

2017

Annual Action Plan

For Housing & Community Development
in Suburban Monroe County



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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Home improvement Program Project



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Affordable Housing Projects



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Cobblestone Place, Webster

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

Two thousand and seventeen marks the forty-second year that Monroe County has received an allocation from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. It also marks the twenty-sixth year that Monroe County has been a participating jurisdiction in the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). Combined with the Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) program and program income, these programs help Monroe County channel approximately \$3 million annually into suburban towns and villages that comprise the Monroe County Consolidated Plan 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.

Funding for these programs is provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In order to remain compliant with the Consolidated Planning Regulations, which cover these federal allocations, Monroe County is required to complete an Annual Action Plan for the 2017-18 program year. The Plan addresses projects funded on an annual basis and new program initiatives.

The CDBG, HOME, and ESG program funds will be directed toward accomplishing the primary program goals and objectives during the 2017-18 Annual Action Plan.

- Develop affordable 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 rental units that have been financed, in part, through the CDBG and/or HOME program
- Repair and conserve existing housing stock
- Improve essential utility infrastructure in lower income areas
- Provide job training and economic development for low to 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

The County's key strategies were developed to meet CDBG, HOME, and ESG goals to assist low to moderate income families, elderly, and persons with special needs.

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.

The Needs Assessment of Monroe County Strategic Plan identified the following needs:

- Develop affordable rental housing and home ownership opportunities
- Repair and conserve existing housing stock
- Improve access to and quality of public facilities
- Provide job training and economic development opportunities
- Provide essential public services, particularly those that promote home ownership, fair housing, and housing stability
- Revitalize deteriorated neighborhoods
- Provide a continuum of housing and services for homeless persons with a focus on moving people to permanent housing as quickly as possible and increasing self-sufficiency

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 very positive effect on the individuals and communities served. The projects carried forward our primary goals and objectives in housing, economic development, community services, and public works/facility improvements. Last year, through the CDBG and HOME funded Home Improvement Program, Monroe County assisted 69 low to moderate income homeowners make essential repairs that allowed them to stay in their homes.

Improvements to neighborhood and utility infrastructure, which have deteriorated due to age, are a high priority for Monroe County because of their importance of preserving neighborhoods. Twenty public works/facilities projects totaling \$509,438 were completed in 2015 - 16. This funding helps local governments undertake projects that they would otherwise not be able to do because of funding limitations.

The Housing Council at PathStone administers the Expanding Housing Opportunity program, Foreclosure Prevention and Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Counseling Program and the Monroe County Homeownership Program, which helps expand housing opportunities for low to moderate income residents. In total, the Housing Council assisted over 1,000 residents last year.

Through a contract with LifeSpan, Monroe County was able to assist low to moderate income senior home owners to make safety improvements and security modifications to their homes so they can

continue to reside independently. LifeSpan also runs the "Don't Be Scammed" prevention, intervention, and education program where citizens are trained in the identification and avoidance of financial scams. LifeSpan assisted 885 senior homeowners in 2015-16 through funding from CDBG.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Monroe County holds two public hearings annually at convenient, fully accessible locations. Bilingual interpreters and other accommodations are provided upon request to translate policies and program requirements for non-English speaking and/or interpret for deaf residents. The first hearing was held on January 11, 2017 in the Auditorium at the Town of Brighton located at 2300 Elmwood Avenue. The meeting was held to notify the public of the amount of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds that Monroe County expects to receive from HUD.

The second public hearing on the 2017-18 Annual Action Plan, held on May 11th, encourages the public to review and comment on the draft Annual Action Plan. The 30 day comment period will be May 10 – June 12, 2017. The second public hearing was held in the 3rd floor board room at the Town/Village Hall of East Rochester, 317 Main Street.

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.

No comments were received from the first or second public hearing in January

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

No comments were rejected at the public hearings.

7. Summary

All funds will be used to meet goals included in the Action Plan to improve the quality of life for low to moderate-income families, seniors, and persons with special needs in suburban Monroe County by providing affordable rental housing and home ownership opportunities, repairing and conserving existing housing stock, financing public facilities and infrastructure improvements, creating and retaining jobs, and funding public services that stabilizes and enhances 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 Planning and Development, Community Development Division is responsible for preparing and submitting the Action Plan and for administering CDBG, HOME, and ESG funding.

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

1. Introduction

Monroe County Community Development (CD) works with local town and village governments as well as many agencies, organizations, and groups to determine the needs of the community to better allocate resources.

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)).

Monroe County CD, in collaboration with the Rochester/Monroe County Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) Board brings various stakeholders together to enhance coordination. The Board is comprised of not-for-profit social service organizations; members of public organizations such as the Monroe County Department of Planning and Development, Monroe County Department of Human Services, City of Rochester, and the Rochester Housing Authority; and the Homeless Services Network (HSN), a coalition of community based organizations & governmental agencies serving the homeless acts as the broader stakeholder group for the CoC. The HSN provides a venue for coordination, training, discussion, priorities visioning and gap analysis in the Continuum for all agencies, including public, private, not-for-profit, faith-based, social service organizations, and formerly homeless individuals.

Monroe County CD staff meets periodically with representatives of the Rochester Housing Authority to increase coordination of Section 3 participants and businesses for Monroe County funded projects and increasing partnerships in training and employment opportunities. Monroe County, City of Rochester, and the Rochester Housing Authority (RHA) continue to explore ways to enhance our Section 3 efforts.

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.

Monroe County CD participates in the Rochester/Monroe County Homeless Continuum of Care. CD staff and Monroe County Department of Human Services/Emergency Housing Division (MCDHS) serve on the board, the Monitoring Committee, and the Chronically Homeless (CH) Workgroup. The CH workgroup works specifically to end chronic homelessness and conducts street outreach, case triage, and community meetings to alleviate chronic, veteran, individual, and family homelessness. Triage members include health organizations, shelter staff, Rochester City Police Department members, and VA representatives.

