

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, 202- June 30, 2021 the City of Hopewell, VA funded projects using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Community Development Block Grant- Corona Virus (CDBG-CV). Funds were used to prevent homelessness, provide overnight shelter, provide food to seniors with food insecurity, provide counseling and education to persons that are victims of domestic violence. Funds were also used to adminisiter the CDBG and CDBG-CV 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%			
Ending Homelessness and Homeless Prevention	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	75		0	75	
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: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	25		0	25	
Ending Homelessness and Homeless Prevention	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added	Beds	0	0		0	0	
Ending Homelessness and Homeless Prevention	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	96	0	0.00%	3000	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%	10	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%			
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.

The City concentrated efforts in homeless services, and rent, mortgage, and utility assistance payments to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus. The City did not fund employment training, a homeless facility, owner occupied housing rehabilitation and assistance and recreational facilities. The City didn't receive applications or provide a RFP for employment training services or recreational facilities. The City has approved funding ofr employment training in FY21. Pre-pandemic the City operated a warming shelter between November - March. To avoid congregate sheltering during the pandemic the City used CDBG-CV funding to provide hotel rooms for those experiencing homelessness. In regards to housing rehabilitation, the sub-recipients were not operating at full capacity due to the pandemic. The programs did not begin work until later in the program year and have not completed the activity.

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	555
Black or African American	565
Asian	2
American Indian or American Native	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0
Total	1,123
Hispanic	6
Not Hispanic	1,117

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

Narrative

The families/persons assisted during the FY20 follow the demographic breakdown of races overall in the City. Most of the persons assisted with grant funds are not of Hispanic decent (.9%). Forty-nine percent (49%) are White, fifty percent (50%) are African American, and less than .1% are Asian or American Native.

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	210,619	203,414

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

The City received \$210,619 during FY20 (July 1, 2020- June 30, 2021). The City expended \$70,314.04 of funds from the FY20 budget, \$77, 662.15 from the FY19 budget, \$16,920.13 from the FY18 budget, and \$38,517.33 of CDBG-CV funds. This amount totals \$203,414.05.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

The City distributed funds throughout the City. There was not a targeted area for distribution.

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.

There were no matching requirements for use of CDBG funds. Sub-recipients did utilize CDBG dollars but the grant did not act as matching funds for other grants.

All public service sub-recipients combined CDBG dollars with funds from public and private sources.

Publically owned property was used as office space for Commonwealth Catholic Charities to administer the Rent, Mortgage, and Utlity subsidy payment program.

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	45	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	50	38
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	20	0
Total	115	38

Table 5 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	5	38
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	10	0
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	0	0
Total	15	38

Table 6 – Number of Households Supported

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

CDBG-CV funds were used to provide rental assistance to persons/families that were experiencing rent burden due to the Corona Virus pandemic. The City received CARES Act funding that had to be expended before December 30, 2020 for rental assistance and homeless services. These funds were used prior to CDBG-CV funds hence the difference between the actual number serviced and those proposed.

In regards to housing rehabilitation, the pandemic also halted rehabilitation work for sub-recipients, as social distancing could not be maintained by contractors. The sub-recipient was not open to the public, workers were working remotely, and no inspections were being conducted. This explains the actual number of zero versus the set goal of 10 supported households.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

The City normally funds two housing rehabilitation sub-recipients. Only one of these recipients have been able to continue work after into FY21. The pandemic resulted in the loss of several key employees that halted any work on Hopewell rehabilitation projects even after some restrictions began to be lifted. The City will not fund this sub-recipient in the next Action Plan.

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	23	0
Low-income	5	0
Moderate-income	10	0
Total	38	0

Table 7 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

The majority (61%) of families serviced with rent, mortgage or utility (RMU) assistance between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021, were very low income. Twenty six percent (26%) were low income, and thirteen percent (13%) were extremely low-income. The RMU program did not begin until October of 2020. There were other funding sources that had to be expended by December 31, 2020. Soon before the deadline arrived, the City was notified that the deadline was extended. It was only after those funds were depleted that CDBG funds were used. The numbers provided reflect the invoices/reports provided by the sub-recipient for the use of CDBG dollars but does not accurately depict the total number of persons serviced.

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 maker 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 based on guidance by the Crater Area Health Department. Instead CCC worked with area hotels/motels to provide hotel rooms based on CDBG guidelines.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City does not operate an emergency shelter or transitional housing. Both resoures 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 coordnates re-entry specifically for health care facilities, mental health facilits, foster care and other youth facilities, and corretxions programs and institutions. Although funding received for rapid rehousing, hotel/motel stays can be used for person re-entering society.

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, promosing strides have been made in helping homeless person make the transition to permanent housing and independent living. A program that

didn't exist just a few years ago is now in place. CCC has struggled to identify a substantial number of landlords that are willing to provide rent to vulnerable populations. It has also been difficult to maintain the caseload as homeless work requires consistent follow-up, referrals, and informational gaps that require research, and documents. We are proud of the work that CCC is doing for residents of Hopewell.

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.

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 complete 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. City Council and the HRHA Board will meet in October 2021 to hear the major findings of the study. We hope to adopt an implementation strategy to address the findings presented.

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

The City in conjunction with the Commonwealth of Virginia operated a Social Services Department that provides resources, subsidies, and programs to persons with disability, 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 special funding to help residents that were considered underserved. 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.

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 rapid rehousing, 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)

After the retirement of the part-time Housing and Grants Coordinator, the administration of the CDBG Program was given to the Senior Planner. The person in this position has worked on the State CDBG program in the past. 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.

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 two non-profit housing rehabilitation programs are not in communication with Social Services and HRHA. There may be opportunities that Staff from the Department of Development works with the Department of Social Services when a potential client of 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 accessory apartments are considered an affordable housing alternative and should be allowed in more zoning districts than currently allowed. The Commission plans to hold work sessions throughout the remainder of the year and provide a recommendation to Council that may include a zoning ordinance amendment that allows accessory apartments by right or by a conditional use permit in some zoning districts.

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

The City receives quarterly reports from each sub-recipient. Each sub-recipient is monitored by the City once a 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 for minority businesses. The City has special grant programs for businesses located in downtown, and businesses that have been opened for more than one year. We must work to improve outreach to minority business, specifically.

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.

The City provided the CAPER to citizens on line from September 15, 2021 - September 29, 2021. The CAPER was available for review in person at four handicap accessible locations in public buildings open during normal business hours Monday- Friday, and in some instances like the library and community center on Sunday's. An ad was placed in the local circulating newspaper, The Progress Index, twice during the public comment period informing residents of the review opportunity.

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 FY20. The City changed objectives in the 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

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