

Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources

The City of Danbury receives Federal funds through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development on an annual basis. During the first Program Year of this Five Year Plan, the City will receive CDBG funds in the amount of \$526,230.

Anticipated Resources

| Program | Source of Funds | Uses of Funds | Expected Amount Available Year 1 | | | | Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$ | Narrative Description |
|---------|-----------------|--|----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------|--|---|
| | | | Annual Allocation: \$ | Program Income: \$ | Prior Year Resources: \$ | Total \$ | | |
| CDBG | Public/Federal | Homeless/HIV/AIDS Non-Homeless Special Needs Rental Housing Public Facilities Infrastructure Public Services Program Administration Contingency Total | 526,230 | -0- | TBD | 526,230 | 2,104,920 | Expected amount available assumes a similar annual allocation over each of the remaining 4 years. |

The implementation of the First Year Action Plan activities and additional funds in subsequent years will generate matching funds from a variety of sources either directly or indirectly to meet community needs.

Additional Resources

Additional resources are also leveraged in support of local housing and community development efforts. Some of these projects and the resources available include:

| Description of Additional Funding Sources | Amount |
|---|----------------------|
| HUD Formula Grant Programs: | |
| CDBG Entitlement Grant | \$ 526,230 |
| Federal Sources: | |
| Department of Education | \$ 1,471,238 |
| Department of Housing & Urban Development - EDI | \$ 190,000 |
| Department of Justice | \$ 15,070 |
| Federal Aviation Administration | \$ 785,607 |
| Federal Emergency Management Administration | \$ 634,238 |
| Total | \$ 3,096,153 |
| State Sources: | |
| Commission on Culture & Tourism | \$ 6,500 |
| CT Historic Preservation Trust | \$ 25,000 |
| Department of Education | \$ 7,854,481 |
| Department of Environmental Protection | \$ 33,000 |
| Department of Public Health | \$ 28,162 |
| Department of Social Services | \$ 90,277 |
| Department of Transportation | \$ 378,538 |
| Northwest Regional Workforce Investment Board | \$ 15,544 |
| Office of Policy and Management | \$ 802,419 |
| Total | \$ 9,233,921 |
| Total Funding Sources | \$ 12,330,074 |

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

| Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
|---|------------|----------|--------------------------------|-----------------|--|---------|---|
| Increase Accessibility to Housing Resources | 2013 | 2018 | Affordable Housing | City Wide | Reduce Cost Burden Reduce Lead Hazards Rehabilitate Existing Housing Stock Provide Public and Supportive Services | CDBG | Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: #_____Housing Assisted |
| Increase Housing Affordability | 2013 | 2018 | Affordable Housing Homeless | City Wide | Reduce Cost Burden Address Homelessness | | |
| Maintain and Increase Housing for Homeless | 2013 | 2018 | Affordable Housing Homeless | City Wide | Reduce Cost Burden Address Homelessness | | Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: #_____Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: #_____ Persons Assisted |

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|---|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------|---|
| | | | Special Needs | | | | |
| Support Stabilization of Residential Environments | 2013 | 2018 | Non-Housing Community Development | LMI Tracts/ City Wide | Rehabilitate Existing Housing Stock Address Aging Infrastructure Remove Blight and Unsafe Conditions Provide or improve Existing Community Facilities Remediate Hazardous Environmental Conditions | CDBG | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: #_____ Persons Assisted |
| Provide for the Elderly | 2013 | 2018 | Non-Housing Community Development | City Wide | Provide or Improve Existing Community Facilities, Housing Provide Public and Supportive Services | CDBG | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: #_____ Persons Assisted |
| Provide Targeted Social Service Programs | 2013 | 2018 | Non-Housing Community Development | City Wide | Provide or Improve Existing Community Facilities Provide Public and Supportive Services | CDBG | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: #_____ Persons Assisted |

| Goal Name | Start Year | End Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
|---|-------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|---|----------------|--|
| Provide for Basic Medical and Nutritional Needs | 2013 | 2018 | Non-Housing Community Development | City Wide | Provide Public and Supportive Services | CDBG | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: #_____ Persons Assisted |
| Provide Infrastructure & Facility Improvements | 2013 | 2018 | Non-Housing Community Development | LMI Tracts/ BG | Address Aging Infrastructure Remove Blight and Unsafe Conditions Provide or Improve Existing Community Facilities Remediate Hazardous Environmental Conditions | CDBG | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: #_____ Persons Assisted |

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.215(b).

