

2022 ACTION PLAN

for the

**Onondaga County
Community Development Block Grant Program
Emergency Solutions Grant Program**

and the

**Onondaga County/Town of Clay
HOME Consortium**

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The 2022 Action Plan for Onondaga County is an analysis of the housing and community development needs of Onondaga County and an outline of the subsequent goals and objectives of Onondaga County Community Development (OCCD) for the next program years. (Unless otherwise noted, data is from the 2010 United States Census.) It is the result of the collaboration with many partners, both in its formation and implementation. It outlines the role of OCCD and its partners in a County-based housing delivery system and it assigns priorities to the many documented housing and community development needs. The mission of OCCD is to improve the quality of life for Onondaga County's low and moderate income people by preserving and rebuilding neighborhoods, revitalizing and increase in the County's housing stock, upgrading the infrastructure, and provide needed community facilities.

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 mission of the OCCD is to improve the quality of life for Onondaga County's low and moderate income people by preserving and rebuilding neighborhoods, revitalizing and increasing the County's housing stock, upgrading the infrastructure, and providing needed community facilities.

The objectives of the Onondaga County Five Year Strategic Plan and 2022 Action Plan are as follows:

- provide safe and sanitary infrastructure, such as sanitary sewers, storm sewers, water lines, sidewalks, etc., that serve low income residents;
- provide recreational facilities for low and moderate income and disabled residents;
- eliminate detrimental blighting conditions in residential neighborhoods;
- provide neighborhood facilities, such as senior citizen centers and community centers for low and moderate income persons;
- provide improved housing conditions and housing opportunities for low and moderate income elderly and handicapped persons and low and moderate income families through housing rehabilitation

assistance;

- provide home ownership opportunities for the County's low and moderate income residents, with affirmative marketing to the minority population;
- stimulate improved economic conditions in business districts located in low and moderate income neighborhoods through commercial rehabilitation;
- provide fair housing for all the citizens of the County; and
- provide contracting and employment opportunities to minority businesses.
- participate in the communities fight to end homelessness by providing support and funding for organizations and agencies involved in this endeavor.

To achieve these goals Onondaga County Community Development identified six priority goals and programs to solve the challenges facing our community:

- Housing Rehabilitation: the Lead Hazard Reduction Program (LHR); the Safe Housing Assistance Program for the Elderly (SHAPE-UP); Emergency Repair Program/RESTORE Program (as funding availability allows).
- Housing Rehabilitation-Accessibility: the RAMP Program; Access to HOME Program (ATH) (as funding availability allows).
- Capital Projects: provides infrastructure/public facility/recreation facility improvements to the counties 34 municipalities
- Homelessness: provide funding to local organizations dealing with various aspects of the issue; staff participates with local Housing and Homeless Coalition
- Commercial Improvements: Commercial Rehabilitation Program; Main Street Rehabilitation Program
- Homeownership: the Onondaga County First-time Homeownership Program.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

Onondaga County Community Development's (OCCD) goal is to serve the citizens of Onondaga County in a productive and efficient manner. Overall feedback received from grant recipients, community leaders and funding providers is positive. The department continues to meet goals, deadlines, expectations established by its fund sources. The department is also aware of and operates within the realm of the department's mission.

OCCD continues to seek alternative sources of funding to support its programs in hopes of being able to meet the ever increasing demand for services to the community. The alternative sources of funds include: the HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH); the New York State

Department of Homes and Community Renewal (NYS HCR); and the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation (NYS AHC).

Since its inception OCCD has received just over \$242,000,000 in funding, completed over 820 capital projects, sold 420 homes to first-time homebuyers, improved the facades of over 355 local commercial buildings, provided accessibility improvements to 860 low-moderate income disabled households and completed more than 5800 housing rehabilitation projects.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The County encourages citizen participation through several avenues. One avenue is through the County website. The website provides descriptions of the different housing and commercial rehabilitation programs, capital projects and contractor information. It also includes notices of public hearings, which are also advertised in the Syracuse Post Standard newspaper. Citizens are also able to submit comments and questions to the OCCD mailbox through the website.

OCCD has a 10 member Steering Committee which oversees the entire program. Appointed by the County Executive, the committee includes 6 elected officials (2 Town Supervisors, 2 Village Mayors and 2 County Legislators) and additional at-large members representing a cross-section of the County. The Steering Committee reviews and approves OCCD's budget, programs, ESG projects, CAPER, and reviews and selects the capital projects submitted by local municipalities.

All 34 towns and villages in Onondaga County are invited to submit a Five Year Community Development Plan and applications for capital projects for possible inclusion in the County's Annual Action Plan. The municipalities are required to hold a public hearing to allow citizen input into both the Five Year CD Plan for that municipality and the capital project applications to be submitted to the County. A town or village board resolution authorizing their project application(s) is also requested.

OCCD holds two Public Hearings each year - one in late summer to review and solicit comments on the proposed Annual Action Plan and a second in late fall to review the CAPER. These are advertised on the County website as well as in the main local newspaper (Post Standard)

5. Summary of public comments

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

The Public Comment period was June 17, 2022 – July 19, 2022. A Public Hearing was held July 18, 2022. No comments were received.

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

No comments were received.

7. Summary

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	ONONDAGA COUNTY	Onondaga County Community Development
HOME Administrator	ONONDAGA COUNTY	Onondaga County Community Development
ESG Administrator	ONONDAGA COUNTY	Onondaga County Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

Onondaga County Community Development (OCCD) is the lead agency and hub of the institutional structure responsible for developing and administering the programs covered by the Consolidated & Annual Plans. It works closely with various government agencies and departments, town and village governments, and numerous other entities.

Capital projects represent the largest share of the annual OCCD program budget. RFPs are solicited from the 34 municipalities within Onondaga County. These projects are then reviewed and approved by the OCCD Steering Committee. OCCD also administers and manages homeownership and housing rehabilitation programs in close collaboration with private contractors. The majority of OCCD planning, therefore, is related to activities associated with these programs.

OCCD also funds eight Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs that assist homeless individuals and families with Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Rehousing, Emergency Shelter and Street Outreach activities. OCCD also coordinates with The Housing and Homeless Coalition of CNY. It serves as the community coalition to address homelessness and housing vulnerability. They are the organized body of informal networking and formal linkages between homeless services providers and other public and private human service providers. They work with and for the

homeless and formerly homeless or other interested consumers and stakeholders. They provide valuable input and guidance to the OCCD ESG program.

CNY Fair Housing, Inc. conducts education and outreach to the general public regarding fair housing rights and responsibilities, maintains a network of trained housing discrimination testers, and assists with fair housing litigation. In 2019 the agency published the "Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice: Syracuse and Onondaga County".

ARISE, Inc. advocates for and locates accessible housing for disabled persons and families.

OCCD works with Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs) in Onondaga County for projects to develop special needs housing with its HOME set-aside funds.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

Since 1986 various groups have existed to assess community homeless needs, identify gaps in services and develop a comprehensive community strategy to combat homelessness. Onondaga County Community Development has consistently worked with these groups to achieve these goals.

In August 2010, the group became known as the Housing and Homeless Coalition (HHC). A recent merger with some neighboring counties created the new Housing and Homeless Coalition of Central New York (CoC NY-505). The mission of the HHC is to assess community needs and develop a comprehensive community strategy to combat homelessness and housing vulnerability in the community. The new name better reflects HUD's emphasis on meeting the issue of homelessness in the community collaboratively.

The Housing and Homeless Coalition is the local entity responsible for identifying the nature and extent of homelessness, identifying priority needs and coordinating homeless services including services to homeless subpopulations and is the lead entity for the CoC planning process.

The HHC meets on a monthly basis and has an established inclusive process to address the issues related to homelessness. More than fifty agencies are represented on the HHC, from shelter and direct service providers, to representatives from all levels of government, grassroots and neighborhood groups, housing developers and members of the business community as well as homeless and formerly homeless consumers. The HHC has been successful in carefully and collaboratively implementing a coordinated community-wide system of services that prevent duplication of effort and focus on maximizing available resources to meet the needs of homeless persons.

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

OCCD recognizes that developing partnerships with area public and private organizations is vital to its success. OCCD will allocate Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds to support emergency shelters, street outreach, and homelessness prevention. These activities will be provided to women, men, youth, families, persons living with HIV/AIDS and the chronically homeless.

The annual ESG Request for Proposals stresses prevention as well as moving those already in the homeless system to permanent housing as soon as possible. ESG Recipients must follow and participate in the CoC's Coordinated Entry Plan that details the process for ensuring that the most vulnerable individuals will be given priority to housing programs. ESG Rules specifically state that the Continuum of Care (CoC), in consultation with recipients of ESG program funds within the geographic area, (1)

establish and consistently follow written standards for providing Continuum of Care assistance, (2) establish performance targets appropriate for population and program type, and (3) monitor recipient and sub-recipient performance.

OCCD continues to work with the Onondaga County Social Services Economic Security Department to develop a collaborative approach to administer and monitor County ESG funding. The department maintains its collaboration with the Housing and Homeless Coalition of CNY (CoC NY-505) and City of Syracuse ESG Administrator to ensure mutual areas covered by the CoC, the City of Syracuse, and OCCD are actively working together to end homelessness.

Additional HUD Continuum of Care funds will support the local Homeless Management Information System which provides the necessary and required supporting data for the CAPER.

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 Homeless & Housing Coalition (HHC) has several subcommittees and work groups whose primary charge was to develop and update a Plan to End Homelessness and other goals of the HHC. This Committee identified five overarching goals to guide local planning efforts toward ending homelessness in our community. The Committee selected these goals based on the Federal Interagency Council on Homelessness Opening Doors Plan, the national federal plan outlining successful strategies to prevent and end homelessness by 2020.

The goals of collaborating are to ensure that the mutual areas that are covered by both OCCD and the HHC are actively working to end homelessness while creating and adhering to plans regarding these activities. There is great value in providing consistency across the agencies dedicated to ending homelessness.

OCCD staff attends the HHC monthly meeting to be involved and to provide input. The OCCD Director currently serves as the Chair of the Performance Selection Committee (Board), which is made up of members of the HHC board who are not a part of CoC funded agencies for the purpose of rating and ranking local funding applications.

