

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

Summary of Proposed PY 2015 CDBG Activities and Fund Allocation

Priority Strategy: Economic Development

The City's CDBG Program Annual Action Plan features a range of activities, each intended to directly or indirectly promote economic development—the primary City of Olympia strategy identified in the Consolidated Plan. The specific PY 2015 activities are identified as follows:

1. Economic Development Direct Economic Development Assistance (*Defined as direct assistance to businesses*)

\$27,500* Downtown Safety & Façade Improvement Program

The City will use “Crime Prevention through Environmental Design” (CPTED) to identify and prioritize projects that will increase safety and economic vitality downtown. Funding will be made available as loans to private property owners for projects that involve: (1) Downtown Safety Loans (i.e., security lighting, gates, or related improvements); or (2) Façade Improvement Loans that restore highly visible storefronts in the downtown core.

2. Public Facilities Indirect Economic Development Assistance (*Defined as activities that improve the business environment*)

\$64,000 Repayment to CDBG Section 108 Loan

Second of five repayments on the Section 108 loan guarantee funded “**Downtown Safety Project**” to provide alley lighting for up to 13 alleys in specific locations and ADA sidewalk- accessible improvements to improve pedestrian accessibility.

\$219,714* Grow Olympia Fund – Business Loans

Provide additional loan funds to the “Grow Olympia Fund”. The small business loan program to be administered via contract with the National Development Council and in partnership with the “Grow American Fund,” the Thurston Economic Development Council (EDC), the Thurston County Chamber of Commerce, and the Olympia Downtown Association (ODA).

This program will be designed to complement existing tools; i.e., technical assistance, business training, and business coordination programs provided by EDC, ODA, and Enterprise for Equity, and the incubator program of the Thurston County Chamber.

3. Social Services Indirect Economic Development Assistance (*Defined as activities that improve the business environment*)

\$55,397* Downtown Ambassador Program – Capital Recovery Center

This program serves as a link between downtown businesses and social services by providing street outreach, referrals, and other assistance to homeless, street-dependent, and mentally ill individuals in the downtown core. Capital Recovery Center is a nonprofit mental health service provider.

4. Planning and Administrative Costs

\$91,654 Staffing costs to administer the CDBG Program, also known as “general administration”.

* Includes estimated 10% Activity Delivery Costs (ADC) necessary for managing these programs

For more information about approved strategies, please see the [Citizen’s Summary](#) and Part I of the [2013-2017 Consolidated Plan](#), available on the City’s website.

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.

HUD Table #1--Proposed Awards by Recipient and Project

The following chart places each of the PY 2015 proposed activities within the framework of the CDBG Five-Year Consolidated Plan:

Table 1. Proposed PY 2015 Awards by Recipient and Project

Recipient	Project/ Activity	Outcomes	Strategic Goal(s) Met	HUD CDBG Objective(s) Met	Proposed PY 2015 Award
City of Olympia	Debt Service-Section 108 Downtown Improvements Project	Partial repayment of Section 108 loan, which funds the installation of lighting in approximately 13 alleys and 1 key sidewalk accessibility project	Public Facilities Improvements	15% - Low/Mod Area (LMA) 85% - Low/Mod Limited Clientele (LMC)	\$ 64,000
Capital Recovery Center	Downtown Ambassador Program	Citizen contacts with up to 150 homeless and mentally ill people	Homeless Continuum of Care	Low and moderate income benefit (LMI)	\$55,397**
Assorted Downtown Buildings	Safety & Façade Improvements Pilot Project (CPTED)*	Economic Development	Economic Development	Rehab: Publically or Privately owned commercial/industrial in a predominantly low/moderate-income residential area (LMA)	\$27,500**
City of Olympia	Grow Olympia Fund – Business Loans	Economic Development	Economic Development	Low and moderate income job creation (LMI)	\$219,714**
City of Olympia	Planning & Administrative Costs -15% of total funds	Administration of a compliant program	CDBG Program Administration	N/A	\$91,654
Total:					\$458,265
* <i>Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)</i>					
** <i>Includes estimated 10% Activity Delivery Costs (ADC) necessary for managing these programs</i>					

