



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
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Viera, FL 32940

Public Hearing

H.3.

7/6/2021

Subject:

Public Hearing: RE: Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Brevard County HOME Investment Partnerships Program Consortium One Year Annual Action Plan

Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Year - 2020-2021- There will be no impact to the General Fund.

Fiscal Year - 2021-2022 - There will be no impact to the General Fund.

This action will identify potential expenditure strategies in the HOME Investment Partnerships Program grant Cost Center 1472-303052 and Community Development Block Grant Cost Center 1470-303051.

Dept/Office:

Housing and Human Services

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners conduct a public hearing, as required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the purpose of receiving public comments on the strategies set forth in the HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan. No vote is required for the first public hearing.

Summary Explanation and Background:

The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires recipients of HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds and Community Development Block Grant funds to prepare an Annual Action Plan which covers a one-year period from October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. The one-year plan is an implementation guide for the broad goals and priorities outlined in the current Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), HUD provided an one-year extension for the five-year Consolidated Plan, which now covers the period October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2022. The Annual Action Plan will serve numerous community planning functions; as both a document and a process. It is a collaborative initiative whereby a community establishes priorities for its housing and community development activities.

The Brevard County HOME Consortium, which consists of Brevard County (as the Lead Agency) and the cities of Titusville, Cocoa, Melbourne and Palm Bay, must prepare and submit as one document an Annual Action Plan using goals and priorities established in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. Consortium Members work together to develop strategies on how HOME funds and other identified resources will be utilized to assist very low-income households (maximum income \$36,300 for a family of 4) and low-income households (\$58,100 for a family of 4) in achieving decent, safe and affordable housing.

The HOME Investment Partnerships Program allocations for the Consortium Members are awarded to the County and issued through disbursement agreements on a reimbursement basis. The County is estimated to receive \$509,767.09 and the cities are estimated to receive \$738,636.91 (Titusville- \$137,376.72, Cocoa- \$81,562.93, Melbourne- \$261,694.64, and Palm Bay- \$258,002.62).

Each Consortium Member formulates its own separate Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan. Within their respective jurisdictions, Community Development Block Grant funds can be used for public facilities and improvements, public services, as well as other activities. Unlike HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding, each Consortium Member receives a direct Community Development Block Grant allocation from The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The County will receive an estimated \$1,443,617.

Public Meetings on the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan was advertised and held on May 20, 2021 during the Affordable Housing Council meeting and on May 18, 2021 during the Community Development Block Grant meeting. The final Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan (incorporating any public comments received) will be presented for approval at the second public hearing to the Board of County Commissioners on July 20, 2021.

Clerk to the Board Instructions:

None

ATTACHMENTS:

Ad for Public Hearing
Draft Annual Action Plan



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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Ian Golden, Housing and Human Services Director

RE: Item H.3., Public Hearing for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Brevard County HOME Investment Partnerships Program Consortium One Year Annual Action Plan

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on July 6, 2021, conducted the public hearing, as required by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, for the purpose of receiving public comments on the strategies set forth in the HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RACHEL M. SADOFF, CLERK

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kimberly Powell".

Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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cc: Finance
Budget

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 provides a description of the activities Brevard County will undertake between October 1, 2021 and September 30, 2022 utilizing the County's Community Development Block Grant Program and Home Investment Partnerships Program funds awarded to the Brevard County Home Investment Partnerships Program Consortium. These activities will address priority needs and objectives identified in the Fiscal Year 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan. The Brevard County HOME Consortium received a one-year extension of its 2016-2020 Five Year Consolidated Plan/Action Plan due to Covid-19 Pandemic.

The Brevard County Home Investment Partnerships Program Consortium is a legal entity created through an intergovernmental agreement between Brevard County and the cities of Titusville, Cocoa, Melbourne and Palm Bay. Home Investment Partnerships Program funds are awarded through the HOME Consortia Participating Percentage Members Report. The Consortium's mission is to increase the supply of decent, safe and affordable housing for low to moderate income persons living in Brevard County. The Consortium provides leadership in preparing plans, reports, developing policies and procedures, and providing program solutions to address affordable housing challenges in Brevard County. As the lead entity, Brevard County receives Home Investment Partnerships Program funds on behalf of the Consortium and contracts with each city individually. Home Investment Partnerships Program funds can be used for activities that promote affordable rental housing and homeownership for lower income households, including acquisition, new construction and reconstruction, moderate and substantial rehabilitation, homebuyer assistance and tenant-based rental assistance. Each municipality within the Consortium is a Community Development Block Grant entitlement community and therefore develops individual plans and receives Community Development Block Grant funds separately from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development. The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development requires that both the Home Investment Partnerships Program Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report, and Community Development Block Grant Plans be submitted together.

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 Community Development Block Grant program has a primary objective of developing viable communities by providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities that principally benefit persons of low and moderate income. Funds can be used for a wide array of activities including capital improvements, lead-based paint detection and removal, demolition and land clearing, economic development, construction or rehabilitation of public facilities, and public services.

The Home Investment Partnerships Program has a primary objective of providing affordable housing to low and moderate income persons. Funds can be used for affordable housing activities such as down payment and closing cost assistance, rental assistance, new construction development, site acquisition and rehabilitation, and owner occupied housing rehabilitation or reconstruction.