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

Priorities are determined by review of the CoC application process and other homeless planning activities including but not limited to review of Point in Time data and surveys conducted among

consumers of homeless services. The Continuum of Care planning process consistently reveals one overriding priority need among the homeless and those at risk of homelessness: affordable permanent housing with a range of readily available support services commensurate with the varying needs of each household. In addition to affordable housing, resources are needed to develop and maintain an appropriate range of services, including preventative and rehabilitative services to assist persons before they become homeless, as they seek to leave shelters, and as they attempt to resume life in the community after a period of homelessness. ESG RFP review and funding is guided by these priorities.

ESG program progress relies heavily upon the HMIS data and monitoring visits with agencies. Program standards, outcomes and policies and procedures are reviewed on an annual basis with each funded program. The Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness, updated in 2017, outlined strategies, funding and other resources to end homelessness in our community. ESG funds were aligned in the areas of rapid re-housing, homeless prevention and street outreach. Local priorities for funding are identified by the Gaps and Needs Assessment completed by the CoC along with the HMIS data and other local data. Outcomes of this assessment are used to direct ESG funding resources.

Homeless prevention priorities, emerging as a result of planning associated with Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing funding, include direct financial assistance to households combined with additional supports such as case management, legal advocacy, and housing relocation services.

The HMIS software product used locally is the nation's leading management information system and is regularly updated to meet HUD's evolving standards. While HMIS is not currently funded by ESG, the data provided is critical in assessing program activity and effectiveness. Policies and procedures are outlined and updated by the CoC.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	CNY Fair Housing
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Fair Housing
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	OCCD staff consulted with a variety of non-profits, social service providers, community residents, and governmental agencies to determine the needs and better allocate entitlement resources.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	ARISE Child and Family Service Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	OCCD staff consulted with a variety of non-profits, social service providers, community residents, and governmental agencies to determine the needs and better allocate entitlement resources.

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

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Housing and Homeless Coalition of CNY	<p>OCCD consults with the Housing & Homeless Coalition of CNY to identify gaps in services to those in need. Using HMIS data, Point in Time count data and feedback from community based organizations, ESG funds have been used to maximize current funding. The CoC and the City of Syracuse continue to work together to build and maintain a process that maximizes current resources to support individuals and families in finding and maintaining permanent housing along with support services that help those in need to achieve their housing goals. ESG program progress relies heavily upon the HMIS data and monitoring visits with agencies. Program standards, outcomes and policies and procedures are reviewed on an annual basis with each funded program. The Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness, updated in 2017, outlined strategies, funding and other resources to end homelessness in our community. ESG funds were aligned in the areas of rapid re-housing, homeless prevention and street outreach. Local priorities for funding are identified by the Gaps and Needs Assessment completed by the CoC along with the HMIS data and other local data. Outcomes of this assessment are used to direct ESG funding resources.</p>

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

The County encourages citizen participation in its programs through the County website (www.ongov.net/cd), the OCCD Steering Committee, the towns and villages and public hearings. The comment period for the Plan is June 17, 2022 - July 19, 2022. The Public Hearing is July 18, 2022.

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Onondaga County is made up of 34 towns and villages. All 34 towns and villages are invited to submit a Five Year Community Development Plan and applications for capital projects for possible inclusion in the County's Annual Action Plan. The municipalities are required to hold a public hearing to allow citizen input into both the Five Year CD Plan for that municipality and the capital project applications to be submitted to the County. A town or village board resolution authorizing their project application(s) is also requested.

Although projects are selected primarily based on need and the number of low income people served. Each year, there are many more applications received as there are CDBG funds available, so it is a very competitive process. In addition, the Steering Committee reviews and approves programs to be funded by the Emergency Solutions Grant.

OCCD holds a Public Hearing after Steering Committee approval and before the County Legislature review and authorization of the Annual Plan. This is advertised in the Post Standard and on the OCCD website. The funding level, the activities that are eligible, and the proposed budget are included in the announcement. Another Public Hearing is also held once the Plan is prepared and before it is submitted to HUD. This hearing is also advertised in the Post Standard and on the County CD website.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	Although advertised in the local newspaper and on the County website no one attended the Public Hearings.	No comments received	N/A	
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Ad announced the comment period and hearing date and included proposed activities, budget categories and invited the public to contact OCCD via phone or email to provide feedback.	None	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)
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community Town/Village residents	Varies by Municipality	Varies by Municipality	Varies by Municipality	
4	Public Meeting	OCCD Steering Committee members	Steering Committee Members appointed by the County Executive. Members review and approve grant budgets and project funding.	The Committee understands the value of the Program to Onondaga County and distributes the available resources equitably, maximizing the benefit to low and moderate income residents.	None	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
5	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	None	We have mostly received questions about our various housing rehabilitation programs.	None	http://www.ongov.net/cd/contact.html

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The table below outlines the resources the County anticipates having available during PY2022. It is followed by narratives about other resources these funds will leverage.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	2,196,285	103,719	0	2,300,004	0	Please see 2022 Action Plan for detailed information on programs and services recommended for funding.

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	720,844	0	0	720,844	0	Please see 2022 Action Plan for detailed information on programs and services recommended for funding.
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	175,607	0	0	175,607	0	Please see 2022 Action Plan for detailed information on programs and services recommended for funding.

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: \$		
Other	public - state	Admin and Planning Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab	350,000	0	0	350,000	0	NYS grants funds for multiple goals, generally Housing Rehabilitation - Accessibility, Commercial Facade Improvement and Homeownership.

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

OCCD is required to provide a match for federal funds received under the HOME Program. The County uses funds from non-federal grants it applies for and receives from various sources including (but not limited to): the NYS Affordable Housing Corporation, the NYS Housing Trust Fund, and various grants through the NYS Homes and Community Renewal.

Agencies receiving ESG funds under the County ESG Program will provide a portion of the required ESG match. Match sources must be listed on the agency budget.

Since 2001, OCCD has received ten Lead Hazard Reduction/Lead Hazard Demonstration grants totaling almost \$32 million from the HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH). The County uses a portion of its CDBG funds as match for these grants and plans to continue to apply for and hopefully receive funding from OLHCHH.

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

Although the Onondaga County housing market has remained fairly stable, foreclosures and tax delinquent properties do exist throughout our area. The County will continue to acquire some of these vacant properties for its First-time Homeownership Program. These homes will be rehabilitated and sold to low-moderate income first-time home buyers at a subsidized cost. The department's Homeownership Program is funded via a variety of sources and grants, primarily local funding and state grants.

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Housing Rehabilitation	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Onondaga County	Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$200,000 HOME: \$540,633 New York State: \$50,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 60 Household Housing Unit
2	Housing Rehabilitation-Accessibility Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Onondaga County	Housing Rehabilitation-Accessibility	CDBG: \$150,000 HOME: \$0 ESG: \$0 New York State: \$100,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 20 Household Housing Unit
3	Capital Projects	2020	2024	Capital Improvements County-wide	Onondaga County	Capital Projects	CDBG: \$755,747 HOME: \$0 ESG: \$0	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 7000 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Homeless-Emergency Shelter	2020	2024	Homeless	Onondaga County	Homelessness	CDBG: \$0 HOME: \$0 ESG: \$80,435	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 75 Persons Assisted
5	Homeless-Homeless Prevention	2020	2024	Homeless	Onondaga County	Homelessness	ESG: \$72,000	Homelessness Prevention: 50 Persons Assisted
6	Homeless-Outreach	2020	2024	Homeless	Onondaga County	Homelessness	ESG: \$10,000	Homelessness Prevention: 30 Persons Assisted
7	Commercial Facade Improvement	2020	2024	Economic Development	Onondaga County	Commercial Facade Improvement	CDBG: \$150,000 New York State: \$250,000	Businesses assisted: 10 Businesses Assisted
8	Homeownership	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Onondaga County	Homeownership	CDBG: \$50,000 New York State: \$130,000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 5 Households Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	

2	Goal Name	Housing Rehabilitation-Accessibility Improvements
	Goal Description	
3	Goal Name	Capital Projects
	Goal Description	
4	Goal Name	Homeless-Emergency Shelter
	Goal Description	
5	Goal Name	Homeless-Homeless Prevention
	Goal Description	
6	Goal Name	Homeless-Outreach
	Goal Description	
7	Goal Name	Commercial Facade Improvement
	Goal Description	
8	Goal Name	Homeownership
	Goal Description	

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Over the next year OCCD plans to assist local municipalities with funding for 17 Capital projects. OCCD will also provide housing rehabilitation grants to approximately 60 low-mod income households throughout Onondaga County. Accessibility will be improved in the homes of 25 low-mod income residents with disabilities. The County will complete and sell 5 homes to low-mod income first-time homebuyers.

OCCD has not reallocated funds to address COVID-19 related activities at this time as we expect the CARES Act CDBG and ESG funds as well as the recent American Rescue Plan funding to address the needs of the jurisdiction.

OCCD leverages their CDBG and HOME allocations to obtain supplemental funding from a variety of sources. During the upcoming year this additional funding will include the funds from a 3.5 year \$5,600,000 Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration grant awarded to the County in 2019 by the HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH).

The County anticipates receiving two housing grant awards from the New York State Housing and Community Renewal Office (NYS HCR): A NYS RESTORE grant to fund emergency housing repairs for very low income seniors (\$50,000); and one Access to Home (ATH) grants totaling \$100,000. The County will use the ATH money to supplement its existing RAMP program.

OCCD anticipates another \$300,000 grant from the NYS Affordable Housing Corp to continue its First-time Homebuyer Program.

OCCD's Commercial Rehabilitation Program is currently working with \$380,000 in NYS HCR Main Street funds to revitalize the commercial center of one of the County's older villages via building upgrades and restoration, façade renovation and street-scape improvements.

The County provides funding to the CNY Fair Housing. OCCD works closely with CNY Fair Housing to identify and address issues related to fair housing, which includes the recent Analysis of Impediments report that was produced to provide new information on the impact these issues have in Syracuse and Onondaga County.

ARISE, Inc. also uses CDBG funds to advocate for and locate accessible housing for individuals with disabilities and families. Approximately 15 persons per year benefit from this activity.

2-3 units developed by a CHDO in receipt of 15% set aside funding will be acquired by low income special needs clients.

