



City of Miami Gardens

2022 Annual Action Plan

City of Miami Gardens
Community Development Department
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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Miami Gardens strives to provide a suitable living environment in particular for low- to moderate-income households and special needs communities. Miami Gardens is a distinctive suburban City in Miami-Dade County. Incorporated in 2003, Miami Gardens is the largest predominantly African-American municipality in the state of Florida, with a solid working-class and middle-class resident base and a strong sense of community ownership and civic pride.

The City is designated as an entitlement city by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), which enables it to be eligible for federal funds allocated through HUD's Community Planning Development (CPD) program. The City's Community Development Department administers the federal HUD Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program funds and ensures compliance of HUD regulations and guidelines. Partnerships with neighborhood nonprofit organizations, City departments and other local agencies allow the City to improve the quality of life for its citizens through affordable housing activities, public improvements and public services. Currently, the only CPD program from which Miami Gardens receives funding is CDBG.

CDBG activities must meet eligibility requirements set by HUD and address an identified priority need, goal, and objective established in the City's 2021-2025 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. This plan represents the PY 2022 Annual Action Plan (AAP), which is the second program year of the Five-Year Plan, and meets HUD's requirements for CPD grantees, identifying goals and objectives for the use of CPD funds based on public input and an analysis of housing and community development needs and resources.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The City of Miami Gardens has developed its strategic plan based on an analysis of the data presented in this plan and the community participation and stakeholder consultation process. Through these efforts, the city has identified three priority needs and associated goals to address those needs. The priority needs and goals are as follows:

Priority Need: Public Facilities & Infrastructure Improvements

Goal: 1A. Expand & Improve Public Infrastructure

The City will work to expand and improve public infrastructure in Miami Gardens. These activities include improvements to infrastructure such as streets, sidewalks, ADA improvements, and storm water and water systems in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. These activities will benefit low-/mod areas.

Goal: 1B. Improve Access to Public Facilities

The City will work to improve access to public facilities in Miami Gardens. These activities include improvements for neighborhood facilities, community centers and park and recreational facilities in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. These activities will benefit low-/mod areas.

Priority Need: Supportive Services for LMI & Special Needs

Goal: 2A. Provide Supportive Services for Special Needs

The City will work to increase the capacity of local service providers that offer vital services to the special needs population such as the elderly, persons with a disability, the homeless and victims of domestic violence.

Goal: 2B. Provide Vital Services for LMI Households

The City will work to increase the capacity of local service providers that offer vital services that improve the quality of life for to low- and moderate income (LMI) households. Public Services that are intended to help assist LMI residents include activities such as a food pantry, after school tutoring, summer programs, youth services, health services and more.

Priority Need: Owner Occupied Housing Preservation

Goal: 3A. Provide Funding for Critical Housing Repairs for LMI

The City will fund a critical housing repair program for LMI and seniors in Miami Gardens. Application notices will be published by the City for eligible owner-occupied households needing critical housing repairs.

3. Evaluation of past performance

The City of Miami Gardens, with local nonprofits, community housing providers and other public and private agencies, has made significant contributions to provide safe, decent and affordable housing, and a suitable living environment for low- to moderate-income individuals in the community. However, the City recognizes that affordable housing opportunities, vital public services and public improvements remain priority needs in Miami Gardens, as documented by the current Consolidated Plan and the most recent program year 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The CAPER provides an assessment of progress towards the five-year goals and the one-year goals of the CDBG grant program in the City. In the most recent reporting program year 2020, the City highlighted these accomplishments:

Affordable Housing: The City assisted 9 LMI owner-occupied households with housing rehab. Housing rehab activities included, but were not limited to fixing exterior doors, A/C units, insulation improvements, exterior painting, roof replacements, and shutters damaged by storms. Housing rehab continues to be a priority for Miami Gardens, however the City will remove the goal for adding units as the City can only fund one housing priority with available funds.

Public Services: In PY 2020, the City assisted LMI and special needs groups with vital public services that improved their quality of life. In total 450 persons were served through public services which included senior services, youth service programs, assistance for abused and neglected children, food banks and distribution for the elderly, housing counseling and employment training. The City is normally able to satisfy this goal through its food services programs however some activities were not yet completed in the program year and will be reported in the next CAPER.

Public Facilities & Infrastructure Improvements: The City had public facility and infrastructure activities that went to have a citywide benefit in LMI areas. Public facility activities were at the Family & Senior Community Center and park improvements at Myrtle Grove Park and Lester Brown Park. Public infrastructure activities were storm water improvements in low/mod areas in Miami Gardens.

Economic Development: There were no goals accomplished for economic development in PY 2020 and the City will revise this need in future plans.

