Main Street, which was open April 2018. Along with the hotel, the City broke ground and completed construction of a public parking garage, which opened for public use in November 2017. With this new hotel will come more traffic and business and the need for more move-in ready buildings, something downtown is currently lacking. Many buildings downtown need money invested in them to attract new businesses.

Downtown businesses are increasing as the Downtown Development Office markets the downtown and offers incentives such as façade grants to improve the appearance of existing structures and low interest loans to prospective business developers that come with a plan. During 2018, several new businesses opened. These ventures added over 50 new employees to our downtown as well as helped to generate more tax revenue for the area. This gives Downtown Sumter more foot traffic, which in turn opens more possibilities for prospective developers in both commercial and residential projects.

Since 2001, over 68 façade renovation projects have been completed in the downtown area through Façade Grants using CDBG funds and monies from building owners. We have several others who are interested in the Façade Grant option, and it is believed that in 2018 we would be able to update the façade of estimated 8 buildings if the funding is available.

State of the Local Economy

- Sumter County is ranked No. 14 out of South Carolina's 46 counties based on its per capita income, which is \$36,834.
- Continental Tire is expanding its operations in Sumter, SC. Once phase one is at full capacity, the plant will employ 1,650 people, and will have reached \$500 million in investment.
- Sumter received honorable mention as "Most Livable Cities" from US Conference of Mayors.
- Runner up last two years as "The All America City"
- Hyatt Place Sumter downtown hotel with 93 room, located in the heart of downtown Sumter
- Becton Dickinson is expanding its operations in Sumter, SC. The company is making a \$150 million investment in expanding the current facility and creating an additional 125 new jobs over the next several years.

Program Year 2 Action Plan Institutional Structure Response:

Monitoring

1. The City will maintain its files in an orderly fashion so that all transactions can be traced. Contractors will be encouraged to comply with guidelines and recipients will be encouraged to disclose information that is accurate and current when required. Staff will keep abreast of existing and new policies and procedures so that all work will be in compliance with HUD's rules and regulations.

Lead-based Paint response for Program Year 2

Local Health Department officials tell us that the Health Child Program is no longer at their clinic. Local physicians, especially pediatric clinics test children for lead levels in the blood. The case is referred to the local Health Department for follow-up if a child is tested positive for lead. The Health Department trains the family how to keep the environment safe from lead and teaches the parents how to keep their child(ren) in the care of a physician until the lead levels are in a safe zone.

During Housing Repair, the City will make sure that abatement or encapsulation will take place by the contractor when lead is present. If the regular contractor does not have the proper tools or equipment to work the job and/or if he/she is not certified to do lead-based paint construction work, he/she will sub-contract this part of the work out to someone else who is certified to do lead-based paint work.

The above process will decrease the number of housing units that belong to extremely low-income, low-income and moderate-income families living in housing units with lead-based paint.

HOUSING

Specific Housing Objectives

1. Needs Assessment

According to the National Low Income Housing data the City's low-income residents are experiencing an extreme cost burden by spending 39.6% of their wages on housing. This is compared to the State total of 34.8%. It is suggested by the lending industry that only 30% maximum of household wages is spent on housing which include utilities, mortgage, insurance, and taxes.

Very low-income residents (those with incomes at 50% or less of the area median) are experiencing an even greater cost burden by spending 60.2% of their wages on housing. This is compared to the State total of 54.9%. There is the need for more affordable housing units for very-low, low- and middle-income citizens.

Stated briefly here, the City will perform housing repair on 6 units this program year.

There is a need for Affordable Housing and Housing Repair for LMI citizens. Although the units are usually in a bad state of repair the owners are accustomed to living in their neighborhood and do not want to move to another neighborhood. Additionally, some property has been handed down through generations and there is a unique kind of attachment. Repairing these units makes sense to the City, and it is a good investment in the neighborhoods.

Strategic Plan

One-Year Goal -- To develop Affordable Housing for LMI citizens, through housing repair and home ownership. The City will not be developing an affordable housing unit in 2021, but will rehabilitate six units in 2021. The City will use HUD Program Proceeds for these programs.

CDBG funds will be used to repair houses for citizens whose income falls at 80% or below the median.

Strategy

CDBG funds can be used to repair houses for citizens whose income falls at 80% or below the median.

Housing repair will provide an increase of the housing stock with number of units that are to code and the number of safe, decent and sanitary units for LMI citizens. State Housing Trust Funds and CDBG Funds will be used to address this need.

Affordable Housing – Home Ownership

The City plans to build and sell 1 affordable house to low-moderate income person during this fiscal year, if funds becomes available. LMI persons whose income falls at 80% or below the median will be the group served.

HOME funds will be used for construction, subsidy and some of the land acquisition.

The City's financial investment into the property is protected by a Deferred Loan Agreement. A sample of this agreement follows:

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) RESIDENCE AND SUBSIDY RECOVERY AGREEMENT
COUNTY OF SUMTER) (Deferred Loan Agreement)

THIS AGREEMENT is by and between the City of Sumter Housing & Economic Development Corporation, hereinafter referred to as the **CSHEDC**, and _____, hereinafter referred to as the **Purchaser(s)**.

This Agreement entered into at Sumter County, South Carolina this _____ day of _____.

