



CITY OF ALBANY

FY 2017-2018 | ACTION PLAN

FOR THE CITY OF ALBANY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Albany is an entitlement jurisdiction receiving a federal formula grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

The purpose of the CDBG program is to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and to expand economic opportunities, primarily for low- and moderate-income residents.

All CDBG-funded activities must meet one of three HUD-defined National Objectives:

- Benefit to low- and moderate-income (LMI) persons;
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight; and
- Meet urgent needs to alleviate emergency conditions.

CDBG statutes require recipients to spend 70 percent of all CDBG funds to benefit LMI persons. In addition, CDBG program activities, when considered as a whole, must not benefit moderate-income persons (those earning 50 to 80 percent of the median income) to the exclusion of low-income persons (residents earning less than 50 percent of the median income).

A five-year Consolidated Plan is, as required by the CDBG program, to establish the vision for housing, community, and economic development priorities and creates the opportunity for strategic planning and citizen participation to take place in a comprehensive context. It outlines how the City will target CDBG funds to address the highest needs. Each jurisdiction's plan must state how it will pursue the CDBG statutory program goals and must report on progress meeting program goals.

Each year, entitlement jurisdictions must submit an Action Plan to HUD that describes the specific planned uses for CDBG funding and how program requirements will be satisfied.

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 2017-18 Action Plan is the fifth and final plan to address goals and objectives identified in Albany's 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan. The 2017-18 Action Plan objectives and outcomes were developed through citizen participation and agency consultations over the past year and an assessment of needs identified in the 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan. Albany's Consolidated Plan goals and objectives were developed through the *Needs Assessment*, data analysis and evaluation, consultations with area agencies, and citizen input including a survey of residents.

The City plans to use 2017 entitlement funds to address the following Consolidated Plan goals and objectives with the proposed activities.

- Maintain and improve the quality of Albany's affordable housing – through housing rehabilitation loans and grants and energy efficiency improvements.
- Create affordable housing opportunities - with home buyer assistance programs for Albany's low and moderate-income residents and property acquisition.
- Eliminate blighting influences in low-income areas – through public improvements and acquisition of blighted properties.
- Increase economic opportunities for Albany's low- and moderate-income residents – through small grants and technical assistance to microenterprises and entrepreneurs to help them establish their businesses and add local jobs; and support for an incubator or co-work space for entrepreneurs.
- Reduce homelessness - through public services including shelter services, case management, life skills/employment training for homeless and at-risk youth and adults.
- Provide services to special needs and low-income residents – through child abuse prevention services and hot meals and food boxes to homeless and low-income residents.
- Affirmatively further fair housing - through education, outreach, and monitoring. In addition, the City will conduct citizen input as it prepares an assessment of fair housing this year.

Almost all of the FY 17-18 Action Plan activities will benefit Albany's LMI residents, with funding priorities to agencies that work to prevent homelessness.

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 Albany's 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan contains seven goals that were identified as the highest priority needs for the City to address with CDBG funds. The following summarizes the City's progress addressing the Plan goals:

Maintain and Improve the Quality of Affordable Housing: To date, the City has provided funding to rehabilitate 11 owner-occupied households and a grant to rehab 11 long-term affordable multi-family units. Funds are prioritized to households earning 60% or less of the area median income and located within Albany's two low-income Census Tracts 204 and 208.

Further Fair Housing: The City has provided fair housing training for tenants in English and Spanish twice and landlord training once. The City also sponsored code compliance and crime prevention training and hosted a forum and discussion on the history of housing discrimination in Oregon. City staff and local Community Services Consortium (CSC) staff respond to calls and monitor advertisements for potential discriminatory practices. To date the Fair Housing Council has had 7 legitimate cases in Albany in the last four years.

Remove Barriers to Accessibility: The City repaired 1,200 linear feet of a pedestrian multi-use Periwinkle Path and installed two blocks of infill sidewalks, curb ramps and intersection crossing improvements in target Census Tract 208. These projects have increased the safety and accessibility of routes to schools and services in the Sunrise neighborhood.

Eliminate Blighting Influences in Low- and Moderate-Income Neighborhoods: CDBG funds will be replacing dated and vandalized play equipment at Sunrise Park with new equipment and amenities, new lighting, paths, and a parking lot. The state and federal environmental permits have been received and the project will be completed in 2017.

Increase Economic Opportunities: Through June 30, 2016, 40 low-income Albany residents had enrolled in microenterprise or small-business courses or received free advising; including 11 Spanish-speaking residents. Small grants for low-mod job creation have been awarded to five microenterprises to date. These programs have added 25 new jobs for low- and moderate-income (LMI) residents. Public services funds also provided jobs skilling training for 10 of Albany's young adults through a partnership with YouthBuild.

Reduce and Prevent Homelessness: CDBG funds supported the following activities to reduce homelessness in Albany:

- Helped acquire property for a youth shelter with 10 beds and two houses totaling 6 transitional housing beds;
- Provided a variety of public services including outreach and case management to at-risk youth (140 youth), shelter and case management for homeless women with children (20 residents), and services to prevent of homelessness of abused children (20);
- Provided emergency housing assistance to 2 homeless households and 14 low and moderate income households to prevent them from becoming homeless;

Public Services: In the first 4 years, CDBG grants have been awarded to numerous service providers that have helped about 400 low-income and special needs residents. Services have prevented child abuse and foster care

placements, have sheltered abused women and children, have helped children who are wards of the court get into permanent housing, have helped residents in recovery pursue education and provided shelter and case management to homeless residents.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City followed its published Citizen Participation Plan in developing and carrying out the citizen participation process used to develop the 2017-2018 Action Plan. Public input on the activities included in this plan began years ago when the City identified needs to be included in the 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan.

The City of Albany holds two public hearings annually to gather input on community needs in conformance with federal regulations and Albany's Citizen Participation Plan. City staff and Community Development Commissioners (CDC) gather input both formally and informally throughout the year on community needs through monthly meetings and outreach with local agencies, residents, and community leaders. City staff and several CDC members participate in and attend numerous activities, community meetings, serve on local boards, and reach out to local service providers to keep up to date with current programs and needs. The City keeps its CDBG website up to date with plans, programs and opportunities for input.

For the 2017-2018 Action Plan, the City of Albany and CDC solicited applications and request for proposals to identify activities and partner agencies that would address Albany's Consolidated Plan goals and priorities.

[See AP-12 Citizen Participation for more detailed information.]

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 City of Albany received the following comments from citizens, Community Development Commissioners, and area service providers through meetings, funding applications and grant reports:

- ongoing case management and shelter services are needed for Albany youth
- child-abuse prevention services help at-risk families stay together
- need to help long-term homeless gain employment so they can move out of shelters
- Signs of Victory Shelter is moving into a larger facility that will triple capacity to help address needs, but help needed to provide food boxes and meals
- Low-income residents need down payment assistance to become homeowners
- Housing rehabilitation and weatherization needs
- Consider acquisition of blighted residential properties, especially those with compliance cases in low-mod Census Tract 204
- Start ups and entrepreneurs need assistance getting established and need affordable incubator or co-working space
- Infill sidewalks and safety improvements for safe routes to schools and to public facilities and parks in Census Tracts 204 and 208

- Remove blighted conditions at Sunrise Park

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

All comments were in support of the proposed FY 17-18 Action Plan and in support of the CDBG program in general. All comments were accepted.

