

2022

Draft Annual Action Plan

For Housing & Community Development
in Suburban Monroe County



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Home Improvement Projects



ADA Ramp



Sewer Replacement

Affordable Housing Project



Skyview Senior Apartments, Irondequoit

Public Comment Period: May 5 - June 13, 2022

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

Two Thousand and twenty-two marks the forty-seventh year that Monroe County has received an allocation from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the thirty first year for Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and it also marks the sixteenth year with the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program. Combined, these program funds channel approximately \$3 million annually through the Department of Planning and Development, Community Development division, for suburban towns and villages that comprise Monroe County's consortium in support of housing, public works, economic development, and community services programs that primarily benefit low to moderate-income households, seniors, and persons with special needs. The 2022 Annual Action Plan (Plan) goals are administered utilizing CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds made available by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Plan addresses both projects funded on an annual basis and new program initiatives that focuses on accomplishing the following primary program goals and objectives: • Develop affordable and accessible housing and home ownership opportunities for all low to moderate income residents, with a priority focus on the development of housing in the towns and villages that do not currently provide affordable units that have been financed, in part, through the CDBG and/or HOME programs • Repair and conserve existing housing stock • Improve essential infrastructure in lower income areas • Provide job training and economic development for low and moderate income persons and persons with special needs • Provide essential public services, particularly those that promote home ownership, fair housing, and housing stability • Revitalize deteriorated neighborhoods.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

Monroe County intends to continue our mission, which was identified in the Needs Assessment of Monroe County's 2020-2024 Strategic Plan in promoting community development to accomplish the following primary program goals and objectives during the 2022-2023 program year:

a) Develop affordable and accessible rental and home ownership opportunities for all low to moderate-income residents with a priority focus on the development of housing in towns and villages that do not currently provide affordable units that have been financed, in part, through the County's CDBG and/or HOME Program; b) Repair and conserve existing housing stock; c) Increase energy efficiency of existing

housing stock; d) Improve access to and the quality of public facilities; e) Provide essential infrastructure in lower income areas; f) Provide job training and economic development opportunities for low to moderate-income persons and person with special needs; g) Provide essential public services, particularly those that promote home ownership, fair housing ad housing stability; h) Revitalize deteriorated neighborhoods.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

Projects funded with CDBG, HOME, and ESG grants have had a positive effect on the individuals and communities served. These projects implemented our primary program goals and objectives in housing, economic development, community services, and public works/facilities improvement projects. The Home Improvement Program (HIP) helps between 60 and 70 low to moderate-income homeowners annually make necessary home repairs. The repairs made under the HIP allow homeowners to make essential repairs that allow them to stay in their homes. Neighborhood and utility improvements are a high priority for Monroe County because of their importance in preserving neighborhoods. A large number of communities throughout suburban Monroe County have deteriorated infrastructure due to age. Monroe County uses CDBG funding to improve roads, sidewalks, and sewers in low to moderate-income neighborhoods. This funding helps local governments undertake projects they would not otherwise be able to do because of funding limitations. Public services projects and programs have been essential in maintaining safe and affordable housing for the community and providing services that benefit underserved populations including seniors and those with special needs.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Monroe County holds two (2) public hearings annually at convenient, fully accessible locations. For the 2022 program year, with the COVID-19 pandemic and the limitations on in-person gatherings, Monroe County hosted a hybrid in-person/virtual public meeting in January to inform and announce the opening of the 2022-23 application round, which was attended by 24 individuals. The Steering Committee meeting, which is comprised of town and village officials who are members of the County's Consortium, was held immediately following the public hearing and attended by 20 individuals. Meetings are fully accessible with bilingual and/or sign language interpreters and other accommodations provided upon request to interpret policies and program requirements.

The May public hearing was held on May 5, 2022 @ 10:00a with the Steering Committee @ 10:30a, which was also held in-person and via Zoom, which was attended by 16 individuals. This meeting encourages the public to review and comment on the Draft Annual Action Plan. The 30-day public comment period will be available from May 5 – June 13, 2022. The public hearing notice and availability

of the Draft Action Plan for public comment was posted in the Daily Record and the Rochester Business Journal newspapers, as well as the County's website - Community Development page, and upon request.

5. Summary of public comments

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

Public comments received will be attached to the Citizen Participation section of the Plan. During the Public Comment period from May 5 – June 13, 2022.

One comment was received at the Public Hearing/Steering Committee.

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

All comments received at the public hearing are accepted.

7. Summary

All CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds, including program income will be used to continue to meet goals included in the Strategic Plan and in the 2022 Annual Action Plan to improve the quality of life for low to moderate-income families, seniors, and persons with special needs in Monroe County. The Plan addresses the goals by providing affordable housing and home ownership opportunities, repairing and conserving existing housing stock, financing public infrastructure and infrastructure improvements, creating and retaining jobs, and funding public services that stabilize and enhance living conditions.

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

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

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	MONROE COUNTY	Department of Planning and Development
HOME Administrator	MONROE COUNTY	Department of Planning and Development
ESG Administrator	MONROE COUNTY	Department of Planning and Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

Monroe County Department of Planning and Development, Community Development (CD) division is the lead agency that is responsible for and oversees the Annual Action Plan process and for administering the three (3) entitlement funds: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) program, and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) program funding. Programs are administered by CD staff with participation from the other divisions of the Planning and Development department, as well as municipal consortium members and private sector sub-recipients. CD staff administer the Home Improvement Program (HIP) and oversees the First Time Home Buyer (FTHB) Direct Subsidy program. The Economic Development (ED) division of the Department administers the CDBG funded ED Grant and Loan fund, Section 108 Loan Guarantee Program, and a wide variety of County business incentives programs. The Planning division evaluates municipal planning and development activities including environmental reviews for CDBG infrastructure project, Home Improvement Program (HIP) projects, and the HOME funded affordable rental housing developments and acquisition rehabilitation and resale projects. The Monroe County Finger Lakes Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC), a component of the Monroe County Economic Development division, helps businesses secure government contracts that will keep them competitive and thriving in our region. PTAC works with businesses to identify, compete for, and win government contracts. Monroe County CD contracts with towns and villages for municipal projects, and sub-recipients for public services and first time homebuyers for those purchasing their first home in suburban Monroe County.

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

1. Introduction

Monroe County Department of Planning and Development consists of the Community Development, Economic Development, Planning, and Procurement Technical Assistance divisions. These four (4) divisions coordinate and collaborate on many efforts. CD works with local town and village governments, as well as many agencies, organizations, and groups to address the needs of the community. Monroe County is fortunate to be home to many agencies, organizations, and groups that focus on the wellbeing of the community as a whole.

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

The Department of Planning and Development and the CD staff periodically meets with local developers, Fairport Urban Renewal Agency (FURA) to coordinate the planning of housing projects and federal grant applications. The County, City of Rochester, and RHA continue to explore ways to enhance our Section 3 efforts. Planning and Development coordinates, collaborates, and consults with other departments throughout Monroe County, including Human Services, Public Health, and Office of the Aging, in the planning process as often as possible and to maximize resources. Monroe County will continue to meet and coordinate with public and assisted housing providers within the Monroe County service area. These housing providers keep Monroe County informed about upcoming projects. Monroe County staff members are engaged with the Continuum of Care on initiatives for and in support of homeless and those at risk of homelessness.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The County actively participates in the Rochester/Monroe County Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) locally known as Partners Ending Homelessness (PEH). The CoC coordinates the allocation of federal funding to facilities and programs within the CoC's service area. County staff consult on a regular basis with the organizations that participate in the CoC and the Homeless Services Network (HSN). County staff serve on the CoC Board and on the Steering Committee of HSN. County staff also serve on the Chronically Homeless Work Group that plans, coordinates, and implements activities and strategies for servicing the chronically homeless and sits on the CoC Project Selection and Monitoring Committee. CoC staff participate in reviewing applications for Emergency Solution Grant applications submitted annually to Monroe County.

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

County staff work closely with the CoC and other agencies to develop funding applications and determine the best use of ESG funds. By working with the CoC, County staff are involved in improving coordination among agencies, facilitating data collection through HMIS and allocating funds. The CoC Executive Director serves on the ESG proposal review team along with staff from Monroe County, County Department of Human Services (DHS), City of Rochester, and community representatives. The County and the City release a joint RFP for ESG funding which has increased the efficiency and coordination of ESG funding in the community. The CoC Board has 21 ex-officio members representing public and private organizations deemed necessary to develop, maintain, monitor, and continuously improve a comprehensive, coordinated, and flexible system of homeless housing and support services. They represent Monroe County, City, Greece, RHA, Homeless Services Network (HSN - the CoC's Stakeholder Group), formerly homeless community members, a domestic violence advocacy organization member, and a health services representative. In addition, there are elected general members from both public and private groups from the community (business sector, legal field, faith-based organizations, veteran organizations, schools, law enforcement, criminal justice, advocacy groups). This diverse team is the primary planning and coordinating body for homeless housing and services in this community. The CoC is now a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization and is the Collaborative Applicant for HUD CoC funding and the HMIS Lead Agency. Long term goals include becoming a Unified Funding agency and continually striving to achieve the status of a High Performing Community. The CoC has been a long-time participant in the ESG planning process for the County and City and are represented on the Rating and Ranking Committee of the CoC to review applications submitted annually for HUD CoC Homeless Program funding. ESG community priorities and planning have been discussed at both CoC and HSN meetings, especially in terms of policy priorities, the efficient use of resources and community objectives. The CoC staff also analyzes the ESG proposals for fidelity to the ESG requirements and additional information set forth by HUD via policy briefs. ESG funding continues to be a critical issue for local homeless service providers. Facilitated discussions of ESG community priorities are held at the HSN meetings; CoC members and community stakeholders are strongly encouraged to participate. The County staff members participate on the Coordinated Entry (CE) Oversight workgroup. CE is the portal for all referrals to Permanent Supportive Housing and Rapid Re-Housing programs and prioritizes those who are the most vulnerable when openings occur. CE is fully implemented in Monroe County and is continually being improved. CE is working and is successful in ensuring that homeless persons are directed to the programs that will best meet their needs; and that homeless persons with the highest vulnerability are prioritized for placement. CE is exploring options for a new vulnerability assessment tool. The current tool, the VSPDAT is no longer being supported. CE will look at other existing tools or develop a community tool. CE has created a new position and since hired a Housing Resource Specialist who will recruit landlords to provide units for PSH and RRH programs; and be liaison between programs and landlords. The CE project has also just hired a Housing