CARES Act Activities:

On March 27, 2020 the Federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) was signed into law to assist communities in their efforts to prevent, prepare for and respond (PPR) to COVID-19. The CARES Act funds were awarded in three rounds over the course of the first few months of the pandemic. CDBG-CV funds were allocated in Round 1 and Round 3 to the City of Miami Gardens for a total of \$1,334,211. Activities funded through CDBG-CV are tied to PPR to COVID-19. In PY 2020, there were two specific CDBG-CV activities that were needed. The CDBG-CV Food Distribution Program had a total City-wide benefit and was an emergency distribution of hot meals for those who were sheltering in place. The CDBG-CV Rental Assistance Program assisted 11 LMI rental households with financial assistance to help with monthly rent payments. CDBG-CV funds also went to ensure public service program had health and safety precautions implemented and these activities were tied to PPR.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The City's citizen participation process adheres to HUD's requirements set within the City's Citizen Participation Plan. This plan includes soliciting participation from all City residents, including minorities, non-English speakers, and low- and moderate-income persons, and the special needs community such as the elderly and those with any disability. A copy of the Citizen Participation Plan can be requested from the Community Development Director and can be emailed to their attention.

Citizen participation efforts for the development of the PY 2022 AAP included a 30-day public comment period which was held to allow members from the public an opportunity to review and provide input on the draft plan. A public hearing was also held to allow members of the public an opportunity to make comments on the plans.

Citizen Participation Efforts for the 2022 Annual Action Plan:

Public Comment Period: A 30-day public comment period was held for the PY 2022 AAP from June 12, 2022 to July 12, 2022. The draft plan could be downloaded from the City of Miami Gardens Department of Community Development website at: <https://www.miamigardens-fl.gov/189/Documents-Forms>

Written comments for the draft plan were accepted until July 12, 2022. To view a hardcopy of the documents and submit comments locations listed below could be visited. Comments could also be submitted by e-mail at hudcomment@miamigardens-fl.gov

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Public Hearing: A public hearing for the draft PY 2022 AAP took place to inform the public and offer residents an opportunity to present comments on plan. The public hearing will be held on July 13, 2022 at 3:30PM in the Community Room, City Hall, 18605 NW 27th Avenue, Miami Gardens, FL 33056. The City encourages public participation by attending the hearing.

All comments were welcome. Details of the citizen participation outreach efforts are located in AP-12 Citizen Participation.

5. Summary of public comments

All comments welcome. Details of the citizen participation outreach efforts are located in AP-12 Citizen Participation.

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

All comments welcome. Details of the citizen participation outreach efforts are located in AP-12 Citizen Participation.

7. Summary

The following PY 2022 Annual Action Plan is the second program year of the City's 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan. The priority needs and goals in this plan were identified through a needs assessment and housing market analysis in the Consolidated Plan and a citizen participation and consultation process.

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	MIAMI GARDENS	Community Development Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The City of Miami Gardens Community Development Department is the responsible entity for carrying out the day-to-day administration of the housing and community development programs. The staff works with City Departments, local nonprofit and for-profit organizations, and contractors to carry out the goals of the Annual Action Plan.

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

1. Introduction

To comply with the Consolidated Plan development process, federal regulations (24 CFR 91.200(b), 91.215(i)), the City of Miami Gardens consulted with community service providers, other jurisdictions, and other entities with a potential interest in or knowledge of that jurisdiction's housing and non-housing community development issues.

The City reached out through online surveys; a public hearing to discuss the plan; a 30-day public comment period to allow the public an opportunity to provide input of the plan and placed a newspaper advertisement in the Miami Herald. Individuals and organizations were invited to attend the public hearing, participate in the public comment period, and to respond to the online survey. This provided every stakeholder, interested party and resident with the opportunity to provide feedback. The online survey also provided an opportunity for the public to make suggestions and recommendations on the priority needs and goals of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan identifies the priority needs and goals that inform the PY 2022 AAP.

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

In the development of this Plan, the City of Miami Gardens consulted with community housing and service providers through a local stakeholder survey. Local community stakeholder organizations include private and public service providers, nonprofits, other government departments, health agencies, homeless prevention agencies and other social service providers. These organizations and agencies were invited to participate in the development of the City's Consolidated Plan, which includes the Strategic Plan for the next five years. The stakeholder survey specifically called for responses that would help identify the community housing and development needs in Miami Gardens as well as the funding priorities of CDBG funds. As well, all community stakeholders were welcome to make comments and provide input towards the plan.

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.

In July 1993, Miami-Dade County's governing body, the Board of County Commissioners (the BCC), adopted a Continuum of Care plan entitled the "Miami-Dade County Community Homeless Plan" (the Plan). Concurrent with the adoption of the Plan, the BCC approved the levying of a one cent food and beverage tax to provide a unique, local dedicated source of funding for homeless programs, and approved

the creation of the 27-member Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust (the Trust) to administer the proceeds of this tax and implement the Plan. The Trust is the overall coordinating body for the continuum of care.