WITNESSETH

- Whereas, the CSHEDC has acquired the land on which it has built homes or renovated existing structures for resale to low-to-moderately-low income families; and
- Whereas, said land is acquired with grant funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or by way of gift; and
- Whereas, the value of said land is or is not included in the purchase price of the home and there may be other contributions by the CSHEDC and City of Sumter, all of which form a subsidy, making the home affordable for low income families; now
- Therefore, in consideration of the mutual promises contained herein, and other valuable consideration, the parties agree that:
- 1) **RESIDENCE REQUIREMENT:** the purchaser(s) shall reside at the Property as their permanent and primary residence for a period of at least ten years (Affordability Period) from date of purchase. The property is located at and more fully described as follows:

Street, Sumter, South Carolina 29150

Down payment and closing costs will be paid by the City of Sumter in whole or in part. The CSHEDC will provide the homebuyer a Deferred Loan (Subsidy). The Deferred Loan amount, as noted below, becomes a forgivable grant at the end of the ten year affordability period contingent on the following: Client must reside in the home for a period of ten years (affordability period) from date of purchase. Should the buyer move or sell prior to the ten year affordability period, the entire subsidy amount will be due and payable to the CSHEDC immediately.

- 2) **CLOSING COSTS:** The City of Sumter may, at its option, finance all or a portion of the purchaser's closing costs at time of sale;
- 3) **LAND/HOUSING SUBSIDY:**

The CSHEDC has acquired the above described property and prepared it for construction of the home to be sold to the Purchaser(s). The Costs of said land, preparation and construction are included in the purchase price of \$ _____.

The CSHEDC will grant a Deferred Loan to the Purchaser(s) in the amount of \$_____ against the selling price of

The Cash subsidy against the selling price is provided by S-L HOME Funds And State Housing Funds as follows:

\$= State Housing Funds
\$= Santee-Lynches HOME Funds

4) **BREACH:** Should the Purchaser(s) violate the terms of this agreement or any other obligation to the CSHEDC or the primary lender by any of the following described acts of omissions, the CSHEDC may, at its option, declare this agreement breached and seek such remedies as it may have in Law of Equity.

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(Deferred Loan Agreement)

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A) The sale or attempted sale, transfer or relinquishment of any occupancy or ownership rights by the purchaser to any third party by deed, lease, contract, bond for title or other document within ten years of the date of purchase.

B) The default, breach or other violation of the Purchaser(s) note, mortgage or other agreements with any lender having a security interest in the property, causing said lender to bring suit, make claim or otherwise serve notice of its intention to foreclose its interest in the subject premises within ten years of the date of purchase.

5) **BINDING MATTERS:** This agreement shall be binding on the parties, their heirs, successors and assigns.

document

6) **AMENDMENTS:** This agreement may only be amended or modified by a written executed by both parties and attached hereto.

7) **RECORDING:** This agreement shall be recorded in the RMC Office for Sumter County, South Carolina and shall constitute a lien against the subject property for ten years from the Date of recording.

Needs of Public Housing

1. The local Housing Authority has a Resident Services Program dedicated to empowering the residents in the community to develop goals and encourage them with support and resources to achieve goals. Resident Service programs are only as supportive as their primary resource, the community partnerships. The participation of the City's Community Development office is an essential member of the partnership through the natural progression of empowerment and education. Community Service has allowed Public Housing clients the opportunity to work with community leaders and management to become oriented to housing opportunities through the various affordable housing programs in the community. Programs currently available to our residents include lease refresher classes, housekeeping classes, two after school programs and quarterly Community Site Clean Ups.
2. The Housing Authority has completed the work scope of 2015 and 2016 annual capital fund grant with the acknowledgment of reduced funding. Remaining Capital Funds for 2017 and 2018 have been combined to replace 90 lavatory cabinets and 44 tankless water heaters prior to August 30, 2019. The Authority has obtain an Architect for replacement of stoop covers, drawings have been received and approved, once the cost estimate for the building front stoops are received we will prepare bid packets to compete this work scope, we will plan to complete the property line fencing requirements identified during the inspection cycle of the scattered sites to ensure proper accountability for maintaining property. With the release of the 2019 Capital Fund Grant, we plan to continue removal and replacement of the rear stoop covers. Since the September 8, 2017 shooting of two Housing Authority employees, the Authority has obtained a security system at the two largest properties managed by the Authority.
3. The Housing Authority, in coordination with the Sumter County CDC and Santoc Lynches Affordable Housing, were successful in receiving grant funding in the amount of \$1,700,000.00 from the Neighborhood Stabilization Program. This funding has allowed the partnership to acquire seventeen (17) houses under foreclosure. Acquisition and rehabilitation have been completed on the seventeen (17) units. The partnership is currently in the rental process. The Authority has project based all five of the Authority's units to Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher holders expanding the affordable housing in the Sumter community. There is a potential for additional houses, which may expand the program generated from program income.
4. Affordable housing that is not located in the high crime, high poverty areas of the Sumter community have progressed because of tax credits. The Authority currently utilizes a number of the tax credit properties to provide decent affordable housing to the housing choice voucher participants in the community.