The CoC coordinates the allocation of federal funding to programs within the CoC's service area. CD staff coordinate on a regular basis with the organizations that participate in the CoC and the Homeless Services Network. CD staff also serve on the Chronically Homeless Work Group that plans, coordinates, and implements activities and strategies for servicing the chronically homeless.

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

Monroe County CD staff works closely with the CoC and other agencies to develop funding applications and determine the needs of the community in order to best allocate ESG funds. Our community has systemically been developing tools that will assist in the coordination of homeless services. All ESG funded providers, including faith based and non-HUD funded providers are using HMIS to enter and share data so we can reduce duplication and increase efficiencies.

CD 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, improved 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 and the City of Rochester.

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	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Section 3 Plan
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Monroe County works with the Rochester Housing Authority on a regular basis to discuss the consolidated plan and coordination of services. The Rochester Housing Authority is also a collaborative partner in the County, City, RHA tri-agency Section 3 Plan.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Fairport Urban Renewal Agency
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Other government - Local
	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?	The Fairport Urban Renewal Agency administers the voucher program for eastern Monroe County.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	Monroe County Youth Bureau
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Child Welfare Agency Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Monroe County works with the Monroe County Youth Bureau to discuss how it can play a role in implementing and collaborating on activities related to youth in Monroe County.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Office for People with Developmental Disabilities
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Monroe County works with OPWDD to develop strategies to improve conditions and increase availability of decent affordable housing for individuals with special needs in Monroe County. Needs assessment for housing and supportive services are determined on an individualized basis. In conjunction with the OPWDD service provider network, individuals, their circle of support and service coordinators apply person centered techniques and tools to assess and determine the level and types of services that will best support an individual in their housing of choice.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Monroe County Department of Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Health Agency Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment 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?	Monroe County Department of Health is the community leader in working to reduce Lead Based Paint Poisoning.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Office of Mental Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services - Victims

	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 Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Office of Mental Health is an active member of the chronically homeless work group in providing assistance to the chronically homeless.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	The Rochester/Monroe County Homeless Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims

<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy</p>
<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Monroe County is actively involved with the Rochester/Monroe County Continuum of Care, Inc. (CoC). CoC meetings are held to discuss homeless data and program delivery. The coordination between the County and the CoC will help improve conditions and reduce the number of unsheltered homeless individuals in Monroe County, including increased coordination of ESG to strengthen efforts, enhancing services, reducing duplication of efforts and maximizing resources.</p>

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

Agency types specifically related to HOPWA were not consulted because Monroe County does not receive funding for this program.

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	Rochester/Monroe County Continuum of Care, Inc.	

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 holds two public hearings and steering committee meetings annually at convenient, fully accessible locations. Bilingual interpreters and other accommodations will be provided upon request to translate policies and program requirements for non-English speaking residents and/or deaf residents. The first hearing and committee meeting in January is held to notify the public and committee members of the amount of CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds that Monroe County expects to receive from HUD. The second public hearing, held in May, encourages the public to review and comment on the Action Plan. Commenters receive a response from the County within 30 days of submitted comments. The Final Plan is not submitted to HUD without consideration and/or implementation of concerns and suggestions from citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties.

The Steering committee is comprised of town and village officials who are members of the County’s Community Development Consortium. The Steering Committee is a vital consultant on the identification of municipal needs of low/mod income families, senior citizens, individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities, and homeless persons. The Steering Committee also provides consultation in the formulation of objectives and strategies, and the evaluation of the Plan and program assessment.

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)
1	Public Meeting	Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing		There were no comments received.		

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)
2	Newspaper Ad	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>		There were no comments received.		

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Monroe County's ability to fund the programs and projects proposed in the 2017 - 18 Annual Action Plan is directly related to the funds available from the federal government, as well as our ability to leverage additional funds from other local resources, including program income received from loans.

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	1,652,909	71,000	0	1,723,909	4,157,920	Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program key strategies are developed to meet CDBG goals to improve access to and quality of public facilities; provide essential public services, particularly those that promote home ownership, fair housing, and housing stability; provide job training, and economic development opportunities for low to moderate - income persons and persons with special needs.

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: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	841,706	84,000	0	925,706	1,752,044	HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds provide federal funds for the development of affordable rental housing units; revitalize deteriorated neighborhoods; repair and conserve existing housing stock and home ownership assistance for home buyers.

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	148,669	0	0	148,669	285,548	Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds provide essential services to homeless individuals or those at risk of homelessness.

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 are wide, including investor equity, home buyer down payments, private rental and other Federal and State funds.

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 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 contributions 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

Monroe County does not have publically owned land or property located within the jurisdiction where HUD funding will be used.

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	2015	2019	Public Facilities	Monroe County Service Area block groups Brighton Gates Henrietta Penfield Perinton Rush Sweden Brockport East Rochester Fairport Scottsville	Public Facilities	CDBG: \$540,122	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 17524 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	Repair and conserve existing housing stock	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Monroe County Service Area block groups Brighton Gates Henrietta Ogden Parma Penfield Perinton Rush Sweden Brockport Churchville East Rochester Fairport Hilton Pittsford Scottsville Webster	Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$364,706 HOME: \$393,136	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 65 Household Housing Unit
3	Provide Economic Development and Job Training	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Monroe County Service Area block groups	Business / Jobs Development (Economic Development)	CDBG: \$200,000	Jobs created/retained: 30 Jobs Businesses assisted: 2 Businesses Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Provide essential public services	2015	2019	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Monroe County Service Area block groups	Public Services (Community Development)	CDBG: \$229,300 ESG: \$137,519	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1311 Persons Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 890 Households Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 24 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 672 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 93 Persons Assisted
5	Develop Affordable Housing Opportunities	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Monroe County Service Area block groups	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$440,000	Rental units constructed: 11 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 18 Households Assisted
6	Provide planning and administration services	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development Planning / Administration	Monroe County Service Area block groups	Planning / Administration	CDBG: \$344,781 HOME: \$92,570 ESG: \$11,150	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 Economic Development and Job Training
	Goal Description	
4	Goal Name	Provide essential public services
	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

The projects included in the 2017-18 Annual Action Plan are listed below. Funds will be used to develop affordable 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 have affordable rental units; repair and conserve existing housing stock; improve access to and quality of public facilities; provide essential utility infrastructure in lower income areas; provide job training and economic development opportunities for 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.