Additional partners in the implementation of the Plan include the public housing agency (the Miami-Dade Public Housing Agency), the County department responsible for the development of the consolidated plan (the Community and Economic Development Division of the Miami-Dade Department of Housing and Community Development), the local homeless provider consortia, and the Trust's private-sector partner, with its own diverse 65-member board. Services and housing are accessed through a coordinated, county-wide outreach process and connected through a homeless management information system (HMIS).

Within the Miami Gardens city limits, the only facility serving homeless populations is Del Prado Gardens, a permanent supportive housing development owned by Carrfour Supportive Housing, a Miami-based nonprofit developer. However, Miami Gardens is in the service area of Citrus Health Network, a homeless service and mainstream service providers. Citrus Health Network follows the CoC's Coordinated Outreach, Assessment and Placement (COAP) policy. Under the COAP policy, outreach workers administer a VI-SPDAT or F-VI-SPDAT to assess vulnerability. Individuals and families with high vulnerability scores are referred to the permanent supportive housing waiting list, while those with intermediate scores are referred for rapid re-housing. Veterans Affairs (VA) outreach workers refer clients to HUD-VASH, SSVF, or Grant and Per Diem programs as appropriate. A main access point for the COAP system is a centralized Homeless Helpline for persons to call to request assistance. Persons in the City of Miami Gardens in need of prevention or rapid-rehousing are directed to their closest location to apply for assistance.

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

Miami Gardens does not receive ESG funds, but City staff attend Continuum of Care subcommittee meetings held by the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust. The Homeless Trust has developed performance standards for coordinated intake and assessment, adopting housing first core concepts, implementing housing first standards, and establishing core components for rapid rehousing and procedures for HMIS administration.

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	City of Miami Gardens
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy Non-Housing Community Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Miami Gardens is the leaf responsible agency for the ConPlan and CDBG program.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Continuum of Care. The City of Miami Gardens maintains open lines of communication with this organization and the input was taken into consideration when addressing program needs.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Citrus Health Network, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services - Victims Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Miami Gardens maintains open lines of communication with this organization and the input was taken into consideration when addressing program needs.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Miami-Dade Public Housing and Community Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	PHA. The City of Miami Gardens maintains open lines of communication with this organization and the input was taken into consideration when addressing program needs.

5	Agency/Group/Organization	CARRFOUR SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Miami Gardens maintains open lines of communication with this organization and the input was taken into consideration when addressing program needs.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	BroadbandNow
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Community Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	BroadbandNow is a research organization which publishes data on the digital divide and impact of highspeed internet in society. It believes broadband internet should be available to all Americans and its mission is to help find and compare internet options with a goal to bring attention to underserved areas and help raise awareness of the importance of broadband access. The City consulted with the BroadbandNow website for broadband access and identified highspeed internet providers in the City.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Crestview Homeowners Association
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization assisted with providing feedback through a stakeholder survey to help determine the housing and community development needs in the City.

8	Agency/Group/Organization	Crestview/Rolling Oaks Crime and Grime Neighborhood Watch
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Crime Prevention Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization assisted with providing feedback through a stakeholder survey to help determine the housing and community development needs in the City.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Builders Association of South Florida
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Planning organization Business Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization assisted with providing feedback through a stakeholder survey to help determine the housing and community development needs in the City.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Christ Children Academy
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization assisted with providing feedback through a stakeholder survey to help determine the housing and community development needs in the City.

11	Agency/Group/Organization	CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF MIAMI, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Nonprofit Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization assisted with providing feedback through a stakeholder survey to help determine the housing and community development needs in the City.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Pisgah Pantry
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	This organization assisted with providing feedback through a stakeholder survey to help determine the housing and community development needs in the City.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Miami Dade Office of Emergency Management
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Emergency Management Other government - County Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Emergency Management
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City is engaged with the Miami Dade Office of Emergency Management for emergency management and preparedness. The Office supports the disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation needs through the coordination of information and resources countywide.

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

All comments were welcome. There were no agency types not consulted during this process.

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	Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust	The Strategic Plan is consistent with the goals and strategic plan of the Continuum of Care and the plan to end homelessness.
Local Housing Assistance Plan	Florida Housing Finance Corporation	The Strategic Plan is consistent with the Local Housing Assistance Plan, which is based on the criteria established by FHFC to serve low and moderate income households by providing housing assistance and homeownership opportunities.
City of Miami Gardens Comprehensive Plan	City of Miami Gardens	All planning efforts are consistent with the overall goals of the City of Miami Gardens Comprehensive plan.
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice	City of Miami Gardens	This plan was used to address sections of the Consolidated Plan related to fair housing issues within the City of Miami Gardens.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

The City of Miami Gardens works with Miami-Dade County in the implementation and coordination of its programs. The County has an array of housing, community development and public service programs that help to enhance the current services and programs available throughout Miami Gardens. The City is committed to ongoing cooperation with neighboring communities and Countywide housing and community development efforts. The City will participate in local and regional meetings as well as forums and will regularly review the availability of information published on the County’s website.