5. The greatest concern of the Authority is continuous reduction of federal assistance. During the fiscal year 2017, funding for public housing was prorated from 85% to 92.9 percent of what the Authority was entitled to and approximately 93 percent in 2018 for Public Housing. The Housing Choice Voucher Program has maintained at the reduction of 80 percent of administrative fees that we are entitled to in 2017 and 2018. Staff is currently accessing training on open market housing to utilize the skills and expertise of the staff. The Authority currently has two certified property managers for open market.
6. Fair Market rents for 2018/2019 increased less than 5 percent in the MSA of Sumter supporting the elected payment standard of 110 percent of the FM retained active rents
7. Public Housing continues to offer flat rents, which were determined on market rates. Notification was received of a new PIH stating a minimum for flat rents to be no less than 80 percent of the Fair Market Rent.

This Public Housing Agency is not designated as “troubled”.

Public Housing Strategy – The Housing Authority of the City of Sumter has established the following as strategies:

The Authority has identified the need for additional affordable housing in the Sumter Community. The Authority has applied and received funding through a partnership of Neighborhood Stabilization Program in the amount of \$1,700,000.00 for acquisition of foreclosures, rehabilitation and rentals. A total of seventeen homes were purchased, rehabilitated and are now affordable housing in the Sumter community.

The mission of the Housing Authority of the City of Sumter is to assist low-income families with safe, decent and affordable housing opportunities as they strive to achieve self-sufficiency and improve the quality of their lives. The Authority is committed to operating in an efficient, ethical and professional manner. The Housing Authority will create and maintain partnerships with its clients and appropriate community agencies in order to accomplish this mission.

The Authority is currently at ninety-seven percent of the utilization of allocation with the Housing Choice Voucher program. This program was a high performing agency for 2017 and 2018. With the anticipation of the removal of Housing Quality Standards as the minimum inspection standard and increase to the Uniform Physical Inspection Standards - V in 2016, the Streamline rule and proposed HOTMA notice; the Authority anticipates electing only policy guidelines that will not have a detrimental impact on housing currently utilized throughout our programs.

Currently, the agency is working with Veteran Affairs to lease and administer the ten VASH Vouchers allocated in September of 2018 for the Sumter jurisdiction. At present, we have six VASH voucher families leased.

The Authority has been actively accepting on-line applications since April 2016.

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 standard performing agency for 2017 and 2018. 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.

Based on information provided by the applicable Consolidated Plan, information provided by HUD, and other generally available data, the Housing Authority of the City of Sumter will make a reasonable effort to identify the housing needs of the low-income, very low-income, and extremely low-income families who reside in the jurisdiction served by the PHA, including elderly families, families with disabilities, and households of various races and ethnic groups, and other families who are on the public housing and Section 8 tenant-based assistance waiting lists. The identification of housing needs must address issues of affordability, supply, quality, accessibility, size of units, and location.

The Housing Authority of the City of Sumter provides a quality resource of affordable housing in the Sumter community. Not only are the affordable housing resources limited, but the economic condition, with the loss of industry in the community, supports the need for affordable housing and housing financial assistance need in the Authority's jurisdiction.

The Authority strives every day of operation to provide quality, affordable housing to the Sumter community. We also have strong partnerships that are utilized as a way to help our families achieve self-sufficiency and improve the quality of their lives. The Authority has elected to continue contracting with an outside source to conduct a Physical Needs Assessment to provide the necessary information to prepare for the Disposition of Public Housing. This information will determine which path is available to convert through the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program or if the Section 18 program needs to be considered. The Agency has identified the need for affordable housing in the community, including the potential utilization of vacant lots adjacent to Public Housing addressed in the five year plan since 2015. Physical conditions inspection of Public Housing includes responsibility of curb appeal! The deduction of points from scoring was appealed for fencing not owned by the Authority. We have not obtained any adjacent lots but have received some relief through the City's demolition program. We would like for this process to continue.

The overall goal is to have the staff trained and capable of providing efficient, effective and professional quality services at every level in the agency.

Barriers to Affordable Housing

Identified Barriers

- o Bad Credit
- o Insufficient Credit
- o Low Income

Applicants for affordable housing will be referred to Consumer Credit Council if they have had credit problems. The City of Sumter no longer has free consumer credit counseling service.

Those with insufficient credit will be encouraged to establish credit with utility companies and landlords.

Applicants with incomes so low that they do not have enough income to meet the guidelines will be encouraged to attend training sessions, go to Adult Education programs and Central Carolina Technical College to become better trained for job advancement or a better job with another employer.

While homeownership rates are increasing annually for higher income families, lower income families continue to struggle with affordable housing issues. Only 48 percent of very low income households live in owner-occupied homes as opposed to 67 percent of all households and 88 percent of high-income households. There are substantial gaps in homeownership attainment between races and areas of the various communities. Among the barriers to homeownership are the following:

Income Barriers

- A high percentage of rental households cannot afford to purchase a modestly priced home using a 30-year fixed rate mortgage. Prudent towards the payment of housing costs, including hazard insurance and property taxes. As a result, potential buyers are limited in the amount they can afford to pay by their housing to debt income ratio.

Wealth Barriers

- Mortgage loans typically require borrowers to make some cash investment in the deal and also limit borrower total debt load, including non-housing consumer debts. Because renters are typically lower-income and have to spend much of their earnings for rent, health care and food, they often use

consumer debt, credit cards and installment loans. The result is that many renter families are strapped with high debt loans and little savings.