Recruitment Specialist who will be doing landlord engagement to increase available units for homeless persons and centralizing information on permanent housing resources and unit availability in the CE website, www.FrontdoorNY.org.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Rochester Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Partners Ending Homelessness
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Continuum of Care/HMIS
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Monroe County Department of Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Lead-based Paint Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Council in the Monroe County Area, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Fairport Urban Renewal Agency
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	

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

Agency types related specifically to Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) programs were not consulted with as a result of the fact that Monroe County does not receive funding for this program. No agencies or organizations were deliberately excluded from the consultation 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	Partners Ending Homelessness	

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

Monroe County is amending our Citizen Participation plan to include a hybrid in-person and virtual public hearing to make it available and accessible for as many individuals as possible. An in-person meeting will allow those who do not have access to the internet to attend and participate. Interpreting services are available upon request.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

This is the 47th year of the Community Development Block Grant program, and the 31st year of the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. This is the sixteenth year that Monroe County has received an Emergency Solutions Grants allocation. Funds for all three programs are used for projects that primarily benefit lower income families, elderly and disabled residents in the suburban towns and villages. The Community Development division of the Department of Planning and Development administers these HUD-funded programs on behalf of 17 towns and 10 villages that comprise the Monroe County Community Development Consortium. All municipalities in Monroe County are members of the consortium, with the exception of Greece, Irondequoit and the City of Rochester. The Towns of Greece and Irondequoit participate in the HOME Program only, bringing HOME consortium membership to 19 towns and 10 villages. The Towns of Greece and Irondequoit apply directly to HUD and receive their own CDBG allocations. The City of Rochester also receives funding directly from HUD for these programs. Monroe County expects to receive an allocation of \$3,131,635 from HUD for the period of August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023. This represents the combined total of funds for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$1,856,308; the Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) in the amount of \$1,124,485; and the Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) in the amount of \$150,842. This year's allocation projections include a decrease of \$59,183 from HUD funding received last year.

Estimated program income (interest on outstanding loans and other repayments) is expected to total \$62,143 for the CDBG program and

\$137,924 for the HOME program.

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	1,856,308	62,143	0	1,918,451	3,697,691	Funding to be used for Admin and Planning, Economic Development, Housing, Public Improvements, Public Services,
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	1,124,485	137,924	0	1,262,409	2,622,927	Funding to be used for Admin, development of affordable rental and homeownership, as well as home improvement

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: \$		
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	150,842	0	0	150,842	336,225	Funding to be used for Admin, Financial assistance, Overnight shelter, Rapid re-housing (rental assistance), Rental Assistance, Services

Table 2 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The potential sources of these leveraged funds (other than match funds) include investor equity, tax credit syndications; homebuyer down payments through private funding, private rental and home ownership loans; other federal, state, and local housing and community development programs and foundations. CDBG, HOME, and ESG sources leveraged additional resources, which are wide, including the items listed. Match contributions for both HOME and ESG will be made from non-federal resources. The match contributions for HOME will total no less than 25% of the funds drawn from the County’s HOME account each fiscal year. Monroe County CD maintains records demonstrating compliance with HOME match requirements, including a running log and project records documenting the type and amount of match contributions by project. The HOME program attracts substantial private and other public dollars into its funded projects. Match contribution

from ESG will be a one-to-one (1:1) cash and or/in-kind services match.

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

There are no publicly owned properties in Monroe County that are funded through any of the funding sources from HUD.

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Improve access to and quality of public facilities	2020	2024	Public Facilities	Brighton Chili Gates Henrietta Sweden Brockport East Rochester Fairport Webster Village	Public Facilities	CDBG: \$614,666	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 6650 Households Assisted

2	Repair and conserve existing housing stock	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Brighton Gates Henrietta Ogden Parma Penfield Perinton Rush Sweden Brockport Churchville East Rochester Fairport Hilton Pittsford Scottsville Webster Chili Clarkson Hamlin Mendon Riga Wheatland Honeoye Falls Spencerport Village of Pittsford Village of Webster	Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$558,695 HOME: \$615,636	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 70 Household Housing Unit
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3	Provide essential public services	2020	2024	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Monroe County Service Area block groups Brighton Gates Henrietta Ogden Parma Penfield Perinton Rush Sweden Brockport Churchville East Rochester Fairport Hilton Pittsford Scottsville Webster Chili Clarkson Hamlin Mendon Riga Wheatland Honeoye Falls Spencerport Village of	Public Services (Community Development)	CDBG: \$243,400	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1223 households
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Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
					Pittsford Village of Webster			

4	Provide Economic Development and Job Training	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Monroe County Service Area block groups Brighton Gates Henrietta Ogden Parma Penfield Perinton Rush Sweden Brockport Churchville East Rochester Fairport Hilton Pittsford Scottsville Webster Chili Clarkson Hamlin Mendon Riga Wheatland Honeoye Falls Spencerport Village of	Business / Jobs Development (Economic Development)	CDBG: \$120,000	Jobs created/retained: 3 Jobs
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Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
					Pittsford Village of Webster			
5	Develop Affordable Housing Opportunities	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Monroe County Service Area block groups Henrietta Hilton	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$346,400	Rental units constructed: 3 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 6 Household Housing Unit
6	Provide planning and administration services	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development Planning / Administration	Monroe County Service Area block groups	Planning / Administration	CDBG: \$381,690 HOME: \$126,241	Other: 1 Other

Table 3 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	Goal Description	
2	Goal Name	Repair and conserve existing housing stock
	Goal Description	
3	Goal Name	Provide essential public services
	Goal Description	

4	Goal Name	Provide Economic Development and Job Training
	Goal Description	
5	Goal Name	Develop Affordable Housing Opportunities
	Goal Description	
6	Goal Name	Provide planning and administration services
	Goal Description	

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

Monroe County proposes to fund the following projects for the 2022-23 program year. Funds will be used to repair and conserve existing housing stock; improve access to and quality of public facilities; provide essential infrastructure in lower income areas; provide job training and economic development opportunities to low to moderate-income persons and persons with special needs; provide essential public services, particularly to those that promote home ownership, fair housing, and housing stability and revitalize deteriorated neighborhoods. Funds will also be used to develop affordable housing, home ownership opportunities for all low to moderate income residents with a priority focus on the development of affordable housing in towns and villages that do not currently have affordable housing units. ESG funds will be used to fund shelter operations, coordinated entry, rapid rehousing, and homelessness prevention.

#	Project Name
1	Sidewalk Installation, Brighton
2	Sidewalk Extension, Chili
3	Kentucky Ave, Lyons Park Rehabilitation, Gates
4	Sanitary Sewer Relining, Henrietta
5	Sewer Improvements, Penfield
6	Sidewalk Installation, Sweden
7	Sidewalk Replacement, East Rochester
8	Storm Sewer Relining, Fairport Village
9	Sidewalk Replacement and Sewer CIPP, Webster Village
10	Safety and Security for Seniors, LifeSpan
11	Expanding Housing Opportunities, The Housing Council at PathStone
12	Housing Stability Program, The Housing Council at PathStone
13	Homeownership Program, The Housing Council at PathStone
14	Sewing Division, ABVI Goodwill of the Finger Lakes
15	Home Improvement Program
16	Lead Testing and Clearance, Proway
17	ED Loan and Grant Fund
18	Administration
19	Planning Services, Urban Vantage
20	Program Delivery, Home Improvement Program
21	Program Delivery, Economic Development
22	Program Delivery, Planning Services
23	First-time Homebuyer
24	Rental Housing Development
25	Acquisition Rehab Resale

#	Project Name
26	ESG2022

Table 4 – Project Information

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

All projects and programs are funded based on HUD and Monroe County established criteria. Funded projects and programs meet the needs of low to moderate income residents or are in the low/mod census areas.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Sidewalk Installation, Brighton
	Target Area	Brighton
	Goals Supported	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$84,898
	Description	Replacement of sidewalk on East Avenue
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	290 households will benefit from this project
	Location Description	East Avenue near Clover
	Planned Activities	Install of 700 LF of proposed concrete sidewalks
2	Project Name	Sidewalk Installation, Chili
	Target Area	Chili
	Goals Supported	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$51,521
	Description	Replacement of sidewalk on East Avenue
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	985 households will benefit from this project
	Location Description	Archer Road in the town of Chili
	Planned Activities	Install of 1,400 LF of 5'-0" concrete sidewalk
3	Project Name	Lions Park Rehabilitation, Gates
	Target Area	Gates
	Goals Supported	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$84,247

