

## Executive Summary

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

#### 1. Introduction

In this second year of the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan, the City continues to prioritize funding activities with the highest needs according to the data and outreach collected during the Consolidated Plan update process. The City's CDBG Program Annual Action Plan features a range of activities, each intended to respond to the City's needs through economic development, housing support, and public services to support low- and moderate-income populations. The City has placed a special emphasis on supporting the needs of our community through committing the majority of our funding to housing preservation activities. The PY2024 proposed projects are as follows:

Rebuilding Together Thurston County	Critical Home Repair	\$75,000
South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity	Critical Home Repair	\$75,000
Enterprise for Equity	Microenterprise Technical Assistance and Training	\$51,961
South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity	Energize Olympia	\$46,273
City of Olympia	Homeless Response Outreach	\$50,000
City of Olympia	Planning and Administrative Costs	\$69,409

**Table 1 - PY24 Projects**

#### 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.

CDBG funds are targeted to support existing City plans such as the One Community Plan and Housing Action Plan. The City's Housing Action Plan identifies housing gaps and actions to address barriers to affordable housing. The City faces major setbacks to availability of affordable housing, especially among People of Color. In Thurston County, POC have lower incomes, are less likely to own their home, are more likely to be housing cost-burdened, and are more likely to experience homelessness. Policies that have led to these outcomes include redlining, zoning regulations, deed restrictive covenants, and other racial housing discrimination. The City is working diligently with a variety of stakeholders to address inequitable policies and procedures and to expand access to affordable housing for underserved populations.

The City of Olympia has identified six actions that will be implemented as a part of its Housing Action Plan, listed below:

1. Increase the supply of permanent, income-restricted affordable housing.
2. Make it easier for households to access housing and stay housed.
3. Expand the overall housing supply by making it easier to build all types of housing projects.
4. Increase the variety of housing choices.
5. Continually build on resources, collaboration, and public understanding to improve implementation of housing strategies.
6. Establish a permanent source of funding for low-income housing.

In 2018, the City passed the Home Fund Levy which meets strategic goal number 6 and provides an annual dedicated source of funding for affordable housing. The City continues to take action to meet other strategic goals. According to the Consolidated Plan, preservation of existing affordable housing has been identified as one of the most impactful activities in our community. The Annual Action Plan reflects this by allocating a large portion of our formula award to critical home repair activities. The City utilizes the CDBG program as a tool to

### **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's CDBG program has made great strides to meet goals set up in past Annual Action Plans and Consolidated Plans.

The City's CDBG program is consistently timely with its spenddown and continues to provide technical assistance to subrecipients to build capacity in administering CDBG funding. Local service providers continue to expand capacity to reach more LMI households in the community. Performance measures related to housing activities have increased dramatically over the past five-year Consolidated Plan.

### **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City is holding a briefing at the Affordable Housing Advisory Board on May 16th, 2024, allowing for public involvement in proposed PY 24 projects. City staff are presenting the draft AAP to the Community Livability and Public Safety Committee on May 24th. A 30-day public comment period will be open from May 17-June 17. Public outreach efforts will include a news release, a newspaper ad printed in the local paper, and social media posts from the City. A public hearing and opportunity to provide testimony on the draft AAP is scheduled for June 4, 2024. Consideration of approval of the draft AAP is scheduled for June 18, 2024.

### **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.

To be updated after public comment period.

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

To be updated after public comment period.

**7. Summary**

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	Olympia	
CDBG Administrator	Olympia	Department of Community Vitality
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator		
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 2 – Responsible Agencies

### Narrative

The CDBG Program Manager in the Office of Community Vitality prepares each Annual Action Plan and is the point of contact for the City's Consolidated Plan.

### Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

### **1. Introduction**

The City consulted with a variety of stakeholders and constituents during the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan update. Each Annual Action Plan during this period will reflect the findings of the outreach and research in the Consolidated Plan. In development of the Annual Action Plan, City staff regularly participate in Regional Housing Council meetings and discuss priority housing needs in the community. City staff also participate in the regional Housing Action Team, a group of housing providers and government employees to discuss capacity building and services needed for LMI residents.

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

The City's participation in these coordinating bodies allowed the City to receive valuable input from a broad range of service providers.

**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 Thurston County Continuum of Care (COC) is the body that addresses the needs of homeless people in all populations. The COC is also directly aligned with Coordinated Entry Team that engages in an ongoing system improvement work to seek, develop and adopt best practices for serving homeless people. City staff meets with the COC regularly to ensure goals are aligned and efforts to address homelessness are compounded but not duplicated. The housing projects funded this program year are directly targeted to prevent housing insecurity and meet the goals of the COC.