Credit History Barriers

- Credit bureau depositories have developed over the past several years offering extensive details on how individuals' access and use credit cards, lines of credit, installment loans and other extensions of credit. While an individual's credit score depends on a number of factors, high risk scores tend to be associated with a history of late payments, maximized credit lines, and repeated applications for additional credit. Credit scores are now commonly used to assess mortgage applicants. The reason most cited for the denial of a single family mortgage home purchase loan is a poor credit history. Lower income and minority households tend to have reduced job security, lower levels of savings and higher debt that disqualify them from obtaining a prime priced home mortgage loan.

Information Barriers

- There is a significant segment of potential low income buyers who self select out of homeownership due to fear of rejection, confusion about the complexities of the process or misunderstandings about their financial status.

Affordable Supply Barriers

- There is a delicate balance between growth in home-owning households and the number of housing units suitable for homeownership. There are significant numbers of substandard rental and vacant units that could be converted into affordable owner occupied units. Because of the fixed cost involved in building new houses and the relatively attractive profit margins involved in building higher value homes, very few affordable owner occupied homes are being produced today. First time homebuyers cannot afford the price of a new single family unit and are left instead to purchase existing units many of which are declining in quality. This includes a huge market of used manufactured homes which attract low income families due to the low monthly payments and the limited cost involved in purchasing one.

Objectives for Affordable Housing:

The City of Sumter objectives.

1. Develop new affordable housing units for low income homeowners
 - a. Promote the utilization of tax credit programs for construction of units concentrated in low income areas
 - b. Target a percentage of HOME funds for construction of new single family housing units for low income individuals and families.

- c. Promote effective self-help opportunities requiring homebuyers to participate in construction of their homes, decreasing labor costs.
- 2. Provide opportunities for financial assistance to first time homebuyers
 - a. Promote the American Dream Down payment Initiative
 - b. Target a percentage of HOME passed thru to CHDO's for direct housing subsidies
- 3. Strengthen the role of the manufactured home industry and building codes
 - a. Advocate for modular and panelized constructed factory built units to be built to the National HUD code.
- 4. Increase the number of safe, decent, and suitable manufactured homes available to low income families.
 - a. Promote the replacement of older units not meeting HUD code and factory certifications.
 - b. Educate low income homebuyers on the pro's and con's of purchasing an older used mobile home i.e.: depreciation values, leased land dangers and risks, costs involved in moving units, costs involved in repair, replacement, and resale.

Housing Plus Services
Principles for Program Design and Implementation

These principles are based on the knowledge gained from the historical and contemporary linkage of housing and services, and are proposed as comprehensive, multifaceted, and interlocking.

1. **Housing is a basic human need, and all people have a right to safe, decent, affordable and permanent housing.**
2. **All people are valuable, and capable of being valuable residents and valuable community members.**
3. **Housing and services should be integrated to enhance the social and economic well-being of residents and to build healthy communities.**
4. **Residents, owners, property managers and service providers should work as a team in integrated housing and services initiatives.**
5. **Programs should be based on assessment of residents' and community strengths and needs, supported by ongoing monitoring and evaluation.**
6. **Programs should strengthen and expand resident participation to improve the community's capacity to create change.**
7. **Residents' participation in programs should be voluntary, with an emphasis on outreach to the most vulnerable.**
8. **Community Development activities should be extended to the neighboring area and residents.**
9. **Assessment, intervention and evaluation should be multilevel, focusing on individual residents, groups, and the community.**
10. **Services should maximize the use of existing resources, avoid duplication, and expand the economic, social, and political resources available to residents.**
11. **Residents of Housing Plus Services programs should be integrated into the larger community.**

Housing Plus Services Typology

Housing Type	General Target Population	Common Goals or Outcomes	Primary Services
Supportive Housing	People who are formerly homeless; at risk of homelessness; chronically mentally ill; disabled; elderly; in recovery, etc.	To prevent homelessness or recurrence of homelessness. To assure access to a comprehensive support system to help residents to live independently and interdependently in the community.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on life skills and stabilization. • Crisis intervention • Case management • Services coordination • Programs and activities
Special Needs Housing	People with special needs, i.e., in recovery; dual diagnosis; HIV/AIDS; chronic mental illness, disabled; elderly etc.	To enable people with disabilities and/or who are in recovery requiring ongoing treatment or attention to live independently (or to continue recovery/prevent relapse). To prevent homelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on health, mental health, and/or recovery from addictions • Life skills and stabilization • Crisis intervention • Case management • Services coordination • Programs and activities.
Housing for Older Adults (Including Senior Housing and Assisted Living)	Elderly; frail elderly	To enable older adults to live (semi) independently, possibly with caregivers or family members or in naturally occurring retirement communities (NORCs), while providing, as needed, for their basic needs. To prevent institutionalization and facilitate aging in place.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Focus on health and basic needs • Case management • Life skills and stabilization • Crisis intervention • Programs and activities
Service-Enriched Affordable Housing	Low income people, not necessarily at risk or with special needs. Families with children; individuals; disabled people; extended families; couples; elderly people, etc.	To provide affordable housing, while promoting improved social and economic well-being of residents. To encourage community development, interaction and interdependence. To prevent homelessness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crisis intervention • Assistance in accessing resources and services in the community • Programs and activities • Resident participation in decision-making process
Public Housing	Low income people, not necessarily at risk or with special needs. Families with children; individuals; disabled people; extended families; couples; elderly people, etc.	To provide affordable housing and promote improved social and economic well-being of residents. To encourage community development, interaction and interdependence. For some groups, to facilitate movement to non-subsidized housing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Crisis intervention • Assistance in accessing resources and services in the community • Programs and activities • Resident participation in decision-making process

HOMELESS

Specific Homeless Prevention Elements

1. Sources of funds - The City of Sumter partnering with Waree Community Action through the Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization (ECHO) receive an annual grant from HUD for the homeless.