The State of Florida provides a number of programs and services that help to enhance current services and programs provided by the City that are made available to assist residents. Through the Florida Housing Finance Corporation, the Florida Housing Coalition, and the Department of Economic Opportunity, residents and non-profit organizations can receive training and technical assistance and learn about programs and services available to residents. This is used as a tool to leverage funding for programs, increase participation, and learn about services available to local organizations, service providers and residents.

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

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Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL
1	Public Comment Period	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>A 30-day public comment period was held for the PY 2022 AAP from June 12, 2022 to July 12, 2022. The draft plan could be downloaded from the City of Miami Gardens Department of Community Development website at: https://www.miamigardens-fl.gov/189/Documents-Forms</p> <p>Written comments for the draft plan were accepted until July 12, 2022. To view a hardcopy of the documents and submit comments citizens could also visit the Community Development Department or City Hall. Comments could also be submitted by e-mail at hudcomment@miamigardens-fl.gov</p>	All comments are accepted.	All comments are accepted.	
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A public hearing for the draft PY 2022 AAP took place to inform the public and offer residents an opportunity to present comments on plan. The public hearing will be held on July 13, 2022 at 5:30 PM. The City encourages public participation by attending the hearing.	All comments are accepted.	All comments are accepted.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Miami Gardens CDBG allocation from HUD for program year 2022 will be \$1,085,063.

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	1,085,063	0	0	1,085,063	3,255,189	The expected amount available for the remainder of the ConPlan is 3x more years of the annual allocation.

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

Through the help of CDBG federal funds, the City was able to secure approximately \$440,000 Florida’s State Housing Initiative Partnership Program (SHIP) funds. SHIP funding is used for affordable housing programs in the City such as owner-occupied housing rehab. Federal and SHIP funds will also help leverage contributions from private sector lending institutions.

Funds provided for public service activities will be matched by the agencies receiving funding from other sources including public and private sources as well as foundations and fundraising.

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

The City owns single family homes that are part of the NSP program, which will be reconstructed and sold to first time buyers.

The property addresses are:

- 3501 NW 213 Terrace
- 2320 NW 162 Street Road

The City is also pursuing administrative foreclosure on homes that are unsafe and demolished as part of the NSP. While not currently owned, they may be acquired during this Action Plan period. There is one home listed this year:

- 4021 NW 189 Terrace

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	1A. Expand & Improve Public Infrastructure	2021	2025	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Facilities & Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$343,548	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25000 Persons Assisted
2	1B. Improve Access to Public Facilities	2021	2025	Non-Housing Community Development		Public Facilities & Infrastructure Improvements	CDBG: \$343,548	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2000 Persons Assisted
3	2A. Provide Supportive Services for Special Needs	2021	2025	Non-Housing Community Development		Supportive Services for LMI & Special Needs	CDBG: \$124,782	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 Persons Assisted
4	2B. Provide Vital Services for LMI Households	2021	2025	Non-Housing Community Development		Supportive Services for LMI & Special Needs	CDBG: \$124,782	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2000 Persons Assisted
5	3A. Provide Funding for Critical Housing Repairs for LMI	2021	2025	Affordable Housing		Owner Occupied Housing Preservation	CDBG: \$148,403	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 21 Household Housing Unit

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	1A. Expand & Improve Public Infrastructure
	Goal Description	The City will work to expand and improve public infrastructure in Miami Gardens. These activities include improvements to infrastructure such as streets, sidewalks, ADA improvements, and storm water and water systems in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.
2	Goal Name	1B. Improve Access to Public Facilities
	Goal Description	The City will work to improve access to public facilities in Miami Gardens. These activities include improvements for neighborhood facilities, community centers and park and recreational facilities in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.
3	Goal Name	2A. Provide Supportive Services for Special Needs
	Goal Description	The City will work to increase the capacity of local service providers that offer vital services to the special needs population such as the elderly, persons with a disability, the homeless and victims of domestic violence.
4	Goal Name	2B. Provide Vital Services for LMI Households
	Goal Description	The City will work to increase the capacity of local service providers that offer vital services that improve the quality of life for to low- and moderate income (LMI) households. Public Services that are intended to help assist LMI residents include activities such as a food pantry, after school tutoring, summer programs, youth services, health services and more.
5	Goal Name	3A. Provide Funding for Critical Housing Repairs for LMI
	Goal Description	The City will fund a critical housing repair program for LMI and seniors in Miami Gardens. Application notices will be published by the City for eligible owner-occupied households needing critical housing repairs.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The following projects have been identified for funding during the 2022 program year.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Administration (2022)
2	CDBG Public Services (2022)
3	CDBG Public Facilities & Infrastructure (2022)
4	CDBG Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab (2022)