**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 Thurston Thrives Coordination Council works directly with the Regional Housing Council to develop recommendations on how best to invest all state and local funds including ESG funds. The TTCC also works closely with the Coordinated Entry Team to strengthen HMIS administration and reporting.

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

**Table 3 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Thurston County Continuum of Care
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - Federal Other government - State Other government - County Other government - Local Regional organization Planning organization

<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	

2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Regional Housing Council
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - Federal Other government - State Other government - County Other government - Local Regional organization Business Leaders Civic Leaders Business and Civic Leaders



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	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The City participated in strategic regional policy to help coordinate all public funding.
3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Thurston Regional Planning Council
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Other government - State Other government - County Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Broadband service providers strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	TRPC was consulted during the Consolidated Plan process to strategize broadband services.
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THURSTON COUNTY
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	PHA

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The Housing Authority was consulted during the Consolidated Plan process to provide housing market data, public housing data, review of inventory and housing vouchers, and to help identify the priority needs and goals for the Consolidated Plan.

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

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Thurston County	Each plan emphasizes the inter-relationship of housing, shelter, supportive services and economic opportunity for all low- and moderate-income people.

**Table 4 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Narrative**

City staff continue to follow the priorities and needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. The consultation process for the Consolidated Plan update and creation of the Annual Action Plan has been extensive. City staff have worked alongside County staff and consultants in order to collect data that accurately reflects the needs of our community.

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

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

The Annual Action Plan has a 30-day public comment period, a Public Hearing, a briefing at the community Affordable Housing Advisory Board, and briefing at the City's Community Livability and Public Safety committee. Goal-setting has been influenced by the Consolidated Plan update for 2023-2027.

**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)

**Table 5 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## **Expected Resources**

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

#### **Introduction**

The City has made a great effort in expending prior program year unspent funds and is now timely in its expenditures and continues to meet

performance measure timelines and project milestones with all subrecipients.

### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	362,353	179,411	20,594	562,358	1,158,000	In PY24, the funding available for allocation is the annual allocation, \$20,594 in prior year resources that are available from two activities being completed under budget. There is \$179,411 recorded as Program Income, however \$177,997 is existing funding that is reserved for the City's revolving loan fund for rental rehabilitation projects. The remaining PI is anticipated from housing loan repayments. The total available to allocate to PY24 activities is \$367,643. Entitlement funds, prior year resources from projects coming under budget, existing funding in the revolving loan fund and anticipated program income.

Table 6 - 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**

All housing related projects outlined in the Annual Action Plan aside from the Revolving Loan Fund are being partially funded with PY24 CDBG

funding. The subrecipients will be contributing staff time, resources, and materials to complete the agreed upon projects. Neither the city nor the organizations could have completed these goals independently of one another. The partnering agencies will be seeking outside donations and/or other state and local funds to fill the budget gaps to serve low/mod income homeowners and renters. Additionally, CDBG funds are used to leverage state funding for the Energize Olympia campaign.

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

N/A

### **Discussion**

The City will pursue all potential leverage to ensure maximum leverage of local, state and federal funding sources.

## Annual Goals and Objectives

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

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
<b>1</b>	Preserve and Improve Existing Affordable Housing	2023	2027	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of Olympia	Housing Services	CDBG: \$246,273	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 40 Households Assisted Rental units rehabilitated: 3 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit
<b>2</b>	Improve Housing and Economic Outcomes	2023	2027	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of Olympia	Community and Economic Development	CDBG: \$51,961	Businesses assisted: 8 Businesses Assisted

**Table 7 – Goals Summary**

#### Goal Descriptions



1	<b>Goal Name</b>	Preserve and Improve Existing Affordable Housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The City prioritizes this goal with CDBG funding allocations. Critical home repair and preservation activities are undertaken by two subrecipients for homeowner rehabilitation and one internal program for rental rehabilitation. In PY24, the City is also funding an energy efficiency program to provide fully subsidized heat pump installations for LMI households. The City is also funding a public service for homeless response providing outreach and resources for residents experiencing homelessness.
2	<b>Goal Name</b>	Improve Housing and Economic Outcomes
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The City is funding a subrecipient to provide microenterprise assistance to LMI businessowners and prospective business owners. This program focuses on outreach for underrepresented communities such as Black and Brown businesses and LGBTQIA+ businesses.

## **AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)**

### **Introduction**

The City continues to prioritize funding of activities that support the preservation of existing affordable housing stock.

#	Project Name
1	Housing Rehabilitation
2	Economic Development
3	Public services
4	Planning and Administrative
5	Revolving Loan Fund

**Table 8 – Project Information**

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

Priorities and allocations are determined by the data collected during the 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan update and public process.