Projects

#	Project Name
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#	Project Name
1	Capital Projects 2022
2	CCE - Community Forests 2022
3	ARISE - Housing Referral & Advocacy Program 2022
4	Fair Housing Project 2022
5	Commercial Rehabilitation Program 2022
6	RAMP/Accessibility Improvements for the Disabled 2022
7	Housing Rehabilitation 2022
8	Homeownership Assistance Program 2022
9	Housing Rehabilitation Delivery Costs 2022
10	Community Development Block Grant Administration 2022
11	CHDO Assistance 2022
12	HOME Program Administration 2022
13	ESG 2022 Onondaga County

Table 7 - Project Information

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

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Capital Projects 2022
	Target Area	Onondaga County
	Goals Supported	Capital Projects
	Needs Addressed	Capital Projects
	Funding	CDBG: \$727,597
	Description	The County will award 10-15 local municipalities with Capital Projects. The County will seek applications for Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/moderate Housing Income Benefit from the Towns & Villages within the jurisdiction. The Community Development Steering Committee will meet to review and discuss applications and make funding awards.
	Target Date	8/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The activities will benefit approximately 7,000 low/moderate income households within the Towns/Villages.
	Location Description	CDBG eligible areas and activities within Onondaga County.
	Planned Activities	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/moderate Housing Income Benefit, such as street, park and senior center improvements .
2	Project Name	CCE - Community Forests 2022
	Target Area	Onondaga County
	Goals Supported	Capital Projects
	Needs Addressed	Capital Projects
	Funding	CDBG: \$28,150

	Description	The goal of this proposal is for the continued improvement of the overall quality of life in our urban and village communities by providing affordable trees to improve and enhance the existing urban forest canopy, technical assistance with tree planting and maintenance, proactive outreach and education about best management practices and invasive threats to our urban ecosystem. This project will focus on CDBG Eligible Areas, ensuring that low income communities in Onondaga County have the best chance to recover from invasive pest challenges such as EAB without substantially and unpredictably increasing the financial burden on the town and by maintaining a healthy urban canopy. Citizens in these communities will continue to realize the economic and environmental benefits of trees, such as reduction in heating in the summer, reduction in wind cooling in the winter, capture of storm water, air filtration, noise reduction, and increased property values.
	Target Date	8/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will benefit communities County-wide.
	Location Description	CDBG eligible areas within Onondaga County.
	Planned Activities	<p>CCE Onondaga will provide eligible low income communities with the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Low-cost trees through the municipal (community) tree buy program. 2. Skilled care for existing trees using community volunteers via the CommuniTree Stewards Program. 3. Educational opportunities for municipal staff and community volunteers in techniques to promote tree survival and health in the face of disturbances, both insect and meteorological. 4. Information on emerald ash borer management as well as other community forestry issues to both private and public audiences. 5. Identification of ash trees on private and public property. 6. Urban tree care and maintenance training for community residents through the well-established CommuniTree Stewards program, building a foundation of residents engaged in their urban forest resource.
3	Project Name	ARISE - Housing Referral & Advocacy Program 2022

Target Area	Onondaga County
Goals Supported	Capital Projects
Needs Addressed	Capital Projects
Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
Description	The Housing Referral and Advocacy Program (HRAP) assist people with any disabilities and their families who live in Onondaga County. Participants have low- to extremely-low incomes; many are homeless or living in critically unstable housing situations.
Target Date	8/31/2023
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The Housing Referrral and Advocacy Program (HRAP) will assist approximately 50 people with any disabilities and their families who live in Onondaga County. Participants have low- to extremely-low incomes; many are homeless or living in critically unstable housing situations.
Location Description	County-wide

	Planned Activities	<p>ARISE’s Housing Referral & Advocacy Program (HRAP) is the only program in Onondaga County focused on providing housing assistance for people who have any type of disability. HRAP is considered a “mainstream provider” and fills service gaps because it serves those who do not fit the guidelines of other providers. HRAP activities and services include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Providing Information & Referrals in response to requests related to locating accessible housing; fair housing access/accommodation questions and/or requests; inquiries from landlords/property managers related to housing accessibility and fair housing; and referring individuals with disabilities to needed resources and supports. 2) Reviewing and evaluating existing available housing units to determine level of accessibility; maintaining a list of affordable/accessible housing and distributing it upon request. 3) Meeting with developers and landlords to ensure that planned and newly constructed housing units will be accessible. 4) Reducing housing vulnerability and assistance with locating housing for those with significant disabilities and functional limitation who are unable to conduct their own housing search. Assistance includes accompanying people when they visit rental units; providing transportation to view units; assisting with rental applications and negotiating with landlords; help applying for housing assistance; and making referrals/assisting in obtaining financial supports. 5) Reducing disability related housing discrimination through outreach, information dissemination, and group education targeted to community residents and to housing providers (Fair Housing, reasonable accommodation, etc.) 6) Advocating with property owners, developers and real estate agents to increase the number of accessible units and to open more rental units to those receiving Public Assistance, Section 8 or other government rent subsidies. Working with housing providers to place individuals with disabilities in accessible units, and making ARISE’s independent living services available to provide support to help ensure tenant success in maintaining stable housing. 7) Contributing to community-wide planning by participating in housing task forces and committees to ensure the needs of residents with disabilities are considered during planning, and to help reduce duplication of services and eliminate gaps in service coverage.
4	Project Name	Fair Housing Project 2022
	Target Area	Onondaga County

	Goals Supported	Capital Projects
	Needs Addressed	Capital Projects
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	This project utilizes a comprehensive approach to ensuring equal housing opportunity in Onondaga County, helping the County and consortium members fulfill their obligation to Affirmatively Further Fair Housing as required as recipients of HUD funding. The activities proposed are consistent with needs identified in the Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, including the presence of illegal discrimination in the housing market. This project will include four components: 1)Education and outreach on fair housing laws; 2)Enforcement of Fair Housing laws; 3)Fair Housing Compliance and Planning Services; and 4)Housing Counseling and Advocacy.
	Target Date	8/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will benefit approximately 300 people.
	Location Description	County-wide
	Planned Activities	Our project works to address several distinct, but related, problems: illegal housing discrimination, lack of planning for affordable and accessible housing, passage of exclusionary zoning laws, need for stronger affirmative marketing efforts, need for housing counseling for tenants, and a need for better education throughout the community on fair housing and tenants' rights laws. Federal, state and local fair housing laws and consumer protection laws provide the framework for our proposed activities, together with HUD requirements for publicly-funded housing activities.
5	Project Name	Commercial Rehabilitation Program 2022
	Target Area	Onondaga County
	Goals Supported	Commercial Facade Improvement
	Needs Addressed	Commercial Facade Improvement
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000

	Description	The purpose of this program is to improve the business viability in low income areas central business districts throughout Onondaga County. Technical assistance is also provided to commercial property owners to keep their facades consistent with the overall area.
	Target Date	8/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Under this program, 5 businesses within the County will be assisted.
	Location Description	County-wide, within CDBG eligible areas.
	Planned Activities	Program provides matching grants for exterior improvements for a standard sized commercial building. A larger building such as a plaza or a large building consisting of several tax parcels may receive more funding on a matching basis. The program also provides technical assistance and architectural services to commercial property owners in qualified areas.
6	Project Name	RAMP/Accessibility Improvements for the Disabled 2022
	Target Area	Onondaga County
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation-Accessibility Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation-Accessibility
	Funding	CDBG: \$150,000 New York State: \$50,000
	Description	The purpose of this program is to provide accessibility improvements for low/moderate income homeowners and renters including ramps, chair lifts, bathroom and other accessibility modifications.
	Target Date	8/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This program will assist approximately 25 households within the County with accessibility improvements.
	Location Description	County-wide
Planned Activities	The RAMP program provides grants up to \$15,000 for accessibility improvements such as ramps, widening doorways, and bathroom modifications to homes owned or rented by low-income households with an individual with disabilities.	
7	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation 2022

	Target Area	Onondaga County
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$200,000 HOME: \$540,633
	Description	The purpose of this program is to provide decent, safe and sanitary housing for the county's low/moderate income homeowner. Priority will be given to those 62 years old and older, households with children under the age of six, and/or in emergency situations.
	Target Date	8/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This program will assist 60 low/moderate income households County-wide.
	Location Description	County-wide
	Planned Activities	The program will provide needed assistance to low-moderate income households for home repair. Priority will be given to those 62 years of age or older, households with children under the age of six, and/or in emergency situations.
8	Project Name	Homeownership Assistance Program 2022
	Target Area	Onondaga County
	Goals Supported	Homeownership
	Needs Addressed	Homeownership
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000 New York State: \$120,000
	Description	The Homeownership Program provides homeownership opportunities for low-moderate income households.
	Target Date	8/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 5 low-income households within the County will receive assistance through this program.
	Location Description	County-wide

	Planned Activities	The funding derived from program income is used in support of the County Homeownership Program for site acquisition and preparation, rehabilitation expenses, and soft costs such as appraisals, abstracts, legal fees and architectural expenses. The majority of the costs for the program are obtained from other sources.
9	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation Delivery Costs 2022
	Target Area	Onondaga County
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation Housing Rehabilitation-Accessibility Improvements Homeownership
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation Housing Rehabilitation-Accessibility Homeownership
	Funding	CDBG: \$450,000
	Description	The purpose of this activity is to support the program delivery of the Activities associated with the Housing Rehabilitation project.
	Target Date	8/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	90 Households will benefit from this proposed activity.
	Location Description	County-wide
	Planned Activities	Housing rehabilitation delivery expenses for a staff of nine full-time employees and one part-time employee.
10	Project Name	Community Development Block Grant Administration 2022
	Target Area	Onondaga County
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation Housing Rehabilitation-Accessibility Improvements Capital Projects Commercial Facade Improvement
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation Housing Rehabilitation-Accessibility Capital Projects Commercial Facade Improvement
	Funding	CDBG: \$439,257