The City provides support to the Empowered Personal Care Home Health Alliance Inc. (EPCHHA) and the Department of Social Services of Sumter County to combat homelessness among persons with HIV/AIDS. Both DSS and EPCHHA assist persons with medicines, food, rents, utilities and mortgage. This assistance will prevent persons who are HIV/AIDS positive from becoming homeless. The EPCHHA became fully operational during the latter part of spring 2007. EPCHHA provides 82 rooms for homeless HIV/AIDS clients who are not financial able to afford a place on their own.

2. Homelessness

Needs Assessment

There are many homeless persons who need medication but do not have money to fill prescriptions. Sumter has the resources available to provide free medical and prescriptions fill; however, homeless persons either do not know about the resources or very hesitant in contacting the resources available to them.

Strategic Plan

One-Year Goal – Continue to decrease the number of homeless persons that are without medicine, food, shelter and a continuum of care.

Strategy

Do site visits where homeless persons congregate. Staff will perform needs assessment and coordinate and collaborate with existing agencies to get the medical, social and housing needs met by locating the service for the homeless and letting them know where and how to access these services. Additionally, continually provide support to the Samaritan House, which is a 72 hour homeless shelter. Also, free medical treatment and medicine is being provided by Sumter United Ministries.

3. Chronic Homelessness

Needs Assessment

Although numbers for homeless persons are on the decline over the last year the City remains steadfast in eliminating homelessness. Many of them are chronically homeless

by definition. The challenge to eliminate Chronic Homelessness in five years is a difficult challenge. Many elements of society must come together to make this happen.

The City of Sumter Community Development staff is a member of and will continue to work closely with the Twelve-County Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization in an effort to get HUD funds to each agency that applies during the application cycle. In addition, the City will assist with the application by soliciting support letters and offering assistance with writing the grant application. ECHO receives homeless grant funds from HUD on a yearly basis which is used to curb homelessness in the City of Sumter and several other counties. The City will continue working with the Coalition over the years until chronic homelessness is eliminated.

A new 501(c)3 organization mentioned above, EPCHHA, was formed with the purpose of providing housing and supportive services to persons who test positive with HIV/AIDS. The City of Sumter Housing & Economic Development Corporation work with this organization to access funds for their projects, along with several other local, state, and federal partners.

Strategic Plan

One Year Goal – Work closer with Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization, private, and non-profits, to access funds for homeless initiatives this program year. The goal is to: (1) Finish the job of ending chronic homelessness in five years; (2) Prevent and end homelessness among Veterans in five years; (3) Prevent and end homelessness for families, youth, and children in ten years; and (4) Set a path to ending all types of homelessness.

Strategy

Provide services to homeless persons in the City Limits, while servicing homeless persons in the Twelve-County area serviced through the Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization through linkages with partnering agencies.

4. Homeless Prevention

A municipality needs to have in place training and employment opportunities for persons of all ages, even those who have retired to prevent homelessness. Retirees often need the second job, at least half-time, to make ends meet and/or to make life more meaningful. In place also should be opportunities for persons to work while attending technical school or college. Many students must bear the cost of their own education. Large loans are not to the benefit of the student in the long run because they will be paying back loans for such a long period of time as they start their adult life.

Colleges and universities need programs tailored for working adults who need to upgrade their education for upward mobility and advancement in the workplace. Employers need

to be encouraged to implement incentives for employees to upgrade their education by offering scholarship or financial educational benefits.

Citizens need consumer education to prevent them from falling into financial traps that cause foreclosures on houses and other belongings.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

1. The City of Sumter doesn't list a high priority need. Most of the needs are medium or low. Also, the Youth Programs that are Youth Employment during the summer for two different programs will also be a community development need with priority.

2. Economic Development – The City proposes to develop summer jobs for youth who are in high school. The program will benefit local businesses, the students and their families. The City of Sumter will operate two Summer Youth Employment Programs again this year. There will be fewer slots; however, we want to get the word out for fairness and equity in providing the opportunity to all interested students who qualify for the programs.

The Sumter Youth Corps Program will accommodate students 14-15 years of age from low-to-moderate-income families. These children will work in City Government helping to maintain city parks, city playgrounds, city housing projects and neighborhoods. We will have 40 slots for this program.

The Summer Youth Employment Co-Op Program will accommodate students 16 years of age through high school from low to moderate income families. They will be employed by local businesses. We will have 28 slots for this program.

The City will provide orientation and training for the students. Participation in the orientation and training is mandatory.

Contractors benefit from the housing development and housing repair programs along with local businesses that provide materials for sale.

Job training and retention is paramount in economic development. LMI citizens should have access to jobs and trained in how to become self-reliant without the aid of government subsidized programs.

The Employment Security Commission One-Stop Center helps persons who have been laid off in accessing appropriate benefits that include unemployment. Training is available through the local educational institutions such as Adult Education, Central Carolina Technical College, and the other 3 local 4-year colleges, one of which is on Shaw Air Force Base.