To the greatest extent feasible, the Annual Action Plan focuses on the goals of the Consortium as they pertain to the preservation and development of affordable housing in the Consortium service area, as well as community development projects and public service programs in the County's unincorporated Community Development Block Grant strategy areas. The objectives and outcomes are:

- Improve access to affordable housing through purchase assistance.
- Work with non-profit, for profits and Community Housing Development Organizations to purchase and/or rehabilitate existing units for sale or rent.
- Improve access to affordable housing by promoting fair housing education.
- Improve access to affordable housing by offering rental assistance.
- Improve the quality of owner occupied housing through rehabilitation programs, which will provide sustainability to the residents and neighborhood.
- Increase the availability of community development in neighborhood strategy areas through projects which improve the quality of life and provide safer living environments.
- Increase accessibility through neighborhood public service programs to improve health care, educational opportunities and promote self-sufficiency.
- Increase performance and accountability through evaluation.
- Improve quality of life through client education about lead based paint and asbestos hazards (testing and mitigation will be done when necessary).
- Promote and support facilities and services for the homeless and those that are threatened with homelessness.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

In addition to receiving HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Community Development Block Grant funds, the Consortium utilized additional resources to help address housing and community development needs. Last year, the Consortium focused on stabilizing neighborhoods and infrastructure,

and promoting affordable housing in Brevard County's low-income communities. The accomplishments included 1 newly constructed rental unit, 2 purchase assistance homes, 1451 fair housing educational units, and Tenant Based Rental Assistance was provided to 9 families.

Additionally, the County completed construction on the East Mims Exercise Room project which is estimated to benefit 4,000 people in the Target Area. The County Community Development Block Grant Public Service funds were used to provide service to 2,558 unduplicated clients served through various public service agencies.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Public outreach efforts were conducted, including several public meetings and public hearings to determine housing and non-housing community development needs, pursuant to the Citizen Participation Plan. During the public comment period, copies of the draft Annual Action Plan were available online, at three libraries strategically located in the north, central and south part of the county, and each Consortium member's office.

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.

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

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	BREVARD COUNTY	
CDBG Administrator	BREVARD COUNTY	Housing and Human Services
HOME Administrator	BREVARD COUNTY	Housing and Human Services
ESG Administrator		N/A

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

Brevard County Housing and Human Services Department is the lead agency for the preparation of the Annual Action Plan.

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

1. Introduction

The Consortium recognizes the benefit of citizen participation and consultation as an essential component in the implementation of the Annual Action Plan. The Consortium's participation process began with each member holding public meetings and/or hearings throughout their jurisdictions. This approach provides for a range of opportunities for citizens to participate in the process.

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 Brevard County Housing and Human Services Department serves as the Consortium's lead agency for planning and coordinating the implementation of the Annual Action Plan. The Consortium will continue its effort to consult with other public and private agencies that provide; housing assistance, health and social services, fair housing assistance, services to children, elderly persons, persons with disabilities, and persons who are homeless or threatened by homelessness.

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 Consortium will continue to work in collaboration with non-profit and for-profit partners to carry out the goals addressing the needs of homeless persons in this Annual Action Plan, and to strengthen partnerships and build capacity with programs and agencies. The Brevard Homeless Coalition is a good example of developing and strengthening the Consortium's institutional structure. Each year, the Brevard Homeless Coalition continues to expand its service area by including more agencies. There are now more than 50 non-profit and governmental agencies in Brevard County who belong to the Brevard Homeless Coalition, including members of the Consortium. The Brevard Housing Coalition's membership includes; housing providers, health services, social service providers, and private/public agencies that address low income person needs, as well as systems of care and correction programs. The Brevard Housing Coalition meets monthly to discuss issues that pertain to the housing and non-housing needs of low-income citizens and homeless individuals and families through networking and the coordination of funding opportunities.

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

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

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Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Brevard Homeless Coalition
	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 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?	The Brevard Homeless Coalition was consulted during the creation of the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and each subsequent Annual Action Plan in order to determine homeless needs and strategies. The draft goals applicable to the Brevard Homeless Coalition for the sixth year Annual Action Plan were emailed and comments were requested. Participation by Consortium members in Brevard Homeless Coalition meetings also allows for consistent consultation and participation to increase awareness between organizations of available resources. Enhanced coordination between the organization and the Consortium is the anticipated outcome.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of the City of Cocoa
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Housing Authority of the City of Cocoa was consulted during the creation of the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and each subsequent Annual Action Plan in order to determine homeless needs and strategies. An email was sent and comments were requested for the goals for the sixth year Annual Action Plan. Enhanced coordination between the organization and the Consortium is the anticipated outcome.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	TITUSVILLE HOUSING AUTHORITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
4	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Titusville Housing Authority was consulted during the creation of the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and each subsequent Annual Action Plan in order to determine homeless needs and strategies. An email was sent and comments were requested for the goals for the sixth year Annual Action Plan. Enhanced coordination between the organization and the Consortium is the anticipated outcome.
	Agency/Group/Organization	Melbourne Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Both the Brevard Family of Housing and Melbourne Housing Authority were consulted during the creation of the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and each subsequent Annual Action Plan in order to determine housing needs and strategies. An email was sent and comments were requested for the draft goals for the sixth year Annual Action Plan. Enhanced coordination between the organization and the Consortium is the anticipated outcome.

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

All entities were considered for consultation. There were no public comments received.

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	Brevard Homeless Coalition	The Strategic Plan's goals to address homelessness align with the Brevard Homeless Coalition's goals and strategies, such as the "Housing First" methodology adopted by the Brevard Homeless Coalition.

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

Brevard County and the Consortium sought input from residents, advisory boards and agencies during publicly noticed meetings and hearings to determine goals and strategies. Goals were obtained through input received from meetings, mailings and hearings held during the Consolidated Plan process.

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)
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1	Public Meeting	Housing/Community Representatives	On May 18, 2021 and May 20, 2021 publicly noticed meetings of the Community Development Block Grant Citizens Advisory Committee, and the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee were held respectively, to solicit input based on the 2019 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report and the needs and priorities outlined in the Consolidated Plan for	There were no comments	There were no comments not accepted.	
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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)
			Home Investment Partnerships Program and Community Development Block Grant.			

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	On July 6, 2021 a publicly noticed hearing to solicit input on the 2021 allocation of Home Investment Partnerships Program and Community Development Block Grant funds was held before the Board of County Commissioners.			