	Description	Administrative costs for the Onondaga County Community Development Block Grant program.
	Target Date	8/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	County-wide
	Planned Activities	Effective administration and planning of HUD funded programs including compliance with all mandated requirements.
11	Project Name	CHDO Assistance 2022
	Target Area	Onondaga County
	Goals Supported	Capital Projects
	Needs Addressed	Capital Projects
	Funding	HOME: \$108,127
	Description	The program is intended to provide rental housing and homeownership opportunities for people with special needs.
	Target Date	8/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	To be determined based once Proposals are received.
	Location Description	COunty-wide
	Planned Activities	This activity assists the development of housing units for very low-income elderly households and households with special needs through funding assistance to CHDO's. Requests for proposals will be reviewed by CD staff and suitable projects selected for funding. Onondaga County has been working with several CHDO qualified housing providers.
12	Project Name	HOME Program Administration 2022
	Target Area	Onondaga County
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	HOME: \$72,084

	Description	Administrative costs for the HOME Program.
	Target Date	8/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Many low-moderate household will benefit. Number is dependent on scope of each activity.
	Location Description	County-wide
	Planned Activities	Effective administration and planning of HUD funded programs including compliance with all mandated requirements.
13	Project Name	ESG 2022 Onondaga County
	Target Area	Onondaga County
	Goals Supported	Homeless-Emergency Shelter Homeless-Homeless Prevention Homeless-Outreach
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness
	Funding	ESG: \$175,607
	Description	Emergency Solutions Grant funds will be used for Emergency Shelter, Homelessness Prevention and Street Outreach. Administrative costs are also included.
	Target Date	8/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 150 homeless persons will benefit.
	Location Description	COunty-wide
	Planned Activities	Planned activities are community organizations that support Emergency Shelter, Homeless Prevention and Street Outreach components.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

The area covered by the action plan consists of 1 City, 19 towns and 15 villages. The area had a total population of 323,740 persons residing in 129,845 households (2011-2015 ACS data). This area has a land area of 793.5 square miles and is approximately 35 miles in length and 30 miles in width. All 34 towns and villages participate in the CDBG Urban County Consortium. The town and villages are the priority areas.

The geographic allocation of OCCD programming is largely determined by the location of HUD defined and designated Low-Moderate Income block groups. All federal housing and non-housing community development investments occur within these areas to qualify for funding. Low-Moderate areas are generally located where older, more affordable housing is concentrated. With CPD Maps data, we have identified several areas of priority that are low-income, cost burdened, and with housing problems.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Onondaga County	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

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The Community Development Steering Committee determines budget categories and selects projects to be funded. Although projects are selected primarily on need and the number of low income people served, the Committee strives to maintain a geographic balance when making selections.

Typical obstacles to meeting underserved needs include:

1. Economic factors
2. Federal housing policy
3. Fair Housing impediments
4. Insufficient affordable housing

5. Exclusionary zoning
6. Varying zoning and subdivision regulations
7. Permit fees
8. Insufficient available of accessible housing

As noted above, the County consulted with key members of the local Continuum of Care to determine a rationale for allocating Emergency Solutions Grant Program funding priorities. A cross-jurisdictional (City of Syracuse and County of Onondaga, CoC) collaborative examination of homeless resources took place as both jurisdictions worked together to maximize the impact of HUD ESG funds.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Over the next year the County plans to provide housing rehabilitation grants to approximately 60 low-mod income households throughout Onondaga County. Accessibility will be improved in the homes of 25 low-mod income residents with disabilities. The County will complete and sell 5 homes to low-mod income first-time homebuyers. COVID-19 has had severe consequences on labor and material availability. We have therefore reduced our goals for Housing Rehabilitation to more accurately reflect the current situation.

OCCD has not reallocated funds to address COVID-19 related activities at this time as we expect the CARES Act CDBG and ESG funds as well as the American Rescue Plan funding to address the needs of the jurisdiction.

OCCD leverages their CDBG and HOME allocations to obtain supplemental funding from a variety of sources. During the upcoming year this additional funding will include the funds from a 3.5 year \$5,600,000 Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration grant awarded to the County in 2019 by the HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH).

The County has an active housing grant award from the New York State Housing and Community Renewal Office (NYS HCR) for Access to Home (ATH) grants totaling \$100,000. The County will use the ATH money to supplement its existing RAMP program.

OCCD has applied for another \$600,000 grant from the NYS Affordable Housing Corp to continue its First-time Homebuyer Program.

OCCD's Commercial Rehabilitation Program is currently working with \$341,342 in NYS HCR Main Street funds to revitalize the commercial center of one of the County's older villages via building upgrades and restoration, façade renovation and street-scape improvements.

The County provides funding to the CNY Fair Housing. OCCD works closely with CNY Fair Housing to identify and address issues related to fair housing, which includes the recent Analysis of Impediments report that was produced to provide new information on the impact these issues have in Syracuse and Onondaga County.

ARISE, Inc. also uses CDBG funds to advocate for and locate accessible housing for individuals with disabilities and families. Approximately 15 persons per year benefit from this activity.

2-3 units developed by a CHDO in receipt of 15% set aside funding will be acquired by low income special needs clients.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	0

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Special-Needs	20
Total	20

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	60
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	60

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

Discussion

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

There are no Public Housing projects within the Consortium area.

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

There are no Public Housing projects within the Consortium area.

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

The Consortium works in partnership with the Syracuse Housing Authority to assist public housing residents participating in the SHA Family Self-Sufficiency Program purchase homes from OCCD's Homeownership Program.

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

There are no Public Housing projects within the Consortium area.

Discussion

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

Introduction

Over the past several years, the Homeless & Housing Coalition (CoC) developed several subcommittees and work groups, including the 10-Year Planning Committee, whose primary charge was to develop a Plan to End Homelessness. This Committee identified five overarching goals to guide local planning efforts toward ending homelessness in our community. The Committee selected these goals based on the Federal Interagency Council on Homelessness Opening Doors Plan, the national federal plan outlining successful strategies to prevent and end homelessness by 2020. With 2020 upon us, it is clear that more work is needed. The foundation provided by the CoC and its subcommittees will provide the direction needed to continue this work and to further the goals.

Community Development will continue provide housing rehabilitation services to special needs populations, focusing primarily on the frail elderly and the physically-disabled.

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

Onondaga County Community Development will invest Emergency Solutions Grant funds to support street outreach. For many years the County has funded and with plans to continue funding the Rescue Mission's Homeless Intervention Services (HIS) Team. The HIS Team operates a mobile unit which provides transportation to medical, psychiatric, substance abuse, employment and other essential service appointments. The HIS Team also connects individuals and families living in places unfit for human habitation with services in the community. The team also provides essential care to people living on the street by distributing coats, hats, gloves, blankets, food and water.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

OCCD will use ESG dollars to fund several shelters providing emergency shelter and transitional housing for a variety of the homeless population. Recent ESG allocations were awarded to :

- Chadwick Residence: Transitional housing for women and children; case work and life skill training available.
- Liberty Resources - DePalmer House: Transitional housing for chronically homeless living with HIV/AIDS.
- Salvation Army – Barnabas Shelter: Provide six Emergency Shelter beds for co-ed, homeless youth/young adults, ages 18-24.

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

Emergency Solutions Grant Request for Proposals for PY 2022 stressed prevention as well as moving those already in the homeless system to permanent housing as soon as possible. To help local associations facilitate the transition to permanent housing and prevent homelessness from occurring, Onondaga County is awarding ESG funds to:

- Legal Aid Society: Provide legal service for tenants; eviction prevention.

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.

Onondaga County plans to meet the objectives identified in the Special Needs portion of the Strategic Plan by continuing programs, identifying resources, applying for funds, and implementing programs to support the objectives. Both the public and private sector will be utilized to address the unmet housing needs of the underserved low-income households and special needs populations.

The County's strategy aimed at the special needs population addresses primarily the elderly, frail elderly and physically disabled populations. Those with mental health, substance use disorders, and persons with HIV/AIDS and their families are primarily addressed through the Continuum of Care with partial support from the Emergency Solutions Grant which continues to provide support for a transitional shelter for persons with HIV/AIDS. The County Office of Mental Health is best positioned to address the needs of those with severe mental illness and/or developmental disabilities.

Through the SHAPE-UP (Safe Housing Assistance Program for the Elderly) program, homes owned and occupied by low income elderly or handicapped are rehabilitated. Grants of up to \$15,000 can be matched with funds from the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grants awarded to OCCD in 2019. Some of these repairs are emergency in nature such as leaking roofs or non-functioning furnaces and are critical to keeping many elderly in their homes.

The Ramp program provides accessibility modifications for low-income households with a handicapped family member. Repairs may include exterior ramps, stair chairs, widening of doorways, walk-in showers, & bathroom grab bars. Using both CDBG funds and NYS Access to Home funds, the Ramp

Program will provide grants up to \$15,000 for accessibility modifications for low-income families with a handicapped family member.

Discussion

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

Introduction:

Public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing are complex and varied. OCCD plans to ameliorate some negative effects with several projects.

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

Several OCCD activities will address the removal of barriers to affordable housing. The County will expand housing opportunities for persons with disabilities. Using both CDBG funds and NYS Access to Home funds, the Ramp Program will provide grants up to \$15,000 for accessibility modifications for low-income families with a handicapped family member. Outreach will be on-going.

The County has allocated annual funding to the Fair Housing Council program year to continue the Education and Enforcement Project which includes education, housing counseling and advocacy, enforcement of fair housing laws, and assistance to victims of predatory lending and lending fraud.

ARISE, Inc. is allocated annual funding to provide one-on-one assistance to income eligible individuals with disabilities and their families, in order to stabilize housing situations and maximize independence with the community. ARISE additionally advocates for increased accessible housing, and educates housing providers and the public about Fair Housing, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the need for accessible housing.

OCCD will provide financial assistance to first-time low-moderate income homebuyers so that they can purchase a suitable, affordable home. Often, these buyers are limited in the private market to sub-standard homes. With the County's assistance, buyers are getting a home with the needed review and improvements. Homeownership is often cited as a key driver in the building of wealth. For many Americans, owning a home is an essential part of the American dream that conveys a number of economic benefits, such as the ability to accumulate wealth and access credit by building home equity, and gain long-term savings over the cost of renting.