#	Project Name
1	Carmen Clark Lodge ADA Sidewalk Improve, Brighton
2	Paul Road Sidewalk Extension, Chili
3	Roadside Gutter Replacement, Gates
4	Sanitary Sewer Slip Lining Project, Henrietta
5	LaSalle's Landing Park Improvement, Penfield
6	Whitney Road/Baird Road Sidewalk Replacement, Perinton
7	State Street/Utica Street Sidewalk Replacement, Brockport Village
8	Road Rehabilitation and Resurfacing, East Rochester
9	Storm Sewer Lining, Fairport Village
10	Second Street Sidewalk Replacement, Scottsville Village
11	Lapham Park/Park Ave Sidewalk Replacement, Webster Village
12	LifeSpan Safety and Security for Seniors
13	ABVI Notepad manufacturing equipment
14	Housing Council Expanding Housing Opportunities Program
15	Housing Council Foreclosure Prevention and HECM Counseling
16	Housing Council Home Ownership Program
17	Lifetime Assistance Dust Mitigation System
18	Home Improvement Program
19	CDBG Loan Program
20	Community Development Division
21	Home Improvement Program Administration
22	Administer ED Grant and Loan Fund
23	Planning Services to Community Development
24	First-Time Homebuyer
25	Rental Housing Development - CHDO
26	HESG - Essential Services, Rapid Rehousing, Homelessness Prevention, Street Outreach

Table 4 – Project Information

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

All projects were funded based on HUD and Monroe County established criteria. Funded projects will meet the needs of low to moderate income residents and in low/mod census areas. One public facilities project is funded for ADA compliance. Funds will also be used for the planning and administration of funded programs.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Carmen Clark Lodge ADA Sidewalk Improve, Brighton
	Target Area	Brighton
	Goals Supported	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$33,000
	Description	Install new ADA main entrance door with ADA push buttons, replace all asphalt sidewalks with new ramps to main entrance and bathrooms, curb cut at main entrance, install new asphalt path from the lodge to tie into existing park trail.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	There will be approximately 4,314 low mod limited clientele beneficiaries from this project.
	Location Description	777 Westfall Road, Town of Brighton
	Planned Activities	ADA accessibility improvements
2	Project Name	Paul Road Sidewalk Extension, Chili
	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	Goals Supported	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$57,000
	Description	Install approximately 1,650 lf of new sidewalk on Paul Road from Stal Mar Circle to Archer Road.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,060 can benefit from this low mod census tract 146.02 BG 1
	Location Description	715 Paul Road, Chili from Stal Mar Circle to Archer Road.
Planned Activities	Install approximately 1,650 lf of sidewalk	
3	Project Name	Roadside Gutter Replacement, Gates

	Target Area	Gates
	Goals Supported	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$35,000
	Description	Replace or construct approximately 2,260 lf of roadside gutters
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,540 people can benefit from this low mod census tract 143.0 BG 1
	Location Description	Pilot Street from Jordan Ave to Midway Drive
	Planned Activities	Remove or construct approximately 2,260 lf of roadside gutters
4	Project Name	Sanitary Sewer Slip Lining Project, Henrietta
	Target Area	Henrietta
	Goals Supported	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$38,250
	Description	Slip line 1,100 lf of sanitary sewer with cured in place pipe
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	790 people can benefit from this low mod census tract 131.01 BG 2,5
	Location Description	Birchbrook Drive, Faircrest Road and Sussex Road
	Planned Activities	sewer relining
5	Project Name	LaSalle's Landing Park Improvement, Penfield
	Target Area	Penfield
	Goals Supported	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$29,592