7. Summary

The FY 2017-2018 Action Plan objectives and strategies support activities and public services that will reduce and prevent homelessness, expand economic opportunities for Albany's low-income, homeless, and young adult residents. Public services will also help prevent child abuse and foster care placements, and provide nutritious meals and food boxes for Albany's low-income residents. Livability will be improved through housing rehabilitation, property acquisition, and public improvements in low- and moderate-income areas. Partnerships with local organizations will be continued and strengthened. Public input and involvement is ongoing and encouraged via regular opportunities to interact with City staff and the CDC.

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

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

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

Agency Role		Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency		ALBANY	
CDBG Administrator	ALBANY		Community Development Department/City of Albany
HOPWA Administrator			
HOME Administrator			
HOPWA-C Administrator			

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The FY 2017-2018 Action Plan objectives and strategies support programs that will improve livability in Albany’s low-income neighborhoods and will expand economic opportunities for Albany’s low-income, homeless, and young adult residents. Public services will help prevent homelessness. Livability will be improved by addressing blighted conditions and community development needs in low- and moderate-income areas, based on community feedback. Partnerships with local organizations will be continued and strengthened. Public input and involvement is ongoing and encouraged via regular opportunities to interact with City staff and the Community Development Commission.

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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

The City of Albany staff and Albany Community Development Commissioners (CDC) engage in ongoing consultations with a variety of community service providers, business and community leaders, educational and correctional institutions, the public and other community development partners throughout the year. Consultations include attendance at local and regional meetings around homelessness, housing, economic and social issues; serving on local committees and boards; invitations to area providers to present needs at CDC public meetings and City Council hearings; one on one discussions; and requests for funding proposals.

The CDC members represent a variety of public and private interests and include one City Councilor, the Mayor, a Planning Commissioner, Human Relations Commissioner (former school principal), a realtor, a mortgage lender, a Hispanic nutritionist and advocate, the school district's McKinney Vinto liaison, and a homeless advocate (also the Rural Oregon Continuum of Care coordinator), and a staff member from the local community action agency (Community Services Consortium).

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))

City of Albany staff invited public and assisted housing providers, health and mental health and service agencies to present needs at the Community Development Commission meetings in groups to learn more about community needs and to foster collaboration among providers. Aside from presentations and group discussions with the CDC, City staff met with Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services, Community Services Consortium, Linn Benton Housing Authority, Albany Partnership for Housing and Community Development, Linn County Health Services to talk about the spectrum of housing needs, including those for persons with mental disabilities. Staff also corresponded with the Linn County Parole and Probation staff regarding housing for people leaving jail.

This past year, City staff and CDC members participated in several local and regional meetings convened by the Community Services Consortium, Linn Benton Health Equity Alliance and HEART (Albany area homeless enrichment and rehabilitation team). These meetings and forums were held to enhance coordination among Albany area partners and agencies around issues such as homelessness, poverty, and healthy housing.

The HEART board includes representatives from Community Services Consortium (a variety of divisions/services are represented), the City of Albany, the local shelters, Albany Partnership for Housing and Community Development, Linn County health and mental health, Samaritan Health Services, the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific-Northwest, Greater Albany Public School District, CHANCE

recovery center, and the Rural Oregon Continuum of Care. This past year HEART coordination has resulted in medical students volunteering at shelters and the InReach clinic, and Samaritan Health establishing a wellness clinic at a shelter among other great projects such as supply drives. HEART members also evaluated how to implement a multi-agency software program to better serve clients shared by many of the agencies. In addition, the HEART members have identified fair housing training needs for homeless shelter providers and rental property maintenance staff.

Several CDC members and staff serve on civic, social service, and housing agency boards and committees, which provides an opportunity for collecting data on need and raising awareness of other community needs.

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

The Community Services Consortium (CSC) is a public nonprofit organization dedicated to ending poverty in the region. CSC is the state and federally recognized community action agency for Linn, Benton and Lincoln counties and administers HUD Emergency Solutions Grant funds. CSC acts as a conduit for federal and state homeless program funding and coordinated the development and update of the *Ten-Year Plan to Address Issues Around Housing and Homelessness in Linn County* (Ten-Year Plan). CSC staff work with HEART members to coordinate and host the annual homeless resource fair, a resource fair for Veterans, and CSC staff coordinates the annual federal point in time count. CSC also provides supportive services for Veteran families and helps homeless or near homeless Veterans find stable housing. One CSC staff person serves on the Albany Community Development Commission.

City of Albany staff and a few CDC members regularly attend the Homeless Enrichment and Rehabilitation Team (HEART) monthly meetings. HEART members include a broad range of service providers, homeless advocates, health providers, and governmental agencies within Linn County, including the CSC and the Rural Oregon Continuum of Care (ROCC). HEART members work together to assess the needs of Albany's homeless and at-risk populations, coordinate services, prioritize and address Linn County's homeless and housing needs, and implement strategies to reduce homelessness.

City staff and the Community Development Commission heard presentations from the three local shelters, including one for youth, on programming needs for 2017-18. One shelter, Signs of Victory Mission, is moving into a larger facility in July 2017 that will add more emergency shelter beds and services, including is expecting demand for food boxes and hot meals for Albany's homeless and poverty-level families to triple over the next year. Albany Helping Hands shelter added an employment coordinator to its staff in order to help chronically homeless residents gain skills, experience so they can be gainfully employed. Jackson Street Youth Services Albany House is wrapping up its first year in operation. The youth shelter is operating at capacity and is discussing expansion options. and has ongoing consultation with the shelters and service providers that serve to Albany homeless and at-risk populations to assess needs that could be addressed with CDBG-funded activities.

The CDC chair is staff to the Rural Oregon Continuum of Care (ROCC), a consortium of HUD-funded homeless housing and service providers working in Oregon's most rural counties, including Linn County. The ROCC holds monthly meetings with the purpose of fostering and enhancing collaborative work and the development of performance measures around the issues of homelessness.Â

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

The City of Albany does not receive ESG (Emergency Solutions Grants) funds.Â The CSC receives ESG funds for use in Albany. Â The City consults with the CSC throughout the year to discuss performance outcomes and determine if there are any community and homeless needs that can be addressed with CDBG funds. Â

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Services Consortium
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Community Services Consortium (CSC) is a community action agency that receives Community Services Block Grant funding to operate services in a three-county region that includes Albany. CSC provides housing services, rental and utility assistance, job training, Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG funds) to reduce homelessness in Albany, and they operate four continuum of care-funded projects. The Community Services Consortium (CSC) was consulted for input about homelessness data, needs and existing programs, housing rehabilitation and weatherization programs, and job training. Collaboration and consultation will be ongoing throughout the five year Consolidated Plan period.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Linn Benton Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Non-Homeless Special Needs Homeless Needs - Persons with mental disabilities
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Linn-Benton Housing Authority (LBHA) oversees HUD Section 8 housing activities in Albany, serves over 2,600 families in the two-county area. The LBHA also provides affordable housing to Albany seniors and persons with mental disabilities. LBHA provided data regarding Section 8 housing choice voucher use in Albany for the Con Plan. LBHA was consulted for homebuyer assistance programs, housing needs of persons with mental illness, and affordable housing needs in general. Coordination and consultation will continue as the Consolidated Plan is implemented. LBHA will provide small homebuyer down payment assistance grants to existing clients to help them become homeowners.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Linn Benton Community College
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Business Leaders Community College
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Linn Benton Community College, Small Business Development Center provides education, training and counseling to small businesses through a team of business advisors and faculty. They offer microenterprise courses and counseling as well as small business management programs to help improve economic opportunities within Albany and the region. The City consulted with LBCC to determine needs for microenterprises and how to create jobs for low and moderate income residents. CDBG funds support the LBCC microenterprise and small business development programs that will increase economic opportunities for LMI residents.