Discussion:

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Typical obstacles to meeting underserved needs include:

1. Economic factors
2. Federal housing policy
3. Fair Housing impediments
4. Insufficient affordable housing
5. Exclusionary zoning
6. Varying zoning and subdivision regulations
7. Permit fees
8. Insufficient availability of accessible housing

The County seeks to address factors #1, #4, and #8 by allocating HOME CHDO set-aside funds for special needs housing. Also, through the RAMP Program and NYS Access to Home funding, accessibility modifications such as ramps, kitchen modifications, and bathroom grab bars and fixtures will be completed in households with a physically handicapped occupant.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The County will expand housing opportunities for persons with disabilities. Using CDBG, HOME and NYS Access to Home funds, the Ramp Program will provide grants up to \$15,000 for accessibility modifications for low-income households with a handicapped family member. Outreach will be ongoing. By providing rehabilitation grants to low-mod income residents, the County decreases the housing cost burden for these residents.

The County will continue to offer the Homeownership Program selling homes at a subsidized cost to first-time home buyers.

HUD funding is distributed annually through the County to area Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) for developing senior citizens and special needs housing within the County. This funding generally meets current CHDO's ability and demand. Additional CHDO's within the County would be welcomed and are encouraged.

The County has allocated annual funding to CNY Fair Housing each program year to implement the Education and Enforcement Project which includes education, housing counseling and advocacy, enforcement of fair housing laws, and assistance to victims of predatory lending and lending fraud. ARISE, Inc. is allocated annual funding to provide one-on-one assistance to income eligible individuals with disabilities and their families, in order to stabilize housing situations and maximize independence with the community. ARISE additionally advocates for increased accessible housing, and educates

housing providers and the public about Fair Housing, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the need for accessible housing.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Lead based paint hazard reduction has become one of the main focuses of OCCD. The following actions will be taken during the next program year as part of the County's Lead Hazard Reduction Program:

1. Ten staff members' certifications as EPA-Licensed Risk Assessors will be maintained with required training as necessary. OCCD's EPA Firm License required to do lead hazard control assessment and rehab will also be maintained.
2. Risk Assessments will be completed in all pre-1978 homes.
3. The Onondaga County Health Dept.'s Lead Poisoning Control Program will conduct educational/outreach events and provide educational materials to program clients completed in conjunction with our HUD Lead Hazard Reduction Grant.
4. Lead based paint hazard interim controls will be completed on at minimum 45 units during calendar year 2022. To complete these units, it is estimated that at minimum 75 applications will be taken. Of those, 50 or more units will receive paint inspections and risk assessments. Approximately 45 units will qualify for assistance, receive lead hazard control work, and pass clearance testing using dust wipe analysis.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Strategies to reduce the poverty level among households in Onondaga County mirror those recommended in the City of Syracuse Consolidated Plan: creating new economic opportunities and developing a variety of ways to accumulate wealth.

A number of economic revitalization projects that are ongoing or expected to begin in the coming years and may include County residents as part of the labor force. While elected officials and community leaders are working to ensure that County residents will make up a substantial part of the labor force working on these projects, both during and after their completion, residents in the County living outside of the City are sure to benefit from these revitalization projects alongside and along with their City neighbors. Additionally, some municipal and residential construction projects funded with CDBG and HOME through the Con Plan and with State and local aid seek to contract 15% of overall contracted project costs to Minority and Women-Owned Businesses. Also, employment opportunities for low-income workers are created through grants awarded to Onondaga County by the NYS Affordable Housing Corporation's, Affordable Home Ownership Development Program. By subsidizing repairs to extend the useful life of owner occupied homes occupied by low-income households, this program also reduces the financial burden on homeowners thus increasing expendable income required for other

household essentials.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Onondaga County Community Development (OCCD) is the lead agency and hub of the institutional structure responsible for developing and administering the programs covered by the Consolidated Plan. It works closely with various government agencies and departments, town and village governments, and numerous non-profit and for-profit entities. This protocol of cooperation and communication between the many entities has served the Consortium well.

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

To ensure enhanced cooperation, Onondaga County maintains cooperation agreements with each local municipality as a prerequisite to its status as an urban county, and also administers the Town of Clay's CDBG funds under a joint agreement. The Town of Clay and the County are a consortium for HOME grant purposes.

The County will continue to participate in the Continuum of Care. At the regular meetings, members update the community on their activities. These meetings enhance coordination of the delivery of services among health and social service agencies.

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

Additional program specific requirements are described below. All CDBG Program Income is currently allocated to program activities. HOME and ESG information is identified in the sections below.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	90.00%

**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:

HOME funds are not being used for any other form of investment beyond those described in Section 92.205.

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:

OCCD does not use HOME funds for homebuyer activities.

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:

OCCD does not acquire properties with HOME funds.

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:

OCCD has no plans to refinance existing debt with HOME funds.

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
Reference 91.220(l)(4)**

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

Written standards for providing ESG assistance is included as part of the ESG RFP process. OCCD's most recent RFP is found here: <http://www.ongov.net/cd/documents/ESGRFPFY2022.pdf>

Highlights from the RFP in regards to written standards include:

SELECTION OF PROPOSALS

Only proposals submitted electronically by the due date...will be considered.

Priority will be given to:

- Homeless & Housing Coalition of CNY agency members in "good standing" as defined in HHC

Operational Guidelines, Article III;

- Providers located in Onondaga County;
- Projects that prevent homelessness or seek to promptly return those who are literally homeless to stable housing;
- Organizations having a history of active participation in the local HMIS;
- Projects will be required to participate in the CoC's Coordinated Entry process as defined by HUD CPD Notice 17-01 issued January 2017.

Match funds requirements and eligible sources are discussed in detail in the RFP.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The Housing & Homeless Coalition of CNY (CoC NY-505) has an established centralized and coordinated assessment system. HHC staff oversees and manages the Coordinated Entry system, including housing the Coordinated Entry list in HMIS.

All projects participating in Coordinated Entry will follow the assessment and triage protocols of the CE System. The CoC has adopted the following phased approach to engage and appropriately serve persons seeking assistance through the Coordinated Entry system;

Initial Triage- This phase will focus on identifying the immediate housing crisis, and clarifying that the CoC crisis response system is the appropriate system to address needs. L-DSS's in each county is responsible for this phase.

Diversion- This phase of assessment will determine if CoC resources and options could be used to avoid the participant entering the homeless system. L-DSS's in each county is responsible for this phase.

Emergency Service Intake- For those who are identified as needing emergency shelter, appropriate shelter placement is made. L-DSS's in each county are responsible for this phase.

Shelter Assessment- Emergency Service providers should attempt to determine whether or not a person needs housing intervention through Coordinated Entry. Development of a housing plan is made in conjunction with the person experiencing homelessness.

Comprehensive Assessment- Emergency service providers should assess using the VI-SPDAT and the Coordinated Entry Specific Data Elements in Attachment II and working with the individual or family to determine the number of months homeless. Case managers should use HMIS records, third party documentation, and up to 3 months of self reported homeless time to document a client's time

homeless. This should be completed, at most, two weeks after shelter entry, if it is the first time the individual or family has experienced homelessness. Assessments and referrals can happen immediately for anyone that is unsheltered or has been in emergency shelter within the last year. Emergency service providers should also be determining chronic homeless status and obtaining necessary paperwork.

The full plan can be found here: <http://www.hhccny.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Coordinated-Entry-Plan-2020-Final.pdf>

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

The following is from OCCD's ESG Policies & Procedures:

- 1) Release of Request for Proposals – Annually, OCCD shall issue a Request for Proposals for ESG funds in the first quarter of each year. The RFP shall be published online on the CD website at www.ongov.net/cd, shall be distributed via the Homeless and Housing Vulnerable Task Force list serv, and shall be announced at a regular meeting of that Task Force. Additionally, CDD shall send the RFP via mail to all current ESG recipients. Proposals shall be due back to OCCD within an approximate one-month time period. Changes to the RFP will be made as needed to incorporated changes in HUD and/or local policy.
- 2) Proposal Review – OCCD’s Administrator and Housing Program Coordinator shall review all proposals submitted for completeness, that funds requested would be used for eligible activities, and that match requirements would be met. OCCD will prepare a summary report of proposals received to present to the Steering Committee for project selection. OCCD will prepare recommendations for the steering committee based on funding availability, proposals received, agency performance, and community needs.
- 3) Steering Committee Selection – The Community Development Division Steering Committee shall select projects and funding levels. OCCD will work with the steering committee to ensure that HUD funding caps on essential services and homeless prevention activities are met.
- 4) Notification of Selection – OCCD shall notify all agencies in writing of the outcome of project selection.
- 5) Proposal Modification – OCCD will ask agencies as needed to increase or decrease funding requests, and submit amended budgets, based on actual HUD ESG allocations (which may or may not be known during the RFP process), and on committee awards.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

All sub recipients are required to have a homeless or formerly homeless individual(s) on their advisory board and/or request and receive feedback on the program. This feedback is part of the annual monitoring tool to ensure compliance.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The following is from OCCD's ESG Management & Monitoring Procedures:

Monitoring Process:

The ESG Program Administrators monitoring tool consists of specific standards for operating and managing ESG projects. The tool includes review of policies and procedures, fiscal management, and program participant records. The ESG Program Administrator will bring forth the monitoring tool to the ESG funded agencies for review. Monitoring visits will consist of onsite review and off site review of policies, fiscal management, and program participant records. ESG funded projects should submit policies and procedures documents to the ESG Program Administrator via email. The ESG Program Administrator will schedule on site monitoring visits with each program. Programs should prepare for the ESG Program Administrator to review the annual performance report (APR), fiscal management, and program participant files during onsite monitoring visits. The ESG Program Administrator will review 5 or 10% whichever is greater, of each project's participant files.

The ESG Program Administrator will provide pre monitoring visits upon agencies request or need. During these visits, the ESG Program Administrator will discuss any significant findings with projects from the previous monitoring year. The ESG Program Administrator will notify the projects of noncompliance with program regulations. During these visits the ESG Program Administrator will determine what projects may need additional oversight. The ESG Program Administrator will work with each project on the root causes of poor performance and target actions that will improve project outcomes to prepare for the annual monitoring visit.