Specific objectives are identified separately.

One Year Goal: Those persons who are laid off should continue to work closely with the Employment Security Commission (One-Stop Job Service) to prepare for re-employment and benefits associated with their specific lay-offs. (Note: some companies offer various benefits and the government offers certain types of benefits.)

Strategy

The City of Sumter will work with Employment Security Commission to reduce the number of persons who are unemployed due to lay-offs. Market the Youth Employment Program among this group of persons to encourage those who live inside the City Limits to have their children apply for and obtain summer jobs.

To work with those who may want homeownership to apply for an affordable house with the City whiles their income is low enough to qualify for the program.

The City of Sumter will work aggressively to reduce the number of individuals and families living in poverty by cooperating and coordinating with other organizations and agencies to access services appropriate for individual and family needs.

Special efforts will be made to reduce the number of persons whose income is below the poverty level. Supportive services provided by local service providers and employment opportunities along with training and technical assistance provided by the local Job Service Office are other means in process to raise local residents' income above the poverty level provided their training and experience is adequate for jobs that pay wages above the poverty level.

A network of agencies, The Interagency Council, will continue to convene and share information about programs and services that are available so that service workers can do diligence in disseminating information and referrals to poverty level individuals and families.

The following initiatives are in place. These initiatives will contribute to reduction in the number of poverty level families:

- Family Self-sufficiency (Sumter Housing Authority)
- Head Start for children 3, 4 and 5 years old (parenting component)
- Early Head Start for children ages 0-3 years old (parenting component)
- Local Programs such as After School Programs, Boy and Girl Scout, 4-H Clubs, etc.
- Workforce Development Initiatives through Job Service One-Stop Employment Office
- First Steps (school readiness program)
- Success By Six (school readiness program)
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention programs (through YWCA, United Way, etc.)
- Section 3 (encouraging contractors to comply by employing local LMI persons)

- o Youth Build (job training for high school drop outs through South Sumter Resource Center). Center awaits renewal of grant at this writing.
- o IDA (Individual Development Account) 5-1 Savings Accounts through (South Sumter Resource Center funded by SC Association of Community Development Corporations)
- o SC Vocational Rehabilitation Department*
- o Disabilities and Special Needs*

*Entities that have work components that enable persons with special needs to become employable.

NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING

1. Specific Objectives to be achieved for this period of the Action Plan can be found on pages 1-C and 2-C in this document.

Priority needs will include the following:

Housing Repair

Needs Assessment

There is a large number of housing units that are in a bad state of repair. Many of the units belong to and are occupied by senior citizens and handicapped persons who are on a fixed income. Some residents are buying houses on Contract. These homeowners will not qualify for the City's housing repair program. They also live below the poverty level.

Strategic Plan

One Year Goal: To rehabilitate 6 houses. We will use CDBG Funds for all of them. CDBG funds can be used for persons whose income fall at 80% or below of the area median.

Strategy

Continue working with the use CDBG funds to augment the process so that at least 5 homeowners will benefit from housing repair this program year.

Other priority needs already identified are homeless services, affordable housing development, job training and employment opportunities and preservation of historic properties both commercial and residential.

2. Federal, State and Local resources follow:

CDBG	\$174,123.00
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Wateret CAA provides utility assistance up to \$500 through its Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. A termination notice is required. It also provides up to up to \$400 for light, gas, coal, wood and other fuel through its Emergency Crisis Intervention Program that pays for rent and mortgage. An eviction notice is necessary. There is also a Medication Assistance Program for life treating situations that pays up to \$400 for medicines and up to \$300 for non-emergency services through its Direct Assistance Program. The agency's Community Service Block Grant funds these programs.

Wateree Community Actions also provides a winterization program with doors and windows with weather stripping, and insulation to the house. Fans and small window air conditioners are provided on a limited basis for summer use.

South Carolina Electric & Gas Company is providing \$250 credit to the bill of senior citizens who are age 60 and above and also income eligible. Wateree CAA is the local agency with slots to serve households with this opportunity.

Additional resources that are financial and non-financial include, but are not limited to:

- o Citizens
- o CDBG Funds and Staff
- o HOME Funds and Staff of the CHDO
- o State Housing Finance & Development Authority (Housing Trust Funds)
- o Local Banks
- o Fannie Mac
- o Public and Private Schools
- o Technical College
- o Adult Education
- o Colleges and University
- o Employment Security Commission
- o Service Agencies
- o Regional Transportation Authority
- o Housing Authority
- o Wateree Community Actions, Inc.
- o South Sumter Resource
- o Sumter County Community Development Corporation
- o Santee Lynches Community Development Corporation
- o Alston Wilkes Society
- o Eastern Carolina Homelessness Organization (12-County Homeless Initiative)
- o Salvation Army
- o United Ministries
- o SC Electric & Gas (\$250 credit to Sr. Citizens' bill)

Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS

medical prescription payments and medical expense assistance. Support services are provided by local volunteers and area service agencies.

Specific HOPWA Objectives

There is not a HOPWA initiative in the area per se. Nevertheless, the new EPCHHA Inc. is one organization that got a grant from State Housing and private funds to purchase and refurbish a facility that will provide housing and supportive services for persons with HIV/AIDS. This facility can accommodate 82 live in residents.