4	Agency/Group/Organization	Linn County Health Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless Services-Health Health Agency Other government - County Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Linn County Health Services is the primary agency providing mental health, developmental disability, and alcohol and drug treatment services in Albany. The county provides and coordinates a variety of support services for these special needs populations. A couple of representatives of Linn County were consulted for input regarding care and housing needs of many of the populations described in the Consolidated Plan. The County is involved in the Linn County Ten Year Homelessness Plan and in providing health and mental health care for individuals and families. Linn County Health staff also prepared a community health impact plan (CHIP) for the County and city staff served on a health assessment committee and will be serving on the committee as the County prepares to update the CHIP. City and county consultation and collaboration will continue to occur on various fronts on an ongoing basis. [Website: http://www.co.linn.or.us/health/]
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Albany Helping Hands
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Albany Helping Hands has the largest homeless shelter with services in Albany. The City consulted with staff to help assess homeless needs and eligible CDBG activities. The shelter hired an employment coordinator to help long-term homeless gain skills in order to re-enter the workforce.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	ALBANY PARTNERSHIP
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	APHCD owns and manages 133 units of affordable housing and 3 permanent supportive housing units. APHCD was consulted for affordable housing, transitional and permanent supportive housing needs. Consultation and coordination is ongoing. APHCD properties are aging and some were poorly constructed and need to be rehabilitated.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Linn Benton Health Equity Alliance
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Health Service-Fair Housing Regional organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City CDBG staff attends meetings when possible to participate in regional discussions and training around access to opportunity, equity, diversity and healthy housing policies and programs. The consultation is ongoing.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	CASA of Linn County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	CASA of Linn County, Inc., received a 15-16 public services grant to help with costs to house Albany victims but did not respond to requests for grant applications for 2016 or 2017. CASA is a non-profit organization that supports volunteers who advocate for the best interests of children who have been abused or neglected and are under the protection of the Juvenile Court in Linn County.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Family Tree Relief Nursery
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Staff and the CDC consult with Family Tree Relief Nursery (FTRN) annually to discuss needs related to preventing child abuse. FTRN is receiving CDBG public services funding to provide a child abuse specialist to LMI families.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	FAIR HOUSING COUNCIL OF OREGON
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Fair Housing Impediments Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City consults and contracts with the Fair Housing Council of Oregon (FHCO) to carry out fair housing training activities for area landlords and tenants. The FHCO provides complaint data. This consultation has and will continue to provide direction for future fair housing training, outreach and testing.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Fish of Albany
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City consults with FISH annually regarding homeless needs of women with children. FISH also provides numerous services to low-income Albany residents.

13	Agency/Group/Organization	Greater Albany Public Schools
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-homeless Services-Education Other government - Local Local School District
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Anti-poverty Strategy community development needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation with the school district (GAPS) McKinney Vinto liaison and youth services coordinator is ongoing. The coordinator works with homeless and highly mobile students residing in the Albany district. The City receives homeless count data on children in the GAPS district. The City also consulted with GAPS regarding safe routes to schools and other improvements in low-income areas.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	JACKSON STREET YOUTH SERVICES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Jackson Street Youth Services was consulted on the housing and services needs of homeless and at-risk youth in Albany. Prior year CDBG funds were awarded to provide youth case management and to open an emergency shelter. The Albany Youth House is open and the City allocates funding for shelter services.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	OSU Extension, Familia Activas
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Institute of Higher Education

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Needs in Latino neighborhoods
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Staff consulted with the Hispanic/Latino community and others working with this community to assess housing and community development needs, including removing barriers to healthy housing, and equal access to opportunities and services. The City continues to build relationships within the Hispanic/Latino community.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	Oregon Cascades West Council of Governments
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Senior needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Staff consulted with Cascades West (CWCOG) staff about senior needs and persons with disabilities; also economic development needs for microenterprises and small businesses. CWCOG provides small business loans. Staff coordinated discussions around needs for entrepreneurs and microenterprises with several entities including CWCOG.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	University of Oregon Sustainable Cities Initiative
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy fair housing analysis and equity opportunities assessment

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Two University of Oregon GIS classes mapped Albany socio-economic data, housing conditions, crime and accident reports, and community amenities and services in order to help the City to identify and analyze access to opportunities by Albany protected class populations, and to inform planning needs and investments by the City and area partners. The mapping analysis provided additional data to help the City prepare the Assessment of Fair Housing in 2017-2018.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Oregon Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City CDBG staff started networking meetings that convened all Albany area economic development leaders to assess existing services and programs and identify needs for small businesses and for residents looking to start a business or grow their existing business. City staff consulted with Oregon Regional Accelerator and Innovation Network (RAIN) staff regarding services and opportunities to support Albany area entrepreneurs and start up companies. The City collaborated with RAIN to host a "meet up" event for entrepreneurs and microenterprises with existing mentors and service providers and developed a survey to assess interest in business incubator/shared work spaces. [Website: http://oregonrain.org/]
19	Agency/Group/Organization	Albany Area Chamber of Commerce
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment Business Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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 director of the Albany Area Chamber of Commerce participated in city-convened economic development networking meetings to discuss small business needs and plan events to support entrepreneurs and start ups. Consultation and meetings are ongoing. [Website: http://www.albanychamber.com/]
20	Agency/Group/Organization	Albany Area Economic Development Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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 Albany Millersburg Economic Development Corporation staff participated in city-convened economic development networking meetings to discuss small business needs and plan events to support entrepreneurs and start ups. Consultation and meetings are ongoing. [Website: http://www.albany-millersburg.com/]
21	Agency/Group/Organization	Linn County Parole and Probation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - State Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City CDBG staff met with the Director of Linn County Parole and Probation (under the Oregon Department of Corrections division) to talk about housing needs for residents released from correctional institutions in 2015. City staff and the Mayor have maintained email communications with the Director regarding transitional housing issues and needs. The County provides a one-month housing voucher to residents released from the local jail. Parole and Probation coordinates with a local recovery agency (C.H.A.N.C.E.) and the local Oxford House chapter, to help residents get into housing and to monitor housing for drugs and alcohol. There have been discussions around the need for a detox facility in Albany.
22	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF ALBANY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy Public facilities and infrastructure needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City CDBG staff has ongoing consultations with other City departments to determine public facility needs and accessibility needs in low-income Census Tracts. Outcomes include the following public facility improvements in low income areas: Sunrise Park remodel with new parking lot, infill sidewalks and curb ramps in Census Tracts 204 and 208. Several city staff are involved in helping business entrepreneurs, microenterprises and small businesses get established in Albany and there are efforts to develop a shared work space in Albany.
23	Agency/Group/Organization	C.H.A.N.C.E.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City staff consults regularly with the C.H.A.N.C.E. (Communities Helping Addicts Negotiate Change Effectively) director regarding programming needs. C.H.A.N.C.E. programs and services are growing and expanding at this time without needing CDBG assistance. C.H.A.N.C.E. is instrumental in helping residents in recovery get jobs and into stable housing.