	Description	Construction of a new stone access driveway, 200 lf of sidewalk in the park, a raised platform overlook, installation of 6" sanitary sewer.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,160 people can benefit from this low mod census tract 115.01 BG 1
	Location Description	1080,1086, & 1140 Empire Blvd.
	Planned Activities	LaSalle's Landing Park Improvements
6	Project Name	Whitney Road/Baird Road Sidewalk Replacement, Perinton
	Target Area	Perinton
	Goals Supported	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$70,000
	Description	Construct 2,410 lf of new 5' wide concrete sidewalk along the north side of Whitney Road from Baird Road to Lonsome Road replacing existing deteriorated asphalt sidewalk.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2,030 people can benefit from this low mod census tract 119.02 BG 4
	Location Description	Whitney Road (north side) from Baird Road to Lonesome Road
Planned Activities	sidewalk replacement	
7	Project Name	State Street/Utica Street Sidewalk Replacement, Brockport Village
	Target Area	Brockport
	Goals Supported	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$79,172
	Description	Install new or replace existing deteriorated sidewalks
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3,110 people can benefit from this low mod census tract 153.04 BG 3,4
	Location Description	Oxford Street - 250 State Street, State Street & Main Street, Utica Street from Rail Bridge to 96 Utica Street.
	Planned Activities	sidewalk replacement
8	Project Name	Road Rehabilitation and Resurfacing, East Rochester
	Target Area	East Rochester
	Goals Supported	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000
	Description	Road Rehabilitation & Resurfacing milling & paving.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	755 people can benefit from this low mod census tract 121.00 BG 2
	Location Description	100/200 block W. Maple Ave, 100/200 block W. Chestnut Street, W. Maple Ave Ext.
Planned Activities	Road rehabilitation milling & paving.	
9	Project Name	Storm Sewer Lining, Fairport Village
	Target Area	Fairport
	Goals Supported	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$48,967
	Description	Reline approximately 800 lf of 12" storm sewer with cured in place pipe
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	660 people can benefit from this low mod census tract 118.00 BG 6
	Location Description	DeLand Park B
	Planned Activities	sewer relining
10	Project Name	Second Street Sidewalk Replacement, Scottsville Village
	Target Area	Scottsville
	Goals Supported	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$14,141
	Description	Replace 715 lf of deteriorated sidewalks on the north side of Second Street with ADA compliant sidewalks
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,450 people can benefit from this low mod census tract 147.00 BG 1
	Location Description	North side of Second Street
	Planned Activities	sidewalk replacement
11	Project Name	Lapham Park/Park Ave Sidewalk Replacement, Webster Village
	Target Area	Webster
	Goals Supported	Improve access to and quality of public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000
	Description	Replace approximately 1,826 lf of failing sidewalks
	Target Date	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	655 people can benefit from this low mod census tract 114.00 BG 3
	Location Description	Lapham Park (west side) & Park Ave (north side)
	Planned Activities	sidewalk replacement
12	Project Name	LifeSpan Safety and Security for Seniors
	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	Goals Supported	Provide essential public services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Community Development)
	Funding	CDBG: \$34,750
	Description	Provides in-home safety assessments and minor home safety modifications to 135 apartments and owner-occupied homes of seniors and disabled persons; safety/security presentations to 650 seniors and disabled persons/caregivers; and direct one on one consultation and support in 20 individual cases of fraud,scams and /or home contractor performance problems
	Target Date	7/31/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	County wide 805 seniors and disabled will benefit
	Location Description	All Suburban areas of Monroe County
	Planned Activities	Seniors will have minor safety modifications and environmental safety assessments done to the home
13	Project Name	ABVI Notepad manufacturing equipment
	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	Goals Supported	Provide Economic Development and Job Training Provide essential public services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Community Development)
	Funding	CDBG: \$45,000

	Description	Purchase of equipment, replacing two note-pad packaging lines. 17 employees will benefit from the installation of the new equipment. Of those seventeen employees, eleven are legally blind and six are totally blind and seven of the note-pad direct labor employees have a developmental disability.
	Target Date	7/31/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	17 people
	Location Description	All Suburban areas of Monroe County
	Planned Activities	Purchase of equipment, replacing two note-pad packaging lines. 17 employees will benefit from the installation of the new equipment. Of those seventeen employees, eleven are legally blind and six are totally blind and seven of the note-pad direct labor employees have a developmental disability.
14	Project Name	Housing Council Expanding Housing Opportunities Program
	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	Goals Supported	Provide essential public services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Community Development)
	Funding	CDBG: \$34,000
	Description	Provision of a comprehensive, county-wide, fair housing rental management and educational program for tenants, landlords, home buyers and sellers, real estate professionals and other housing providers. Includes weekly seminars, workshops, one-one counseling and the provision of educational materials, publications of rights and responsibilities, apartment listings and quarterly newsletters.
	Target Date	7/31/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	890 Landlord/Tenant Issues, Operating rental property management classes and customer walk ins
	Location Description	All Suburban areas of Monroe County

	Planned Activities	Expand landlord,tenant and homebuyer knowledge of housing laws and regulations and fair housing initiatives. Increase tenant self-sufficiency and resolve tenant/landlord conflicts through education and outreach for low-mod families,elderly and individuals with disabilities.
15	Project Name	Housing Council Foreclosure Prevention and HECM Counseling
	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	Goals Supported	Provide essential public services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Community Development)
	Funding	CDBG: \$42,000
	Description	Mortgage foreclosure counseling and outreach. Conduct outreach to at-risk homeowners,counsel potential Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) borrowers, foreclosure prevention
	Target Date	7/31/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	85 households
	Location Description	All Suburban areas of Monroe County
	Planned Activities	Mortgage foreclosure counseling and outreach. Conduct outreach to at-risk homeowners, counsel potential Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) borrowers, foreclosure prevention
16	Project Name	Housing Council Home Ownership Program
	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	Goals Supported	Provide essential public services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Community Development)
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000
	Description	Home-buyer counseling and credit restoration assistance to over 380 families. Packaging of financial assistance for at least 30 first time home buyers to enable them to purchase homes in suburban Monroe County utilizing HOME funds allocated in the amount of \$90,000
	Target Date	7/31/2018

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	380 persons assisted
	Location Description	All Suburban areas of Monroe County
	Planned Activities	Homebuyer counseling and credit restoration assistance to over 380 families. Packaging of financial assistance for at least 20 First Time Homebuyers to enable them to purchase homes in suburban Monroe County utilizing HOME funds allocated in the amount of \$90,000.
17	Project Name	Lifetime Assistance Dust Mitigation System
	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	Goals Supported	Provide Economic Development and Job Training Provide essential public services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services (Community Development)
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,550
	Description	Lifetime Assistance operation has grown to its current size utilizing two industrial shredders and one paper baler, the paper dust issue has grown as well. With a dedicated dust mitigation system in place, our employees will be working in an environment with improved air quality and reduced risk of paper dust explosion.
	Target Date	7/31/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	19 disabled and 5 non disabled persons
	Location Description	All Suburban areas of Monroe County
	Planned Activities	Purchase of equipment for Dust mitigation system for the Lifetime Assistance Classified Scanning and Shredding department.
18	Project Name	Home Improvement Program
	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	Goals Supported	Repair and conserve existing housing stock
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation Affordable Housing