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

Evaluation of Past Performance – Program Year 2014

In PY 2014 (September 1, 2014-August 31, 2015) the Olympia CDBG Program allocated a total of \$642,375 for housing and community development activities during the second year of the five-year 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan. The following activities were funded:

- **Public Services** – Eight percent (8%) of funds (\$51,270) provided public services through the **Capital Recovery Center Ambassador Program** with a goal to provide street outreach and referrals for up to 156 street-dependent and homeless citizens. (Please note: to date, 363 people have been served).
- **Public Facilities** – Up to twenty-four percent (24%) of funds, or \$151,050, (indexed by the actual receipt of Program Income) was allocated for a public facilities project intended to demolish a derelict building and eliminate urban blight. (This amount includes a \$25,650 repayment to this project from funds borrowed during PY 2013 for the Downtown Ambassador Program.)
- **Small Business Revolving Loan Fund Pilot Project** – Thirty-nine percent (39%), or \$250,000, was used to fund the administration of the Grow Olympia Fund, managed by the National Development Council (NDC) to fund business retention and expansion projects that would create jobs for low- and moderate-income people. (No loans have been closed at the time of this report.)
- **Safety & Façade Improvements Pilot Project** – Four percent (4%), or \$25,000, was dedicated to fund projects defined as “Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) for work including safety lighting, alcove gates, and façade improvements. (Please note: projects will ultimately be defined as business loans or community center projects.) (One of four loans is closed as of the time of this report.)
- **Debt Service: Section 108 Funded Downtown Improvements Project** – Ten percent (10%), or \$64,000, was allocated to repay a CDBG Section 108 loan for a Public Facilities Downtown Safety Improvement project to provide alley lighting for public safety and ADA curb cuts for wheelchair accessibility in key areas of the downtown core.
- **Planning and Administrative Costs** – A total of sixteen percent (16%) of the funds (\$100,000) was allocated for program administrative costs (PAC), also known as general administrative costs of running the CDBG Program.

More information about Olympia’s CDBG Program can be found in the [2013 – 2017 Joint City-County Consolidated Plan](#). More specific information on the current PY 2014 accomplishments will be provided in the PY 2014 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report to be released October 2015.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Citizen Participation and Consultation Process

Participation from citizens, agencies, advocacy groups, nonprofit organizations, faith communities, businesses, and others concerned with housing, homelessness, and community development in the City of Olympia were encouraged throughout the CDBG planning process. Highlights of the process of developing the PY 2015 Annual Action Plan include:

- Council public discussions of PY 2015 CDBG Program Annual Action strategies and review of recommendations for funding during Council meetings held between November 2014 and January 2015.
- Council General Government Committee’s discussions on CDBG strategies and specific activities to be recommended for funding in their March and April 2015 meetings.
- Council review of existing data on affordable housing, homelessness, and community development needs.
- Coordination of countywide efforts to address homelessness, including the January 2015 Point-in-Time count.
- Participation in monthly meetings of the Thurston County HOME Consortium.
- Coordination of the monthly Thurston County Housing Task Force, which facilitates countywide efforts to address affordable housing and homelessness and to enhance service delivery to homeless and low-income people.
- Participation in other community meetings to discuss the CDBG Program in general and the proposed CDBG Annual Action Plan in particular.
- City Council public hearing on the proposed CDBG Annual Action Plan on June 2, 2015.
- Release of the Draft CDBG Annual Action Plan for public review and comment on May 22, 2015, followed by a 30-day public comment period from May 22 to June 22, 2015.
- Final Council approval of Draft CDBG Annual Action Plan on July 7, 2015.
- Submission of CDBG PY 2015 Annual Action Plan to HUD on or before July 15, 2015.

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.

Summary of Public Comments and Responses

The City will receive public comments on the proposed Program Year 2015 Annual Action Plan from citizens during the 30-day public comment period running from May 22 to June 22, 2015, which features a public hearing on June 2, 2015.

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

All comments or views will be accepted and included in the PY 2015 Annual Action Plan.