Projects

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Project Summary Information

| Project Name | Target Area | Goals Supported | Needs Addressed | Funding |
|---------------------------|-------------|--|---------------------|------------|
| Interfaith Aids | | Provide targeted nutritional needs | Public Services | 10,000.00 |
| ARC Dream House | | Increase accessibility to Housing Resources for Homeless | Homelessness | 30,000.00 |
| WeCAHR | | Provide targeted medical/advocacy needs for disabled | Public Services | 10,000.00 |
| Ability Beyond Disability | | Improve Housing Conditions & Special Needs | Housing | 40,000.00 |
| Family & Children's Aid | | Improve Housing Conditions & Special Needs | Homelessness | 8,000.00 |
| Danbury Shelter | | Provide Emergency Shelter | Homelessness | 5,000.00 |
| TBICO | | Improve access to Housing Resources | Affordable Housing | 10,000.00 |
| Housing Authority Rehab | | Improve Housing conditions in Public Housing | Housing | 112,000.00 |
| Fire Department | | Improve housing safety for Special Needs | Public Services | 10,000.00 |
| Spring Street | | Infrastructure Improvements | Public Improvements | 150,000.00 |
| Hispanic Center | | Targeted Social Service Programs | Public Services | 25,000.00 |
| General Administration | | General Administration | | 100,000.00 |
| Contingency | | Contingency | | 16,230.00 |
| Total 2013 Project Costs | | | | 526,230.00 |

AP-35 Projects Introduction

Following its adopted citizen participation and formal review process for the Annual Action Plan, the City of Danbury allocated its CDBG resources in a manner that addresses its identified housing and community development needs. The projects and programs selected for funding over the upcoming program year are described briefly in the following table.

Interfaith AIDS \$10,000 – Provide staff costs for continued nutritional assistance through its Food Bank the “Living Pantry” for HIV/AIDS persons.

ARC Dream Homes \$30,000 - This project will continue funding to assist with staff and operating costs for the City’s designated Point of Contact (POC) provider for its 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness and provide specific case management support for homeless.

WeCAHR \$10,000 – Continue to provide staff support to carry out outreach, referral and case management of approximately 30-35 cases for handicapped and disabled throughout the community.

Ability Beyond Disability \$40,000 – This project will provide funding in PY39 to install sprinklers in a group home occupied by LMI/disabled persons.

Family and Children’s Aid \$8,000 – Remove existing carpeting and install a new energy efficient gas furnace.

Danbury Emergency Shelter – Program will provide \$5,000 to support operating costs for City’s Emergency Homeless Shelter.

TBICO – This activity will provide \$10,000 to this nonprofit to provide financial counseling and rental down-payment assistance to approximately 10 LMI households to help in securing private rental housing.

Danbury Housing Authority \$112,000 – This project will allow the Authority to install 25 new gas boilers at Fairfield Ridge to improve energy efficiency and replace the obsolete systems now in place.

Fire Department - \$10,000 – This activity will provide funding for the purchase of smoke/CO2 detectors specifically designed to alert disabled occupants of fires/CO2 buildup.

Spring Street Improvements - \$150,000 – This project will continue the City’s investment to revitalize this LMI neighborhood by constructing street improvements, new sidewalks and curb cuts and security cameras. This area is undergoing revitalization in an effort by the City in cooperation with non-profits such as the Jericho Partnership, a local faith based non-profit group.

Hispanic Center - \$25,000 – The 39th year funding will assist this non-profit counseling and advocacy group dealing primarily with the City's Hispanic population in expanding their services to additional hours in the evenings and/or Saturdays.

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

The projects were selected to meet CDBG eligibility requirements and identified needs in the community with the resources provided. Limited financial resources with which to finance programs and projects is the greatest obstacle to meeting the City's underserved needs.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution

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

The activities proposed for funding in this Annual Action Plan have not been specifically distributed geographically.

Geographic Distribution

| Target Area | Percentage of Funds |
|-------------|---------------------|
| | |

Table 60 – Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The activities proposed for funding in this Annual Action Plan have not been specifically distributed geographically on a percentage basis. Decisions as to the funding of specific activities are based upon an evaluation of which ones best meet identified needs and CDBG eligibility requirements and National Objectives.

Discussion

The funding of specific activities is based upon an evaluation of which ones best meet identified needs.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing

Introduction

Over the upcoming Program Year, as shown in the tables below, the City of Danbury has established housing goals to be met with its federal CDBG allocations. In terms of goals for households to be supported, homeless households include both single person and family households receiving emergency shelter, homelessness prevention and public housing rehabilitation.

| One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported | |
|---|-----|
| Homeless | 120 |
| Non-Homeless | 30 |
| Special-Needs | 20 |
| Total | 170 |

Table 61 – One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

| One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported Through | |
|---|----|
| The Production of New Units | 0 |
| Rehab of Existing Units | 25 |
| Acquisition of Existing Units | 0 |
| Total | 25 |

Table 62 – One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The Danbury Housing Authority is the main provider of affordable rental assistance to households in the City through their Housing Choice Voucher Program and Public Housing complexes.