	Funding	CDBG: \$364,706 HOME: \$393,136
	Description	Providing grants/loans to repair and revitalize homes in suburban towns and villages throughout Monroe County to income eligible homeowners.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 65 households with incomes between 0 and 60% (grant) of area median income (AMI) or 61 and 80% (grant/loan) (AMI) will benefit from housing rehabilitation activities.
	Location Description	CDBG funds will include all Towns and Villages throughout Monroe County excluding the Towns of Greece and Irondequoit and the City of Rochester. HOME funds exclude the City of Rochester.
	Planned Activities	Including but not limited to roofing, siding, window replacement, HVAC systems, water heater replacement, gutters, electrical and plumbing upgrades, eligible energy efficient improvements. 2017-18 will include a pilot solar pv program to approximately 10 income and property eligible households.
19	Project Name	CDBG Loan Program
	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: \$200,000
	Description	The CDBG Loan Program provides low interest loans/grants to businesses that are expanding, retaining and creating jobs.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Economic development efforts will be made in Monroe County's service area for the creation and retaining of approximately 30 jobs.
	Location Description	Businesses in the suburban towns and villages, excluding the Towns of Greece and Irondequoit

	Planned Activities	Monroe County plans to improve economic opportunities for low-income persons by providing economic development grant and loan funds, monitoring the number of jobs created and retained in the area.
20	Project Name	Community Development Division
	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	Goals Supported	Provide planning and administration services
	Needs Addressed	Planning / Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$344,781 HOME: \$92,570
	Description	Provide Planning and Administrative Services
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
21	Project Name	Home Improvement Program Administration
	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	Goals Supported	Provide planning and administration services
	Needs Addressed	Planning / Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Program delivery for the Home Improvement Program
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Program delivery for the Home Improvement Program
22	Project Name	Administer ED Grant and Loan Fund

	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	Goals Supported	Provide planning and administration services
	Needs Addressed	Planning / Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Provide administrative services for grant and loan fund
	Target Date	7/31/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not Applicable
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Program delivery of grant and loan fund administration
23	Project Name	Planning Services to Community Development
	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	Goals Supported	Provide planning and administration services
	Needs Addressed	Planning / Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Provide Planning and Administration services
	Target Date	7/31/2017
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Program delivery of mapping and environmental reviews
24	Project Name	First-Time Homebuyer
	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	Goals Supported	Develop Affordable Housing Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$90,000

	Description	Closing cost and down payment assistance to income eligible first time homebuyers in suburban towns and villages throughout Monroe County.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Provide direct subsidy for closing cost and down payment assistance to approximately 18 individuals and families purchasing their first home.
	Location Description	Towns and villages throughout Monroe County, excluding the city of Rochester
	Planned Activities	
25	Project Name	Rental Housing Development - CHDO
	Target Area	Monroe County Service Area block groups
	Goals Supported	Develop Affordable Housing Opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$350,000
	Description	Gap financing for new affordable rental housing development (CHDO set-aside minimum 15% of HOME - \$126,256)
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Develop 70 affordable rental housing units with 11 HOME units for seniors (age 55+)
	Location Description	Project is located in the Town of Irondequoit
	Planned Activities	Providence Housing Development Corp, a Monroe County CHDO for this project will develop Durand Senior Apartments in the Town of Irondequoit for Seniors (age 55+)
26	Project Name	HESG - Essential Services, Rapid Rehousing, Homelessness Prevention, Street Outreach
	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: \$148,669
Description	Provide funding for Dimitri House to provide essential services for homeless men, Community-wide Coordinated Entry Street Outreach, Rapid Rehousing Partnership, and HOPE Homelessness Prevention Program
Target Date	
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Dimitri House will provide essential services to 35 homeless men at their shelter, HOPE Ministries will serve 93 households through homelessness prevention, Community-wide Coordinated Entry Street Outreach will assist 672 households, and the Rapid Rehousing Partnership will assist 24 households.
Location Description	County-wide
Planned Activities	Funding for Dimitri House (\$14,661) for essential services to operate a Winter mens' shelter, HOPE Ministries Homelessness prevention (\$15,200), Rapid Rehousing Partnership (\$33,118), Community-wide Coordinated Entry Street Outreach (\$74,540), and administrative expenses (\$11,150)

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

Areas that will be targeted within Monroe County's service area include infrastructure improvements in Brighton, Chili, Gates, Henrietta, Penfield, Perinton, Webster, Brockport Village, East Rochester, Fairport Village, Hilton Village, Scottsville Village and Webster Village this year. Other than public facilities, funding that will be spent will be used to benefit community members county-wide.

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	

Table 5 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Monroe County funding priorities are intended to provide public facilities and infrastructure improvement to municipalities where projects are in low/mod census or low/mod clientele areas and public services activities, not to exceed 15% of the annual CDBG allocation, including program income. The funds proposed for Planning and Administration activities, 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

Monroe County through CDBG and HOME funds administers the Home Improvement Program (HIP) providing income eligible homeowners with grants and/or loans for needed repairs, thereby maintaining affordability. In addition, HOME funds are utilized to assist in the development of affordable rental housing for low/mod income seniors.