**AP-38 Project Summary**  
**Project Summary Information**

1	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing Rehabilitation
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Olympia
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Preserve and Improve Existing Affordable Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$210,000
	<b>Description</b>	Rehabilitation and preservation for homeowners, rental units. Activities to be carried out by grantee and subrecipients.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/1/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Activities undertaken by subrecipients and the City as a grantee estimates approximately 15 homeowner units and 3 rental units that will be rehabilitated.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Across the City of Olympia
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Critical Home Repair by South Puget Sound Habitat for Humanity; Critical Home Repair by Rebuilding Together Thurston County; Energize Olymia - Subsidized electric heat pump campaign; Revolving Loan Fund - Rental rehabilitation.
2	<b>Project Name</b>	Economic Development
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Olympia
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve Housing and Economic Outcomes
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Community and Economic Development
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$51,961
	<b>Description</b>	Economic development activities to be carried out by subrecipients.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/1/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 8 businesses will complete microenterprise assistance training.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Across the City of Olympia

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Microbusiness development and strengthening through and provision of technical assistance and training services (Cohort based Business Readiness Workshops and Business Planning Programs, Individual Coaching, Industry and business topicspecific webinars and workshops, and loan preparation).
<b>3</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Public services
	<b>Target Area</b>	City of Olympia
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Improve Housing and Economic Outcomes
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$50,000
	<b>Description</b>	Public services to be undertaken by subrecipients and the City as a grantee.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/1/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Approximately 40 community members experiencing homelessness will receive outreach and resources.
	<b>Location Description</b>	Encampments across Olympia.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Homeless response by the City of Olympia. Activities include connecting to housing service providers, coordinated entry intake, emergency weather preparation and assistance, urgent supply distribution.
<b>4</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Planning and Administrative
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$72,400
	<b>Description</b>	Planning and administrative costs for the CDBG program.
	<b>Target Date</b>	9/1/2025
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	N/A

	<b>Location Description</b>	N/A
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	N/A
<b>5</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Revolving Loan Fund
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Preserve and Improve Existing Affordable Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$177,997
	<b>Description</b>	Provide rental rehabilitation loans to landlords of low and moderate income rental units to provide health and safety, home preservation, and energy efficiency updates and repairs.
	<b>Target Date</b>	
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Estimated 3 families will receive benefit this year.
	<b>Location Description</b>	
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	

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

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

Services are provided throughout the entitlement community. Homeowner rehabilitation is prioritized in low-income census tracts and those with minority concentrations according to City and HUD GIS mapping tools.

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
City of Olympia	100

**Table 9 - Geographic Distribution**

### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

### **Discussion**

The City continues to work on updating GIS systems to reflect underserved and overrepresented communities in poverty. The City is considering undertaking a local income survey to collect better data on what census tracts are most vulnerable.





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

### **Introduction**

The City of Olympia has made great strides in confronting barriers to producing and preserving multi-family rental units but more work is needed to produce homeownership units and to remove barriers that low-income households face in accessing those units. Increasing homeownership provides a unique opportunity to equitably provide affordable, sustainable, healthy and safe housing while assisting low and moderate-income households to begin building wealth and exiting poverty. The three key barriers to homeownership that still exist are the reduced organizational capacity of housing developers to create new homeownership housing, insufficient availability of financing and subsidies needed to produce new housing, and insufficient availability of resources needed to purchase a house. These barriers are present in Olympia but also seen statewide and have been called out in Homestead Community Land Trust's Closed Doors report, the Black Home Initiative, and the State's Homeownership Disparities Work Group study.

### **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**

In recent years the City of Olympia has taken several actions to address and mitigate barriers to affordable housing production and preservation. Some of these measures are briefly described below.

#### **1. Dedicated Funding Source:**

In 2018, voters approved a ballot measure that created the Home Fund, a local funding source that is solely used for the construction and preservation of housing units affordable to Olympia residents whose incomes do not exceed 60% of area median income by household size. The funding originates from the collection of one-tenth of one percent sales and use tax. Until 2023, funding awards were made by an Olympia Home Fund board comprised of residents with knowledge and expertise in the affordable housing field. From 2018 through 2022, Olympia's Home Fund supported the creation of approximately 130 permanent rental units.

In 2022, Thurston County adopted its own Home Fund and in 2023, the Olympia and Thurston County Home Funds were merged, thereby creating a local funding mechanism that offers an anticipated \$8 million annually toward the construction and preservation of affordable

housing in Thurston County. In 2023, seven projects that will produce 137 new units of housing by 2027 were awarded funds.

Funding awards for the newly merged Home Fund are now recommended by a citizen advisory board known as the Thurston Affordable Housing Advisory Board. The board is comprised of residents of Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, and Yelm. Board members have a wide range of expertise in the affordable housing field. In establishing the board, priority was placed on including board members with lived experience of homelessness or housing insecurity. Priority was also placed on individuals who represent a population which is overly represented in Thurston County's Homeless Crisis Response Plan. Examples of such populations are Black, Hispanic, and LGBTQIA+.