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	On July 20, 2021 a publicly noticed hearing before the Board of County Commissioners was held to solicit final comments on the 2021 Annual Action Plan at the conclusion of the 30 day public comment period.			

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
4	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	The draft Annual Action Plan was posted on the Brevard County website from June 17, 2021 through July 16, 2021 for comments during the public comment period and in anticipation of the final public hearing on July 20, 2021.			http://www.brevardfl.gov/HumanServices/PlansAndReports

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	Libraries: north, central, and south County	Non-targeted/broad community	Copies of the draft Annual Action Plan were made available at three (3) locations throughout the County: Titusville Public Library in the north part of the County, Catherine Schweinsberg Road Central Brevard Public library in the central part of the County, and Franklin T. DeGroodt Public Library in the south part of the County.			

6	Each Consortium member's office	Non-targeted/broad community	Copies of the draft Annual Action Plan were made available for Public Comment at each of the five (5) Consortium members' offices: Brevard County Housing and Human Services, City of Titusville Neighborhood Services, City of Cocoa Community Development Services, City of Melbourne Housing and Urban Improvement, City of Palm Bay Housing			
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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)
			and Community Development.			

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The following table outlines the federal resources available in Program Year 2021 to address housing and non-housing community development needs in Brevard County. Currently, the County receives CDBG and HOME funds for owner-occupied rehabilitation/replacement, downpayment assistance, housing repair, public facility and infrastructure improvements, demolition and clearance, public services, and other eligible activities.

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: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,443,617	0	2,167,480	3,611,097	0

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: \$	
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	1,248,404	454,901	2,881,147	4,584,452	0

Table 2 - 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 Consortium primarily utilizes State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program funds for the mandatory 25% local match requirement for HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds. If necessary, other non-federal funding sources may be used.

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

Brevard County, City of Titusville, and City of Cocoa have municipal-owned properties that are suitable for housing and set aside for future infill housing units. When possible, lands are donated to affordable housing developer(s) and may be used by Community Housing Development Organization(s) to construct short term and/or long term affordable housing. For example, the City of Cocoa is currently in the process of building six homes for female veterans in partnership with the Diamond Square Community Redevelopment Agency and Habitat for Humanity.

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	Rental Acquisition / Rehabilitation	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	Countywide	Affordable Housing-Rental Housing	HOME: \$136,174	Rental units constructed: 1 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 0 Household Housing Unit
2	Owner occupied Rehabilitation	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	Countywide	Affordable Hsg-Owner-Occ. Hsg Rehab., Repair, Rep	HOME: \$539,249	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 8 Household Housing Unit
3	Purchase Assistance	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	Countywide	Affordable Housing - Purchase Assistance	HOME: \$176,439	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 5 Households Assisted
4	Fair Housing	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	Countywide	Fair Housing	HOME: \$3,000	Other: 115053 Other
5	Public Infrastructure Imp: Suitable Living Env	2016	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	SHARPES TARGET COMMUNITY Countywide	Public Infrastructure Imp-Suitable Living Env	CDBG: \$440,987	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 7375 Persons Assisted

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Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Section 108 Loan Repayments	2016	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	WEST CANAVERAL GROVES TARGET AREA Melbourne	Public Facility Imp-Suitable Living Environment	CDBG: \$247,364	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10710 Persons Assisted
7	Demolition	2016	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	Countywide	Blight Removal - Demolition	CDBG: \$250,000	Buildings Demolished: 10 Buildings
8	Tenant Base Rental Assistance	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	Melbourne	Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	HOME: \$39,500	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 10 Households Assisted
9	Public Services	2016	2020	Homeless Non-Housing Community Development	SHARPES TARGET COMMUNITY Countywide	Public Services	CDBG: \$216,543	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2300 Persons Assisted
10	Administration	2016	2020	Administration	Countywide	Administration	CDBG: \$288,723 HOME: \$121,840	Other: 1 Other
11	Acquisition/New Construction/Resale	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	Countywide	Affordable Housing - Purchase Assistance Affordable Housing-CHDO	HOME: \$232,202	Homeowner Housing Added: 2 Household Housing Unit

Table 3 – Goals Summary

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Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Rental Acquisition / Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Assistance to eligible for profit, non profit and/or Community Housing Development Organizations for the construction or rehabilitation of quality rental housing, increase affordable rental housing opportunities in target areas through rental units constructed, and rental units rehabilitated, which may include acquisition.
2	Goal Name	Owner occupied Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Rehabilitation, reconstruction, and preservation of quality owner occupied affordable housing.
3	Goal Name	Purchase Assistance
	Goal Description	Down payment and closing cost assistance to homebuyers.
4	Goal Name	Fair Housing
	Goal Description	To affirmatively further fair housing.
5	Goal Name	Public Infrastructure Imp: Suitable Living Env
	Goal Description	Improve infrastructure including road and drainage improvements, street lighting, water and sewer improvements, and utility connection fees.
6	Goal Name	Section 108 Loan Repayments
	Goal Description	Repayment of Section 108 Loan Repayments.

7	Goal Name	Demolition
	Goal Description	Elimination and prevention of slum and blight by the removal of unsafe structures.
8	Goal Name	Tenant Base Rental Assistance
	Goal Description	Tenant Based Rental Assistance to assist qualified households with rental subsidy.
9	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Public services that address the needs of seniors, youth, homeless persons, and education.
10	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	Administrative costs to successfully operate the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships.
11	Goal Name	Acquisition/New Construction/Resale
	Goal Description	New construction of quality owner occupied affordable housing.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

The Fiscal Year 2021 planned actions will address the County's community development needs. The Brevard County HOME Investment Partnerships Program Consortium's priority is affordable housing. The projects are outlined below.