	Description	Rehabilitate Lions Park parking lot - Kentucky Avenue is 800 feet long and the parking lot is roughly 27,000 square feet. Improve drainage and pedestrian safety along Kentucky Avenue, restore the Lions Park parking lot, and has an anticipated 50-year life with appropriate and timely preventative maintenance.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,925 households will benefit from this project
	Location Description	Lions Park/Kentucky Avenue
	Planned Activities	Rehabilitate Lions Park parking lot, improve drainage and widen Kentucky Ave adding a bike lane
4	Project Name	Sanitary Sewer Installation, Henrietta
	Target Area	Henrietta
	Goals Supported	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$41,000
	Description	Sanitary Sewer Slip Lining and CIPP
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	475 households will benefit from this project
	Location Description	Sienna Drive in the town of Henrietta
	Planned Activities	885 L.F. of 8" VCP sanitary sewer main on Sienna Drive to be repaired with cured-in-place pipe rehabilitation.
5	Project Name	Storm Sewer Relining, Penfield
	Target Area	Penfield
	Goals Supported	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$69,465

	Description	Lining of storm sewer and structure Improvements to the existing elevated sewer bridge, located in the existing manufactured home park at Harper Park
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	290 households will benefit from this project
	Location Description	Harper Park in the town of Penfield
	Planned Activities	Slip line approx. 286 LF of sanitary sewer, reinforce concrete piers
6	Project Name	Sidewalk Installation, Sweden
	Target Area	Sweden
	Goals Supported	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000
	Description	Installation of sidewalk on Crestview Drive
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	925 households will benefit from this project
	Location Description	Northside of Crestview Drive in the town of Sweden
	Planned Activities	Installation of 1,200 linear feet sidewalks in the town of Sweden
7	Project Name	Sidewalk Installation, T/V East Rochester
	Target Area	East Rochester
	Goals Supported	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$70,000
	Description	Replacement of sidewalk on Main Street 300 block East
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	330 households will benefit from this project
	Location Description	East side of the 300 block of Main Street across from the Town/Village Municipal offices
	Planned Activities	Replacement of sidewalks in the town/village of East Rochester
8	Project Name	Homestead and Fireside Storm Sewer Main Lining Project - Phase II
	Target Area	Fairport
	Goals Supported	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$53,745
	Description	Lining of storm sewers on Homestead Drive (Whitney Rd to Fireside Lane)
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	195 households will benefit from this project
	Location Description	Homestead Drive (Whitney Rd to Fireside Lane) in the village of Fairport
	Planned Activities	Lining of 440 ft. of 18 inch and 140 ft of 21 inch storm sewer main
9	Project Name	Kircher Park Sidewalk Replacement and Sewer CIPP
	Target Area	Kircher Park between East Main Street and Lyon Drive
	Goals Supported	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$84,790
	Description	Sidewalk replacement along east side of Kircher Park
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,235 households will benefit from this project

	Location Description	Kircher Park, Village of Webster
	Planned Activities	Approximately 1,100 linear feet of sidewalk will be replaced with this project along with approximately 1,120 linear feet of sewer collection main lining.
10	Project Name	Safety and Security for Seniors, LifeSpan
	Target Area	<p>Monroe County Service Area block groups</p> <p>Brighton</p> <p>Gates</p> <p>Henrietta</p> <p>Ogden</p> <p>Parma</p> <p>Penfield</p> <p>Perinton</p> <p>Rush</p> <p>Sweden</p> <p>Brockport</p> <p>Churchville</p> <p>East Rochester</p> <p>Fairport</p> <p>Hilton</p> <p>Pittsford</p> <p>Scottsville</p> <p>Webster</p> <p>Chili</p> <p>Clarkson</p> <p>Hamlin</p> <p>Mendon</p> <p>Riga</p> <p>Wheatland</p> <p>Honeoye Falls</p> <p>Spencerport</p> <p>Village of Pittsford</p> <p>Village of Webster</p>
	Goals Supported	Provide essential public services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Community Development)
	Funding	CDBG: \$58,000

Description	Provide in-home safety assessments and minor home safety modifications. Provide consultation to prevent and/or resolve fraud and scam cases.
Target Date	7/31/2023
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	850 seniors will benefit from this project
Location Description	Services will be provided to seniors throughout suburban Monroe County, excluding the towns of Greece and Irondequoit
Planned Activities	350 suburban seniors will receive home environmental/fall prevention assessments and minor home modifications, 500 attendees at community outreach, educational presentations, including 15 cases of consultation, advocacy, investigation, and resolution for potential scams and fraud
Project Name	Expanding Housing Opportunities, The Housing Council at PathStone

11	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups Brighton Gates Henrietta Ogden Parma Penfield Perinton Rush Sweden Brockport Churchville East Rochester Fairport Hilton Pittsford Scottsville Webster Chili Clarkson Hamlin Mendon Riga Wheatland Honeoye Falls Spencerport Village of Pittsford Village of Webster
	Goals Supported	Provide essential public services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Community Development)
	Funding	CDBG: \$45,000
	Description	Rental management and educational program for tenants, landlords, homebuyers, home sellers, real estate professionals, and other housing providers for suburban residents. County-wide fair housing guidance.
	Target Date	7/31/2023

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	150 total low-mod households will benefit from this service
Location Description	Services will be provided at The Housing Council offices
Planned Activities	Comprehensive county-wide fair housing rental management and education programs for tenants, landlords, home buyers and sells, real estate professionals and other housing providers. Includes weekly seminars, workshops, one-to-one counseling and the provision of educational materials, publications of rights and responsibilities, fair housing guidance, apartment listings, and quarterly newsletters
Project Name	Housing Stability Program, The Housing Council at PathStone

12	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups Brighton Gates Henrietta Ogden Parma Penfield Perinton Rush Sweden Brockport Churchville East Rochester Fairport Hilton Pittsford Scottsville Webster Chili Clarkson Hamlin Mendon Riga Wheatland Honeoye Falls Spencerport Village of Pittsford Village of Webster
	Goals Supported	Provide essential public services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Community Development)
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000
	Description	Provide mortgage foreclosure prevention counseling and outreach. Conduct outreach to at-risk homeowners.
	Target Date	7/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	70 low-mod income households will benefit from this service

	Location Description	Services will be provided at The Housing Council offices
	Planned Activities	Mortgage foreclosure prevention counseling and outreach including Home Equity Conversion Mortgage counseling
13	Project Name	Homeownership Program, The Housing Council at PathStone
	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups Brighton Gates Henrietta Ogden Parma Penfield Perinton Rush Sweden Brockport Churchville East Rochester Fairport Hilton Pittsford Scottsville Webster Chili Clarkson Hamlin Mendon Riga Wheatland Honeoye Falls Spencerport Village of Pittsford Village of Webster
	Goals Supported	Provide essential public services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Community Development)
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000
	Description	Homebuyer education and pre- and post-purchase classes
	Target Date	07/31/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	179 low-mod income households will benefit from this service, approximately 7 homeowners will benefit from down payment and closing cost assistance from County HOME funding
	Location Description	Services provided are to suburban residents in Monroe County
	Planned Activities	142 households will receive one-on-one counseling and group education services, develop a sustainable household budget through the provision of financial management and/or budget services, improve their financial capacity, gain access to resources to help improve their housing situation including pre-purchase workshops and and post-purchase workshops
14	Project Name	Sewing division, ABVI Goodwill of the Finger Lakes
	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	Goals Supported	Provide Economic Development and Job Training
	Needs Addressed	Business / Jobs Development (Economic Development)
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,400
	Description	Purchase of equipment for Sewing division expansion
	Target Date	7/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	11 jobs created/retained
	Location Description	Offices are located in the city of Rochester, however, jobs retained/created live in areas throughout Monroe County
	Planned Activities	Purchase equipment for the Sewing Division expansion
	Project Name	Home Improvement Program

15	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups Brighton Gates Henrietta Ogden Parma Penfield Perinton Rush Sweden Brockport Churchville East Rochester Fairport Hilton Pittsford Scottsville Webster Chili Clarkson Hamlin Mendon Riga Wheatland Honeoye Falls Spencerport Village of Pittsford Village of Webster
	Goals Supported	Repair and conserve existing housing stock
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$558,695 HOME: \$615,636
	Description	Provide grants/loans to repair and revitalize homes in suburban towns and villages throughout Monroe County to income eligible homeowners.
	Target Date	7/31/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	70 low-mod income households will benefit from this project
	Location Description	Services will be provided in towns and villages throughout suburban Monroe County
	Planned Activities	provide grants/loans to repair and revitalize homes in suburban towns and villages throughout suburban Monroe County to income eligible homeowners
16	Project Name	Lead Testing and Clearance, Proway
	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	Goals Supported	Repair and conserve existing housing stock
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	Perform lead paint assessments, testing, inspections, and other clearance activities on an as needed basis for the Home Improvement Program
	Target Date	7/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Income eligible households whom are part of the Home Improvement program with homes built before 1978
	Location Description	Throughout towns and villages in suburban Monroe County
	Planned Activities	Lead assessment and clearances for Home Improvement Program projects
17	Project Name	ED Loan and Grant Fund
	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	Goals Supported	Provide Economic Development and Job Training
	Needs Addressed	Business / Jobs Development (Economic Development)
	Funding	CDBG: \$120,000
	Description	Provide loans or grants to businesses for the retainage or creation of low-moderate income jobs
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Retain/create 3 low-mod jobs
	Location Description	Low interest loans or grants for businesses that are expanding or relocating to Monroe County and will create or retain jobs for low-mod income individuals
	Planned Activities	Provide loan/grants to businesses moving into or expanding in suburban Monroe County
18	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	Goals Supported	Provide planning and administration services
	Needs Addressed	Planning / Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$299,690 HOME: \$126,241
	Description	General administration for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME).
	Target Date	7/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	50 West Main Street, Rochester, New York 14614
Planned Activities	General administration of CDBG and HOME program	
19	Project Name	Planning Services, Urban Vantage
	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	Goals Supported	Provide planning and administration services
	Needs Addressed	Planning / Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,000
	Description	Consulting services and technical assistance for planning, fair housing, and recommendations outlined in the Update to Analysis of Impediments 2020.
	Target Date	7/31/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	Throughout suburban Monroe County
	Planned Activities	Technical assistance and consultation.
20	Project Name	Program Delivery, Home Improvement Program
	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	Goals Supported	Provide planning and administration services
	Needs Addressed	Planning / Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$2,000
	Description	Program delivery for the Home Improvement Program
	Target Date	7/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	50 West Main Street, Rochester, New York 14614
	Planned Activities	Program delivery for Home Improvement Program
21	Project Name	Program Delivery, Economic Development
	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	Goals Supported	Provide planning and administration services
	Needs Addressed	Planning / Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	Provide financial review and eligibility of Economic Development grant and/or loan fund projects
	Target Date	7/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	50 West Main Street, Rochester, New York 14614
	Planned Activities	Program delivery for Economic Development loan/grant

