

CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

During the period of July 1, 2021- June 30, 2022 the City of Hopewell, VA funded projects using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Funds were used to prevent homelessness, provide overnight shelter, provide counseling and education to persons that are victims of domestic violence, provide at-risk youth services, prevent child abuse, rehabilitate deteriorated homes, provide financial literacy education, and improve infrastructure. Funds were also used to administer the CDBG program.

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee's program year goals.

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Child Care Services	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	10	0	0.00%			
Disaster Recovery Planning		CDBG: \$	Other	Other	0	0				

Employment Training	Economic Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	40	0	0.00%			
Employment Training	Economic Development	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	0	0		10	0	0.00%
Ending Homelessness and Homeless Prevention	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	48	0	0.00%			
Ending Homelessness and Homeless Prevention	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	96	0	0.00%			
Food Banks	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	50	0	0.00%			
General Planning and Administration		CDBG: \$	Other	Other	0	0				
Homeless Facility	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	120	0	0.00%			
Neighborhood Cleanups	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Other	Other	4	0	0.00%			

Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation and Assistan	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	43	0	0.00%	5	0	0.00%
Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation and Assistan	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	5	0	0.00%			
Public Infrastructure Improvements	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	20	0	0.00%			
Public Infrastructure Improvements	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0		10	0	0.00%
Recreational Facilities	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	100	0	0.00%			

Senior Services	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	35	0	0.00%			
Services for Victimes of Domestic Violence, etc.	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	50	0	0.00%			
Youth Services	Non-Homeless Special Needs	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	20	0	0.00%			

Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

Assess how the jurisdiction’s use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

CDBG FUNDS ARE TARGETED TOWARDS THOSE PUBLIC SERVICES THAT SUPPORT THE CITY'S PRIORITIES OF ASSISTING HOMELESS PERSONS, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, CHILD ABUSE PREVENTIO, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EDUCATION, YOUTH SERVICES, EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR, AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN CDBG-ELIGIBLE AREAS. THE CITY ATTEMPTS TO FUND THESE ACTIVITIES AT THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE AMOUNT ALLOWED UNDER THE CDBG PROGRAM TO ACHIEVE THE HIGHEST IMPACT.

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).

91.520(a)

	CDBG
White	32
Black or African American	71
Asian	0
American Indian or American Native	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Total	103
Hispanic	15
Not Hispanic	88

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

Narrative

THE RACIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF FAMILIES THAT WERE ASSISTED DURING THE FY2021-2022 PROGRAM YEAR INCLUDE 69% BEING AFRICAN-AMERICAN, 31% BEING WHITE, AND 15% IDENTIFYING AS HISPANIC.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	public - federal	225,151	

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
City Wide	100		

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

OUR CDBG SUBRECIPIENTS LEVERAGE OTHER FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL FUNDS TO IMPLEMENT THEIR PROGRAMS. HOPEWELL'S CDBG PROGRAM DOES NOT REQUIRE MATCHING FUNDS; HOWEVER, ALL OF THE CITY'S SUBRECIPIENTS UTILIZE ADDITIONAL FUNDING DUE TO THE LOW FUNDING LEVELS ALLOWED UNDER THE CDBG PROGRAM. COMMONWEALTH CATHOLIC CHARITIES UTILIZES OFFICE SPACE IN A CITY-OWNED BUILDING.

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	5	0
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Total	5	0

Table 5 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	5	0
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
Total	5	0

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	0	0
Low-income	0	0
Moderate-income	0	0
Total	0	0

Table 7 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

The City has partnered with Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC) to provide homeless outreach services in the City. CCC has a satellite office in a City-provided office space shared with other service providers. CCC uses the VISPDAT and Coordinated Entry Tool questions. The City operates a warming shelter from November - March. However, during the Corona Virus pandemic, the shelter closed based on guidance by the Crater Area Health Department. Instead CCC worked with area hotels/motels to provide hotel rooms based on CDBG guidelines. The City has reverted back to the warming shelter model of assistance for this coming winter.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City does not operate an emergency shelter or transitional housing. Both resources were formally located in a neighboring City, Petersburg, but are no longer in operation.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after 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); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

The City does not have a formal program or an agency within the City that coordinates re-entry specifically for health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, or corrections programs and institutions.

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

Since the inception of the City's partnership with CCC, promising strides have been made in helping persons experiencing homelessness make the transition to permanent housing and independent

living. With this program being in place several years now, CCC has now identified a those landlords that are willing to provide housing to vulnerable populations. We are witnessing an increase in persons experiencing homelessness due to current economic conditions.

CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The Hopewell Redevelopment and Housing Authority has begun the renovation of Piper Square Apartments, a 104 unit, apartment complex and is in the final pre-construction stages of the Rendezvous Apartments, a new 68 unit development.