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Administration
2	CDBG: Demolition
3	CDBG: Public Infrastructure Improvements: Suitable Living Environment
4	CDBG: Public Services
5	CDGB: Section 108 Loan Repayments
6	HOME: Administration
7	HOME: Owner Occupied Rehabilitation
8	HOME: Purchase Assistance
9	HOME: Rental Housing
10	HOME: Tenant Based Rental Assistance
11	HOME: Acquisition/New Construction/Resale

Table 4 – Project Information

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

Allocation priorities are based on obstacles and underserved needs within the County that have been identified from surveys and the numerous public meetings and hearings.

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1	Project Name	CDBG Administration
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$288,723
	Description	Administrative costs to operate Community Development Block Grant programs.
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	N/A
	Planned Activities	Administration costs to operate the Community Development Block Grant Program.
2	Project Name	CDBG: Demolition
	Target Area	SHARPES TARGET COMMUNITY EAST MIMS TARGET AREA CLEARLAKE/ALPINE TARGET AREA NORTH TROPICAL TRAIL TARGET AREA WEST COCOA TARGET AREA Micco NSA (Neighborhood Plan Underway WEST CANAVERAL GROVES TARGET AREA Countywide
	Goals Supported	Demolition
	Needs Addressed	Blight Removal - Demolition
	Funding	CDBG: \$250,000
	Description	The elimination and prevention of slum and blight by the removal of unsafe structures.
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimate 10 households will benefit from the removal of slum and blighted properties.

	Location Description	This Program is available for eligible multi-family structures in the Brevard County strategy areas and single-family residential properties countywide, excluding areas which are not part of the Urban County (as defined by United States Department of Housing and Urban Development).
	Planned Activities	Demolition and clearance of junk vehicles, scrap materials, debris and other hazardous or nuisance items from a property in order to place the property in a safe and sanitary condition.
3	Project Name	CDBG: Public Infrastructure Improvements: Suitable Living Environment
	Target Area	SHARPES TARGET COMMUNITY
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Imp: Suitable Living Env
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure Imp-Suitable Living Env
	Funding	CDBG: \$440,987
	Description	Sharpes Greenway Project-Design and Completion from North East Railroad Avenue to the Bernice Jackson Park.
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 7375 households will benefit.
	Location Description	Sharpes, FL
	Planned Activities	Design and completion of a sidewalk in the Bernice Jackson Park in Sharpes, FL
4	Project Name	CDBG: Public Services
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$216,543
	Description	Public services will address the needs of seniors, youth, homeless persons, education, transportation services, and food services

	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 2,300 households will benefit.
	Location Description	Countywide
	Planned Activities	<p>Provide nutritious meals to low to moderate income qualified individuals/families in Brevard County.</p> <p>Provide information, education, and resources for seniors.</p> <p>Transportation services for life-sustaining destinations: doctor appointments, labs, grocery, pharmacy.</p> <p>Transportation services for grades K through 8th.</p> <p>Housing supportive services for individuals/families to prevent homelessness.</p> <p>Education services for at-risk youth.</p> <p>Employment services for youth transitioning out of foster care.</p>
5	Project Name	CDGB: Section 108 Loan Repayments
	Target Area	WEST CANAVERAL GROVES TARGET AREA Melbourne
	Goals Supported	Section 108 Loan Repayments
	Needs Addressed	Public Facility Imp-Suitable Living Environment Public Infrastructure Imp-Suitable Living Env
	Funding	CDBG: \$247,364
	Description	Repayment of principal and interest of a Section 108 loan used to construct a Health Department Clinic and construction of 19,000 ft. 12' water main with fire hydrants.
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 10710 households will benefit.
	Location Description	University Boulevard, Melbourne Satellite Boulevard, Cocoa

	Planned Activities	Loan repayment for a 12,850 square foot Health Department Clinic serving low-income indigent and minority persons and for construction of 19,000 ft. 12" water main with fire hydrants.
6	Project Name	HOME: Administration
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Administration
	Funding	HOME: \$124,840
	Description	Administrative cost of operating the HOME Investment Partnerships Program
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	N/A
7	Planned Activities	Administrative cost to operate the HOME Investment Partnerships Program
	Project Name	HOME: Owner Occupied Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Owner occupied Rehabilitation Acquisition/New Construction/Resale
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Hsg- Owner-Occ. Hsg Rehab., Repair, Rep
	Funding	HOME: \$539,249
	Description	Rehabilitation, reconstruction, and preservation of quality owner occupied affordable housing.
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	There are 8 units proposed for owner occupied rehabilitation.
	Location Description	Countywide

	Planned Activities	Rehabilitation, reconstruction, and preservation of quality owner occupied affordable housing.
8	Project Name	HOME: Purchase Assistance
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Purchase Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing - Purchase Assistance
	Funding	HOME: \$176,439
	Description	Down payment and closing cost assistance to homebuyers.
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 5 families will receive down payment and closing cost assistance.
	Location Description	Countywide
	Planned Activities	Down payment and closing cost assistance to homebuyers.
9	Project Name	HOME: Rental Housing
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Rental Acquisition / Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing-Rental Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$136,174
	Description	New Construction and preservation of quality affordable rental housing.
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 1 rental unit will be created.
	Location Description	Countywide
	Planned Activities	New Construction and preservation of quality owner occupied affordable housing.
10	Project Name	HOME: Tenant Based Rental Assistance
	Target Area	Melbourne

	Goals Supported	Tenant Base Rental Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)
	Funding	HOME: \$39,500
	Description	Tenant Based Rental Assistance will be provided through the City of Melbourne for qualified households to assist with rental subsidy for up to 24 months.
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 10 households will receive rental assistance.
	Location Description	City of Melbourne
	Planned Activities	Tenant Base Rental Assistance will be provided through the City of Melbourne for qualified households to assist with rental subsidy for up to 24 months.
11	Project Name	HOME: Acquisition/New Construction/Resale
	Target Area	Countywide
	Goals Supported	Acquisition/New Construction/Resale
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Hsg- Owner-Occ. Hsg Rehab., Repair, Rep
	Funding	HOME: \$232,202
	Description	New construction of quality owner occupied affordable housing.
	Target Date	9/30/2022
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	There are 2 units proposed for Rental New Construction.
	Location Description	Countywide
	Planned Activities	New construction of quality owner occupied affordable housing.