22	Project Name	Program Delivery, Planning Services
	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	Goals Supported	Provide planning and administration services
	Needs Addressed	Planning / Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	Provide planning, environmental, and mapping services
	Target Date	7/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	50 West Main Street, Rochester, New York 14614
	Planned Activities	Program delivery for Planning
	Project Name	First-time Homebuyer

23	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups Brighton Gates Henrietta Ogden Parma Penfield Perinton Rush Sweden Brockport Churchville East Rochester Fairport Hilton Pittsford Scottsville Webster Chili Clarkson Hamlin Mendon Riga Wheatland Honeoye Falls Spencerport Village of Pittsford Village of Webster
	Goals Supported	Develop Affordable Housing Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$45,000
	Description	Direct subsidy for First-Time Homebuyers administered by The Housing Council at PathStone
	Target Date	7/31/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	7 low-income first time homebuyers will benefit from this service

	Location Description	Homebuyers purchasing their first home in suburban towns and villages throughout Monroe County
	Planned Activities	Direct subsidy for down payment or closing cost assistance for income eligible first time homebuyers purchasing their first home in suburban Monroe County
24	Project Name	Rental Housing Development
	Target Area	Brockport
	Goals Supported	Develop Affordable Rental Housing Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$119,400
	Description	Development of affordable rental housing in the village of Brockport
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2 individuals will benefit from this project
	Location Description	New construction development of 2 (1 bedroom units) at 15 Evelyn Drive – IRA apartments in the village of Brockport
	Planned Activities	New construction to add 2 new 1 bedroom units, expanding the property from 10 units to 12 units to allow for individuals to have their own rooms
	Project Name	Acquisition Rehab Resale

25	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups Brighton Gates Henrietta Ogden Parma Penfield Perinton Rush Sweden Brockport Churchville East Rochester Fairport Hilton Pittsford Scottsville Webster Chili Clarkson Hamlin Mendon Riga Wheatland Honeoye Falls Spencerport Village of Pittsford Village of Webster
	Goals Supported	Develop Affordable Housing Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$227,000
	Description	Acquisition rehab resale program throughout suburban Monroe County
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2 households will benefit from this project

	Location Description	Throughout towns and villages in suburban Monroe County
	Planned Activities	Acquisition, rehab, and resale of single family residential properties to income eligible first time homebuyers.
26	Project Name	ESG2022
	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	Goals Supported	Provide essential public services Provide planning and administration services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Community Development) Planning / Administration
	Funding	ESG: \$150,842
	Description	Homelessness Prevention \$55,000 (CFC \$25,000, HOPE Webster/Penfield \$30,000); Rapid Rehousing (\$40,000); Street Outreach 44,529 (PCHO 25,000 Coordinated Access \$19,529); and Administration (\$11,313.15)
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	25 youth in the shelters, 10 rapid rehousing households, 32 persons assisted via homeless prevention and 25 individuals assisted via street outreach.
	Location Description	Monroe county service area.
	Planned Activities	Homelessness Prevention, Rapid Rehousing, Street Outreach, Shelter operations, and Administration

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

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

Targeted areas are all within Monroe County’s service area, including public facilities and infrastructure improvements in Brighton, Chili, Gates, Henrietta, Penfield, Sweden, East Rochester, Fairport, and the Village of Webster this year. Other than public facilities, funding that will be spent will be used to benefit low to moderate-income individuals, seniors, and persons with special needs throughout suburban Monroe County.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Monroe County Service Area block groups	100
Brighton	
Gates	
Henrietta	
Ogden	
Parma	
Penfield	
Perinton	
Rush	
Sweden	
Brockport	
Churchville	
East Rochester	
Fairport	
Hilton	
Pittsford	
Scottsville	
Webster	
Chili	
Clarkson	
Hamlin	
Mendon	
Riga	
Wheatland	
Honeoye Falls	
Spencerport	
Village of Pittsford	

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Village of Webster	

Table 5 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Funding was provided to municipalities for infrastructure improvements if they applied for funding, and if the projects are in low-mod census areas and public services activities, not to exceed 15% of the annual CDBG allocation, including program income. The funds proposed for Planning and Administration, including program income will not exceed 20% of the annual CDBG amount.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

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

Introduction

Through the CDBG and HOME funds, Monroe County administers the Home Improvement Program (HIP) including the solar component, which provides income eligible homeowners with grants and/or loans for needed repairs, thereby maintaining affordability. Home funds are utilized to provide gap financing for the development of affordable rental housing and homeownership opportunities to low-mod income individuals, families, seniors, and individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities.

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

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	35
The Production of New Units	2
Rehab of Existing Units	60
Acquisition of Existing Units	3
Total	

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

Discussion

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

Introduction

The Rochester Housing Authority (RHA) and the Village of Fairport Urban Renewal Agency (FURA) manages the two publicly administered Section 8 Programs in Monroe County. RHA has developed its Annual, Five Year and Strategic Plans. The Strategic Plan action items have become part of the overall Annual and 5-Year Plan. RHA has submitted its Annual/5-Year Plan to HUD and will be updating its Strategic Plan. Once complete, it will be included in RHA's Annual/5-year Plan. Established in 1955 as an independent public corporation by New York State Public Housing Law, RHA serves more than 27,000 lower-income residents and program participants in the five-county Greater Rochester area, by providing quality comfortable living and services for people with limited incomes. Approximately 20% of total residents served reside in the 2,200+ RHA public housing units. Public Housing Units available for: Over 50 & Disabled: Danforth Tower East/West, Glenwood Gardens, Hudson Ridge Tower, Kennedy Tower, and Parliament Arms. Disabled & Over/Under 50: Lake Tower, Lena Gantt Estates, Lexington Court, and University Tower. Family Housing: Bay-Zimmer Townhouses, Bronson Court, Federal Street Townhouses, Harriet Tubman Estates, Holland Townhouses, Lena Gantt Estates, Lexington Court, and Parkside Apartments. Enriched Housing: Danforth Tower East, Hudson Ridge Tower, Johnathan Child. Single, Double, and Multiple Unit Scattered Site Homes. Resident Services: Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) is a voluntary employment and savings incentive program designed to assist families in becoming economically independent and self-sufficient. Supportive services in the program include homeownership, training for jobs, education, and life skills to help families reach their goals in 5 years. Service Coordination for RHA Elderly and Disabled Residents, including health and wellness, money and employment, transportation and more. The FURA Section 8 program territory encompasses the town of Macedon within Wayne County and the eastern part of Monroe County including the town and villages therein, of Irondequoit, Webster, Penfield, East Rochester, Brighton, Henrietta, Pittsford, Perinton, Mendon, and Rush. FURA administers eighteen (18) Section 8 Project-Based units, ten (10) at Crosman Senior Apartments and eight (8) at Fairport Apartments. Current program demographics through FURA's Section 8 program reflect a total of 311 elderly and disabled families and 99 other eligible households (i.e.: non-disabled families and 2-adult households). The average annual total household income of participants in FURA's program is \$17,310. Approximately 239 families are at or below 30% of the Area Median Income (AMI), 125 are between 30-50% of the AMI and the remaining families are at or above 50% of the AMI. Each year, FURA assists 65-75 new families with 75% of those below 30% of the area median income. FURA is authorized to administer 497 vouchers.