7. Summary

N/A

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	City of Olympia	Community Planning & Development
CDBG Administrator	Leonard Bauer	Deputy Director
HOPWA Administrator	N/A	
HOME Administrator	N/A	
HOPWA-C Administrator	N/A	

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

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

1. Introduction

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)).

Olympia facilitates the monthly Housing Task Force meeting and participates in the monthly HOME Citizens Advisory Committee (HCAC) that provides coordination and information sharing at a provider level. Olympia is a member of the County HOME Consortium that provides a policy level coordination and information sharing. The City also participates in numerous other public meetings to enhance coordination between public officials, service providers and other stakeholders.

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

The City participates in the County's "Continuum of Care" process, which is coordinated by the County's Homeless Coordinator. Coordination activities include:

- Needs assessments that involves consultation with service providers, public officials, and low- and moderate-income people;
- Information sharing on best practices and key issues at monthly Housing Task Force meetings of service providers and public officials and low- and moderate-income people;
- System enhancement that is coordinated at the monthly HOME Citizens Advisory Committee (HCAC);
- Development of a Homeless Plan in conjunction with HCAC, public officials, elected officials, and low- and moderate-income people, homeless, and people at risk of homelessness.

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

N/A - ESG funds administered by Thurston County.

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

1	Agency/Group/Organization	HOME Citizens Advisory Committee
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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 Economic Development 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?	Ongoing meetings on topics listed above with the intent of incorporating key goals and strategies
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Thurston County HOME Consortium
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County Civic Leaders

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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 Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
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3	Agency/Group/Organization	Thurston County Homeless Coordinator
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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 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?	Ongoing meetings on topics listed above with the intent of incorporating key goals and strategies
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Thurston County Housing Task Force
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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 Anti-poverty Strategy
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5	Agency/Group/Organization	Thurston County Chamber of Commerce
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Planning organization Business Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Economic Development 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?	Ongoing meetings on topics listed above with the intent of incorporating key goals and strategies

6	Agency/Group/Organization	Economic Development Council of Thurston County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization Business Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Economic Development 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?	
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Olympia Downtown Association
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Non-profit business association
	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?	Ongoing meetings on topics listed above with the intent of incorporating key goals and strategies
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Thurston County “Thurston Thrives”
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Broad-based community partnership of local government, philanthropy, and business.
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Services Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Ongoing meetings on topics listed above with the intent of incorporating key goals and strategies
9	Agency/Group/Organization	National Development Council
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Private non-profit consultant

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?	Ongoing meetings on topics listed above with the intent of incorporating key goals and strategies

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

The City works with all stakeholders and relevant service providers, policy makers, and advocacy groups and individuals concerned with homelessness, housing.

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?
Regional Thurston County and Olympia CDBG Consolidated Plan	Thurston County and City of Olympia	The Consolidated Plan serves as the five year strategic plan to guide the HOME and CDBG Programs.
Olympia Comprehensive Plan	City of Olympia	Limited overlap with the housing and social service elements.
Thurston County Homeless Plan	Thurston County HOME Citizens Advisory Committee (HCAC)	Overlap in efforts to provide shelter, housing and related services for the region’s homeless populations.
Thurston County HOME & CDBG Annual Action Plan	Thurston County HOME Consortium	Overlap in planning process that addresses regional needs.
Thurston Thrives	County Public Health and Social Services	Overlap in efforts to address economic, homeless, mental health and other social service needs

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

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

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

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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	Olympia City Council Meetings	General public, service providers, business leaders, low and moderate income people, other stakeholders.	General audience of Council meeting, six stakeholders in attendance, unknown number of television viewers	<i>All public comment will be documented after comment period ends</i>	N/A	Perhaps links to meeting minutes?
2	HOME Consortium Meetings	General public, elected officials, service providers, other stakeholders	Eight representatives of HOME jurisdictional representatives, service providers, other homeless and low income housing stakeholders	<i>All public comment will be documented after comment period ends</i>	N/A	
3	HOME Citizen Advisory Committee Meetings	Public officials, service providers, business leaders, low and moderate income people, other stakeholders	Broad attendance of service providers, other homeless and low income housing stakeholders, low and moderate income people	<i>All public comment will be documented after comment period ends</i>	N/A	
4	Housing Task Force Meetings	Public officials, service providers, low and moderate income people, other stakeholders	Broad attendance of service providers, other homeless and low income housing stakeholders, low and moderate income people	<i>All public comment will be documented after comment period ends</i>	N/A	