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

Brevard County's Community Development Block Grant Program has targeted seven neighborhoods which meet the definition of low- to moderate- income areas and qualify for funding under "area benefit".

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
SHARPES TARGET COMMUNITY	31
EAST MIMS TARGET AREA	0
CLEARLAKE/ALPINE TARGET AREA	0
NORTH TROPICAL TRAIL TARGET AREA	0
WEST COCOA TARGET AREA	0
Micco NSA (Neighborhood Plan Underway	0
WEST CANAVERAL GROVES TARGET AREA	9
Countywide	52
Melbourne	8

Table 5 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Community input from surveys and public meetings was used to set the priorities listed in the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and sixth year Annual Action Plan. Funding is targeted to maximize impact with limited resources. Assigning the priorities was based in large part on community input from the surveys and public meetings used to set priorities in developing the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and sixth year Annual Action Plan. When funding is available, the County has a Request for Proposal Process wherein eligible applicants submit a proposal (or proposals) for needed activities identified and prioritized in their communities.

Discussion

None.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.420, 91.220(g)

Introduction

The following are the one year goals for the number of households to be supported through various Brevard County and Brevard HOME Consortium programs, including the following:

- Purchase Assistance
- Affordable "Owner-Occupied" Housing
- Affordable "Rental" Housing

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	24
Special-Needs	2
Total	26

Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	11
The Production of New Units	2
Rehab of Existing Units	8
Acquisition of Existing Units	5
Total	26

Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

AP-60 Public Housing - 91.420, 91.220(h)

Introduction

Brevard County is served by three Public Housing Authorities: The Housing Authority of the City of Titusville, which serves the City of Titusville; City of Cocoa Housing Authority, which serves the City of Cocoa; and the Housing Authority of Brevard County (including the Melbourne Housing Authority), which serves the City of Melbourne and the Unincorporated areas of Brevard County. All three Housing Authorities offer a variety of supportive activities. Residents are encouraged to participate in resident council meetings.

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

The three Public Housing Authorities anticipate ongoing building maintenance, modernization and repair to improve living environments in all of the Public Housing Authority units throughout Brevard County. The Public Housing Authorities continue to aggressively pursue grant opportunities in order to meet the needs of these housing units, and increase the availability and/or improve existing units.

Housing Authority of Brevard County

The Housing Authority of Brevard County serves the City of Melbourne, and the Unincorporated areas of Brevard County. Their planned activities for 2021/2022 are listed below:

PHA Wide – Operations to support ongoing Admin Cost; Resident Empowerment Activities; Equal Opportunity; Staff Training; Computer System Upgrade; Administration; Replacement of Appliances (stoves and refrigerators); Relocation; Pre-Development Expense for future Planned Mixed Finance Development; Installation of fencing and signage; Update landscaping; Install playground equipment; Interior/exterior modernization of 15 units; Replace roofing; and Install HVAC.

Cocoa Housing Authority

Cocoa Housing Authority (CHA) no longer has public housing. They have converted all former public housing (327 units) to RAD/PBRA housing (Rental Assistance Demonstration/Project Based Rental Assistance). The cost for renovating the 327 units was nearly \$40,000,000.00.

This program will be managed similar to the old public housing program.

CHA has about eight acres of vacant land. Application will be made for Low Income Housing Tax Credits funds to build affordable rental apartments serving those under 60% of AMI by household size. CHA may project base some of their tenant-based housing choice vouchers in such projects which would

allow them to serve the lowest income households. In order to apply for this housing assistance there will be a requirement for local contributions from the City of Cocoa and/or Brevard County.

Housing Authority of the City of Titusville

Housing Authority of the City of Titusville (HACTV) currently has approximately 469 households on its Public Housing waiting list, and 500 households on the Section 8 waiting list. They will continue to meet the needs of their elderly residents by executing their HUD-funded Resident Opportunity & Self Sufficiency program.

The Housing Authority continues to complete renovations by modernizing units as they are vacated rather than moving sections to renovate the units all at once. This decreases the number of offline units and increases efficiency in completing them.

While the number of vouchers it receives limits program growth, Section 8 staff continues to recruit landlords for the program and pursue additional vouchers, as HUD makes funding available. The Housing Authority's Section 8 program continues to sustain the Housing Choice Voucher (HCV), the Non Elderly Disabled (NED), and the Veteran's Administrative Supportive Housing (VASH) programs. The Housing Authority's VASH program is leasing to homeless veterans with the assistance of the local Veteran's Administration. Applying for special voucher programs allows the Section 8 program to meet the needs of more low-income residents of Brevard County as the need for low-income housing increases, especially for the elderly and disabled. The program priority is to work diligently to lease up the VASH and NED vouchers, while maintaining the regular HCV program and reducing administrative costs.

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

The Consortium members will support the Housing Authorities Annual Plans and provide a variety of activities during the year to encourage public housing residents to become self-sufficient and participate in homeownership. These activities include: promoting purchase assistance, inviting housing authority staff to advisory council meetings, participating in consolidated and annual action planning activities, and notifying housing authority staff and residents of social service programs which would benefit residents.

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

provided or other assistance

N/A

Discussion

None

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities - 91.420, 91.220(i)

Introduction

Brevard County is a member agency of the Brevard Homeless Coalition. Coalition members are working collectively to implement the changes identified in the HEARTH Act. The Brevard Homeless Coalition annually submits a response to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development Notification of Funding Availability for Continuum of Care Homeless Housing Assistance Programs, part of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The Brevard Homeless Coalition's strategic planning statement was modeled on the 2010 U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness' adopted plan "Opening Doors." This federal plan established four national goals:

- Finish the job of ending chronic homelessness
- Prevent and end homelessness among veterans
- Prevent and end homelessness for families, youth and children, and
- Set a path to end all types of homelessness.