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

Department of Housing and Human Services (DHS) staff was not consulted directly for Child and family welfare needs because many of the agencies the City consulted with work directly with DHS to deliver services (Family Tree Relief Nursery, Albany Partnership, Community Services Consortium, Linn County Health Services. Jackson Street Youth Services).

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	Community Services Consortium	The Community Service Consortium strategic plan includes goals of providing safe, decent and affordable housing; reducing and preventing homelessness; and employment services.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

The City of Albany followed its Citizen Participation Plan to assess needs and develop the FY 17-18 Action Plan. The City holds two public hearings in conformance with federal regulations and Albany's Citizen Participation Plan. The first public hearing held September 28, 2016 provided an opportunity for citizen input on community needs that can be addressed with eligible CDBG activities, and the City's performance in administering CDBG funds and programs. A second public hearing was scheduled for April 26, 2017 to consider comments on the draft 2017-2018 Action Plan and any other community needs that could be addressed through the CDBG program.

The City received two written letters in support of the proposed Action Plan – one from Renee Smith, Executive Director of the Family Tree Relief Nursery, and the second from Annie McDonald, Housing Services Manager at the Albany Partnership for Housing and Community Development. (Letters are included in the 2017 Citizen Comments attachment).

Ten residents testified at the April 26 Council public hearing in support of the City's small business grant program that has helped several microenterprises get started and provide jobs for low-mod Albany residents. George Matland and Gale Meehan of Signs of Victory Mission spoke in support of the public services grants that will help the shelter provide nutritious food to area residents. Brigetta Olson, Deputy Director of Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services, spoke to the affordable housing crisis and expressed need for down-payment assistance and housing rehabilitation programs in Albany. (The 4/26/17 City Council hearing minutes are included in the 2017 Citizen Comments attachment.)

City staff and Community Development Commissioners (CDC) gathered input on community needs throughout the year through monthly meetings, one-on-one conversations, and outreach with local agencies, residents, and community leaders. This year, the CDC solicited and evaluated applications for public services, housing rehabilitation, community development projects, and economic development projects that address one or more of the Consolidated Plan goals. The City solicited requests for applications and proposals through email and web announcements and announcements at the HEART board meetings.

The City also gathered public input from resident tenants that attended a fair housing training in October, 2016.

Comments received from residents, local service agencies through presentations, applications, and grant reports help the CDC prioritize community needs and determine which programs and activities will receive CDBG funding in 2017-2018.

The 30 day public comment period for the 2017-2018 Action Plan began March 27, 2017 and went through May 1, 2017. The City published notice in the Albany Democrat-Herald on March 27, 2017, of opportunities to review and comment on the Draft 2017-2018 Action Plan. The public notice is attached.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Sunrise Neighborhood Residents	Spring 2015 Sunrise neighborhood meetings. 5-15 adults attended two separate meetings.	Residents gave input on neighborhood needs - including missing sidewalks, intersection safety improvements, and Sunrise Park improvements.	None	

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	Outreach through School District	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish	The City held fair housing training for residents in Spanish on October 20, 2016. Roughly 20 residents attended the training.	Residents raised housing conditions and maintenance issues and asked about Sunrise Park improvements.	None	

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 Meeting	Homeless network meeting	Roughly 10 agencies are regularly present at the monthly HEART (Homeless Enrichment and Rehabilitation Team) board meetings. Staff attends these meetings to listen to community needs and inform the agencies of CDBG funding opportunities and opportunities provide input on community development and public service needs that could be supported with Annual Action Plan 2017 CDBG funds.	Ongoing discussions regarding how to reduce and prevent homelessness - continuum of care coordination, emergency housing services, shelter services, planning and holding resource fairs for homeless, improved client data intake and coordination, wellness centers, "HEART" (emergency) bags for homeless and more.	None	25

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	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	A public notice of the 30 day comment period the 2017-2018 Draft Action Plan was published in the Albany Democrat Herald on March 27, 2017, the local newspaper of general circulation, on March 30, 2015, more than 30 days before May 15, 2015.	Two letters were received in support of the Action Plan.	None	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
5	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>The City posted the 2017-2018 Action Plan on its web site and emailed all interested parties, including all local service and housing agencies, about public input opportunities on the 2017-2018 Action Plan, the CAPER, public services grants, and the 30-day comment period and public meeting and hearing for the 2015-2106 Action Plan. The notice of public hearing, the comment period, and draft 2015-2016 Action Plan were posted on</p>	<p>Eleven agencies have expressed needs for either public services, housing rehabilitation, home buyer assistance, and employment services.</p>	None	<p>http://www.cityofalbany.net/departments/community-development/planning/block-grant-program-cdbg</p>

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
6	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	The City Council hearing on the draft 2017-2018 Action Plan was held April 26, 2017.	Thirteen people testified at the public hearing. Of those, nine were either low-mod owners of microenterprises or low-mod employees recently hired through job creation. Two people testified in support of the public services grants and one person spoke in support of down-payment assistance and housing rehabilitation programs.	NONE	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

As an entitlement jurisdiction, the City of Albany receives an annual Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) fund from HUD. The City's 2017 annual grant award is \$394,197. Prior year resources unspent on June 30, 2017 amounted to \$463,680. The City expects that all of the prior year activities will be completed and resources spent by June 30, 2018, with most prior year resources being spent by December 31, 2017.

During the Citizen Participation process, the city prepared the draft plan with an estimate grant of \$390,000 and included language indicating that activity funding would be adjusted proportionally once the allocation was known. The following specific language was provided in the draft plan:

"If the City's FY 2017 allocation provided below is an estimate based on the City's FY 2016 allocation. If the City's allocation results in changes to the activities proposed in the Plan, the City will hold a second public hearing and comment period on the revised 2017-2018 Action Plan."

"The budgets for all proposed 2017-2018 activities will be proportionally increased or decreased from the estimated funding levels to match actual allocation amounts, or a new public hearing and comment period will be scheduled."

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: \$		

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			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	394,197	0	463,680	857,877	0	Unspent funds from earlier program years will be depleted this year.

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

Anticipated leveraged resources for programs proposed in the 2017-2018 Action Plan are identified below.

- Public Services – all 2017 public service subrecipients will provide a match of at least 50 percent, with most matching funds exceeding 100 percent; anticipated leveraged total is \$150,000. The primary source of matching funds is private donations, but does include some other state and federal funds.
- Housing Rehabilitation and Down Payment Assistance –programs will leverage roughly \$20,000.
- Sunrise Park Public Improvements – will leverage local City parks and recreation funding up to \$50,000.
- Microenterprise Support – microenterprise assistance is anticipated to leverage \$20,000.

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

Not Applicable.