AP-60 Public Housing

Introduction

The Danbury Housing Authority is the primary provider of housing to very low income households in the City. The HACD receives funding on an annual basis from HUD to support the provision of housing, to make repairs on its existing properties and to provide programs and supportive services to public housing residents.

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

The PHA's Annual Plan outlines actions to be taken over the upcoming program year with the funds they receive. These actions are outlined in the PHA's Public Housing Authority (PHA) Annual Plan.

The City has directly allocated \$112,000 in the first year of its Consolidated Plan funding to support improvements on public housing properties.

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

To promote self-sufficiency and asset development of assisted households the Danbury Housing Authority has hired a Resident initiatives Coordinator to work with clients to ensure that they receive the support and services they need to succeed. The HACD also offers a Family Self-Sufficiency Program to help families move from publically assisted housing to homeownership. These programs are outlined in the PHA's Public Housing Authority (PHA). Plan is attached in Exhibits.

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

Discussion

**AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities
Introduction**

The City has prepared a Ten Year Plan to end homelessness. This plan contains goals, outreach methods and how to address emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of the homeless. The Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness can be accessed at www.ci.danbury.ct.us.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

The City's activities over the first year of the ConPlan propose a variety of activities to reduce/end homelessness, including individual counseling and rental assistance through TBICO and WeCAHR, direct funding of the City's Emergency Shelter, renovations to Harmony House – a transitional housing resource for women with children and staff funding to ARC – the City's Point of Contact for its Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness for individual case management support and referral funding.

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

ARC, WeCAHR, the City Shelter all reach out to identify and assist homeless persons (especially those unsheltered individuals) and coordinate with other programs such as Harmony House, Amos House and the Continuum of Care to provide services and resources to meet individual needs.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City's Emergency Shelter as well as the Danbury Housing Partnership, Continuum of Care and ARC all work closely to identify the needs of homeless persons for transitional housing and emergency shelter.

ARC acts as a central POC to initiate and refer homeless persons/families to available and appropriate emergency housing resources.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again.

The City's support network including ARC, Continuum of Care, Housing Partnership, etc. works closely with a variety of public and non-profit housing resources to assist with the transition to permanent housing and independent living.

These providers include Family and Children Aid, Amos House, Ability Beyond Disability, MCCA, HACD, TBICO, WeCAHR, and directly work with referral and case management agencies to meet this goal.

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.

Discussion

Support is available from several sources to help LMI persons and families avoid being homeless, including the Continuum of Care, TBICO, WeCAHR, ARC, and others who work together and communicate closely to provide the best integration of resources and support possible.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing

Introduction

There are a limited amount of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing.

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.

Discussion

Barriers to affordable housing include a variety of issues such as lack of available funding to meet market demand for affordable housing, availability of resources and priority for State funding to the City to assist in housing development/rehabilitation.

AP-85 Other Actions

Introduction

The Strategic Plan addresses the issue of meeting underserved needs through a variety of initiatives. Several of these initiatives are proposed for funding in this Annual Plan. As has been the situation in the past and most likely in the future, the primary obstacle to these actions is a lack of funding.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The coordination of actions and pursuit of additional resources will form the basis of actions.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City will pursue additional state and federal resources as well as encourage creative financing with CDBG funds to leverage other resources.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City will continue to implement its locally adopted lead safe policies and require compliance on CDBG funded projects.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City will continue to pursue an improvement in the local economy and increase income producing employment opportunities. This will include brownfields remediation, education initiatives and economic development marketing.

The City's construction of a \$6 million Head Start facility on the former Emmanuel Lutheran School site in one of the City's highest LMI percentage neighborhoods (61.7%) integrates improved educational facilities with neighborhood infrastructure and housing improvements the City is doing in this neighborhood.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The current institutional structure is considered satisfactory but the City will monitor and fine tune as necessary.

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

The Continuum of Care and the Policy Advisory Committee (CAC) will continue to assist the City to coordinate public and private housing and social service agencies.

Discussion

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements

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.

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|----|---|----------|
| 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. | |
| 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. | 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. Years covered in the three year period that include this Annual Action Plan are 2013, 2014 & 2015. | |