Table 7 - Project Information

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

Priorities were determined based on stakeholder and community input, as well as the short- and long-term needs of the community. The three high need priorities in the City are supportive services for LMI and special needs groups, improvements to public facilities and infrastructure and affordable housing preservation. The funding of these priorities is reflected in the approved projects and planned activities identified in this section.

The primary obstacle to meeting underserved needs is funding. The lack of available funds severely limits the levels of accomplishment that are possible. Even with moderate increases to the City's CDBG annual allocation, the City has had to prioritize needs in order to maximize benefits to LMI and special needs groups in Miami Gardens.

Further consideration is made for grant cap requirements. The CDBG program has a grant cap of 20% for administration and 15% grant cap for public services.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	CDBG Administration (2022)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	1A. Expand & Improve Public Infrastructure 1B. Improve Access to Public Facilities 2A. Provide Supportive Services for Special Needs 2B. Provide Vital Services for LMI Households
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities & Infrastructure Improvements Supportive Services for LMI & Special Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$217,013
	Description	The City of Miami Gardens will utilize the CDBG allocation, and will not exceed the 20% max cap as allowed by HUD regulations, for the administration of the CDBG program throughout the City. This may include disaster recovery planning and preparedness efforts.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include: CDBG Administration including staff salaries and program related expenses. Administration also includes: trainings, conferences, publications and memberships. Disaster recovery planning and preparedness efforts. HUD Matrix Code: 21A General Program Administration
2	Project Name	CDBG Public Services (2022)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	2A. Provide Supportive Services for Special Needs 2B. Provide Vital Services for LMI Households
	Needs Addressed	Supportive Services for LMI & Special Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$162,759

	Description	The City will utilize 15% of the annual allocation to provide funding for much needed public services benefiting low- to moderate-income and special needs residents in Miami Gardens.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2,500 Persons Assisted
	Location Description	Citywide based on income eligibility.
	Planned Activities	Public Service activities include activities that benefit LMI and special needs residents. HUD Matrix Code: 05A Senior Services, 05B Services for Persons with a Disability, 05D Youth Services, 05F Substance Abuse, 05G Services for Victims of Domestic Violence, 05H Employment Training, 05I Crime Awareness & 05M/05O Health & Mental Health Services
3	Project Name	CDBG Public Facilities & Infrastructure (2022)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	1A. Expand & Improve Public Infrastructure 1B. Improve Access to Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities & Infrastructure Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$600,291
	Description	The City will utilize CDBG funds to improve and expand existing public infrastructure and improve access to public facilities in low- to moderate-income neighborhoods.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 27000 Persons Assisted
	Location Description	Citywide

	Planned Activities	Planned activities include: Expand and improve Infrastructure, HUD matrix codes: 03J, 03K & 03L Improve access to public facilities, HUD matrix codes: 03A, 03C, 03D, 03E & 03F
4	Project Name	CDBG Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab (2022)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	3A. Provide Funding for Critical Housing Repairs for LMI
	Needs Addressed	Owner Occupied Housing Preservation
	Funding	CDBG: \$105,000
	Description	The City will fund a critical housing repair program for LMI and seniors in Miami Gardens. Application notices will be published by the City for eligible owner-occupied households needing critical housing repairs.
	Target Date	9/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 21 Household Housing Unit
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include: Owner-occupied housing program, HUD matrix code: 14A

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 City of Miami Gardens does not allocate funding based solely on geographic requirements. Individuals or households must meet income qualifications in order to receive direct assistance from activities and services in the CDBG program. Direct services include public services directed towards LMI individuals and households and special needs households.

For eligible activities to public facilities & infrastructure improvements the City will be targeting low- to moderate-income identified census tracts. The City has identified several neighborhoods that have more than 51% of their residents within the low-to-moderate income range category, which is considered low/mod as defined by HUD. See below on how the City will determine these areas.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
N/A	N/A

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Since the primary national objective of the CDBG program is to benefit low- and moderate-income residents, the City of Miami Garden’s CDBG program funds will be utilized to develop programs and activities that will provide assistance to this target population, and benefit the City as a whole in improving the quality of life for the residents.

The City does not allocate funding based solely on geographic requirements. When planned activities are intended to serve residents directly, beneficiaries must meet income and residency requirements in order to receive assistance. City staff and/or subrecipient organization shall complete an in-take and eligibility status review of the applicant individual, or household, before the activity is initiated.