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

Resident Services plays an integral role in the day-to-day lives of families coordinating the provision of unmet service needs. Resident Services provides services on an as-needed basis and it facilitates on-going programs and activities for all ages that may include, but are not limited to, workshops on nutrition, youth activities, adult education, workforce development, financial literacy, mental health referrals, and other special events.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

Resident Services assists all families, but specifically those who have not made the decision to become involved in alternative programs designed to empower residents in becoming economically self-sufficient. Consequently, some HRHA residents may elect to join the more structured, grant-funded Family Self Sufficiency Program offered for families in the public housing developments and in the housing choice voucher program.

CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken 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. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

The City participated in a regional fair housing impediments study with the City's of Richmond, Petersburg and Colonial Heights and the Counties of Chesterfield, and Henrico, as well as the Richmond Housing Authority and the Hopewell Redevelopment and Housing Authority. The AI was completed in the early spring of 2021.

The Study examined land use controls, tax polices affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes and any other policies that creat barriers to access housing for protected classess. Since that time, the City Council and the HRHA Board have held a joint meeting to discuss the findings of the study. Additionally, the Planning Commission is now reviewing the recommened changes in the AI study and holding work sessions on next steps.

Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City in conjuction with the Commonwealth of Virginia operates a Social Services Department that provides resources, subsidies, and programs to persons with disabilities, mental illness, and/or may need financial assistance. The City partners with District 19, Commonwealth Catholic Charities, and other providers that provide services to the underserved. During the height the corona virus pandemic, the City provided PPE to every household in the City and received funding from the Commonwealth of Virginia for financial assistance to underserved households. Every household in the City receieved the PPE kit filled which included mask, hand sanitizer, a list of resources for food, and where one could receive help with rent/mortgage/utility payments.

Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City has not taken formal strides to reduce lead base paint hazards in housing in the City. City Staff did participate in webinars that discussed funding available to investigate and possibly remove lead based paint hazards, however, these is not sufficient staff available to prepare and administer the program. The City's housing rehabilitation provider follows all lead safety rules and abates lead paint hazards, as required, when encountered.

Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

There were no measures taken using CDBG funds that directly reduce the number of poverty-level families. This was not a goal outlined in the Consolidated Plan. The CDBG program provides funding for homeless outreach and the food pantry that assist poverty-level families. The Hopewell Social Services

department provides assistance daily to reduce the number of poverty-level families.

Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The administration of the CDBG Program is currently the responsibility of the Senior Planner. There are checks in balances regarding drawdowns, program and activity setup and voucher generation. The Executive Assistant creates all vouchers after verification of request is completed by the Senior Planner. The Director of the Department of Development approves the voucher. The City has created policy and procedure documents and check lists that will improve the administration of the program and ensure all required documents are provided and located in the project file. During the last year, the City government has experienced numerous resignations. This disrupted the City's IDIS access for several months and is now working to update IDIS access for the new positions.

Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City Social Services Department and the Hopewell Redevelopment and Housing Authority are active partners in the City of Hopewell. The City's non-profit housing rehabilitation provider occasionally received referrals from Social Services. There may be opportunities that Staff from the Department of Development works with the Department of Social Services when a potential client if a sub-recipient needs assistance. Commonwealth Catholic Charities coordinates with both the Housing Authority and Social Services when onboarding clients that are homeless or recipients of subsidies to ensure services are not duplicated or to determine if additional funding can be provided or housing is available.

Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

The Planning Commission has created a sub-committee to review and provide recommendations on the use of accessory apartments in the City. The AI suggested that accesstory apartments are considered an affordable housing altnernative and should be allowed in more zoning districts than currently allowed. The Commission held a work session on September 1, 2022 and will hold additional work sessions in the coming months to identify those residential districts that can best accommodate accessory dwelling units.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

Sub-recipients are required to submit quarterly reports to the City and each sub-recipient is also monitored at least once a program year.

Comprehensive Planning requirements are undertaken on a continual basis as the City works to partner with non-profits and other service providers. This is a function of the various departments within the City to include Social Services, Recreation and Parks, Economic Development, and the Department of Development.

The City has not adopted a formal outreach to minority businesses. The City has special grant programs for businesses located in downtown and businesses that have been opened for more than one year. At this time, the position responsible for economic development remains unfilled and unfunded. The City hopes to fund and fill the position after the first of the year.

Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

The City did not change any objectives during FY21. The City changed objectives in the 5-Year Consolidated Plan in response to input received through comments from a citizen survey, strategic planning sessions, and town hall meetings.

Based on these results more emphasis will be placed on workforce training, creating and improving

recreational facilities, and homelessness services.

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

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CR-58 – Section 3

Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

Total Labor Hours	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Total Number of Activities	0	0	0	0	0
Total Labor Hours					
Total Section 3 Worker Hours					
Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours					

Table 8 – Total Labor Hours

Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program	CDBG	HOME	ESG	HOPWA	HTF
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing Targeted Workers					
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers.					
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).					
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training.					
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).					
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns.					
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts.					
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns.					
Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services.					
Held one or more job fairs.					
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals.					
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide one or more of the following: work readiness health screenings, interview clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation.					
Assisted residents with finding child care.					
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year educational institution.					
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training.					
Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.					
Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.					
Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies.					
Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.					
Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.					

Other.					
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Table 9 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

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