Discussion

None.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Homelessness	2013	2017	Homeless		Homelessness	CDBG: \$26,300	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 20 Persons Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 30 Persons Assisted
2	Affordable Housing Opportunities	2013	2017	Affordable Housing		Affordable Housing Condition Expand Affordable Housing Opportunities	CDBG: \$202,100	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 6 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 6 Households Assisted
3	Accessibility	2013	2017	Non-Homeless Special Needs		Public Facilities Accessibility	CDBG: \$0	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 300 Persons Assisted
4	Removing Blighting Influences	2013	2017	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Facilities Accessibility	CDBG: \$40,400	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 1 Household Housing Unit
5	Economic Opportunities	2013	2017	Non-Housing Community Development		Economic Opportunities	CDBG: \$15,200	Businesses assisted: 2 Businesses Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Public Services	2013	2017	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs		Homelessness Special Needs Populations	CDBG: \$31,400	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Persons Assisted
7	Fair Housing	2013	2017	Affordable Housing Fair Housing		Expand Affordable Housing Opportunities Accessibility	CDBG: \$0	Other: 10 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Homelessness
	Goal Description	Prevent and reduce homelessness with the following CDBG activities in FY 2017-2018: 1) Youth shelter services and case amangement (public services grant of \$16,200) 2) Job skills and employment training and support for homeless shelter clients (public services grant of \$10,100)
2	Goal Name	Affordable Housing Opportunities
	Goal Description	Maintain and improve the quality of Albany's affordable housing stock through housing rehabilitation loans and essential repair grants. Create affordable housing opportunities through down-payment assistance loans and grants.

3	Goal Name	Accessibility
	Goal Description	City staff and residents identified areas in Census Tracts 204 and 208 where curb ramps and sidewalks are needed. Sidewalks and curb ramps are missing along several pedestrian and cycling routes to neighborhood schools and parks. Prior year funds were allocated to this goal to remove barriers to accessibility by installing ADA accessible curb ramps in Census Tracts 204 and 208, with one of these projects expected to be constructed in FY 17-18.
4	Goal Name	Removing Blighting Influences
	Goal Description	Throughout the Plan period the City proposes to remove blighting influences in Albany's low-income Census Tracts 204 and 208 with a variety of activities. Public Facility and infrastructure improvements to remove blighting influences and improve the safety and livability were included in prior year Action Plans to remove blightign influences in the areas around Sunrise School and Sunrise Park in Census Tract 208 and in areas in Census Tract 204 near the Willamette River. FY 17-18 funds are proposed for property acquisition of a blighted property in Census Tract 204.
5	Goal Name	Economic Opportunities
	Goal Description	2017 program year funds will be used to support low-mod Albany entrepreneurs through small grants and incubator or co-work space development.
6	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Public services funding support agencies that serve Albany's LMI and special needs populations. In the 2017-2018 Action Plan, the city will provide public services grants to four agencies for different programs. Two programs are being reported under the Homelessness goal. The remaining two public service activities include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Family support intervention program to prevent child abuse and foster care placements; and • Food boxes and meals for low-and-moderate income residents and homeless residents.
7	Goal Name	Fair Housing
	Goal Description	The City will further fair housing by educating residents and landlords about fair housing laws.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

This section lists and describes the projects that will be carried out under the City of Albany Community Development Block Grant program during FY 17-18. The projects reflect priorities that have been identified in the Consolidated Plan and includes both projects funded in prior years and projects selected for new 2017 program year funds.

Projects proposed in the fifth year of the Consolidated Plan include housing rehabilitation, home buyer down payment assistance, property acquisition, microenterprise development, and reducing and preventing homelessness through public services. Details are provided in AP-38 Project Summary.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	17-18 Housing Rehabilitation Programs
2	17-18 Home Buyer Assistance Programs
3	17-18 Acquisition of Real Property
4	17-18 Micro-Enterprise Assistance
5	17-18 Public Services - Youth Shelter Services
6	17-18 Public Services - Homeless Employment Services
7	17-18 Public Services - Child Abuse Prevention
8	17-18 Public Services - Food Distribution
9	17-18 Administration and Planning

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The Community Development Commission (CDC) evaluated performance of existing programs, assessed community needs through public meetings, and reviewed applications for public services.

The CDC evaluated community needs and elected to focus funding to address the following goals:

- Reduce homelessness
- Improve livability and housing conditions in low-income neighborhoods
- Provide safe and accessible routes to schools, facilities, and amenities in Census Tracts 204 and 208
- Expand economic opportunities for Albany's homeless and low- and moderate-income residents

Lack of funding is the primary obstacle to addressing underserved needs.

Several programs are continuing with prior year funds: housing rehabilitation, Sunrise area public improvements, microenterprise development, and small business assistance. New projects include curb ramps and infill sidewalks. Public services activities will address the goals to reduce and prevent homelessness and expand economic opportunities for Albany's low-income residents.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	17-18 Housing Rehabilitation Programs
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Condition
	Funding	CDBG: \$141,500
	Description	One of Albany's priority needs is to assist households that are experiencing housing cost burden and reduce housing expenses. Albany has large concentrations of housing units constructed before 1980 and there is need for housing rehabilitation and energy efficiency improvements. Housing units occupied by low-mod residents will be rehabilitated with either a loan program or an essential repair grant.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<p>These housing rehabilitation activities are anticipated to have the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At least 3 households earning less than 80% of the area median income will benefit from a housing rehabilitation loan for comprehensive housing rehabilitation needs. • Housing rehabilitation essential repair grants are estimated to benefit at least 3 households earning less than 60% of the area median income to provide essential repairs so that the house can receive weatherization assistance.
	Location Description	Multiple locations, yet to be determined.
Planned Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services will manage a revolving loan fund program that will provide no-interest deferred loans to low-mod households for housing rehabilitation and energy efficiency improvements. • Community Services Consortium will offer essential repairs grants up to \$10,000 for repairs that are needed to make a dwelling unit eligible for weatherization assistance. 	
2	Project Name	17-18 Home Buyer Assistance Programs
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Expand Affordable Housing Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,600
	Description	This project will help low and moderate income Albany residents become homeowners.
	Target Date	6/30/2018

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This activity is expected to benefit 6 low-mod households become homeowners.
	Location Description	Not identified.
	Planned Activities	<p>*Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services will provide "Extra Step Down Payment" assistance to Albany residents to help them qualify for a mortgage. The down payment assistance is structured as a \$10,000 zero-percent deferred loan.</p> <p>*Linn Benton Housing Authority will provide small grants down-payment assistance to clients in the Family Self Sufficiency Program who have set goals to move off of public assistance and become home owners.</p>
3	Project Name	17-18 Acquisition of Real Property
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing Opportunities Removing Blighting Influences
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Condition Expand Affordable Housing Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,400
	Description	This project intends to purchase blighted and usually unlivable housing in Albany's low-income neighborhoods and remove the blighted conditions - either through rehabilitation or removing the dwelling. The second goal of the project is to create affordable housing opportunities by partnering with another agency to construct new affordable housing on the property. The City will partner with Albany Area Habitat for Humanity to acquire property. The city will donate the property to Habitat so they can rehabilitate or construct housing for Albany's low-mod households.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that one household/family will benefit from the proposed activity through either a rehabilitated dwelling unit, or a new dwelling unit through Habitat for Humanity.
	Location Description	The specific property has not yet been identified. The activity is expected to occur in Census Tract 204, one of Albany's Local Target Areas.
	Planned Activities	Purchase one blighted property.
4	Project Name	17-18 Micro-Enterprise Assistance
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Economic Opportunities