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

Goal 1: Lead, Collaborate, Engage

- Expand Effectiveness of Coordinated Assessment by encouraging and incentivizing participation and utilization of the CHAT Process
- Maintain and expand upon recent improvements in local/private funding for coalition efforts to maximize alternative funding that allows for innovation
- Increase BHC stakeholders to bring business leaders into the BHC

Goal 2: Build Capacity

- Support and grow the efforts of the Affordable Housing Committee to partner financial institutions and housing developers to increase the inventory of affordable housing in Brevard
- Coordinate efforts of the COC in development of relationships with private landlord and find ways to support private landlords to make it practical and in their interest to lease to low income families and individuals
- Work with local governments to implement new development practices that set aside more units for

affordable housing

Goal 3: Improve Performance Measures

- Partner with local university to research and provide metrics regarding the cost of homelessness on law enforcement, courts, jails, Medicaid, hospitals, schools, and child welfare in Brevard
- Fortify the Point in Time Count, engaging the full community, including the school system and the faith community, in order to get accurate data on the extent of homelessness and its full impact in Brevard
- Build upon the success of the Performance Measures committee in collecting and analyzing agreed upon metrics by ensuring data is complete and consistently communicated to all stakeholders

Goal 4: Increase Access to Affordable Housing

- Expand Shelter Options utilizing local funds and private grants to divert people from homelessness, connect to housing and/or longer-term services to the elderly and transition-aged youth
- Work with private landlords, offering damage mitigation fund, and other incentives to increase accessibility to individuals and families experiencing homelessness
- Increase commitments from local housing authorities, local philanthropic giving, and other stakeholders targeting access to affordable housing
- Integrate Veterans Administration Homeless Outreach assistance with the BHC coordinated assessment process, improve efficiency and decrease the incidents, frequency and duration of homelessness among Veterans and other target populations

The Brevard County Home Investment Partnerships Program Consortium will continue to utilize the Community Development Block Grant program to fund public service activities that will address the needs of homeless persons. The Coordinated Assessment process for the Brevard Homeless Coalition includes a Front-Line/Diversion Specialist and specialized in crisis response and diversion assistance to individuals and families at risk of or experiencing homelessness. The Front-Line/Diversion Specialist provides the manpower for tracking frontline interactions and follow-up; and will assess with the Vulnerability Index & Service Prioritization Decision Assistance Tool and make referrals to an emergency shelter. The Coordinated Assessment is responsible for coordinating frontline housing crisis response across Brevard County, including targeted street outreach, diversion, and discharge planning functions. The Coordinated Assessment process also has a Coordinated Housing Assessment Team Leader that works with the Housing Outreach Team Leader and together collaborate to house those with the highest priority housing need. Housing case managers meet weekly with the leaders for housing placement of those with the highest acuity on their assessment.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Short term emergency services such as food, shelter, utility assistance, and rental payments will be provided through various Consortium programs and partnerships with non-profit organizations.

Programs will be funded and collaborations formed to address childcare needs, homeless prevention, safe, decent and affordable rental and homeownership assistance. Educational programs, job training, job placement services, and various other self-help programs will be in place to assist with providing necessary tools to meet self-sufficiency goals. In addition to supporting community-wide efforts as described above, the County and the Consortium will use Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds to support a variety of activities that are specifically designed to help low- and moderate-income persons and families break the cycle of poverty. These activities may include the following support programs such as: youth services, an emergency food program, subsidized child care, and housing stabilization.

In addition, Brevard Homeless Coalition engages the Outreach teams of National Homeless Veteran's Support, Volunteers of America, Crosswinds and the Veteran's Administration when they attend a weekly Coordinated Housing Assessment Team meeting to help engage and house those who are the highest acuity. Also, through United States Department of Housing and Urban Development funding, Crosswinds Youth Services, Inc. maintains staff that provides outreach for those youth who are homeless in Brevard. National Homeless Veterans Support provides outreach for all homeless in the northern part of Brevard County, Central Brevard Sharing Center for the central part of Brevard County and Daily Bread along with South Brevard Sharing Center provide outreach for the southern end of Brevard County.

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

In an effort to increase the number of permanent supportive housing beds, the Brevard Homeless Coalition will review and implement a "Housing First" methodology as an alternative to the current system of emergency/transitional housing, which tends to prolong the length of time that families remain homeless. This methodology is premised on the belief that vulnerable and at-risk families are more responsive to interventions and social services support after they are established in their own housing, rather than while living in temporary transitional or housing programs. This approach puts an emphasis on securing additional funding for permanent supportive housing.

The Brevard Homeless Coalition works in partnership with the Housing Authority to provide Permanent Supportive Housing for individuals and families with disabilities, and provides a landlord risk/mitigation fund to encourage private landlords to work with recipients of housing vouchers.

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 Brevard Homeless Coalition includes in its membership institutional agencies with discharge policies. Brevard Homeless Coalition leadership has contacted agencies such as the Brevard County jails and medical facilities who have discharge policies to initiate discussions on those policies. It has been determined that they all have discharge policies and have working relationships with various members of the Brevard Homeless Coalition. In addition, the Brevard Reentry Task Force, a subcommittee of the Brevard Homeless Coalition, has a mission to reduce crime and recidivism by educating the public, encouraging communication and engaging community resources for all persons whose lives have been affected by the criminal justice system.

Brevard Homeless Coalition members in receipt of McKinney-Vento Act funds do not accept clients who are discharged from institutions into their transitional housing programs.

The Consortium also provides a myriad of programs through various HOME, and SHIP funded programs, which foster and help to maintain housing affordability. The American Rescue Plan of 2021 will also provide housing services with the Emergency Rental Assistance. Additionally, Consortium members refer individuals through Housing Authorities, Brevard Health Alliance, CareerSource, education or youth services by partnership with other local agencies.