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

RHA is continuing its initiative to "Change the Face of Public Housing" by renovating and constructing new units that residents will be proud to call home. RHA will continue its "Beautification Initiative" for all its public housing developments that will not only enhance curb appeal but the rest of the property as well. RHA will continue to provide quality affordable housing and services for its residents. RHA meets with resident councils, resident Commissioners, staff and neighborhood associations to address

needs and discuss upcoming projects. RHA takes all suggestions and recommendations from these sources into consideration when preparing the five-year Capital Improvement plan. Due to ever changing conditions, items are prioritized and can fluctuate within the plan from year to year. There are currently multiple projects in various stages, and more are being planned for the upcoming year. RHA will also undertake roof replacement, driveway resurfacing, and porch restoration/replacement projects at several scattered site properties throughout the year. RHA has been awarded a NYS Preservation Opportunity Program grant to develop plans for the preservation of public housing and is currently working with consultants. Strategies are being developed to preserve Harriet Tubman Estates, Lena Gantt, Holland Townhouses, Bay-Zimmer Apts, and scattered sites in the CONEA and Market View Heights neighborhoods. Physical needs assessments and environmental testing of other public housing properties is also being done with the grant funds. RHA is advancing the redevelopment of its public housing sites; Federal Street Townhouses/Scattered Sites Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) project, Parliament Arms, Fairfield Village and Glenwood/Fernwood. These redevelopment projects may increase or decrease the number of available public housing units with the goal of increasing the number of quality affordable housing units. RHA has room in its Faircloth limit to add public housing units to its portfolio. RHA was awarded Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) and other sources of funding to redevelop Federal St. Townhouses/Scattered Sites with construction beginning later this year. RHA may also issue its own bonds for development activities and acquiring property. RHA intends to apply for NYS funding opportunities for development and capital improvement activities. RHA will be applying to New York State Housing and Community Renewal's Public Housing Preservation Program (PHP) when the NOFA is available. PHP is a partnership among HCR, HUD, Federal Public Housing Authorities (PHAs) outside New York City, and collaborating with private for profit and non-profit developers to address the needs of these properties and assist RHA in completing their plans to ensure the long-term sustainability of existing public housing units. HCR will coordinate with RHA and HUD to develop and implement a five-year strategy to preserve public housing units, address their need for capital improvements, and ensure their continued affordability. RHA intends on using Capital Funds to further its mission of "Changing the Face of Public Housing." RHA will identify sites through a physical needs assessment process and prioritize the most strategic use of its Capital Funds to preserve its Public Housing stock. Capital Funds may also be used for development activities and will be used to renovate Scattered Site properties and prepare identified properties for homeownership. RHA will participate in task forces and initiatives to address the housing quality, homelessness, and emergency housing needs in the community.

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

RHA is committed to continuously improving communication between management and its residents and program participants and continues to work with area partners to provide services. RHA has created a new position, Public Participation Coordinator, to increase resident participation in self-sufficiency program offerings. RHA will continue to develop and promote its Section 3 program, resident councils and advisory board. RHA's Resident Services department will continue to assist with resident

needs and actively engage in homeownership opportunities and self-sufficiency program development. RHA intends to perform physical needs and environmental assessment of its public housing scattered site units and determine which single-family units will be designated for homeownership. Current residents will be given first option to purchase the home. RHA may use capital funds and/or operating reserves to renovate designated public housing scattered site homes prior to being offered for homeownership. RHA has implemented a homeownership plan that will include HUD's Section 32 Homeownership. This comprehensive plan outlines the requirements and guidelines of the program. RHA has 7 public housing residents to purchase their public housing home. RHA is completing its Special Application Center submission to continue the process. RHA has surveyed additional public housing residents in an effort to create a pipeline of Section 32 homeowners. Thus far, 39 responses have been submitted and the Resident Services department will meet one on one with each resident who wishes to purchase their home and create a path to successful homeownership. In addition to the Plan, RHA has developed a post homeownership program to assist families in maintaining their homes and ensuring homeowners that they have somewhere to go for assistance when they need it. RHA intends to increase utilization of homeownership vouchers and increase outreach efforts. RHA intends to seek partners who will grow and assist family self-sufficiency initiatives. RHA intends to participate in the Envision Center demonstration which offer HUD-assisted families access to support services that can help them achieve self-sufficiency through a centralized hub of supports in the following four pillars: (1) Economic Empowerment, (2) Educational Advancement, (3) Health and Wellness, and (4) Character and Leadership. RHA plans to improve use of its community-based Computer Labs with faster service, new equipment, and utilize Community Service hours to monitor computer labs. RHA may utilize unused (Tenant Participation Funds) Per Unit Monies (PUM) of developments without an active Resident Council to create a Youth Employment and Education Program (YEEP) for public housing residents. RHA intends to start an annual scholarship for youth and adults to promote self-sufficiency. RHA plans to create scholarship opportunities for public housing residents and HCVP Participants utilizing partnerships and sponsoring various activities to obtain funds, including grants and unused resident participation funds. RHA plans to create a building trades pre-apprenticeship program by partnering with various groups who will provide hands-on training for public housing residents and HCVP Participants. RHA will explore and create new partnerships and seek funding opportunities to create a Youth, Sports and Fine Arts Chapter to enhance the outreach opportunities for youth to participate in routine and non-traditional leisure activities including but not limited to golf, swimming, basketball, dance, performing arts, scuba diving, football, tennis, writing and much more. RHA will partner with the Boy scouts and work together to bring scouting opportunities to its families. RHA intends to create business opportunities for resident councils and/or the Jurisdiction-wide Resident Council or individual residents.

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

provided or other assistance

This is not applicable since RHA has never been designated as a troubled Public Housing Authority (PHA).

Discussion

RHA continues to perform a comprehensive physical needs assessment on all of its public housing properties in 2022. There will be an emphasis on prioritizing single family units for homeownership. The work performed will include landscaping, paving, HVAC upgrades, and interior and exterior improvements. RHA will be working to reduce unit turnaround time for vacated public housing units so that they can be filled with applicants from our wait list. RHA is in the process of planning energy saving projects such as lighting, water conservation, and more efficient HVAC systems that will improve the quality of life for residents. The RHA Resident Services Department is also working hard to partner with other agencies that can assist residents in self-sufficiency initiatives and goals. Homeownership, training, employment, life skills and financial education are a focus in the upcoming year. RHA has been awarded HUD Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) and Resident Opportunity & Self Sufficiency (ROSS) grants and contributes additional funds to further its mission of assisting residents and participants in becoming self-sufficient. RHA continues to work with residents and other stakeholders to prepare for this grant and other grants that become available. RHA's grant writer consultant will assist with the application(s). If awarded RHA would replace public housing units and create new homes for purchase through the home ownership program.

FURA awarded 28 Project Based Vouchers (PBV) this year to two local housing projects. Construction on those projects is slated to begin sometime in the spring/summer of 2022. Both projects are proposed to assist low-income seniors in Henrietta and Penfield.

PBV projects are beneficial to communities that have a shortage of safe and affordable rental housing. FURA's service area consists of a very tight housing market and increasing the PBV units would directly benefit participants as they would be able to secure housing quickly. Increasing the availability of rental units to participants of our program is an important priority for FURA. PBV funding can be awarded to developers who develop new units or rehabilitate existing housing. Working collaboratively with developers will help to increase the pool of safe and affordable housing units as well as help to preserve existing housing stock. Incentives to developers include financial security from the long-term housing contract with FURA. In addition, in higher cost areas, some projects may be eligible for higher subsidies for PBV units than regular Tenant Based Vouchers. FURA staff remains devoted to moving forward with future plans to continue serving clients well. FURA has gained new technology, making it a more efficient office environment. FURA remains committed to recertifying households in the comfort of their own homes, as it reflects unparalleled commitment to customer service.

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

Introduction

Monroe County will continue to work with the Continuum of Care to coordinate services to the homeless and to provide outreach and other services, emergency shelter, transitional housing and permanent supportive housing to persons experiencing homelessness and/or with special needs. Coordinated Entry (CE) and the Housing First model are the primary tools that will end chronic homelessness. Through CE, the Chronically Homeless move to the top of the prioritization list for placement into permanent supportive housing. All CoC and ESG programs incorporate housing first principles into their programs to reduce barriers to accessing housing and to reduce terminations from programs. In 2016, the Rochester/Monroe County CoC reached functional zero toward ending veteran homelessness. Functional zero status does not mean that veterans won't become homeless; but it means that the CoC now has sufficient resources to get veterans into appropriate housing quickly and that veterans remain stably housed. The CoC, City, and County continue to partner with the Veterans Administration, Veterans Outreach Center, and other organizations serving veterans to ensure current resources are maintained and support new housing units targeted to veterans. To end homelessness for families and dependent children, the primary strategies being utilized are diversion and rapid re-housing. Strategies to end homelessness for unaccompanied youth include outreach, transitional housing and a rapid re-housing dedicated to young adults (ages 18 – 23). The CoC will continue to pursue additional resources for homeless youth through HUD's Youth Homelessness Demonstration Grants. Transitional housing, rapid re-housing programs and permanent supportive housing programs serving the re-entry population are proving to be successful in assisting this population with accessing and remaining stable in permanent housing. The Coordinated Entry system fully implemented in January 2018 aids in reaching these goals by employing diversion strategies to prevent entry into the homeless system and vulnerability assessments to ensure that those with the highest needs are prioritized and are referred to the programs that will best meet their needs. Consistent with the 2012 Homelessness Resolution Strategy, Rochester will: Continue to implement diversion as the first response to a housing crisis; Emphasize a rapid rehousing/housing first approach for the entire system; Increase Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) resources; Use Progressive Engagement in Providing Services; improve practice and capacity in PSH programs by targeting PSH to people with the highest needs based on the vulnerability assessment tool, building PSH provider capacity, integrating employment services into PSH programs, and implementing a "Moving On Strategy" from PSH interventions; Implementing data-driven decision-making and evaluation; and ensuring leadership and accountability.