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

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	11
Rehab of Existing Units	65
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	76

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. To date, RHA maintains one (1) suburban public housing rental project in suburban Monroe County. This project, Antoinette Blackwell Estates was developed prior to a legal opinion stating that RHA is prohibited from owning property outside of the city of Rochester. The Antoinette Blackwell Estates will be converting to Project Based Vouchers on or about June 1, 2017. Rochester Housing Charities, a 501(c)3 affiliate of the Rochester Housing Authority will manage and own that site. The FURA Section 8 program territory encompasses the town of Macedon within Wayne County and the eastern part of Monroe County excluding the town of Irondequoit and the city of Rochester. 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 373 elderly and disabled families and 78 other eligible households (ie: non-disabled families and 2-adult households). The average annual total household income is \$15,224. 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. The current utilization of 451 vouchers is a direct result of HUD budgetary concerns, but with recent budget clarification announcements, that number is climbing.

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

RHA meets with their resident councils, resident Commissioners, staff and neighborhood associations to address needs and discuss upcoming projects. RHA takes all suggestions and recommendations from these sources and has a five-year Capital Improvement plan. Due to ever changing conditions, items are prioritized and can fluctuate within the plan year to year. There are currently multiple projects in place and being planned for the upcoming year. Renovations have been completed on the four-unit building on Garson Avenue. RHA is in the process of replacing windows at Kennedy Towers, multiple roof replacement projects, parking lot improvements and security system upgrades at various RHA properties. The RHA is planning several demolition and rebuilding projects at Shirley Street, Federal Street, Eiffel Place and Waring Rd. They are in the process of reviewing and assessing their energy performance and may be entering into a contract to upgrade some of their mechanical and other energy use items/systems. RHA will convert three properties as part of the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) program (Blackwell Estates, Elmdorf Apartments and Glide Court).

RHA Residential Service Department is also working to partner with other agencies that can assist residents in self-sufficiency initiatives and goals. Training, employment, and life skills are a focus in the upcoming year.

FURA's Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher waitlist opened January 2017, after being closed for almost 2

years, and now stands at 895 households. It is expected to remain open through at least August 2017. Currently, the Agency is actively managing the waitlist to ensure up to date data to accelerate the lease-up process. FURA is working on a campaign to recruit new landlords and enhance landlord relationships with existing landlords. This is being done primarily through the implementation of a free housing search service called Social Serve, through a contract with New York State. This program will enable landlords to easily list and manage available units for rent, allowing them to fill vacancies more easily. This service will also provide tenants with a more reliable source of available housing, and will eliminate time spent calling on units that have already been rented. The website will take the place of the conventional paper listings, which are quickly outdated and time-consuming to maintain.

FURA is examining the possibility of allocating additional funding for Project Based Voucher (PBV) projects. 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. The Agency 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 an unparalleled commitment to customer service.

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

The Rochester Housing Authority 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 program development. RHA is committed to improving communication between management and its residents and program participants and continues to work with area partners to provide services.

FURA does not administer any Public Housing Vouchers however the Agency does have an active Resident Advisory Board. The Board meets to assist in the planning and direction of the agency.

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

The Rochester Housing Authority is not considered a troubled Authority.

Discussion

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

Introduction

Monroe County CD will continue to work with the Rochester/Monroe County Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) to coordinate services to the homeless and provide outreach, emergency services (EH) and emergency shelters, transitional housing (TH), and permanent supportive housing (PSH) to persons with special needs. The CoC has incorporated the goals of Opening Doors to Ending Homelessness in its strategic planning. To end chronic homelessness, the CoC is obtaining commitments from permanent supportive housing providers to give chronically homeless persons priority when a unit becomes vacant. The Rochester/Monroe County CoC has achieved functional zero status for homeless veterans. This means that there are sufficient beds and services available in the community to address the needs of homeless veterans or veterans who are at risk of homelessness. The CoC is utilizing a rapid rehousing (RR) approach to end homelessness for families with dependent children. The Rochester/Monroe County Continuum of Care, in coordination and collaboration with Monroe County will continue to implement diversion as the first response to a housing crisis; emphasize a rapid exit/housing first approach; increase rapid rehousing, use progressive engagement in providing services. The CoC is working toward full implementation of Coordinated Entry (CE) that will ensure that every person who enters the Homeless System will be directed to the housing and services that will best meet the needs of their household and through the use of a common assessment tool will identify and prioritize persons with the greatest needs.

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

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

The Rapid Engagement Demonstration (RED) Team will continue to identify and engage the unsheltered homeless by using outreach conducted one to two nights a month. Veteran and mental health case managers will 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, linking the unsheltered homeless with housing, services, and mainstream benefits. 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. Services include medical screenings, 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 and other locations in an effort to identify homeless veterans and link them to the VA and community-based services. Street outreach “sweeps” are conducted bi-monthly to engage the unsheltered homeless in the locations where they are known to congregate. Specialized Monroe County Office of Mental Health (MCOMH) outreach workers connect with homeless persons experiencing serious mental and/or substance abuse issues. Outreach workers who speak

Spanish and other languages participate in all of these efforts. The Chronically Homeless (CH) workgroup engages a wide group of stakeholders from various systems (health care, behavioral health, social services, faith-based community, homeless services, and many others) to triage unsheltered homeless. The group conducts monthly outreach on the street, reaching out to unsheltered homeless where they are and offering services, oftentimes repeating offers to assist them toward permanent housing and services, where appropriate.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Monroe County works with the CoC and its members to conduct outreach and services to homeless persons and to provide transitional housing to youth, veterans, victims of domestic violence, persons with drug or alcohol addictions and other homeless individuals and families. According to the Point In Time count (PIT), in Monroe County, there were 613 persons in emergency shelter and 139 persons in transitional housing. Emergency shelter numbers increased from the prior year with the addition of the temporary winter shelter to aid hard-to-serve homeless. The Rochester Emergency Action Committee for Homelessness (REACH) shelter using a Housing First model, was able to help chronic homeless who refused other placements (typically because of the more strict rules at other shelters) and those who had been sanctioned by MCDHS for non-compliance and also those who had too many resources or hard-to-prove lack of resources to be eligible for services at other emergency shelters.