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	Olympia City Website	General public	No direct response	<i>All public comment will be documented after comment period ends</i>	N/A	
6	Olympia Public Library	General public	No direct response	<i>All public comment will be documented after comment period ends</i>	N/A	
7	Newspaper Advertisement	General public	No direct response	<i>All public comment will be documented after comment period ends</i>	N/A	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	Federal	Eligible activities identified in the Consolidated Plan	\$338,265	\$120,000		\$458,265	\$1,064,271	Federal funds allocated

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

The CPTED Safety Program will leverage an additional \$75,000 in private investments and volunteer labor.

The Isthmus Project is anticipated to generate an additional \$26,000,000 in public and private investment, although ultimate project design is subject to change.

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

The City will sell a city-owned lot located at 318 State Ave for an 85% discount to the Low Income Housing Institute for the purpose of developing 43 units of housing for formerly homeless veterans, young adults, and people with disabilities.

Discussion

N/A

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Economic Development	2015	2016	Façade Improvement	Downtown Olympia	LMA(Low Moderate Area)	CDBG	Direct assistance to five or more properties in the downtown core
2	Public Facilities	2015	2015	Public facilities	Downtown Olympia	Elimination of slum and blight SBS Slum Blight Spot Basis)	CDBG	Demolition of one derelict building
3	Public Facilities	2015	2015	Section 108 Loan repayment	Downtown Olympia		CDBG	Partial re-payment of Section 108 loan guarantees
4	Public Services	2015	2015	Public Services – homeless and mentally ill people	Downtown Olympia	LMC (Low moderate Limited Clientele)	CDBG	150 homeless and mentally ill people served
5	Planning and Administrative Costs	2015	2015	General Administration	Downtown Olympia	Program administration	CDBG	Compliant CDBG Program

Table 6 - Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

The City's PY 2015 Annual Action Plan focuses on two primary goals identified in the 2013-2017 Consolidated Plan. The **Economic Development** goal will involve projects that improve the physical environment of the downtown business core by funding (1) Grow

Olympia Fund business loans; and (2) CPTED Safety improvements to the downtown business environments. Another public facility activity involves repayment of a Section 108 Loan Guarantee project that provided alley lighting and ADA curb cuts.

The **Public Services goal** will provide direct services and referrals for street-dependent homeless and mentally ill people in the downtown core, thereby improving the business environment.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

#	Project Name
CDBG #1	Public Services: Capital Recovery Center's Downtown Ambassador Program to provide direct services and referrals to street dependent homeless and mentally ill people
CDBG #2	Economic Development: Downtown CPTED Safety Program to reduce crime hazards and improve facades
CDBG #3	Economic Development: Grow Olympia Fund Business Loans
CDBG #4	Section 108 Loan Repayment – Public Facilities: ADA curb cuts and alley lighting project

Table 7 – Project Information

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

The current CDBG Consolidated Plan (2013-2017) identifies program goals and prioritizes activities based on needs data. The only high-need activity in the PY 2015 Annual Action Plan is the Downtown Ambassadors Program that will provide services and referrals for homeless and mentally ill people.

The City also prioritized activities that provide either direct or indirect support for Economic Development. This includes direct benefit activities such as the Small Business Loan Program and the Downtown CPTED Safety Program, as well as indirect benefit activities such as the Isthmus Park building demolition project and the Section 108 Loan repayments for projects that installed alley lighting and ADA curb cuts in the downtown core.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

See project summaries under AP-5 Executive Summary

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

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Olympia's Downtown Core	100%

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Discussion

Olympia's downtown core contains one of the lowest income, highly concentrated residential areas in the entire city. Tract 101 Block 1, according to the American Community Survey data, is 90.29% low and moderate income residents.