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

Person Centered Housing Options (PCHO) and the Rapid Engagement Demonstration (RED) Team will continue to identify and engage the unsheltered homeless. PCHO, RED and MC Collaborative, Veteran Administration regularly visit soup kitchens, libraries, and public places that unsheltered homeless adults frequent. Youth street outreach workers will continue to regularly engage homeless and at-risk youth on the street, recreational centers, and other locations that youth frequent. The objective is to engage with the unsheltered homeless and link them with housing, services, and mainstream benefits. Additional outreach is conducted by Monroe County DHS during the Code Blue season, when temperatures fall below 32 degrees. Any person requesting emergency shelter when the temperature is below 32 degrees must be placed in shelter or if there are no shelter beds available, in local hotels. Youth service providers will continue to utilize street outreach workers who use a mobile unit to conduct ongoing, regular outreach efforts with homeless and at-risk youth, including LGBT youth. Services include medical screenings (including HIV testing), condom distribution, and linking youth to community-based services and income streams. Homeless youth who agree to placement are transported to youth emergency shelters. Veterans outreach workers visit shelters, soup kitchens, and other locations in an effort to identify homeless veterans and link them to the VA and community-based services. Street outreach is conducted to engage the unsheltered homeless in the locations where they are known to congregate (e.g., parking garages). Specialized Office of Mental Health (OMH) outreach workers connect with homeless persons experiencing serious mental and/or substance abuse issues. Outreach workers who speak Spanish and other languages participate in these efforts.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Monroe County works with the CoC and its partners to carry out outreach and services to homeless persons and to provide emergency shelter for all homeless populations; homeless youth, veterans, victims of domestic violence, persons with chemical dependency and/or mental health issues and other homeless individuals and families. Transitional housing is provided for homeless youth, veterans, and re-entry populations many of whom have chemical dependency and/or mental health issues. The emergency shelter system was greatly impacted by COVID-19. Shelters were decompressed (census reduced) in late March of 2020 to ensure social distancing guidelines could be followed by shelters. This was accomplished by placing those who would be most vulnerable to COVID based on age and/or chronic health conditions into hotels where they would have their own rooms. By the end of 2021, most shelters were back at their optimum capacity and shelter occupancy is approaching pre-COVID numbers.

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

To end homelessness among households with dependent children, the CoC is utilizing Rapid Rehousing (RRH) programs. RRH provides short term rental assistance and case management services to move families from shelter to permanent housing quickly and ensure housing stability. It is also providing diversion assistance for those who have a viable alternative to a shelter but require some support. The CoC plans to increase the number of homeless households with children assisted through RRH projects by working with TH projects serving families to help them restructure using a RRH model and by soliciting housing organizations without such programs to create new RRH projects. ESG funding supports Coordinated Care Services, Inc.'s Rapid Rehousing program (RRP) that responds quickly to households referred through coordinated entry, secures appropriate PH, and uses an array of mainstream benefits and supports to maximize resources, increase housing stability and reduce repeat episodes of homelessness. The RRP is being expanded to serve as a forum for the broader implementation of a local RRH system. RRH projects have sought and been awarded funding from other sources (e.g., NYS OTDA, and HUD CoC Funding), and this effort will continue. The needs of domestic violence victims, including their families, will continue to be broadly addressed. The Rochester/Monroe County Domestic Violence Consortium, with 50-member organizations from human services and the legal system, promotes a coordinated community response to domestic violence. In addition, staff of housing providers who serve domestic violence victims are trained in trauma-informed care and safety planning. Willow DVC serves people who are victims of domestic violence (or at risk) along with their children, offering counseling, education, and a secure shelter, whose location is not publicly identified. A 24-hour hotline provides information on housing and services for domestic violence victims. Willow DVC has stringent policies to ensure the safety and privacy of its clients, and names and other identifying data are not entered into HMIS. YWCA, LAWNY and Willow operate a rapid rehousing project for households experiencing domestic violence. For the past several years, there has been a DV Bonus Project opportunity as part of the annual HUD CoC funding competition. A Rapid Rehousing project was submitted but not selected for an award. The Center for Youth (CFY) Services Center House provided emergency housing and services for unaccompanied homeless youth, ages 12-17. CoC will continue to offer a range of outreach, emergency, and transitional housing and support services are available through CoC and other funding resources. CFY, a RRH program for Transition Age Youth (ages 18 – 24) in our community. Youth providers have a common intake form, work together closely, and meet on a monthly basis to ensure that homeless youth have access to safe housing and services. In all cases, before a youth leaves a program, the youth is linked to a family member or other responsible, supportive adult. Youth providers will continue to work with Monroe County Office of Mental Health (OMH) to ensure access to mental health services and ease transition from the youth to the adult mental health system. Youth ages 16-17 and 18-24 will be targeted separately and offered age-appropriate services, while youth as young as 12 will also be served. Genesis House, an emergency housing program for older homeless youth, ages 17-20, closed its doors due to insufficient funding. This was the only emergency housing program dedicated to this population. Homeless youth who are 18-20

are able to access the adult shelters.

The primary strategy to address the needs of the chronically housing population is permanent, supportive housing (PSH). PSH provides a deep rent subsidy (participant pays 30% of income for rent) and on-going case management and support services to participants who have a long term disability and who have been homeless for more than one year, or have had four or more episodes of homelessness totaling at least one year in the past three years. There is no limit on the length of stay in PSH. Housing First principles have been adopted by all of the PSH programs in the CoC to reduce barriers to accessing housing. Chronically homeless persons are prioritized for entry into all PSH programs when openings occur. Two small PSH programs for the Chronically Homeless opened in 2021, providing a total of 15 units. These programs are using Coordinated Entry for referrals and participating in HMIS.

The Veterans Administration (VA) and the Veterans Outreach Center (VOC) will continue to exclusively serve homeless veterans in the CoC geography. Both the VA and VOC provide emergency and transitional housing options for veterans. Both also partner with the Rochester Housing Authority (RHA) to provide PSH options for Veterans. Referral to the PSH programs come directly from the VA and/or through Coordinated Entry. VOC and Eagle Star have recently opened affordable, supportive housing for veterans that have been funded through the Empire State Supportive Housing Initiative (ESSHI).

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.

Youth being discharged from foster care or other institutional settings typically return to their family of origin or another responsible family member or adult. When no such adult can be located, the youth is placed in a community program specifically designed to prepare youth for independent living. The CoC will continue to educate homeless providers about the importance of ensuring that youth are not discharged into homelessness. Shelters have been instructed to immediately contact the MC DHS to report the failed discharge plan if a youth is attempting to access homeless services. The youth is then connected to a caseworker who attempts to re-unite the youth with his/her family or other responsible adult and link him/her to appropriate services. If such a re-uniting is not possible, the youth is referred again to a community program that prepares youth to transition to independent living.

Hospitals have been encouraged to not discharge people with no available housing after hours or weekends so that they can first go to MCDHS for assessment and placement into a shelter that can best meet their needs. When this is not possible or patient leaves against medical advice, hospital social work staff have been provided with information on local emergency shelters (e.g., physical layouts, staffing, hours open) so a referral is made to the shelter that can best meet the person's needs. Hospital staff call

the shelter to confirm a bed is available, any required follow-up care is communicated to shelter staff, and the patient is provided with a sufficient supply of medication. Three emergency shelters (12 beds) have beds dedicated for persons who are being discharged from hospitals, due to health or mental health who are homeless which provide additional support through the use of peers and Health Home Care Managers to transition to and stabilize in permanent housing.

Inpatient facilities licensed or operated by the NYSOMH and NYSOASAS are encouraged to refer individuals to housing consistent with the level of care required by the patient and to not discharge patients until a comprehensive discharge plan is in place. Prior to discharge, individuals in need of supervised housing, and who agree to a referral, are referred to the Monroe County Single Point of Access (SPOA). The SPOA facilitates housing assistance for eligible individuals and connects persons to mental health care coordination services. Through HSN, the CoC will continue to educate stakeholders about the primary providers of licensed mental health residential beds (DePaul Community Services, East House, Housing Options Made Easy, Rochester Psychiatric Center), intensive case management programs (Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester General Health System, Unity Health System), and care coordination services (ACT Team, Project Link, MICA Net).

Ex-offenders are most frequently discharged to their families or to independent living under the supervision of parole. NYS Parole has contracts with several community agencies to place ex-offenders when no other housing can be located (e.g., Salvation Army Adult Rehabilitation Center, Grace House, and DuBois Re-Entry Program). The State is implementing a pilot project in Monroe County for effectively linking eligible individuals from this population to Health Homes, which will provide enhanced care management, ensuring that enrollees are linked to housing and social services supports. The CoC Team and the Monroe County Re-Entry Task Force will continue to work closely together, utilizing common members, to assist ex-offenders to successfully transition back into the community. Linking ex-offenders to mainstream resources will reduce the number of ex-offenders from entering the homeless system. Delphi, the umbrella agency for the Monroe County Re-Entry Task Force operates a very successful RRH program for persons who are released and have no permanent housing identified.

To reduce the time in Emergency Shelter (ES) or Temporary Housing (TH), the CoC has adopted a Housing First approach, which has resulted in eliminating many preconditions (e.g., sobriety, minimum income threshold) that can be barriers to accessing safe, affordable permanent housing. In addition, ESG funds have been used for rapid rehousing efforts, especially for families, to move them quickly to PH and reduce future episodes of homelessness. Data on the length of time that homeless individuals and families spend in CoC and ESG-funded ES, TH, and Supportive Housing (SH) programs are included in HMIS and will be used to track changes over time. Non-HUD funded projects are represented among the over 70 community agencies in the HSN, where members are educated on best practices and tools that can be used to reduce the length of time individuals stay homeless. To reduce the extent to which individuals and families leaving homelessness experience additional homeless episodes, the CoC will utilize prevention, diversion, and short-term rental assistance, and arrears payments. The Monroe County DHS Diversion Unit will continue to assist those at risk of homelessness with payments for such

costs as back taxes, mortgage payments, auto repairs, and tools/uniforms for jobs. Returns to homelessness are also decreased as the result of less stringent compliance demands for participants, automatic renewals of leases, and ensuring that discharges are in accordance with fair housing requirements. Data in HMIS is used to determine if and when individuals and families leaving TH, RRH, and PSH experience another episode of homelessness in those cases where either they exit to homelessness or they exit to permanent housing, but subsequently re-enter the homeless system in the CoC geography. To improve the housing stability of persons in permanent supportive housing, the CoC will utilize the local Coordinated Entry System to ensure that households are directed to the housing and services that will best meet the needs of that household. Special attention is given to increasing access to mainstream supportive services and enhancing case/care management options to ensure effective integration of homeless housing & community-based services and supports.