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 investing in RR so that those who enter ES exit quickly. It is also providing diversion assistance for those who have a viable alternative to a shelter but require some support. RR programs in the community including ESG funded projects are aimed at shortening the period of time individuals and families experience homelessness and to facilitate access to and retention in permanent affordable housing. ESG funds have been used for RR efforts, especially for families to keep them from becoming homeless. The CoC will intensify its outreach efforts to identify and provide support for unsheltered families with dependent children. 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. RRH responds quickly, secures appropriate PH, and uses an array of mainstream benefits and supports to maximize resources. RRH is being expanded to serve other sub-populations; homeless youth, survivors of domestic violence, etc.

Center for Youth, Salvation Army (SA), and MC Youth Bureau continue to provide housing and services for unaccompanied homeless youth. CoC continues to offer a range of outreach, EH, TH, and support services. Outreach and drop-in center activities focus on diverting youth from the homeless system. Youth providers have a common intake form, work closely together 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 MCOMH to ensure access to mental health services and ease transition from 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.

Veterans Administration (VA) and Veterans Outreach Center (VOC) continue to serve veterans in the CoC geography. The VA and RHA are partners for the HUD VASH program and have developed the local VASH referral/application process and coordinated support services. VA also partners with two SA programs that have beds for veterans through the Grant and Per Diem program. VOC was awarded a SSVF grant to provide Prevention and RR to veterans and their families. VOC and VA will continue to operate programs for veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan to link them with employment and other mainstream resources to secure and stabilize their incomes. The YWCA has a MOU with the VOC to provide services to female veterans.

Average length of time participants remain in ES is 17 days, TH is 121 days. CoC encourages PSH providers to adopt a Housing First approach, resulting in eliminating many preconditions that previously were barriers to housing entry. CoC will focus on other system performance measures, reducing the number of persons who return to homelessness and number of HH that become homeless for the first time. To reduce the extent to which individuals/families leaving homelessness experience repeat homeless episodes, CoC and ESG funds prevention, diversion, and short-term rental assistance and arrears payments. MCDHS assists those at risk of homelessness with payment for arrears, auto repairs, and tools/uniforms for jobs. Returns to homelessness decrease as a result of incorporating Housing First principles reducing the number of unsuccessful discharges. (continued below)

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.

Improved and coordinated discharge planning from hospitals, criminal justice, foster care, and mental health facilities is one mechanism to ensure that individuals have a housing plan in place at discharge rather than discharging to the homeless system. Gaps in the system are alleviated by: homeless

providers that work directly with discharge planning processes such as TH for our County jail population that meets prior to exit with homeless shelter provider staff for bed-to-bed transitions; foster care discharge processes are informed by the Youth Coordinated Entry group; hospitals utilize Single Point of Access (SPOA) programs, Health Homes (HH), community partnerships, and investigate new TH options via DSRIP Medicaid Redesign Team funding to ensure needs are met for this population and exits to homelessness do not occur. MCOMH helps consider the needs of this population via initiatives such as RED for unsheltered homeless with mental health needs and OMH licensed housing options for persons with mental illness. Through the CE system, persons seeking emergency shelter undergo "Diversion Assessment" to determine if there are alternative options to resolving their housing crisis rather than entry into the homeless system.

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. CoC will continue to educate homeless providers about the importance of ensuring youth are not discharged into homelessness. Shelters have been instructed to immediately contact MCDHS to report a 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 re-uniting is not possible, the youth is referred again to a community program that prepares youth to transition to independent living. Through the HSN, CoC will continue to work with hospital staff to develop protocols for those occasional times when appropriate stable housing cannot be located at discharge. Hospital social work staff have been provided with information on local emergency shelters so a referral is made to the shelter that 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.

Inpatient facilities licensed or operated by NYSOMH 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 who agree to a referral, are referred to the Monroe County SPOA. 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 primary providers of licensed mental health residential beds, intensive case management programs, and care coordination services.

Discussion

(continued from Helping homeless persons) Non-HUD funded projects are represented among the over 70 community agencies in the Housing Services Network, where members are educated on best practices and tools that can be used to reduce the length of time individuals stay homeless.

To increase participants' income, the CoC will continue to educate providers and support community outreach efforts to increase access to mainstream resources. SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery (SOAR) program training is offered several times a year to provider staff so they are knowledgeable about the disability benefits programs administered by the SSA for eligible adults who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and have a mental illness or other qualifying disability. Staff is then prepared to assist participants navigate the complex application system, ensure that the application is complete before submission, and increase the number of applications that are approved.

In addition to prioritizing programs that will provide permanent housing options for homeless persons, the CoC will be working to build partnerships with homeless providers and affordable housing developers. These partnerships will increase the affordable housing stock and provide an integrated housing model for special needs populations.

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

Introduction

In Monroe County, the need for affordable housing is especially acute for seniors and families. Poverty rates for suburban residents over age 65 ranges from 5% in the town of Greece to nearly 9% in Irondequoit and a significant 17% in East Rochester (*ACS 2013, 5 Yr. Estimates*). Suburban Monroe County poverty is also deeply affected by race. While the overall poverty rate among white suburban families is 8.6%, for black households the poverty rate is 34.8%, and for Hispanic families, it is 35.5%. (*ACS 2013, 5 Yr. Estimates*) The greatest increase in older population among upstate MSAs is Rochester, at 39% for people between age 55 and 74. Single parent families make up 30% of families in the City of Rochester.

In recent years many of Monroe County's twenty towns revised their comprehensive plans. When these were examined as part of the *Analysis of Impediments*, it was found that in every case where citizens' views were solicited regarding housing needs residents replied that local housing problems could be solved with more single family housing. No town expressed a need for rental housing, market rate or otherwise. Nonprofit developers, up against confrontational opposition, have chosen over the years to build mainly senior housing complexes, creating a significant lack of affordable housing particularly to families headed by single females, with most of those being minorities, and further concentrating poverty and race. At the same time, suburban Monroe County is experiencing a noteworthy increase in our senior population, which is outstripping senior housing development by a widening margin.