## 2. Housing Action Plan

The cities of Olympia, Lacey, and Tumwater partnered with Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC) in 2021 to create Housing Action Plans. Because the cities are so closely geographically located and operate within the same housing market constraints, the decision was made for each city's plan to include the same six strategies for increasing the production and preservation of affordable housing. The strategies are:

- Increase the supply of permanently affordable housing for households that make 80 percent or less of the area median income.
- Make it easier for households to access housing and stay housed.
- Expand the overall housing supply by making it easier to build all types of housing projects.
- Increase the variety of housing choices.
- Continually build on resources, collaboration, and public understanding to improve implementation of housing strategies.
- Establish a permanent source of funding for low-income housing.

Cities then individually identified several actions their jurisdiction would take to support these six broad strategies. The City of Olympia's Housing Action Plan includes 71 actions. Staff across the organization recognize the need for affordable housing and work collaboratively to carry out the Housing Action Plan.

## Discussion

The City of Olympia has extensively gathered and analyzed data and engaged our residents to assess the community's housing needs. The City pursued a Missing Middle Initiative, an effort to increase housing production and range of housing options by allowing more than one housing unit per lot. The City engaged Olympians on the issue of homelessness and from the engagement emerged the One Community plan, a roadmap

for addressing homelessness. A Housing Needs Assessment identified, among other things, the need for more housing production and preservation and a need for a range of housing types to meet current and anticipated demand. The 2023-2027 Consolidated Plan deepened our knowledge about housing need and instability in Olympia. It provided data on the cost to produce and preserve housing as well as data on housing cost burden. The Assessment of Fair Housing highlighted populations of our community who experience barriers to accessing housing, housing insecurity, housing cost burden and ongoing disparities in homeownership.

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

### **Introduction**

The City, through non-profit agencies supported with state funding will continue its outreach particularly to homeless individuals and families to connect them to employment and education opportunities through the variety of programs that are available in the community.

The City will continue its efforts in creating effective partnerships with service delivery agencies and other jurisdictions within its boundaries to implement countywide programs and activities that strengthen our capacity to address the needs of low-income households.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

The City through the funded non-profit agencies will continue its outreach particularly to homeless individuals and families to connect them to employment and education opportunities through the variety of programs that are available in the community. The City is also actively pursuing state and federal funding to address obstacles to affordable housing.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

The City will continue its efforts in creating effective partnerships with service delivery agencies and other jurisdictions within its boundaries to implement countywide programs and activities that strengthen our capacity to address the needs of low-income households.

The City, through the Housing Action Team and Regional Housing Council, will continue to create partnerships for the ongoing development of affordable housing in our community. A working group of the Housing Action Team is the Affordable Housing Team, which is comprised of local affordable housing providers, local jurisdiction staff, and other interested private sector parties. The group works to focus collaborative action to create, preserve and diversify affordable and equitable housing through advocacy, education, and leadership.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

The Regional Housing Council (RHC), representing the jurisdictions of Thurston County, Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, and Yelm all pledge a portion of local sales tax revenue collected by the jurisdictions to support health and human services agencies throughout the County. For the past several years, the RHC has directed these funds to be used to fund local non-profit agencies that address "basic needs"

including food and meal programs, personal hygiene, childcare, and other emergency needs to support low-income households.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

In January 2021, Thurston County and the Cities of Olympia, Lacey, Tumwater, and Yelm, signed an Interlocal Agreement to form the Regional Housing Council (RHC). The RHC replaces the Health and Human Services Council and creates a more intentional focus on addressing affordable housing and homelessness as a region. The primary purpose of the RHC is to leverage resources and partnerships through policies and projects that promote equitable access to safe and affordable housing.

The Thurston Thrives Housing Action Team and its sub teams, including Affordable Housing; Homeless Housing Hub; Affordable Rental Housing; Manufactured Housing Work Group; and Senior Housing, will continue to build new partnerships to enhance our planning environment. These teams provide valuable information to our local planning bodies regarding the development of affordable housing and needed public services.

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

The Housing Action Team is again the key county focus on the activities in this area. The HAT forum brings together non-profits, government and private sector developers in a unique manner that solicits input for the greater community wellbeing.

### **Discussion**

The City will continue to solicit the input from existing community members, local not for profit agencies and private sector businesses to create a stronger, healthier community.

## Program Specific Requirements

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

#### Introduction

#### Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

##### Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

#### Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

## **Discussion**

The City continues to use its CDBG funding to benefit low- and moderate-income community members. The City utilizes contingency projects to avoid program income not being allocated to any projects. The overall benefit period for this Annual Action Plan is 2024, 2025, 2026.