	Needs Addressed	Economic Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,200
	Description	Support entrepreneurs and existing microenterprises (businesses with 5 or fewer employees) with technical assistance and small business grants to support growth.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	PY 2017 CDBG funds are estimated to benefit at least two microenterprises.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	<p>CDBG funds would be used to provide financial support to Albany entrepreneurs and microenterprises to help them grow their businesses and create low-mod jobs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small grants to new businesses and microenterprises to offset startup costs and add jobs. (17-18 funding) • Free or reduced cost tuition at Linn Benton Community College for low-mod Albany entrepreneurs and residents to learn how to start and sustain a business and free one-on-one advising. (FY 15-16 funding)
5	Project Name	2017 Public Services - Youth Shelter Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Homelessness Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$16,200
	Description	This Public Services activity will provide emergency and transitional shelter and support/prevention services to runaway, homeless, and at-risk youth ages 10 to 18.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This activity will benefit 30 homeless youth or youth that are at-risk of becoming homeless.
	Location Description	Census Tract 204; 1260 7th Ave SE; Albany, OR 97321

	Planned Activities	The Albany House shelter has 10 beds. Youths enter one of two different program tracks depending on their needs, strengths, and situations. Each youth will work with trained staff to create a case plan and determine what areas to work on. Most homeless youth are approved for a 72-hour stay, which can be extended as circumstances require. The "transitional living" program is a second option for youth ages 15 to 18 that are unable to return to a suitable home. This program encourages self-sufficiency through the Positive Youth Development approach, giving young people opportunities to exercise leadership, build skills, and get involved in their communities.
6	Project Name	2017 Public Services - Homeless Employment Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Homelessness Economic Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness Economic Opportunities
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,100
	Description	This activity will provide funding to the local shelter, Albany Helping Hands, in order to continue the Employment Coordinator Position in FY 17-18. This job works with homeless clientele to provide life skills and jobs skills coaching, resume building, secure work experience, and find jobs.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 10 residents will be assisted with this project.
	Location Description	Albany Helping Hands shelter is located at 619 9th Avenue SE; Albany, OR 97321 in local target area Census Tract 204.
Planned Activities	The Employment Coordinator will collaborate with Albany area employers to provide training and employment; will develop training curriculum, life skills programs, and résumé and interviewing assistance. The goal of the program is to help homeless guests transition into permanent employment and housing.	
7	Project Name	2017 Public Services - Child Abuse Prevention
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Homelessness Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Special Needs Populations
	Funding	CDBG: \$16,200

	Description	Family Tree Relief Nursery (FTRN) will use a CDBG Public Services grant to prevent child abuse through the Therapeutic Childhood Program's home-based services provided to high-risk families with children under the age of three.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This public services activity is estimated to benefit 30 Albany residents in 10 households identified as at-risk for child abuse.
	Location Description	Not site specific.
	Planned Activities	A trained interventionist educates parents impacted by domestic violence and substance abuse in how to make safe choices to build healthy families and prevent foster care placements. The program also prepares children for kindergarten by developing their physical, social, and emotional skills. The agency also offers many complementary services in collaboration with other agencies, such as distribution of food boxes to their low-income clients.
8	Project Name	2017 Public Services - Food Distribution
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness Special Needs Populations
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,200
	Description	Signs of Victory (SOV) operates a food distribution site that hands out emergency food boxes six days a week and the shelter provides three meals a day to residents and also acts as an open meal site for anyone in the community.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This activity is estimated to benefit at least 100 homeless or low-income unduplicated Albany residents.
	Location Description	Census Tract 208; 1100 Ferry Street SE; Albany, OR 97322
	Planned Activities	The basic root of SOV's ministry is shelter and with shelter comes the nutritional needs of guests staying both in the shelter and warming center. For 35 years SOV has provided sustenance for the community in the form of emergency food boxes and family style meals that are open to anyone three times daily all seven days of the week. Most of the food that is distributed by SOV is purchased through the Linn Benton Food Share at low cost, and supports another vital community program.
9	Project Name	2017 Administration and Planning

Target Area	
Goals Supported	Homelessness Accessibility Removing Blighting Influences Economic Opportunities Public Services Fair Housing
Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Condition Expand Affordable Housing Opportunities Homelessness Public Facilities Accessibility Economic Opportunities
Funding	CDBG: \$78,797
Description	This activity provides the CDBG program administration and planning to run and monitor the CDBG programs and activities and provide fair housing outreach, education and monitoring.
Target Date	6/30/2018
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The City anticipates serving approximately 20 residents or property owners with fair housing activities in FY 17-18 using prior year funding and tracked in prior year Action Plans.
Location Description	Not applicable.
Planned Activities	CDBG program staff will prepare the annual action plan and CAPER, hold public hearings and organize public participation, provide staff support to the Community Development Commission, monitor subrecipients, prepare subrecipient contracts, oversee public improvement projects, conduct environmental reviews, submit reimbursement requests and reports to HUD, attend community meetings, provide fair housing training and monitoring, and planning for future program needs. The City will also prepare its next five year Consolidated Plan and Fair Housing Analysis this year.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

The City of Albany has two census tracts that HUD has qualified as low-income tracts with over 50 percent of the households with incomes less than 80% of the area median income.

Census Tract 204 has the highest percent of persons in poverty, at 39.1%. Census Tract 204 is bordered by the Willamette River to the north and includes historic downtown and older areas in the heart of the City.

Census Tract 208 abuts Tract 204 to the south and is located in the geographic center of the city. Tract 208 is south and east of Pacific Boulevard, State Route 99. It includes a large amount of industrial land, apartments, and housing built in the 1970s and 1980s. Tract 208 also includes a concentration of Hispanic/Latino and other minority households.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

In the 2017-18 Action Plan, the City will focus funding on improving housing units, removing blighting influences, and improving accessibility in Census Tracts 204 and 208.

The City estimates 70 percent of its 2017 CDBG entitlement award will be spent in Census Tracts 204 and 208.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

In this section of the Plan, HUD asks jurisdictions to indicate the number of households that will be assisted with an affordable housing program such as rental assistance, housing rehabilitation, or new housing.

The City of Albany’s low-income housing rehabilitation program will help improve the quality and livability of Albany’s existing affordable housing stock. The housing rehabilitation programs will continue in FY 17-18 and the City will fund two different down payment assistance programs to promote home ownership (acquisition of existing units).

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	12
Special-Needs	0
Total	12

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	6
Acquisition of Existing Units	6
Total	12

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

Discussion

The City will be providing CDBG funding to several agencies that will be supporting Albany’s homeless households, low-income households, and households with special needs. However, this section does not include reporting on the provision of emergency shelter, transitional shelter, or social services.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

There are no public housing units in the City of Albany. Section AP-60 is not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

The local housing authority, Linn Benton Housing Authority is not designated as troubled.

Discussion

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

Introduction

The Albany has a network of providers that help homeless and special needs residents with services and housing.

Linn County Health Services (LCHS) serves persons with mental, physical, or other developmental disabilities, persons with addiction, and persons with HIV/AIDS. LCHS provides comprehensive support services to adults and children families by facilitating individual support plans, housing placement and employment services, and referrals to other service agencies. LCHS helps place residents into foster care, group homes, supported living, and state programs. LCHS coordinates the Adult Services Team that helps homeless or near homeless individuals/families overcome or prevent the conditions of homelessness with individual plans leading to stabilized lives. LCHS provides HIV counseling and testing and assists HIV-positive people obtain health insurance, medical care and other resources to improve their well-being and self-sufficiency. LCHS provides alcohol, drug and gambling treatment, prevention and education programs .

C.H.A.N.C.E. assists individuals with mental health and/or substance abuse related issues seeking recovery with guidance, resources, and housing placements. Albany has a successful Oxford House local chapter with 10 recovery houses.

Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG) provide services to Albany's elderly and frail elderly residents, residents with disabilities, and veterans. The Senior and Disability department serves as the Area Agency on Aging and the Medicaid long-term care agency for the region. OCWCOG assesses needs and develops individual care plans to assist residents with services including caregiver resources, food and nutrition services, adult protective services, Veteran's services and they help older adults stay in their homes with the assistance of home care workers through Oregon Project Independence. Albany's Mayor is on the Board of Directors.

Service providers coordinate providing case management and health services is strong with representative staff "teams" from Department of Human Services (DHS), LCHS, OCWCOG, Family Tree Relief Nursery, Albany Partnership and other agencies that work successfully together to deliver a comprehensive package of wrap-around support services for children and families, and victims of domestic violence.

Albany's homeless residents and residents at risk of becoming homeless are served by 3 emergency shelters- Albany Helping Hands, Signs of Victory Mission (SOV), and Jackson Street Youth Services. The shelters provide free hot meals, food and clothing pantries, and case management, skill development, and health assessments. Service providers meet monthly through the Homeless Enrichment and Rehabilitation Team (HEART). SOV shelter just tripled its capacity in a new facility adding roughly 40 beds.

The 2015 Point in Time (PIT) homeless one-night count identified 222 homeless individuals in Linn County representing 181 households. Of these, 154 people reported being sheltered and 68 reported being unsheltered. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Count for the 2015-2016 school year had 342 children in the Greater Albany Public School District grades K through 12 that were considered homeless, including those staying in shelters, with friends or relatives, or in a motel. Of these, 96 were unaccompanied youth.

Despite successful efforts by local providers to reduce homelessness and Emergency Homeless Assistance and

Emergency Solutions Grants managed by Community Services Consortium, there is ongoing need to assist the homeless and at risk residents with affordable and/or permanent supportive housing. Prior year CDBG funds provided property acquisition assistance to add emergency shelter and transitional housing beds. Consultations are ongoing to identify opportunities to help add capacity.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

Consolidated Plan Goal: Reduce Homelessness

Actions

1. Actively participate in the Homeless Enrichment and Rehabilitation Team (HEART). HEART members work together to coordinate efforts to address needs identified in the *Linn County Ten Year Plan to Address Issues Around Homelessness*. HEART will prepare and distribute resource bags stocked with necessities and a resource list for where to go locally to get services and shelter. HEART sponsors an annual resource fair for Albany's homeless residents that include numerous area agencies and vendors that help residents with medical and dental needs, haircuts, identification, and numerous other services.
2. The City of Albany will sponsor an annual summit on homelessness and participate in the annual homeless resource fairs. The summit brings leaders, providers and residents together to discuss issues and develop action lists to address issues around homelessness in Albany.
3. Support the Community Services Consortium (CSC) annual "stand down" event (resource fair) for Veterans.
4. Monitor Albany's homeless camps, communicate with unsheltered residents to assess needs and encourage residents to seek support services.
5. Provide public services grants to food pantry and hot meal programs that serve homeless, unsheltered, and low-income residents and provides an opportunity for interaction to assess individual needs.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Reduce Homelessness Activity Goal

1. Provide emergency and transitional shelter to 30 homeless or at-risk youth this program year. (AP-35 Project 5: Public Services - Youth Shelter Services)

Actions

1. Provide Public Services grants to local agencies that work to prevent homelessness or work with homeless residents and youth to move homeless persons into permanent housing.
2. Continue consultations with shelter providers and service providers to stay informed of plans and needs to expand capacity.
3. Support the Community Services Consortium, the local community action agency, that administers state Emergency Housing and federal Emergency Solutions grants to house homeless individuals and to provide emergency housing assistance to prevent homelessness.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The City of Albany's 2017-18 Action Plan goals and actions to help homeless persons make the transition to permanent housing and to preventing future homelessness include the following projects/services:

- Homeless and Unaccompanied Youth Services – The local youth shelter, Albany House, opened last year with CDBG support. CDBG public services grant funds will provide emergency and transitional housing, case management, and support services for 30 of Albany's unaccompanied youth this program year. The shelter programs promote self-sufficiency using the Positive Youth Development approach. (See AP35 - Project 5.)
- Employment Services for Homeless Adults – CDBG public service funds will provide an employment coordinator at the Albany Helping Hands shelter. The coordinator will work with shelter guests to get job skills training, life skills, education, and more to help them gain employment. The annual goal of the program is to help at least 30 residents through the steps to prepare for and apply for jobs. (See AP35 - Project 6)

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

The following programs and services provided by Albany agencies help prevent Albany's low-income and at-risk residents from becoming homeless. Most of these programs and services did not request or need CDBG funding this program year.

- Child Abuse Prevention – Family Tree Relief Nursery (FTRN) will use a Public Services grant to provide a home-based intervention service for high-risk families struggling with domestic violence and substance abuse. The FTRN works with parents and children to strengthen and keep families together and to prevent abuse and foster care placements. (See AP35 - Project 7.)
- Food Distribution Services - Signs of Victory Mission shelter recently expanded into a larger facility, tripling their capacity. They are expecting nutritional meals and food box demand will also triple. A CDBG public services grant will help support the food distribution service that is available to all low-income residents and helps to prevent homelessness. (See AP3 Project 8.)
- Recovery Housing - Albany has ten Oxford Houses that provide housing for more than 130 people recovering from drug and alcohol addiction. Many of these individuals have also been incarcerated and have difficulty finding and staying in permanent housing on their own once released from jail. Albany has seven other faith-based houses for persons in recovery.

- Linn County Parole and Probation works with C.H.A.N.C.E. to place residents discharged from correctional programs and institutions into housing. C.H.A.N.C.E. and Linn County provide support services to these residents.
- Community Services Consortium provides utility assistance, rental assistance, financial fitness classes, and help for homeowners through several programs. They administer federal emergency housing grants to provide emergency housing assistance and rapid re-housing assistance to area homeless and at-risk residents.
- FISH of Albany manages the “toto” fund that helps people return home to their local support systems if they have become homeless in Albany.
- The ABC House provides counseling to parents and family members to reduce the incidences of child abuse and consequent homelessness for children and families.
- Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services provides financial fitness assistance and foreclosure prevention counseling for homeowners.

Discussion

There is demand for more special needs housing units and assistance to help these populations stay in stable housing in Albany. LCHS and Linn Benton Housing Authority are discussing a partnership to add units for residents with mental and developmental disabilities and the City has offered CDBG assistance when a project and plan materialize.

Oxford Houses and faith-based recovery houses have been successfully serving residents with addiction alcohol and drug addictions. Directors of Linn County Parole and Probation, two shelters and other civic leaders have started discussing the need for a detox center.

Cascades West Council of Governments (OCWCOG) staff has indicated other financial resources are available to help them provide programs and services to the elderly, frail elderly and residents with physical impairments.

Albany Helping Hands shelter is working with the faith-based community to help acquire and/or provide transitional housing units.

Staff and the Community Development Commission met with agencies to assess 17-18 program needs and activities that could be supported with CDBG funding. Many of the community needs are being met by existing agencies as described in the AP-65 Introduction. Albany allocated 15% of its CDBG funds for public services and solicited requests from area agencies that serve homeless and special needs residents. The City decided to award 17-18 CDBG public services grants to reduce and prevent homelessness through shelter services, employment services, food banks, and support services to parents to prevent child abuse. The FY 17-18 CDBG funded activities include Projects 5, 6, 7, and 8 as described in AP-30 Projects.