Discussion

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

Introduction

Monroe County is working to expand access to and knowledge of County administered community development services, such as the Home Improvement Program, first time homebuyer programs, and HOME funded affordable rental housing units by providing/conducting outreach, and by providing easily accessible information. Communities outside of the City limits struggle with vacant property issues and there are few high quality, homeownership opportunities for low and moderate-income buyers in many Monroe County communities. In addition, the supply of single family residential properties for lower income homebuyers is limited. Monroe County is continuing to fund the acquisition rehab resale program that will revitalize neighborhoods, increase inventory, and make available more affordable housing properties to first time homebuyers interested in purchasing their first home. Due to the foreclosure moratorium during the COVID-19 pandemic and the increased cost of properties, low-income homebuyers have had to compete for the purchase of homes with those who do not have funding or regulatory restrictions in the purchase of their home. Monroe County vacant properties are harder to purchase when competing/bidding with landlords who are purchasing properties for renters with no income restrictions. The need for affordable housing is especially acute for families and seniors in Monroe County. Local housing problems could be solved with more single family or family rental housing.

Monroe County is aware of the fact that nationwide, 61.7% of fair housing complaints were based on disability discrimination in 2019. During the COVID-19 pandemic, 31% of COVID-19 deaths in the US were older adults, staff, and caregivers in institutional settings as of June 2021. Nationwide, less than 1% of housing units are available to people who use a wheelchair full time. The impediments to available housing nationwide are also concerning in Monroe County because the CDC has found that adults with disabilities are twice as likely as those without disabilities to have inadequate transportation.

Community Development staff will also be working with municipal, development, and community partners throughout Monroe County to actively promote and market affordable housing projects and programs, when available, including community presentations.

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 Update to the Analysis of Impediments (AI) indicates that discrimination continues to be the major negative factor in locating housing for seniors and families. The Plan is a multi-year plan designed to address barriers to housing in Monroe County for low-income families and individuals and members of protected classes. Monroe County will work with municipal, developers, and community partners

through outreach and engagement to promote and market affordable housing.

Monroe County will continue to work with partners in local governments, public housing providers, and local developers to help address housing needs of community members.

Discussion

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

Introduction

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Housing costs remain a burden to low-moderate income families as well as availability of units. Demands for resources continue to increase due to funding regulations and restrictions. Monroe County will continue to focus on: 1) creating and maintaining affordable housing stock; 2) continuing the Home Improvement Program to assist low income homeowners maintain their home and pay for necessary repairs; 3) continue to fund programs that assist job creation and retention and business expansion; 4) increase efforts to expand Section 3 new hires by increasing coordination with the City of Rochester, Rochester Housing Authority, RochesterWorks, Monroe County Human Services-Employment Assistance Division to assist contractors in finding and hiring low income individual and contracting with Section 3 businesses; 5) maintaining funding for the acquisition rehab resale program to increase housing stock and making available more affordable housing for first time homebuyers in suburban Monroe County.

Beginning August 1, 2022, Monroe County will also be increasing the total grant amount for the Home Improvement Program (HIP) to \$24,999. This program increase will help our homeowners with the increased cost of projects due to the cost of materials and the increased need for contractors/workers.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Monroe County will: Create, maintain, and rehabilitate affordable housing stock; prioritize projects in communities where there is currently no affordable housing; and continue to fund public works/infrastructure improvement projects in low and moderate income areas. Monroe County's partnership with the Rochester Housing Development Fund Corporation (RHDFC) has worked to expand the acquisition rehab resale program in suburban towns and villages. This program has, and will continue to increase affordable housing inventory and make available more single family units for homeowners interested in purchasing their first home in suburban towns and villages throughout Monroe County where housing stock is low and competitive for First time homebuyers.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Monroe County will continue to enforce actions specific to its housing programs in lead-based paint hazard identification, disclosure, and reduction. These activities are expected to make up half of the repairs undertaken this year. Federal requirements for lead-safe work practices and contractor certifications have substantially increased the cost of home repairs, making it more difficult to accomplish steps necessary to ensure health and safety related deficiencies are corrected. All properties purchased through the First-Time Homebuyer Program must have inspections for lead-based paint hazards prior to final approval of applications for assistance. Purchase subsidies are issued only after

receipt of inspection reports indicating that no lead-based paint hazards are present at the time of purchase. Proway Management, a NYS Certified Women/Minority Owned Business, Rochester based lead paint testing firm provides *risks assessment and clearance inspection services for the Home Improvement program participants. The Monroe County Department of Public Health (MCDOPH) is the lead agency in regard to childhood lead poisoning prevention. The MCDOPH received a \$766,555 Healthy Neighborhoods grant from the NYSDOH, which ran for five years starting April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2019. The grant was extended on a yearly basis from April 2019-March 2020, April 2020-March 2021, and again from April 2021-March 2022 with a yearly award of \$141,644. Early in 2022, it was announced that the Health Neighborhood Grant will be funded for the next 5 years at \$162,003 per year for a total of \$810,015. The focus of the grant is primary prevention for Tobacco Control, Fire Safety, Injury Prevention, Lead Prevention, Indoor Air Quality, General Housing Conditions and Asthma Control. Each year, Outreach workers will perform approximately five hundred (500) initial visits in zip codes 14605, 14608, 14609, 14611, and 14621, which have well documented public health and housing issues. Additional zip codes may be added during this grant round. A total of 125 follow up visits are also anticipated. Topics covered will include lead poisoning prevention (deteriorated paint, dust, cleaning and nutrition), fire safety issues, carbon monoxide, general sanitation issues, code violations, electrical problems, tobacco cessation, general home safety, and controlling asthma triggers. Referrals will be made to MCDOPH programs and other agencies when problems are identified. During this grant round, the HNP grant manager intends to expand referrals made to outside agencies/programs that can provide additional assistance in home environmental issues, especially in relation to asthma and home repair/improvement. Lead Safe Work Practices Training - After April 2010, the new federal law requires contractors to become EPA Lead Certified Renovators. The new Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting rule (RRP) affects anyone who is paid to perform work that disturbs paint in housing and child-occupied facilities built before 1978. This would include residential rental property owners/managers, general contractors, maintenance personnel, and trade contractors, including HVAC, painters, plumbers, carpenters, and electricians. All persons conducting lead hazard control work that are ordered in a County "Notice and Demand," must successfully complete an approved EPA Renovation, Repair & Painting initial 8-hour training. Prior to the commencement of lead hazard control work the recipient of the "Notice and Demand" and/or property owner must submit proof of this training to the MCDOPH for all such persons. The Cornell School of Industrial Relations is the EPA-certified training provider and has provided RRP training for Monroe County and surrounding counties per contract with Monroe County and free of charge to class attendees since 2005. The last class conducted was early in 2020 when the Covid-19 global pandemic hit in the United States. As of April 1st, no additional classes have been contracted and it is unclear if/when additional classes will be conducted. This is primarily due to a recent and significant budget cut experienced by the Lead Program.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Rochester Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative (RMAPI) coordinated efforts to access the initial funding to establish two adult mentoring programs. Bridges to Success and Family Independence Initiative (FII). FII completed its first funding cycle and successful program, meeting its target outcomes of increased

employment and earned income. Bridges to Success finished Cohort 1 last year and because it had better outcomes than FII was extended into a second cohort which is still in full operation. Bridges to Success in being run in partnership with Action for a Better Community serving 100 participants.

Monroe County Department of Human Services and Rochester Rehabilitation are partnering in a program "Paths to Empowerment." This program will support individuals who are making the transition from public assistance to self-sufficiency. The program will coordinate existing resources and make linkages to community resources to maximize success for persons working toward employment retention.

The CoC is focusing on increasing income for all participants in CoC funded homeless programs. Activities include ensuring participants are receiving all public benefits that they are eligible for, creating a SOAR program that will assist participants with long term disabilities in securing SSI/SSDI benefits, linking participants to employment and educational services in the community, and providing financial literacy services. While linking people to public benefits may not always lift a household out of poverty ensuring that all households have a source of income, health insurance and adequate food resources (SNAP, WIC, etc.) is essential.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Monroe County Community Development will continue to work collaboratively with the divisions in Planning and Development, other County departments, including the Department of Human Services, Office of Mental Health, Office of the Aging, area service providers, the City of Rochester, the Rochester Housing Authority, the Fairport Urban Renewal Agency, Partners Ending Homelessness (PEH), the local Continuum of Care, and local towns and villages to enhance services and develop a more effective system for service coordination.

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

Community Development staff works collaboratively with the Department of Human Services, the City of Rochester, local towns and villages, local and state public and private housing agencies, including the Rochester Housing Authority and the Fairport Urban Renewal Agency. Coordination with public and private housing and social services agencies are a priority to enhance services and maximize resources.