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

The Public Comment period was June 17, 2022 – July 19, 2022. A Public Hearing was held July 18, 2022. No comments were received. #

Grantee Unique Appendices

2022 Action Plan Budget Categories

The projected budget categories are as follows:

Administration	\$524,512	
Rehabilitation delivery costs	\$450,000	
Housing rehabilitation: cdbg and home	890,633	
Home ownership assistance	100,000	
CHDO housing activities	108,127	
Homeless assistance	162,436	
Total housing activities		\$2,236,708
Capital projects	755,747	
Commercial rehabilitation	150,000	
Fair housing activities	55,000	
Total:		----- \$3,196,455

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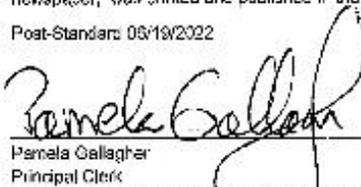
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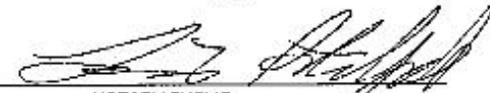
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ONONDAGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON 2022 ACTION PLAN In accordance with the Onondaga County Citizen Participation Plan developed under requirements of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, Onondaga County hereby announces that the 2022 Action Plan is available for review and comment by all interested parties. Copies of the One-Year Action Plan will be available to the public upon request. Additional information can be found on the Community Development website: <http://www.onondagov.net/cd>. A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD ON Monday, July 18, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the JOHN H. MULROY CIVIC CENTER, 11TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM for review and prepare for the submission of the 2022 Action Plan. You may also phone or fax in your comments, submit a comment on the website, or send an e-mail to cd@onondagov.net. The amount of funding available from the U.S. Dept. of Housing & Urban Development for the program year beginning September 1, 2022 is as follows:

Community Development Block Grant	52,198,285
HOME Program	720,844
Emergency Solutions Grant	175,607
Program Income	103,719

Total: 3,3,198,455
Capital projects have been proposed by the towns and villages of Onondaga County. Community based agencies have submitted proposals for ESG funding. All submissions were reviewed and voted on by the Community Development Steering Committee. Housing activities include: 1) housing rehabilitation assistance with lead hazard reduction, handicapped accessibility, home repairs for the elderly, and emergency repairs; and 2) homeownership assistance. Housing rehabilitation is available to qualified low-income families living in Onondaga County. As measured by the standards set forth in the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development regulations governing the Community Development Block Grant Program, approximately 98% percent of the program year funds will be used for activities benefiting low and moderate income persons. In addition, the Onondaga County Citizen Participation Plan is available for review and comment upon request. For further information or to make comments, please contact: ONONDAGA COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 421 MONTGOMERY ST, 11th Fl., SYRACUSE, NEW YORK 13202 (315) 435-3558 or fax: (315) 435-3794. <http://www.onondagov.net/cd/contact.html> E-mail: cd@onondagov.net

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B. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="Cocoroga County"/>		
* b. Employer Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN) (IN): 15-1000000	* c. UEI: JN63662YX03	
d. Address:		
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* Zip / Postal Code: 13202-2508	<input type="text"/>	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: Community Development	Div or Name: <input type="text"/>	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: Mr.	* First Name: Martin	<input type="text"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: SKUPAN	<input type="text"/>	
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Title: Director		
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* Telephone Number: 315-435-1558	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>	
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<p>* 10. Name of Federal Agency:</p> <p>US Department of Housing and Urban Development</p>	
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17. Proposed Project:

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

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="2,195,245.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="50,000.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="2,245,245.00"/>

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Yes No

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

** I AGREE

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

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4601 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1688), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-516), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11980; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(p) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	County Executive
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
Housheer Agency Community Development	07/22/2022

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* b. Employer/Expayer/Identification Number (EIN/TIN): <u>13-6000681</u>	* c. UCI: <u>136000681</u>	
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* City: <u>Syracuse</u>	County/Parish: _____	
* State: <u>NY: New York</u>	Province: _____	
* Country: <u>025: UNITED STATES</u>	* Zip / Postal Code: <u>13202-2004</u>	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: <u>Community Development</u>	Division Name: _____	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: <u>Mr.</u>	* First Name: <u>Martin</u>	Middle Name: _____
* Last Name: <u>Skabec</u>	Suffix: _____	
Title: <u>Director</u>	Organizational Affiliation: _____	
* Telephone Number: <u>315-435-3538</u>	Fax Number: _____	
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Last Name: Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>
* 3. Date Received: 07/29/2022	4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>	5b. Federal Award Identifier: X-22-015-36-0100	
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: <input type="text" value="Montgomery County"/>		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 15-5000461	* c. UEI: U0N966XZ2N35	
d. Address:		
* Street1: 431 Montgomery St., Unit 101	Street2: <input type="text"/>	
* City: Hyattsville	County/Parish: <input type="text"/>	
* State: NY: New York	Province: <input type="text"/>	
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES	* Zip / Postal Code: 11202-2908	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: Community Development	Division Name: <input type="text"/>	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: Mr.	* First Name: Martin	
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	Last Name: <input type="text" value="Sullivan"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	Title: <input type="text" value="Director"/>	
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: 315-435-3553	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>	
* Email: <input type="text" value="MartinSullivan@co.gov.net"/>		

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* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text" value="County Government"/>	
Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/>	
Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/>	
* Other (specify): <input type="text"/>	
* 10. Name of Federal Agency: <input type="text" value="U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development"/>	
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: <input type="text" value="14.231"/>	
CFDA Title: <input type="text" value="Emergency Solutions Grant"/>	
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text"/>	
13. Competition Identification Number: <input type="text"/>	
Title: <input type="text"/>	
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): <input type="text"/>	
<input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Cancel"/>	
* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: <input county"="" nonprofit="" orangeburg="" services="" type="text" value="54" within=""/>	
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions. <input type="button" value="Add Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="Remove Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="Cancel"/>	

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

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

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

17. Proposed Project:

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

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="175,607.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="175,607.00"/>

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

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

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

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

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

Yes No

If "Yes" provide explanation and attach

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

I AGREE

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

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:  * Date Signed:

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

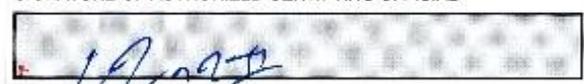
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CERTIFICATIONS

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

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

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

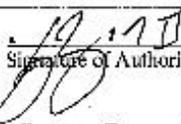
Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
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Authority of Jurisdiction –The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

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

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



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Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

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

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

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

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

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

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

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

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

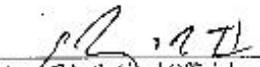
Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

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

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

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.



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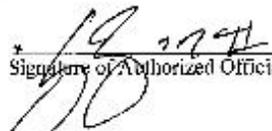
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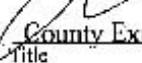
OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.203(c):

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



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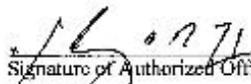
Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

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

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

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



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Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

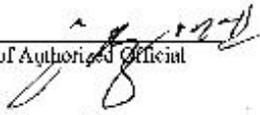
Matching Funds – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

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

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

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

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


Signature of Authorized Official

8/15/2022
Date

County Executive
Title

APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

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

HOME-ARP

HOME-ARP ALLOCATION PLAN 2022

PARTICIPATING JURISDICTION: ONONDAGA COUNTY, NY

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Introduction

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced the allocation of \$2,389,171.00 million to Onondaga County for a grant called the Home Investment Partnerships Grant American Relief Plan (HOMEARP). The purpose of HOME-ARP funds is to provide homelessness assistance and supportive services through several eligible activities. Eligible activities include Production or Preservation of Affordable Housing, Tenant-Based Rental Assistance (TBRA), Supportive Services, Homeless Prevention Services, and Housing Counseling, and Purchase and Development of Non-Congregate Shelter.

HOME-ARP funds must assist people in HOME-ARP "qualifying populations", which include:

- Sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations
- Those currently housed populations at risk of homelessness
- Those fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence or human trafficking
- Other families requiring services or housing assistance or to prevent homelessness
- Those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations

To receive funding, the County must develop and submit to HUD a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which describes the distribution of HOME-ARP funds and identifies any preferences for eligible activities. The development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan must also be informed through stakeholder consultation and community engagement. The following is the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan.

Consultation

The County partners with public and private entities, which several were consulted with during the development of the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. These consulted stakeholders have relevant knowledge that can speak to the needs, service gaps, and potential activities that would best benefit qualified populations. Stakeholders consulted included those who work with families or individuals experiencing or at-risk of homelessness, fleeing domestic violence, and other vulnerable qualifying populations. In the development of the allocation plan, the County consulted with stakeholders and asked for their input concerning the HOME-ARP grant, eligible activities, and the proposed budget. Stakeholders articulated their gap in services and/housing needs by providing written and verbal input. The County will continue to meet with stakeholders throughout the implementation of the HOME-ARP activities in an effort to assess the ongoing needs of stakeholders' clients. The County will also strive to collaborate with stakeholders to develop and effectuate strategies that will help end chronic homelessness. The City of Syracuse and Onondaga County consolidated outreach for this program. An initial email was sent to a targeted list of providers in Onondaga County who were identified by Onondaga County Community Development and the City of Syracuse Department of Neighborhood and Business Development as organizations in Onondaga County that directly serve the targeted population for these funds. This survey was sent out on March 18th with a response due date of April 1. City and County teams met on April 6th and reviewed feedback data from the survey.

The survey was sent out a second time to the entire CoC email list with a response date of May 1. The City and County teams met again on May 3 to review the collected data. A Public meeting was held on May 24th at 10AM in the City Hall Atrium. There were approximately 20 people in attendance. The second public meeting was a virtual conference that was held on 6/21 at 5:30pm. There were 5 people in attendance.

- Requests to complete the survey were sent to the Continuum of Care and approximately 40 individuals and agencies
- 27 responses to the survey were received (68%)
- 89% of respondents serve those that have housing instability
- 82% of respondents also serve those at risk of homelessness
- 78% of respondents also serve homeless individuals/families.