The City will continue to participate in regional meetings of service providers and actively support HEART (Homeless Enrichment and Rehabilitation Team) activities and strategic planning.

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

Introduction:

The largest barrier to affordable housing in Albany is lack of available units to households or individuals earning less than 50 percent of the area median family income. Thousands of Albany households are experiencing high housing cost burden. Rents have also increased substantially over the last two years, reducing Albany's supply of affordable housing units.

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

The Albany Comprehensive Plan includes several policies that promote the development and maintenance of affordable housing in Albany. Policies also promote housing variety, mixed use housing, and infill development. The Albany Development Code regulations permit a variety of housing types in several zones that would enable affordable housing to be constructed. The City of Albany is taking the following actions that are anticipated to affect housing affordability:

- The City is currently evaluating development code updates to several mixed use zones in Albany's downtown area. The proposed amendments include allowing residential uses in more situations, and reduced residential parking and open space requirements.
- The City is conducting a development code audit, which will form the basis for future code amendments.
- The City is updating its residential buildable land inventory to determine residential land needs.
- The City is working with the University of Oregon to conduct an equity and opportunity mapping analysis – to map demographic, housing, employment, and other variables related to access to opportunity. The analysis will supplement HUD provided mapping tools for the Assessment of Fair Housing and will also help the City assess needs and targeted investment strategies.

In FY 17-18, CDBG funds reduce the cost of home ownership for Albany's low- and moderate-income residents by continuing housing rehabilitation programs and starting home-buyer assistance programs. Specifically, the City will:

- Assist six low-income households purchase a home in Albany by providing down payment assistance loans and grants;
- Provide essential repair grants to four low-income Albany households for repairs and improvements to include weatherization, energy efficiency improvements, and accessibility repairs as applicable; to reduce housing costs and keep residents in their homes; and
- Provide three low or moderate income Albany households with zero-interest deferred loans for comprehensive housing rehabilitation; this will reduce housing costs and keep residents in their homes.

Discussion:

Housing affordability is a growing issue for Albany residents; as Albany's market rate housing costs continue to rise, there are long waiting lists for publicly supported housing units. The issue is complex as many variables affect housing

affordability, including pressure from neighboring housing markets.

The City's efforts to evaluate the code for barriers to affordable housing and assess residential land availability in 2017-2018 will help the city assess and modify current policies as needed. The City is using CDBG funds to expand its housing programs in order to directly improve housing affordability for more of Albany's LMI households in FY 17-18

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City of Albany, through implementation of this Action Plan, will address obstacles to meeting underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing, reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of poverty-level families, assist in the development of the community's institutional structure, and enhance the coordination of public/private housing and services efforts.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

There are more needs than resources to meet those needs within the City of Albany. The primary obstacle to meeting underserved needs identified in Albany's 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan is lack of funding. To date, the City of Albany has allocated the maximum amount it can to support public services for Albany's low-income and special needs populations. The City continues to meet with area agencies and other public and governmental entities to identify ways to partner and collaborate resources and programming to address as many of Albany's underserved needs as possible.

The City of Albany has prioritized CDBG funds to activities that will have the greatest impact to the residents and to improve neighborhood livability and sustainability and increase economic opportunities.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City will use CDBG funds to continue the Housing Rehabilitation grant and loan programs that provide funds to owners of low-income housing units to rehabilitate their homes. These programs help to both improve and maintain Albany's existing affordable housing supply and reduce operating and rehabilitation costs for low and moderate income households. The City will add a new CDBG home buyer down payment assistance programs to encourage home ownership.

- The Community Services Consortium (CSC) will provide essential repair grants to three low-income households to make repairs needed so the homes are eligible for free weatherization assistance.
- The housing rehabilitation loan program will be managed by Willamette Neighborhood Housing Services (WNHS). WNHS has extensive experience in providing the full spectrum of housing services. CDBG funds will provide three Albany households with zero interest deferred loans for housing rehabilitation.
- WNHS will provide "extra step" down payment assistance loans of \$10,000 to five households.
- Linn Benton Housing Authority will provide down payment assistance grants to clients currently saving for home-ownership through the VIDA savings program.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City of Albany currently distributes lead-hazard information pamphlets to any resident seeking information

regarding housing repairs in historic districts and provides links on the City's website.

The City requires subrecipients that administer housing rehabilitation programs to use a lead safe housing checklist on housing constructed before 1978. The checklist follows the federal requirements for lead safe housing and includes evaluation, testing, implementing safe work practices, compliance with the EPA's Renovator, repair and painting laws, clearance exams or risk assessments as required. In addition, the CSC will distribute lead-hazard information to each recipient of a housing rehabilitation loan or grant. The pamphlets are available on the City's website and at City Hall.

The City will continue to closely monitor each housing rehabilitation project involving housing units constructed before 1978 for compliance with the federal standards and processes.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The Child Abuse Prevention program provided by Family Tree Relief Nursery described earlier will help parents of families in poverty gain skills to make safe choices for their family, and help them recover from domestic and substance abuse situations.

The City will continue to expand economic opportunities for Albany residents in FY 2017-18 with current year and prior year CDBG resources through the following two programs:

- Microenterprise Development – Prior year CDBG funds will continue to support low-income residents that enroll in Linn Benton Community College Small Business Development Center's Microbusiness courses and services. Programs provide free and reduced-cost courses and one-on-one advising to Albany's low-income entrepreneurs.
- Economic Opportunity Grants – The City will continue its small grant program that provides financial assistance to small businesses to offset costs to create jobs made available to LMI residents.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Albany is fortunate to have agencies with well-established service delivery structures within the City.

The City works closely with area agencies to identify needs and select subrecipients to carry out activities that address priority needs identified in the Consolidated Plan and in the community. Coordination and communication result in partnerships and collaboration among agencies and ensure successful implementation of the CDBG programs and desired outcomes.

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

Thanks to efforts by many agencies, there is ongoing collaboration among public and private housing and social service agencies through the HEART team for addressing the needs of homeless and residents at risk of becoming homeless. The Homeless Enrichment and Rehabilitation Team (HEART) board meets monthly, representing a large coordination effort between service agencies, the public and local government. HEART members are working collaboratively to develop one client intake form and a multi-user intake system to better serve the clients and to enhance information

sharing between agencies.

Numerous agencies work together to provide an “adult services team” that assesses needs of adults and provides wrap-around services to them to address their needs. There is ongoing coordination between the Department of Human Services and many social service agencies such as the Family Tree Relief Nursery child abuse prevention program. Agencies work together to connect clients and residents to services and/or housing.

City staff look for opportunities to facilitate partnerships among affordable housing and service providers. This coordination helps to ensure the resources of agencies serving low-income community members are applied efficiently and that residents/clients are supported throughout the housing continuum.

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table in AP-20 and are anticipated to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income residents in FY 2017-2018.

The City has not received any program income to date.

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

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	95.00%

Albany is entering its fifth year as an Entitlement grantee and has not generated any program income to date and has not made any Section 108 loan guarantees. All unspent prior year resources are included in activities in prior year's plans.

The city anticipates 95 percent of CDBG funds, excluding program administration, will be used to benefit persons of low and moderate income in the 2017 program year (City FY 17-18).