Other Narrative

H.O.P.E. (Harvesting Opportunities that Promote Empowerment Centers-The EZ constructed three H.O.P.E. Centers. These three (3) training and education centers are located in each section of the Sumter Empowerment Zone (North Zone, South Zone, and West Zone). Each facility ranges between 10,000 to 15,000 sq. ft. The primary focus of these facilities is to provide space for job training, continuing education, and business development counseling in partnership with the local school district, the local technical college, Morris College, and the South Carolina State University's Center for Entrepreneurship. However, the facilities also host neighborhood/community meetings, after-school programming, computer training, recreation, and provide temporary space for local and state agencies to conduct outreach programs that affect the surrounding neighborhoods.

The HOPE Centers will become more involved with increasing the enrollment of the entrepreneurial classes and business development/expansion courses. They will also partner with local business owners to offer one-on-one mentorship opportunities throughout the Sumter area. The Centers will continue their on-site job training of preparing experienced citizen for their entry back into the workforce.

Fair Housing Task Force

Fair Housing – Santee Lynches COG completed the City of Sumter Impediments to Fair Housing in September 2017. A survey was conducted to gather public input on the progress of the nine impediments which were identified in 2012. The inputs received from the public identified still, six significant previous impediments. The significant impediments are listed below:

- Family and individuals make insufficient income to obtain their desired housing
- There is a need for more home ownership opportunities
- Predatory lending practices is a problem
- There is a need for housing and facilities for persons with special needs
- More affordable housing needs to be placed throughout the community
- Lack of gainful employment opportunities

The City of Sumner and our fellow housing partners are striving on a continual basis to ease or eradicate these impediments by:

- Ensuring that all citizens are aware of fair housing rights and available fair housing activities and programs via brochures, newspaper ads, flyers, community meetings, and by sending correspondence to neighborhood association presidents.
- Increase the affordable home ownership opportunities for low-moderate income households when financially feasible, in particular protected classes when feasible
- Increasing lending institutions involvement in minority and low income communities corresponding and coordination
- Working with adult education, technical schools, and higher education facilities to form a partnership in training low-moderate citizens needed skill sets to make themselves marketable for higher income jobs
- The economy is on a positive trend upward with the new hiring numbers and the known industrial facilities which will be up and running within the next couple of years. This should greatly enhance employment opportunities in the near future.

The housing partners always discuss and try to come up with new ideas and solutions at our annual Fair Housing event and at the annual Housing month event to eradicate the impediments which was identified.

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 11.

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 complaint 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.

Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

OMB Number: 4240-0004
Expiration Date: 12/31/2022

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
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6a. Federal Entity Identifier: 57-600246	5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
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* a. Legal Name: City of Sumter		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 57-600246	* c. Organizational EUNS: 0001065546090	
d. Address:		
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* Zip / Postal Code: 29150-4945	<input type="text"/>	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: Community Development	Division Name: <input type="text"/>	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: MR.	* First Name: Clarence	<input type="text"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: Gaines	<input type="text"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Title: Director	<input type="text"/>	
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: 803-774-1649	Fax Number: 803-774-1685	
* Email: cgaines@sumtercc.org		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
* 8. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:	
C: City or Township Government	
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:	
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:	
* Other (specify):	
* 10. Name of Federal Agency:	
United States Department of Housing & Urban Development	
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:	
14-219	
CFDA Title:	
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:	
* Title:	
13. Competition Identification Number:	
Title:	
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):	
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* 15. Describe Title of Applicant's Project:	
Community Development block Grant	
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.	
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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant: * b. Program/Project:

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: * b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	333,750.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	
* g. TOTAL	333,750.00

19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?

a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on

b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)

Yes No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications" and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances" and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 28, Section 1001)

I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

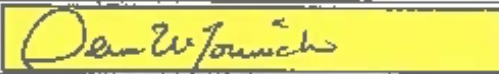
* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

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* Signature of Authorized Representative:  * Date Signed:

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Number: #040-0008
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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

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

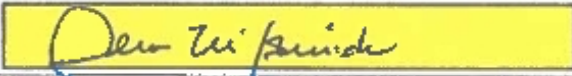
1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4733) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1686-1688), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 827 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 ad-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1506 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276e-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 19 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11996; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11888; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1965, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL 	TITLE <u>City manager</u>
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION <u>City of Sumner</u>	DATE SUBMITTED <u>6/3/2021</u>

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CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

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

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;

2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and

3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

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

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

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


Signature of Authorized Official

9/2/2021
Date

CITY MANAGER
Title

Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 370.

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

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

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2021 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

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

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

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

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

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

Compliance with Laws – It will comply with applicable laws.


Signature of Authorized Official

9/2/2021
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City Manager
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OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

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

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

Don Zepf
Signature of Authorized Official

9/2/2021
Date

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Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance – If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

Eligible Activities and Costs – It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy layering -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;


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9/2/2021
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Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

Matching Funds – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

Debra Zwick
Signature of Authorized Official

9/2/2021
Date

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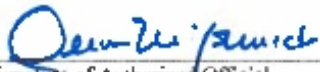
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the consolidated plan:

1. For a period of not less than 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
2. For a period of not less than 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.


Signature of Authorized Official


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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

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

Attachment to Ordinance No.