The City has also identified public facility and infrastructure improvement activities as a need in Miami Gardens. These planned activities have an “area-wide” benefit. Per HUD requirements, these areas must be within an eligible block group tract, as defined by HUD-CDBG regulations, whereby the majority of the residents are low- to moderate-income (51% or more).

To determine these tracts the City utilizes HUD’s CDBG Low Mod Income Summary Data (LMISD) from the HUD Exchange website, which has defined the eligible block group tracts within the jurisdiction. The tracts can be at: <https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/acs-low-mod-summary-data/>

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Affordable housing preservation continues to be a high priority need in Miami Gardens as indicated by the number of older housing in the City and identified through the citizen participation process. To address this need, the City will fund a critical housing repair program for LMI and seniors in Miami Gardens. Application notices will be published by the City for eligible owner-occupied households needing critical housing repairs.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	21
Special-Needs	0
Total	21

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	21
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	21

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

Discussion

CDBG Owner-Occupied Housing Rehab Program

Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 21 LMI Household Housing Unit

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City of Miami Gardens is part of the service area for the Miami-Dade County Public Housing and Community Development (PHCD) department. As the sixth largest housing agency in the nation, PHCD administers over 9,500 public housing units and about 16,000 Housing Choice Vouchers. PHCD's waitlists for public housing, moderate rehabilitation developments, and Housing Choice Vouchers are currently closed.

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

PHCD undertakes numerous efforts to improve the living environment for its public housing residents. In addition to ongoing maintenance and improvement of properties, PHCD encourages tenants to form Resident Councils; works with residents, law enforcement, and social service providers to reduce crime in public housing; and helps residents connect with jobs and social services. The Agency also allows up to 200 Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program participants to participate in the Section 8 Tenant-Based Homeownership Program, and is applying for a Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency (ROSS) grant.

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

The Miami-Dade Public Housing and Community Development Department (PHCD) encourages public housing residents to become more involved in the management of the housing developments and to participate in homeownership through its Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) program. PHCD has also implemented a Housing Choice Voucher affordable homeownership program to provide HCV participants the opportunity to purchase a home. The goal of the program is to provide homeownership opportunities, along with counseling, self-sufficiency, training and support, thereby facilitating economic opportunity within communities while providing parameters to ensure the success of the homebuyer.

The housing agency also offers a variety of homeownership programs to low- and moderate-income families through its Development and Loan Administration Division. Homebuyer education and counseling services are offered and the program has a current approved lenders list. Homeownership programs include: Surtax, State Housing Initiative Partnership, HOME, and an infill housing homeownership program.

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

The Miami-Dade County Public Housing Agency is no longer designated as “troubled”. The merger of the County’s Public Housing Agency with their Housing and Community Development Department has helped to focus future planning efforts as well as current operations.

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

Introduction

At this time, the City of Miami Gardens is not an ESG recipient. However, the City will continue to support the efforts of the Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust (Continuum of Care) and local service providers, including Citrus Health Network (CHN).

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

The Miami-Dade Homeless Trust CoC and its network of resources, help to make assessments of homeless individuals and family needs, and the CoC assists in meeting the needs of the homeless population. Homeless persons are identified through the Homeless Helpline, Citrus Health Network service providers, and the various local homeless providers in the area. Through this network, homeless persons and families are able to gain access into emergency shelter programs.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City's Community Development Department will continue to support the Homeless Trust's efforts to refer people who become homeless in Miami Gardens to the nearest appropriate shelter. The following are steps the City will follow, in coordination with the Trust, in efforts to address the need for emergency shelters and transitional housing.

Emergency Housing:

- Increase coordination with One Stop Centers, State and Federal agencies and other social services systems to maximize available resources;
- Assess the impact of the hard-core, chronic homeless with high service needs and access to the emergency housing system to determine what additional resources may be required;
- Enhance the role of emergency housing in the "housing first approach" model to address homelessness by moving families and individuals directly into permanent housing;
- Increase the inventory of emergency housing serving the chronic homeless population.

Transitional Housing:

- Shift of Food and Beverage funding from transitional non-treatment housing to permanent housing, via a Housing 1st, housing placement program;
- Identify additional resources to maintain and/or expand the inventory of beds to provide mental

health and substance abuse treatment;

- Identify a funding source for capital and supportive services match funds;
- Coordinate homeless funding by other local social service funders.

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

The City supports the initiatives of the Homeless Trust and will coordinate where possible. The following describes the action steps which the Trust will implement in order to eliminate chronic homelessness. These involve three phases in helping homeless individuals and families move from homelessness to permanent and independent living situations.