The City of Syracuse and Onondaga County have synthesized feedback from participants and the following table will provide summaries of the feedback received

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
ARISE	Homeless, At Risk of Homelessness, Veterans, Those that have housing instability, disabled and seniors	Survey	For the city of Syracuse a robust wheelchair ramp program must be created where lowest income tenants and homeowners will be able to get help with ramp construction or metal ramps installation. Currently such program does not exist and there is a huge demand for such assistance. Lack of this help leads to unnecessary institutionalization of seniors.
YWCA	Homeless, At Risk of Homelessness, Persons fleeing domestic violence, Those that have housing instability	Survey	landlords need to take care of their properties and need to be educate about the people they are serving
Home Headquarters	At Risk of Homelessness, Those that have housing instability	Survey	Affordable rental rehabilitation.
Salvation Army	Homeless, At Risk of Homelessness, Veterans, Persons fleeing domestic violence, Those that have housing instability	Survey	To have more affordable housing that is well maintained, safe and secured. Improve housing conditions as well as expanding affordable options which could include new construction or restored apartment communities.
Chadwick Residence	Homeless, At Risk of Homelessness, Persons fleeing domestic violence, Those that have housing instability	Survey	To have more affordable housing that is well maintained, safe and secured. Improve housing conditions as well as expanding affordable options which could include new construction or restored apartment communities.
Allyn Foundation	At Risk of Homelessness, Those	Survey	Reduce barriers to use of/access to home improvement subsidies to bring as many

	that have housing instability		existing units online and affordable. Support for tenants with poor rental histories and lack of ability to pay market rate and/or affordable rents. Increase access to programs like Section 8 or TBRA to help bridge the gap. Create incentives for landlords to take advantage of existing and/or new funding programs.
Syracuse Housing Authority	Housing	Survey	I would like to see more affordable housing, rehab of existing housing to make them safe and affordable. New construction of single family homes for all family sizes
YMCA	Seniors	Survey and public meeting	Rated all needs as equally necessary – Supportive services, Non-Congregate Shelter, TBRA, Rehabilitation and New Construction
Vera House, Inc.	Persons fleeing domestic violence	Survey	More safe, affordable apartments
OCDCFS, MH	Homeless, At Risk of Homelessness, Veterans, Persons fleeing domestic violence, Those that have housing instability, forensic, re-entry housing, SMI high need, frequent users of services	Survey	affordable housing for at risk individuals and families coming from transitional programs, housing for TAY and ELI
OnCare TAY	Homeless, At Risk of Homelessness, Persons fleeing domestic violence, Those that have housing instability, Transition Age Youth	Survey	Subsidized Housing
CCSI - Syracuse	Homeless, At Risk of Homelessness, Persons fleeing domestic violence, Those that have	Survey	More. Housing Appropriate for issues. Affordable with real services and safety. Not a room in a boarding house with no supports.

	housing instability, Substance Use Issues compounded by lack of housing in areas that are not surrounded by dealers and other community that is not seeking recovery		
United Way of Central NY	Homeless, At Risk of Homelessness, Veterans, Persons fleeing domestic violence, Those that have housing instability	Survey	More affordable housing outside of the city of Syracuse. More housing for wheelchair access or those with mobility impairments. Abilities to build affordable housing with ESSHI funding.
Greater Syracuse Tenants Network	At Risk of Homelessness, Those that have housing instability	Survey	Deveolpment of more affordable rental housing
Onondaga County DSS-ES	Homeless, At Risk of Homelessness, Persons fleeing domestic violence, Those that have housing instability	Survey	affordable housing
Onondaga County CFS, Adult MH Services	Homeless, At Risk of Homelessness, Persons fleeing domestic violence, Those that have housing instability, Homeless Transition Age Youth with BH issues, Re-entry, SMI/ID/SUD co-occurring,	Survey	really need more housing stock for all low income, those disabled, entry level staff, the working poor; also incentives for landlords to take a chance on high risk tenants
NEHDA	Homeless, At Risk of Homelessness, Veterans, Persons	Survey	more affordable housing, more emergency shelters for families in crisis, financial assistance for relocation and

	fleeing domestic violence, Those that have housing instability		homelessness prevention
Frank H. Hiscock Legal Aid Society	Homeless, At Risk of Homelessness, Veterans, Persons fleeing domestic violence, Those that have housing instability	Survey	The current rental market is increasingly more challenging to find affordable units, especially of any quality. I would not recommend putting too much money into TBRA as there has been strategic investment in rapid rehousing but identification of units is the biggest challenge. Expanding affordable housing options is necessary now as homelessness increases in our community.

Summary of feedback received and results of survey responses received from these entities:

Respondents were asked to rate each of the identified gaps in services on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being not very challenging and 5 being extremely challenging.

Below notes the percentage of respondents who selected “extremely challenging” to the listed gaps in service experienced:

- 89% - Lack of Quality Affordable Units
- 78% - Rent Affordability
- 11% - Housing Discrimination
- 33% - Lack of Supportive Resources such as staffing for case management programs
- 27% - Transportation

Respondents were asked to rate how frequently they encountered identified challenges that disrupt services. The rating was 1 to 5, with 1 being less frequently encountered and 5 being most frequently encountered

Below are the percentages of responses selecting “most frequently encountered” to the listed challenges:

- 12% - Operational Costs
- 46% - Capacity Limitations
- 39% - Adequate Staffing
- 82% - Lack of Housing Options

Respondents were asked to indicate the importance of issues Syracuse is facing for housing homeless, low income and disabled citizens on a scale of 1 to 5 with 1 being “less important” and 5 being “very important”

Below are the percentages of respondents who indicated this issue was “very important” to them:

- 93% Lack of Affordable Housing
- 48% Code Compliance Issue in Available Units
- 26% Limited Case Management Support Services

Using the same 1 to 5 scale from “less important” to “very important”, respondents were asked to rate qualified activities based on the current client need and the gaps in available programming. Below are the percentages of responses listing activities as “very important”.

- 44% Supportive Services
- 26% Non-Congregate Emergency Shelter
- 65% Tenant Based Rental Assistance
- 56% Rental Housing Rehabilitation
- 52% Rental Housing New Construction

Public Participation

Summary of the Public Participation process, including information about and the dates of the public comment period and public hearing held during the development of the plan.

- ***Date(s) of public notice: 7/26/2022***
- ***Public comment period: start date – 8/3/2022 end date - 8/18/2022***
- ***Date(s) of public hearing: 8/12/2022***

Describe the public participation process:

In an attempt to increase public participation, the County actively maintains communication with local nonprofits and housing developers as well as the CoC and the City of Syracuse Department of Neighborhood and Business development. The notice was published in the local newspaper and on the Onondaga County Community Development website.

Summary of comments and recommendations received through the public participation process either in writing, or orally at a public hearing:

- Some of the needs highlighted during the Needs Assessment:
 - Lack of affordable housing
 - Limited stock of available housing
 - Need more funding for supportive services and case management
 - Limited Handicap Accessible low income units available
 - Need for better transportation access

Summary of comments or recommendations not accepted and state the reasons why:

All comments were accepted.

Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Homeless													
	Current Inventory					Homeless Population				Gap Analysis			
	Family		Adults Only		Vets	Family HH (at least 1 child)	Adult HH (w/o child)	Vets	Victims of DV	Family		Adults Only	
	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds					# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units
Emergency Shelter	105	32	313	313	#								
Transitional Housing	22	11	96	96	24								

Permanent Supportive Housing	221	84	652	652	167								
Other Permanent Housing	76	37	218	218	0								
Sheltered Homeless						29	225	10	44				
Unsheltered Homeless						0	11	#	#				
Current Gap										#	#	#	#

Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

Non-Homeless			
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units			
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	7.96		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	29.09		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		13.01	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		27.98	
Current Gaps			5.05

Size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within Onondaga County

Homeless as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

According to the 2020 PIT count for NY-505 the Syracuse, Onondaga, Oswego and Cayuga County CoC there are a total of 618 overall homeless people. 460 sheltered homeless in emergency shelter, 138 homeless in transitional housing and 20 unsheltered homeless.

At Risk of Homelessness as defined in 24 CFR 91.5

Households at risk of homelessness are those with incomes at or below 30% AMI that lack sufficient resources or support networks to prevent homelessness, and

- Have moved more than two times due to economic reasons in the past 60 days, or
- Are doubled up with another household due to economic hardship, or
- Will be evicted within 21 days, or
- Live in a hotel or motel without financial assistance from a nonprofit or government entity, or
- Live in an efficiency apartment and are overcrowded, or
- Are exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care

The HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) 2014-2018 data provides information on households that have been identified as having Severe Housing Problems. This CHAS data indicates that there are approximately 27,240 households with at least 1 of 4 severe housing problems including incomes at or below 30% AMI that are at risk of homelessness in Onondaga County.

Fleeing, or Attempting to Flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking, as defined by HUD in the Notice

According to the PIT County data, there are 78 beds in Onondaga County for transitional housing for women and families fleeing domestic violence. In 2020 the Office of Criminal Justice for Onondaga County reported a total of 4640 calls for emergency service for domestic violence.

Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability, as defined by HUD in the Notice

The HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) 2014-2018 data shows that there are 24,490 households in Onondaga County that have incomes \leq 30% AMI, There are 51,455 households with at least 1 of 4 identified housing problems (The four severe housing problems are: incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, more than 1.5 persons per room, and cost burden greater than 50%.)

Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Based on consultation with service providers and survey responses, the greatest unmet service needs of qualifying populations, including sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations, currently housed populations at risk of homelessness, other families requiring services or assistance to prevent homelessness, and those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations are:

- Lack of Quality Affordable Units
- Rent Affordability
- Lack of Supportive Resources such as staffing for case management programs
- Transportation

Additional unmet service needs of qualifying populations, including sheltered and unsheltered homeless populations, currently housed populations at risk of homelessness, other families requiring services or assistance to prevent homelessness, and those at greatest risk of housing instability or in unstable housing situations include the following as described in HUD CPD Notice 2021-10, as may be amended:

- Case management services
- Legal services
- Mediation services
- Outpatient health services
- Outreach services
- Substance abuse treatment
- Services for special populations

Identify any gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system:

There was expressed need for low income housing availability for families. There are shelter beds available for individuals, but a shortage of quality affordable units for families. The properties that are available are in poor condition and are not code compliant

Under Section IV.4.2.ii.G of the HOME-ARP Notice, Onondaga County may provide additional characteristics associated with instability and increased risk of homelessness in their HOME-ARP allocation plan. These characteristics will further refine the definition of “other populations” that are “At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability,” as established in the HOME-ARP Notice. If including these characteristics, identify them here:

Other populations that are at greatest risk of homelessness may include adults leaving the foster care program or institutional facilities, individuals and families facing housing instability due to income limitations, or mental or physical disability,

Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

Qualifying populations will be in need of affordable quality housing

Explain how Onondaga County determined the level of need and gaps in the Onondaga County shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems based on the data presented in the plan:

The level of need and gaps were determined by data collected by the CoC

HOME-ARP Activities

Method(s) that will be used for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors:

Onondaga County will issue an RFP to contractors who are able to construct and manage new construction of properties that will serve the targeted population through transitional housing case management programs or permanent supportive housing programs.