AMENDED

2021-2022 CDBG Budget
 City of Sumter
 Community Development Department
 Sumter, SC 29150

HUD Allocation for period April 1, 2021-March 31, 2022 \$333,750.00
 Public Service Cap (15%) \$ 50,062.50
 Administration Cap (20%) \$ 66,750.00

Name of Project	Amount	Matrix Code	Regulation Citation	National Objective
Administration (administer the entitlement program)	\$66,750.00	21A	570.206	---
Demolition (eliminate slum and blight in residential and commercial areas)	\$30,000.00	04	570.201 (D)	5B5
Historic preservation (eliminate slum and blight in residential and commercial areas)	\$10,000.00	16B	570.202 (D)	5BA
Housing Repair (housing repair for LMI citizens)	\$177,000.00	14A	570.202	LMH
Youth Employment (provide summer employment for 40 LMI youth)	\$ 45,000.00	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*
Boys and Girls Club (provide vouchers for LMI youth to participate in activities)	\$ 2,500.00	05D	570.201 (E)	LMC*
Total	\$333,750.00			

*Public Service

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



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20466-0001

ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR
COMMUNITY PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

MEMORANDUM FOR: All Community Planning and Development Field Office Directors,
Deputy Directors and Program Managers

FROM: James Arthur Jemison, II, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, D

SUBJECT: Availability of a Waiver for Community Development Block Grant
Program and Consolidated Plan Requirements to Facilitate
the Incorporation of Increased Funding as a Result of an Allocation
Error for FY 2021

James Arthur Jemison, II
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, D
2021-06-13
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PURPOSE:

This memorandum explains the availability of a waiver of certain regulatory requirements associated with the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to address an error in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 allocation. The error affects all FY 2021 CDBG grants except for Initial Area grants, resulting in an increase in the amounts previously allocated and announced. CPD Field Office Directors, Deputy Directors, and Program Managers are instructed to inform CPD grantees operating within their jurisdictions of the content of this memorandum.

WAIVER AUTHORITY:

In accordance with 24 CFR 5.110, HUD may, upon a determination of good cause and subject to statutory limitations, waive regulatory provisions. Additional regulatory waiver authority is provided in 24 CFR 91.600. These provisions provide HUD the authority to make waiver determinations for the CDBG program. To eliminate further delays and expedite grantees' ability to incorporate the increase in funding caused by the FY 2021 allocation error that affects all CDBG grant recipients, except for Initial Area grantees, I hereby find good cause to provide the regulatory waivers below. Provisions that are not specifically waived remain fully effective.

WAIVER AVAILABILITY:

- Citizen Participation Public Comment Period by Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Consolidated Plan and Consolidated Plan Amendments

Requirement: 30-day Public Comment Period

Citations: 24 CFR 91.105(b)(4), (c)(2), and (k); 24 CFR 91.115(b)(4), (c)(2), and (f); and 24 CFR 91.401

Explanation: There was an error in the announced FY 2021 CDBG formula allocations, causing all CDBG grants, except Initial Area grants, to be less than what should have been allocated by formula. This error has been corrected, and updated CDBG FY

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2021 allocations will be posted and transmitted to grantees. Grantees are required to follow their citizen participation plan to make an amendment to their action plan to reflect the increased grant allocation. The development of the consolidated plan is subject to the citizen participation process set forth in the grantee's citizen participation plan. A CDBG grantee may also amend an approved consolidated plan in accordance with 24 CFR 91.505. Substantial amendments to the consolidated plan, such as the addition of new activities or a change in the use of grant funds from one eligible activity to another, are also subject to the citizen participation process in the grantee's citizen participation plan. The citizen participation plan must provide citizens with 30 days to comment on draft consolidated plans and substantial amendments.

Justification: Given the need to expedite action to respond to the allocation error, HUD waives 24 CFR 91.105(b)(4), (e)(2), and (6) for local governments, 91.115(b)(4), (c)(2), and (j) for states, and 91.401 for counties, and reduces the public comment period for grantees preparing FY 2021 Plans, amendments thereto, and amendments to prior year plans from 30 days to no less than three days. The provisions at 24 CFR 91.105(c) and 24 CFR 91.115(i), which require grantees to follow their citizen participation plans, are waived only to the extent that they allow grantees to change their public comment periods. Grantees must continue to follow their citizen participation plans otherwise. In reducing the comment period to three days, HUD is balancing the need to quickly assist communities while continuing to provide reasonable notice and opportunity for citizens to comment on the proposed uses of CDBG funds.

Applicability: This authority is in effect through August 16, 2021 and is limited to facilitating preparation of the grantee's FY 2021 Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan and FY 2021 Plan substantial amendments.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, grantees and citizens maybe be concerned about significant public health risks that may result from in-person public hearings. The public hearing requirement is statutory and cannot be waived; however, CPD is interpreting public hearings to include virtual public hearings (alone, or in concert with an in-person hearing) if it allows questions in real time, with answers coming directly from the elected representatives to all "attendees." HUD understands the exigencies of a public health challenge and will work with grantees who make the effort to comply with citizen participation requirements and document their efforts.

If you, or any member of your staff, have any questions concerning this memorandum, you may contact the following persons regarding the waiver: James E. Heermann, Director, OBQA, Entitlement Communities Division at (202) 708-1577; Robert C. Peterson, Director, OBQA, State and Small Cities Division at (202) 708-1322.