Discussion

(cont' from Lead Based Paint section) Funding for RRP training was previously provided by the Childhood Lead Poisoning Primary Prevention grant. Over the last 15 years nearly 4,500 individuals were trained as EPA Certified Renovators which helped build our local capacity. Individuals requiring training are currently referred to local private trainers. Local capacity for RRP training has already been demonstrated by the private sector. The EPA has recently permitted online recertification to ease the

regulatory burden on individuals and businesses. Monroe County Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health was recently awarded \$5,175,000 to fund the now called Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Plus Program. This means that the funding stream for primary and secondary prevention efforts are now combined. This equates to \$1,035,000 per year and represents an overall funding decrease of about \$230,000. This will affect contractual obligations with the City of Rochester and Cornell University. The Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program provides medical case management, educational and environmental intervention for children with elevated blood lead levels of >5 ug/dl and their families. Services in response to reports of elevated blood lead levels in children are mandated by NYS Public Health Law Title 10 of Article 13, Section 5 1370-1375 and Part 67 of the NYS Sanitary Code. Lead Program Public Health Sanitarians conduct environmental inspections of properties to find lead hazards in homes where children with elevated lead levels reside or spend considerable time. Any hazards found must be remediated using Lead Safe Work practices and be conducted by a Certified Renovator. All properties must achieve lead dust clearance in accordance with current *EPA standards. A Lead Program nurse ensures that children receive follow-up testing and care from their pediatric provider. Both sanitarians and nurses provide lead poisoning prevention education to parents and guardians. The “Plus” or primary prevention component focuses on housing units with young children (<1 year old) and pregnant women. The goal is to identify and eliminate lead and other health hazards in the home. Numerous units will be made lead safe each year and residents and owners of these properties will be educated in lead poisoning prevention and other environmental health hazards in their homes including asthma triggers, mold, pest infestation, fire safety, and carbon monoxide poisoning prevention. A MCDOPH Lead Program Public Health Sanitarian will visit these homes to conduct a lead inspection, a healthy home inspection, and provide education. Properties found to have conditions conducive to lead poisoning will be designated as an “Area of High Risk” under Public Health Law and have a Notice and Demand issued to the property owner. *In 2020 and 2021 EPA lowered the lead hazard standard and lead clearance levels for lead in dust thus reducing lead related risk to children when lead hazard control activities are conducted. **As of 10/01/2019 Medical Case Management, Education, and Environmental interventions must be conducted for all children with elevated blood lead levels of 5 or more, increasing the number of elevated children requiring case management and environmental management.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

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%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

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

Monroe County leverages HOME funds with other funding secured by its housing partners to develop affordable homeownership and rental housing. Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) and other non-profit housing developers apply for and receive funding from

state and local resources with leveraged support from the County's housing program, to enhance their applications with a final project that supports the goals from all agencies. Monroe County's investment of HOME funds is consistent with the forms of assistance included in 24 CFR 92.205(b).

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

Monroe County, through the HOME program, provides conditioned grants up to \$8,000 of down payment assistance and closing cost assistance to income eligible applicants below 70% of Area Median Income (AMI), and a maximum of \$5,000 for income eligible applicants between 71-80% of AMI for First Time homebuyers to reduce the cost of purchasing their first home.

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

Monroe County will provide the CHDO Home Investment Partnership program funds to acquire property in accordance with 24 CFR Part 92. At the time a FTHB applicant enters into a purchase agreement for an eligible property (the "Property"), they accept the amount, terms, and conditions of Buyer's Agreement. Home buyers will execute a Note and Mortgage with a Declaration of Restrictive Covenant. Language for the Declaration of Restrictive Covenant will be as follows: Title of the PROPERTY is conveyed subject to the following restrictions: The Property was acquired with the assistance of funds from Monroe County Home Investment Partnership Funds provided under 24 CFR Part 92. As a condition of the subsidy, the Property must be the Owner's Principal Residence ("Principal Residence" shall mean that the Owner must reside at the Property for any consecutive nine months in each year of the Affordable Housing Period and it must be his/her principal residence) for ten (10) or fifteen (15) years dependent on the Home Investment from the date of this deed. If the Affordable Housing Period has not expired and the Owner sells, rented, title is transferred voluntarily, or in case of bankruptcy, foreclosure, etc., or if the OWNER otherwise fails to occupy the Property as his/her Principal Residence; The Owner agrees to sell the Property to a low-income family as defined in the Regulations that will use the Property as its Principal Residence for the duration of the ten (10) or fifteen (15) year period. Documentation must be provided to Monroe County verifying the prospective buyer's income eligibility. The price at resale must (1) ensure that the Property will remain affordable to a reasonable range of low-income homebuyers, and (2) provide the Owner a fair return on investment (including the Grantee's investment and any capital improvement). These affordability restrictions and residency requirements shall terminate upon foreclosure or transfer in lieu of foreclosure. The County may use purchase options, rights of first refusal, or other preemptive rights to purchase the housing before foreclosure or deed in lieu of foreclosure to preserve affordability. Nonetheless, these affordability restrictions shall be revived according to the original terms if, during the original Affordable Housing Period, the Owner of record before the foreclosure, or deed in lieu of foreclosure, or any entity that includes the Owner or those

with whom the Owner has or had family or business ties, obtains an ownership interest in the Property.

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

This is not applicable. Monroe County does not use HOME funds to refinance debt.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

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

The County, the City of Rochester, the Continuum of Care (CoC) and HSN (a collaboration of more than 60 local homeless services, legal, primary care, mental health, substance abuse, re-entry providers and community stakeholders) have met throughout each program year to jointly plan for ESG. In keeping with past practice of providing the Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG) Program Desk Guide March 2001 to all sub-recipients, the County and City has provided sub-recipients and community providers that coordinate with them the Emergency Solutions Grant Rules and Regulations, and tools available to date including Definition of Homelessness (Criteria for Defining Homeless and Record Keeping Requirements), and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program Components and Activities. The County and the City provided sub-recipients with information about the new homeless definition and eligibility, documentation and record requirements and HMIS participation. The CoC provides HMIS licenses and training to the County's ESG sub-recipients.

Written standards are attached for Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter, Shelter Operations, Homeless Prevention, and Rapid Rehousing. These programs are eligible for ESG funding.

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

Coordinated Entry is defined by HUD as a consistent and streamlined process for accessing the resources available in the homeless crisis response system...ensuring that those with the highest need, most vulnerable households in the community are prioritized for services and that the housing and supportive services in the system are used as efficiently and effectively as possible.

The intended target population for Coordinated Entry is all households or person(s) who are experiencing homelessness or at-risk of experiencing homelessness in Rochester and Monroe County and seeking assistance from the local crisis response system, which includes prevention assistance and homeless system services. This includes single adults without children, adults

accompanied by children, families, unaccompanied youth, parenting youth, person(s) fleeing domestic violence, and veterans.

The community has agreed upon the use of a common assessment tool, known as the VI-SPDAT, to help identify the immediate needs of the household and begin directing them to the appropriate permanent housing intervention based on those needs. Interventions include Rapid Re-Housing for those; who have moderate needs and Permanent Supportive Housing, which will be reserved for those with the highest needs. Households scoring low on the assessment are identified as not needing a housing intervention and are likely able to resolve their homelessness without ongoing assistance. The VI-SPDAT score will be used as one of the determinants in the community-wide prioritization model. While it is important to have an efficient and effective process by which households can access the homeless system, it is equally important for households to be quickly exited into the appropriate permanent housing that will best meet their needs and minimize their likelihood of returning to homelessness. The CE program is currently exploring options for a new assessment tool as the VISPDAT is no longer going to be supported by its developer, Org Code.

Prioritization is a critical component of a Coordinated Entry system to appropriately exit households to permanent housing and to ensure those with the greatest needs have timely access to services. CE has developed a prioritization model based on input from community stakeholders to establish a process to effectively identify those with the highest needs and connect them to the appropriate permanent housing more quickly. CE Workgroup meets regularly to determine how households are prioritized and what information will be used to determine the way in which the list is ordered. A by name prioritization list is now in place and all TH, PSH and RRH housing providers are only permitted to accept households that are referred through the Coordinated Entry prioritization process. The work group continues to meet to make sure CE is functioning efficiently and makes revisions to policies and procedures as needed.

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

Awards for the 2022-23 program year were based upon a 2022 Request for Proposal (RFP) process, which was jointly administered by the County and City. The notice was published by legal notice in The Daily Record and distributed via networks including those of the CoC and HSN and respectively on its established website. Awardees were chosen by a committee of County, County Department of Human Services, City, and CoC administrative board, and a formerly homeless community member. Services under this proposal cycle will run from August 1, 2022 – July 31, 2023.

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

regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

In compliance with Section 576.405(a) of the Interim Rule, the County has engaged persons who are currently or formerly homeless in their planning process. Formerly homeless persons are active members of the Homeless Services Network and are represented on the CoC Board and the HSN Steering Committee. Programs serving the homeless are also required to have homeless or formerly homeless persons involved in policy setting and decision making processes. Both permanent supportive housing and street outreach programs are utilizing persons with lived experience as peers to provide additional support to participants.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The County utilizes the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) to document program progress and monitor program performance on an ongoing basis. The County requires all ESG sub-recipients to submit data to HMIS as required by HUD. A Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is prepared annually by the County. Each ESG funded project uses HMIS to run their CAPER and download it directly into SAGE for the County to produce that report. The CoC will assist the projects as needed to do the submission. The CAPER contains a summary of resources and programmatic accomplishments, the status of actions taken in concert with the CoC to implement the strategies contained in the Consolidated Plan, and evaluation of progress made in addressing identified priority needs and objectives.

Performance Standards are in alignment with the new measures implemented with the HEARTH Act including: reducing the duration of homelessness; reducing recidivism; reducing the number of people who become homeless; increasing employment and income; and stability in permanent housing.