Discussion

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

Introduction

The Consortium members will continue to work with their respective Planning and Zoning Departments to review and improve policies which affect affordable housing in their respective Comprehensive Plans, as needed.

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

Actions to address barriers to affordable housing will include:

- Periodic review and modification of standard operating procedures.
- Implementation of housing assistance programs more fully described in specific housing objectives in this Action Plan. These programs are designed to make housing more affordable, create new housing opportunities and improve access to housing for low-income persons.
- Continuation of neighborhood revitalization activities in target areas: demolition, infrastructure improvements, code enforcement activities to reduce neighborhood blight, create opportunities for affordable infill housing and improve the economic vitality of the affected areas,
- Implementation of expedited permitting for affordable housing, as required by the State Housing Initiatives Partnerships Program,
- Continuation of homebuyer education programs, fair housing, education and related activities, and
- Community outreach activities in order to increase public awareness of fair housing laws, encourage the goal of homeownership, and provide general information on the dangers of predatory lending.
- The City of Melbourne implemented a new Impact Fee Deferral program. The City regularly evaluates their housing policies to address barriers that were identified in their process and programs.

Discussion

The County works with the Affordable Housing Advisory Committee, Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee, local developers, and internal County Departments to discuss and address these identified barriers.

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

Introduction

In Fiscal Year 2021, the County and the Consortium plan the following actions to help address the housing and community development needs of County residents, especially low/moderate income residents.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The County and the Consortium will continue to collaborate with human and social service agencies and the Brevard Homeless Coalition to identify potential resources for meeting the needs of residents. During fiscal year 2021, the County will take the following actions: continue to provide funds for purchase assistance, owner-occupied and rental housing; participate in planning and coordination of efforts to build better communication and understanding of agencies in the County; continue its support and cooperation with Brevard Housing Coalition; and provide assistance for residents who are at risk of becoming homeless.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The Consortium will allocate fiscal year 2021 Home Investment Partnerships Program funds to foster and maintain affordable housing through the creation and maintenance of 26 units of housing.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The Consortium will continue to implement the Lead Safe Housing Rule and will ensure all homes built prior to 1978, are inspected by qualified hazard evaluation professionals and all mediation is performed by certified lead hazard contractors. The housing inspectors will take note of flaking or chipping paint. If lead-based paint is found, a certified professional will be consulted.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Preserving the existing affordable housing stock and adding more units are important activities contributing to reducing the number of poverty-level families and helping them to avoid homelessness.

The County and the Consortium will use Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnerships Program funds to support a variety of activities that are specifically designed to help low- and moderate-income persons and families break the cycle of poverty. These activities include the following support programs: Youth services, senior nutrition, youth transportation, an emergency food program, subsidized child care, victims of domestic violence and aftercare housing stabilization. Additionally, Brevard County Housing and Human Services Department and the Consortium work in partnership with many for profit and non-profit developers utilizing State Housing Initiatives Partnership

and federal Home Investment Partnerships Program funding to expand housing opportunities for residents living in poverty.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Brevard County's Housing and Human Services Department serves as the Consortium's lead agency for planning and coordinating the implementation of the Annual Action Plan. The Consortium will continue its effort to consult with the Brevard Homeless Coalition and other public, private, and non-profit agencies that provide assisted housing, health and social services, and fair housing services. The Consortium utilizes Home Investment Partnerships Program and Community Development Block Grant funds to promote fair housing throughout the county. Brevard County HOME Consortium partners with Brevard County Space Coast Government Television to run two (2) public service advertisements entitled "Wanted Everywhere Else", and "7 Days in April", which chronicles the history of the Fair Housing Act. The public service announcement rotates multiple times over a monthly basis. The public service announcement "Wanted Everywhere Else" ran 52 times in fiscal year 20/21 and the public service announcement "7 days in April" ran 116 times in fiscal year 20/21 for a total of 168 times. Community Housing Initiative conducted 5 Fair Housing Trainings within their First Time Homebuyers Education class in fiscal year 20/21. The Consortium is in the process of soliciting vendors to prepare the 5 year Affirmative Fair Housing Plan.

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

A public service agency priority needs survey was developed and mailed out to many social service, health, and housing organizations in the County to gather input as to the needs and gaps within existing services as part of the Consolidated Plan process. Those needs were summarized and used by the County to plan housing and social service programs. The County and the Consortium will continue efforts to enhance coordination and partnerships between public and private housing, health, and social services agencies throughout Brevard County. Through the regular meetings of the Affordable Housing Council and the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Boards, there is an opportunity for interested citizens and agencies to make presentations and discuss issues concerning coordination of housing, health, and social service needs.

In the past year, due to the COVID 19 pandemic, members worked more closely with partners across multiple housing agencies, social service agencies, local municipalities, health providers, and housing contractors to prepare for and plan how to better serve citizens' needs.

Discussion

None

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

See below for Program Specific Requirements.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(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.	70.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is

as follows:

The Consortium does not use any other forms of investment not listed in 24CFR Part 92.205(b).

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

Home Investment Partnership Program funds invested in homeowner assistance will be subject to recapture provisions outlined in 24 CFR Part 92.254. Except when resale restrictive covenants are mandated by regulation, the Brevard County Home Investment Partnerships Program Consortium will follow the recapture provisions described in these guidelines. The Consortium's purchase assistance program is designed to assist eligible applicants with the purchase of decent, safe and sanitary housing by providing financial assistance for any combination of down payment, repairs, principal reduction and closing costs for new construction and/or existing housing. Both the potential Home Investment Partnership Program housing unit and the assisted client must be eligible for the program, following specific standards and requirements from HUD. Funds for assistance can be used in the form of amortized, non-amortized, forgivable or deferred payment loans.