Onondaga County Department of Community Development will manage the RFP and construction process as well as maintaining the accountability of the property owner to the grant guidelines for usage.

Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 0		
Acquisition and Development of Non-Congregate Shelters	\$ 0		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 0		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 2,269,712.45		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0	# %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$0 #	# %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 119,458.55	5%	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 2,389,171.00		

HOME-ARP funds distribution in accordance with priority needs identified in the needs assessment and gap analysis:

Funds will be used for new construction of low income housing in distressed areas of the City of Syracuse. Lack of quality affordable housing was identified in the outreach for this grant as a top priority by all contributors.

Describe how the characteristics of the shelter and housing inventory, service delivery system, and the needs identified in the gap analysis provided a rationale for the plan to fund eligible activities:

The current affordable housing stock in the City of Syracuse is very old and poor quality. Most available affordable units are extremely dilapidated and repair costs exceed the investment for demolition and reconstruction. Quality properties in this market are not affordable to low income households and the need was identified by all of the partners who contributed to the outreach.

HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

Estimate of the number of affordable rental housing units for qualifying populations that Onondaga County will produce or support with its HOME-ARP allocation:

Using the Housing Production Goal Calculation Worksheet, It is estimated that we will be able to produce 4-5 two family units or up to 6 single family units

Specific affordable rental housing production goal that Onondaga County hopes to achieve and how the production goal will address the priority needs identified in Onondaga County:

The goal of this project is neighborhood revitalization and stabilization with a focus on developing a mixed income community that supports new housing options for the targeted population for this grant. This project is going to be working in partnership with several organizations that will be contributing to the re-development of the housing in an area that has been identified as high need. In addition to the HOME-ARP investment in this community, Onondaga County Housing Development Fund Company will be investing in the new construction of several single family homes that will be sold with incentives to first time homebuyers. The goal of this partnership is creating a balanced mixed income neighborhood with significant investment in new construction.

Preferences

A preference provides a priority for the selection of applicants who fall into a specific QP or category (e.g., elderly or persons with disabilities) within a QP (i.e., subpopulation) to receive assistance. A *preference* permits an eligible applicant that qualifies for Onondaga County-adopted preference to be selected for HOME-ARP assistance before another eligible applicant that does not qualify for a preference. A *method of prioritization* is the process by which Onondaga County determines how two or more eligible applicants qualifying for the same or different preferences are selected for HOME-ARP assistance. For example, in a project with a preference for chronically homeless, all eligible QP applicants are selected in chronological order for a HOME-ARP rental project except that eligible QP applicants that qualify for the preference of chronically homeless are selected for occupancy based on length of time they have been homeless before eligible QP applicants who do not qualify for the preference of chronically homeless.

Please note that HUD has also described a method of prioritization in other HUD guidance. Section I.C.4 of Notice CPD-17-01 describes Prioritization in CoC CE as follows:

“Prioritization. In the context of the coordinated entry process, HUD uses the term “Prioritization” to refer to the coordinated entry-specific process by which all persons in need of assistance who use coordinated entry are ranked in order of priority. The coordinated entry prioritization policies are established by the CoC with input from all community stakeholders and must ensure that ESG projects are able to serve clients in accordance with written standards that are established under 24 CFR 576.400(e). In addition, the coordinated entry process must, to the maximum extent feasible, ensure that people with more severe service needs and levels of vulnerability are prioritized for housing and homeless assistance before those with less severe service needs and lower levels of vulnerability. Regardless of how prioritization decisions are implemented, the prioritization process must follow the requirements in Section II.B.3. and Section I.D. of this Notice.”

If Onondaga County is using a CE that has a method of prioritization described in CPD-17-01, then Onondaga County has preferences and a method of prioritizing those preferences. These must be described in the HOME-ARP allocation plan in order to comply with the requirements of Section IV.C.2 (page 10) of the HOME-ARP Notice.

In accordance with Section V.C.4 of the Notice (page 15), the HOME-ARP allocation plan must identify whether Onondaga County intends to give a preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project.

- Preferences cannot violate any applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a).

- Onondaga County must comply with all applicable nondiscrimination and equal opportunity laws and requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a) and any other applicable fair housing and civil rights laws and requirements when establishing preferences or methods of prioritization.

While recipients are not required to describe specific projects in its HOME-ARP allocation plan to which the preferences will apply, Onondaga County must describe the planned use of any preferences in its HOME-ARP allocation plan. This requirement also applies if Onondaga County intends to commit HOME-ARP funds to projects that will utilize preferences or limitations to comply with restrictive eligibility requirements of another project funding source. **If Onondaga County fails to describe preferences or limitations in its plan, it cannot commit HOME-ARP funds to a project that will implement a preference or limitation until Onondaga County amends its HOME-ARP allocation plan.**

For HOME-ARP rental housing projects, Section VI.B.20.a.iii of the HOME-ARP Notice (page 36) states that owners may only limit eligibility or give a preference to a particular qualifying population or segment of the qualifying population if the limitation or preference is described in the Onondaga County HOME-ARP allocation plan. Adding a preference or limitation not previously described in the plan requires a substantial amendment and a public comment period in accordance with Section V.C.6 of the Notice (page 16).

Identify whether Onondaga County intends to give preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project:

Onondaga County does not plan to give preference to one or more of the qualifying populations. Any individual or family who meets the criteria for the qualifying populations is eligible to receive assistance or services funded through HOME-ARP without meeting additional criteria.

Referral Methods

If Onondaga County intends to use a coordinated entry (CE) process for referrals to a HOME-ARP project or activity, Onondaga County must ensure compliance with Section IV.C.2 of the Notice (page10).

ONONDAGA COUNTY may use only the CE for direct referrals to HOME-ARP projects and activities (as opposed to CE and other referral agencies or a waitlist) if the CE expands to accept all HOME-ARP qualifying populations and implements the preferences and prioritization established by Onondaga County in its HOME-ARP allocation plan. A direct referral is where the CE provides the eligible applicant directly to Onondaga County, sub recipient, or owner to receive HOME-ARP TBRA, supportive services, admittance to a HOME-ARP rental unit, or occupancy of a NCS unit. In comparison, an indirect referral is where a CE (or other referral source) refers an eligible applicant for placement to a project or activity waitlist. Eligible applicants are then selected for a HOME-ARP project or activity from the waitlist.

Onondaga County must require a project or activity to use CE along with other referral methods (as provided in Section IV.C.2.ii) or to use only a project/activity waiting list (as provided in Section IV.C.2.iii) if:

1. the CE does not have a sufficient number of qualifying individuals and families to refer to Onondaga County for the project or activity;
2. the CE does not include all HOME-ARP qualifying populations; or,
3. the CE fails to provide access and implement uniform referral processes in situations where a project's geographic area(s) is broader than the geographic area(s) covered by the CE

If Onondaga County uses a CE that prioritizes one or more qualifying populations or segments of qualifying populations (e.g., prioritizing assistance or units for chronically homeless individuals first, then prioritizing homeless youth second, followed by any other individuals qualifying as homeless, etc.) then this constitutes the use of preferences and a method of prioritization. To implement a CE with these preferences and priorities, Onondaga County **must** include the preferences and method of prioritization that the CE will use in the preferences section of their HOME-ARP allocation plan. Use of a CE with embedded preferences or methods of prioritization that are not contained in the Onondaga County HOME-ARP allocation does not comply with Section IV.C.2 of the Notice (page10).

Identify the referral methods that Onondaga County intends to use for its HOME-ARP projects and activities. Onondaga County may use multiple referral methods in its HOME-ARP program. (Optional):

If Onondaga County intends to use the coordinated entry (CE) process established by the CoC, describe whether all qualifying populations eligible for a project or activity will be included in the CE process, or the method by which all qualifying populations eligible for the project or activity will be covered. (Optional):

All qualifying populations will be eligible for this program.

If Onondaga County intends to use the CE process established by the CoC, describe the method of prioritization to be used by the CE. (Optional):

This project will prioritize the chronically homeless and those that are in most need of supportive housing services.

Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project

Limiting eligibility for a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project is only permitted under certain circumstances.

- Recipients must follow all applicable fair housing, civil rights, and nondiscrimination requirements, including but not limited to those requirements listed in 24 CFR 5.105(a). This includes, but is not limited to, the Fair Housing Act, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act, section 504 of Rehabilitation Act, HUD's Equal Access Rule, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, as applicable.
- ONONDAGA COUNTY may not exclude otherwise eligible qualifying populations from its overall HOME-ARP program.
- Within the qualifying populations, participation in a project or activity may be limited to persons with a specific disability only, if necessary, to provide effective housing, aid, benefit, or services that would be as effective as those provided to others in accordance with 24 CFR 8.4(b)(1)(iv). ONONDAGA COUNTY must describe why such a limitation for a project or activity is necessary in its HOME-ARP allocation plan (based on the needs and gap identified by Onondaga County in its plan) to meet some greater need and to provide a specific benefit that cannot be provided through the provision of a preference.
- For HOME-ARP rental housing, section VI.B.20.a.iii of the Notice (page 36) states that owners may only limit eligibility to a particular qualifying population or segment of the qualifying population if the limitation is described in the Onondaga County HOME-ARP allocation plan.

- Recipients may limit admission to HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS to households who need the specialized supportive services that are provided in such housing or NCS. However, no otherwise eligible individuals with disabilities or families including an individual with a disability who may benefit from the services provided may be excluded on the grounds that they do not have a particular disability.

Describe whether Onondaga County intends to limit eligibility for a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project to a particular qualifying population or specific subpopulation of a qualifying population identified in section IV.A of the Notice:

No limited eligibility. Any individual or family who meets the criteria for the qualifying populations is eligible to receive assistance or services funded through HOME-ARP without any additional limitations imposed.