Phase One - Temporary (Emergency) Care:

- Increase coordination with One Stop Centers, State and Federal agencies and other social services systems to maximize available resources;
- Assess the impact of the hard-core, chronic homeless with high service needs and access to the emergency housing system to determine what additional resources may be required.
- Enhance the role of emergency housing in the “housing first approach” model to address homelessness by moving families and individuals directly into permanent housing;
- Increase the inventory of emergency housing serving the chronic homeless population

Phase Two - Primary Care (Transitional) Housing:

- Shift of Food and Beverage funding from transitional non-treatment housing to permanent housing, via a Housing 1st, housing placement program;
- Identify additional resources to maintain and/or expand the inventory of beds to provide mental health and substance abuse treatment;
- Identify a funding source for capital and supportive services match funds;
- Coordinate homeless funding by other local social service funders;

Phase Three - Advanced Care (Permanent Supportive) Housing Units:

- Creation of 100-200 units of permanent supportive housing per year, for 10 years;
- Via a new Case Rate, pay for performance model, those people identified by homeless outreach and the courts, who are experiencing chronic homelessness, high utilizers of jails, emergency rooms, and crisis services and are typically service resistant, are being placed in a variety of

permanent housing models;

- Remove barriers to the funding of permanent housing: draft local and state legislative proposals that set-aside and/or prioritize housing for formerly homeless persons and participate actively in rule-making processes;
- Identify a funding source for capital match funds;
- Explore the use of permanent housing in the “housing first approach” in ending homelessness.

The City CDD will also continue its efforts to facilitate a partnership with Carrfour Supportive Housing and the North Dade Youth and Family Coalition in their efforts to transition homeless persons into permanent housing.

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.

Miami-Dade County implements a cohesive community-wide discharge coordination policy. As a result of this process, the County has developed a Memorandum of Agreement establishing discharge policies for all agencies that provide services to homeless persons or those at risk of homelessness. The interagency Agreement includes the Miami-Dade Homeless Trust, State and County Correction agencies, the 11th Circuit Court, Jackson Memorial Hospital/Public Health Trust, community mental health facilities, Our Kids, Inc., and the Florida Department of Children and Families.

The City works closely with Citrus Health Network (CHN), which is the lead agency in the Housing Assistance Network of Dade (HAND) Program, a multi-agency partnership with Miami-Dade County and local municipalities making an effort to prevent homelessness by providing temporary rental assistance for eligible low-income individuals and families who are currently homeless or are at risk of becoming homeless. The City of Miami Gardens has previously funded Citrus Health Network with HUD Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) funds to help create the HAND Program.

Currently, there is funding from the SHIP Program for the Rental Assistance Program Strategy to help residents avoid homelessness or to be rapidly re-housed from homelessness.

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

Introduction:

Affordable housing barriers in the City of Miami Gardens continue to be cost burden among low- and moderate-income residents and in particular renter households.

Affordable housing preservation also continues to be a high priority need in Miami Gardens as indicated by the number of older housing in the City and identified through the citizen participation process. To address this need, the City will fund a critical housing repair program for LMI and seniors in Miami Gardens. Application notices will be published by the City for eligible owner-occupied households needing critical housing repairs.

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

The City of Miami Gardens has established a Comprehensive Development Master Plan and associated land development regulations specific to the City. In recognition of the impact that regulatory requirements have on the cost of development, the City has developed goals, objectives, and policies to address affordable housing issues in the City. These policies will guide all future growth management policies established by the City. The goals are as follows:

- Affordable Housing Incentives: Provide incentives to assist in the provision of affordable housing.
- Adopt land development regulations and appropriate policies that assist private developers with providing (and sustaining) affordable housing.
- Through the comprehensive planning process and the land development regulations, streamline the permitting process providing for efficient review with minimal delays and waiving or reducing costs for development with a substantial affordable housing component.
- Offer technical assistance and referral services to applicants interested in developing affordable housing opportunities.
- Investigate the feasibility of using inclusionary zoning to encourage or require a certain percentage of dwelling units of new development or redevelopment to be set aside for low- or moderate-income housing. The City has adopted a new zoning code that includes Article VI Housing which addresses the following
- Promote the development and provision of high quality housing in the City of Miami Gardens through these steps: Implement the goals, objectives and policies of the Housing Element of the City of Miami Gardens Comprehensive Development Master Plan to the maximum extent practicable; Implement the recommendations of the City of Miami Gardens Affordable Housing Advisory Committee to the maximum extent practicable; Increase and otherwise encourage home ownership opportunities within the city; Stimulate private sector production of workforce housing

units for ownership, available to families within the range of 65 percent to 200 percent of the area median income; Facilitate and encourage residential development that includes a range of high quality housing opportunities through a variety of residential types, forms of ownership, and home sale prices; Encourage even and widespread distribution of high quality housing opportunities throughout the City; and Insure that new housing in the City meets high quality development standards.