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

Introduction

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Barriers to Affordable Housing

The City of Olympia's housing efforts provide only a small impact on the overall housing needs of the community. The City continues to initiate discussions with Thurston County to identify possible future collaborative efforts in order to reduce barriers to affordable and supportive housing and to stimulate more interest in housing investment among the private and public sectors.

Poverty is a principal barrier to housing affordability. In PY 2015, most CDBG-funded projects and activities will assist households below 50 percent of median income, since these households were identified as having the greatest level of need in the consolidated planning process. Beyond activities of the CDBG Program, Olympia will continue its efforts to reduce the number of poverty-level families by encouraging participation in various assistance programs offered by the City and other agencies, rental assistance programs, homeless prevention programs, and urban homesteading-type programs.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City did not propose any projects to develop or rehabilitate housing units for low- and moderate-income people.

Multi-year ongoing housing projects that are continued from PY 2012 include:

Family Support Center Smith Building Housing Units Project providing seven (7) units of permanent housing with supportive services and six (6) family suites of shelter housing, together providing housing for up to 60 formerly homeless family members.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Lead-Based Paint Hazard Activity

In an effort to address lead-based paint hazards, the City of Olympia has incorporated the regulations into existing housing policies and programs for implementing Title X of the Community Development Act of 1992, part of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992. Olympia will continue to follow 24 CFR Part 35 in addressing the evaluation and reduction of lead-based paint hazards in Olympia's housing policies and programs.

The Community Planning and Development Department Housing Division has developed an outline of actions to be undertaken over the coming five years to evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards. During the PY 2015 Action Plan period, the City plans to continue the following actions:

- Encourage more local contractors to obtain "Lead Paint Worker" or "Lead Paint Supervisor" licenses.
- Contract for risk assessments with the Housing Authority of Thurston County (HATC).
- Continue the residential rehabilitation projects as they relate to the lead paint hazard rules. Each project will include the review and determined need for testing and hazard reduction in conjunction with rehabilitation as part of the environmental review.
- Review existing regulations, housing, and rehabilitation codes to assure lead-based paint hazard reduction is incorporated where appropriate.
- Encourage inspections for lead at appropriate times when housing is otherwise being inspected or evaluated.

HATC has two EPA-licensed Lead Risk Assessors on staff who will provide paint inspection services as required in the HUD Final Rule for lead-based paint. HATC also receives funding for lead hazard reduction programs through the State of Washington, which provides funding for equipment, training, testing services, and lead hazard reduction work on single- and multi-family housing.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

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

Within the City of Olympia there is one public housing project owned and managed by the King County Housing Authority. Casa Madrona is a 70-unit elderly housing project located on Martin Way. The Housing Authority is not “troubled” or performing poorly, and there are no City plans to assist the King County Housing Authority at this time.

In PY 2015, the City of Olympia will continue to coordinate efforts to provide housing and address homelessness with the Housing Authority of Thurston County, which provides tenant- and project-based rental assistance and other housing services.

The City is part of the Thurston County HOME Consortium and participates in all efforts to maximize the coordination between public and private housing resources and supportive social services, with a particular emphasis on coordinated system entry, rapid re-housing, and enhanced networking of social services.

Discussion

Coordination of housing and service providers occurs in a number of forums, including:

- Monthly HOME Consortium meetings
- Monthly Housing Task Force meetings
- Monthly HCAC meetings
- Thurston Thrives
- The “Community Investment Partnership” (CIP) interjurisdictional funding consortium that combines public local government funds with private United Way funds to support housing, social, and mental health services.

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 from IDIS	\$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 (Project status ongoing)	\$325,000
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements N/A	\$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 N/A	\$0
Total Program Income	\$325,000

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need (CRC Ambassador Program serving homeless and mentally ill street-dependent people)	\$55,397
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income (DT Ambassador \$55,397 & Grow Olympia Fund Business Loans \$219,714 = \$275,111 divided by \$302,611, which is total funds less Program Admin & Section 108 debt service)	91%

Discussion

In PY 2014, the City changed to a 3-year aggregate period that consisted of years 2013, 2014, and 2015. Our current overall LMI benefit percentage is estimated to be: 82.5%