Recapture Provisions:

- Program funds will be secured by a lien, primary or subordinate mortgage; and affordability restrictions enforced via a land use agreement or deed restriction.
- If at any time during the period of affordability the housing unit assisted with Home Investment Partnership Program funds ceases to be the principal residence of the eligible homeowner, or any other terms of the mortgage or land use agreement are violated, then the mortgage balance will become due in full.
- The Home Investment Partnership Program-assisted housing unit must meet the affordability requirements for not less than the applicable period specified in the following table, beginning after project completion.

Homeownership assistance Home Investment Partnership Program amount per-unit	Minimum period of affordability in years:
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Under \$15,000	5
\$15,000 to \$40,000	10
Over \$40,000	15

See AD-25, Administration, Unique Appendices, for a full description of the guidelines.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

See the above responses. The guidelines will ensure the affordability of units acquired with HOME Investment Partnership Program funds per 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4).

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

The Consortium has no plans to use Home Investment Partnership Program funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is being rehabilitated with Home Investment Partnership Program funds.

5. Discussion

None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT NOTICE: BREVARD COUNTY HOME
CONSORTIUM FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

NOTICE TO CITIZENS: Brevard County is the recipient of federal grants administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development including the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnership Program. Brevard County receives and extends HOME Investment Partnership Program funds through the Brevard County HOME Investment Partnership Program Consortium. The Consortium is comprised of the County and the cities of Titusville, Cocoa, Melbourne and Palm Bay; the County is the lead agency. These programs are designed to assist the County's low and moderate income residents.

2021-2022 - ANNUAL ACTION PLAN: Based on the information and analysis presented in the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan and meetings held at different stages of the process, the County annually develops a one-year Action Plan. The Plan sets priorities for the County's fiscal year 2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant funds and the Consortium's fiscal year 2021-2022 HOME Investment Partnership Program funds for activities designed primarily to assist low and moderate income residents. Each of the Consortium members receive Community Development Block Grant funds directly from The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and is individually responsible for developing their own Community Development Block Grant Plan. The following are the proposed allocations and funding recommendations:

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (Brevard County): total allocation is \$1,443,617. The allocation breakdown is proposed as follows:

<u>PUBLIC SERVICE PROJECTS</u>	<u>ALLOCATION</u>
Public Service Projects	\$ 216,543
<u>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS</u>	<u>ALLOCATION</u>
Demolition/Land Clearance	\$ 250,000
Public Infrastructure Improvements: Suitable Living Environment	\$ 440,987
Section 108 Loan Repayment	\$ 247,364
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 288,723

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM: The Consortium's fiscal year 2021-2022 total allocation is \$1,248,404. The allocation breakdown is as follows: Brevard County \$509,767.09; Titusville \$137,376.72; Cocoa \$81,562.93; Melbourne \$261,694.64; Palm Bay \$258,002.62.

<u>STRATEGY</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>	<u>CITIES</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Community Housing Development Organization			
15% Set-Aside as Required by Regulation	\$ 76,465	\$110,795	\$187,260
Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation/Repair/Replacement Programs	\$382,326	\$156,923	\$539,249
Acquisition/Rehabilitation/Resale/Rental Housing	\$ 76,465	\$ 59,709	\$136,174
Down Payment/Purchase Assistance	\$ 0	\$176,439	\$176,439
Fair Housing Administration	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	\$ 3,000
Tenant Based Rental Assistance	\$ 0	\$ 39,500	\$ 39,500
Acquisition/New Construction/Resale	\$ 0	\$232,202	\$232,202
Administration	\$ 69,959	\$ 54,881	\$124,840

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: There will be a 30-day public comment period from June 17, 2021 to July 16, 2021. Public comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. regarding the Plan and proposed use of funds. During this period, a draft copy of the Plan will be available for public review at the following locations:

Brevard County
Housing and Human Services
2725 Judge Fran Way; B-106
Viera, FL 32940
(321) 633-2076

City of Palm Bay
Growth Management
120 Malabar Rd., SE
Palm Bay, FL 32907
(321) 952-3400

City of Cocoa
Community Development
65 Stone Street
Cocoa, FL 32922
(321) 433-8500

City of Titusville
Neighborhood Services
Department Housing and
Urban Improvement
725 DeLeon Avenue
Titusville, FL 32780
(321) 567-3987

Titusville Public Library
2121 S. Hopkins Avenue
Titusville, FL 32780
(321) 264-5026

City of Melbourne
695 East University Blvd.
Melbourne, FL 32901
(321) 674-5734

Franklin T. DeGroodt
Public Library
6475 Minton Rd., SW
Palm Bay, FL 32908
(321) 952-6317

Central Brevard Public Library
308 Forest Avenue
Cocoa, Florida 32922
(321) 633-1792

WRITTEN COMMENTS: Please address any written comments to: Brevard County Housing and Human Services Department, Attention: Natasha Jones, Special Projects Coordinator, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Building B, Suite 106, Viera, FL 32940.

PUBLIC HEARINGS: The public hearings on the proposed fiscal year 2021-2022 Plan are scheduled to be held at 5:00 p.m., July 6, 2021 and at 9:00 a.m., July 20, 2021 for final action and adoption. The public hearings will be held during the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners meeting, 1st floor Commission Chambers, Building C, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940. The County will respond within fifteen (15) days when practicable, in writing, to the public comments and will include them in the Plan.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: To ensure accessibility to all interested persons, including those with disabilities as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Florida Accessibility Code, provisions of this ad and documents listed above may be requested in an alternative format. If there is a need of assistance for this document or participation at scheduled meetings please contact Mr. Brian Breslin, Housing and Human Services Department at (321) 633-2076 at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting. If a person desires to appeal any decision made by this Board with respect to any matter considered at these public hearings, such a person will need a record of this proceeding and that, for such purposes, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of this proceeding is made, at his/her own expense, which record includes testimony and evidence upon which any such appeal is to be based. Equal Housing Opportunity Lender.