- Consider awarding density and height bonuses for the provision of workforce housing in new developments, on infill sites, or within mixed-use developments as referred to in the Future Land Use Element.
- Encourage the development of rental housing alternatives for family households. Examine the feasibility of adopting a mixed income ordinance that requires any new mixed- use development exceeding a specific threshold of units to include an affordable component.
- Develop incentive programs in conjunction with a Community Design Element of the Comprehensive Development Master Plan for increasing residential housing densities and providing enhanced urban amenities with funding programs for multistory parking, combining public open space, shared parking areas for use in high density/intensity projects and other similar techniques and mechanisms.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The following statements address a variety of additional actions that will be carried out by the City and/or its partner agencies to enhance the delivery of housing and community development programs and services for the citizens of Miami Gardens.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The primary obstacle to meeting all of the identified needs, including those identified as priorities in the plan is the general lack of funding resources available to the public and private agencies who serve the needs of low-to-moderate-income residents. Budgetary constraints have forced the City to make difficult decisions regarding the allocation of resources for programs in the community. This will impact the City's ability to fully fund all the program needs identified in the Action Plan and the 5-Year Consolidated Plan. The City will address this obstacle by continuing the efforts to foster existing partnerships and collaborate with new partners to bring needed resources, both financial and services, to meet the needs of the community.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Affordable housing preservation continues to be a high priority need in Miami Gardens as indicated by the number of older housing in the City and identified through the citizen participation process. To address this need, the City will fund a critical housing repair program for LMI and seniors in Miami Gardens. Application notices will be published by the City for eligible owner-occupied households needing critical housing repairs.

The City will also use state SHIP funds to invest in affordable housing throughout Miami Gardens. SHIP activities include funding for owner-occupied housing rehabilitation to maintain the existing affordable housing stock within the community.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Participant property owners are notified of the hazards of lead-based paint and of the symptoms associated with lead-based contamination. The City of Miami Gardens further prohibits the use of lead-based paint in any federally funded construction or rehabilitation project.

The City of Miami Gardens shall either perform paint testing on the painted surfaces to be disturbed or replaced during rehabilitation activities, or presume that all these painted surfaces are coated with lead-based paint.

For residential properties receiving an average of up to and including \$5,000.00 per unit the City of Miami

Gardens shall:

- Perform paint testing on the painted surfaces to be disturbed or replaced during rehabilitation activities, or presume that all these painted surfaces are coated with lead-based paint. If testing indicates that the surfaces are not coated with lead-based paint, safe work practices and clearance shall not be required. In addition, the City of Miami Gardens will follow all additional requirements as listed in 24 CFR 35.930 (b).
- For residential properties receiving an average of more than \$5,000.00 and up to and including \$25,000.00 per unit the City of Miami Gardens shall follow requirements of 24 CFR 35.930(c) which include but are not limited to risk assessments and interim controls.
- For residential properties receiving an average of more than \$25,000.00 per unit the City of Miami Gardens shall follow regulations as set forth in 24 CFR 35.930(d) which include abatement.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City of Miami Garden's Anti-Poverty Strategy describes the programs and policies that will be utilized to reduce the number of households with incomes below the poverty line, in coordination with affordable housing efforts. The Community Development Department will deploy a strategy responsive to the needs of low-income citizens and disadvantaged populations throughout the City.

The Community Development Department will further the HUD's national objectives by coordinating the priorities established in the City's visioning process with goals and objectives adopted by HUD.

The City's strategy will:

- Work with existing programs to maximize program dollars for residents.
- Leverage potential CDBG eligible activities with private, state, and local funds.
- Implement programs in the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas to maximize funding and program opportunities in neighborhoods with greater than 70% low to moderate-income residents.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Miami Gardens Community Development Department is the lead administrative agency for the CDBG program. The Department provides fiscal and regulatory oversight of all CDBG funding, as well as other Federal and State grants for housing, economic, and community development. At this time there are no plans to expand the department. However, the City will continue to foster existing partnerships and collaborate with new partners to bring needed resources, both financial and services, to meet the needs of the Miami Gardens Community.

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

service agencies

The City of Miami Gardens has limited resources to address the many priorities identified by the community. As such, during the upcoming year the City will continue working to create partnerships with other funding sources, public and private housing agencies, and health and social service providers to leverage the CDBG allocation.

Each year the City makes every effort to reach out to residents, businesses and non-profit organizations to ensure their participation in this program year's process. The City advertised in the local paper and on its website and through email the annual action plan. The general public, city residents as well as public and private housing and social service agencies were invited to give their input on the City's goals and projects.

Program Specific Requirements

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

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.	100.00%