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 *Analysis of Impediments* (AI) indicates that discrimination has been the major negative factor in locating housing for seniors and families. The Fair Housing Action 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.

Discussion

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

Introduction

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Housing cost remain a burden to low and moderate-income families. Demands for resources continue to increase due to budget cuts at the town and village level and community service providers. Monroe County will continue to focus efforts 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 by assisting contractors in hiring low income individuals and contracting with Section 3 businesses.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Creating, maintaining, and rehabbing affordable housing stock, prioritizing projects in communities where there is currently no affordable housing, continuing to fund public works/infrastructure improvements in low and moderate income areas.

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 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 lead poisoning prevention. The MCDOPH Lead Program received a \$766,555 Healthy Neighborhoods grant from the NYSDOH, which runs for five years starting April 1, 2014. 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. In each year, Outreach workers will perform approximately six hundred (600) initial visits in zip codes 14605, 14608, 14609, 14611 and 14621, which

have well documented public health and housing issues. A total of 150 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.

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 (LRRP) 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 "Notice and Demand," and participating in the HUD grant 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 again for 2017, where a total of 25 initial or refresher classes will be conducted. This year the training is again being paid for with funds from the Childhood Lead Poisoning Primary Prevention grant. (continued below)

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Rochester Monroe Anti-Poverty Initiative (RMAPI) was instrumental in coordinating the effort to access the initial funding to establish adult mentoring programs. Two non-profit organizations have received funding for programs that will work with low income persons to seek pathways to getting ahead. Bridge to Success at ABC will link people to a trusted professional that will help them develop a personalized pathway toward achieving financial success and Family Independence Initiative at Catholic Family Center will partner people with a trusted group of their peers to set personal goals to help each other achieve their goals.

Monroe County Department of Human Services and Rochester Rehabilitation are partnering in a new 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 program will work to ensure that the recently employed have the resources that they need to stay employed, such as self-sufficiency planning, job placement, retention supports, financial literacy, drop in child care and career advancement planning.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Monroe County will continue to work with local partners to improve its institutional structure among

key stakeholders within Monroe County consortium in order to improve program delivery and services to all community members.

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

Community Development will continue to work collaboratively with the City of Rochester, local towns and villages, the Rochester Housing Authority, Continuum of Care, and area service providers to enhance services and develop a more effective system.

Discussion

(continued above) The Lead Poisoning Prevention Program received another grant from NYSDOH for \$372,904. This grant runs from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017. This program provides medical case management, educational and environmental intervention for children with elevated blood lead levels of ≥ 15 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 the properties must achieve lead dust clearance in accordance with 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 Childhood Lead Poisoning Primary Prevention Program received a five year Childhood Lead Poisoning Primary Prevention grant from the NYSDOH for \$4,475,210 for the period of 4/1/15-3/31/20. This equates to \$895,042/year for five years. Approximately 400 properties that house young children, pregnant women and refugees 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 November 2014, the Monroe County Department of Health received a \$3,270,000 Grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program. Grant funding will increase the city of Rochester's lead safe affordable housing by remediating 180 housing units and performing Healthy Home inspections (to prevent injury/death) occupied by low and very low income residents with young children from December 1, 2014 through November 30, 2017.

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(l)(2)

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

This is not applicable. Monroe County does not participate in other forms of investment activities beyond those identified in Section 92.205.

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 conditional grants up to \$8,000 of down payment and closing cost assistance to income eligible applicants below 30% of Area Median Income (AMI), and a maximum of \$5,000 for income eligible applicants between 31%-80% AMI in the First-Time Homebuyer (FTHB) Program to reduce the cost of purchasing eligible single-family properties. At the time a FTHB applicant enters into a purchase agreement for an eligible property, they accept the amount, terms, and conditions of the grant by execution of a Buyer's Agreement. Monroe County also provides conditional grants and/or loans to eligible Home Improvement Program (HIP) participants for eligible rehabilitation activities. Participants execute a HIP agreement upon determination of eligibility and selection of a rehabilitation contractor, prior to the commencement of work.

At the time of closing for each homebuyer and upon completion of work and prior to payment of grant funds for home owners, a Note and a Mortgage is executed and recorded, securing the total grant funds awarded for the project. This obligates the participants to recapture provisions if they fail to reside in the property for the requisite affordability period. The recapture provisions in the Note and the Mortgage specify that if the net proceeds (defined as the sales price minus the cost of repaying outstanding mortgages and closing costs) are insufficient to repay the full amount of the subsidy, the homeowner will repay only a pro-rated portion of the subsidy, but never more than the net proceeds available from the sale. This HUD approved practice will remain in effect for all future homeownership activities under the HOME program.

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:

This is not applicable. Monroe County does not use HOME funds to acquire 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)

Monroe County continues to strictly adhere to the HUD-defined eligibility criteria for the ESG Program in setting standards for provisions of assistance and identifying community needs that can be implemented to align with the Federal Strategic Plan goals and HEARTH Act CoC Performance measures. County, City, Continuum of Care (CoC) and Homeless Services Network (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 the year to jointly plan for ESG. CD staff provides to all sub-recipients and service providers updated Emergency Solutions Grant Rules and Regulations, and tools available, including Definition of Homelessness (Criteria for Defining Homeless and Record Keeping Requirements), and program components including HMIS participation. The CoC provides technical assistance and licenses to all ESG subrecipients.

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

The County, in partnership with the City of Rochester and the Rochester/Monroe County Continuum of Care, has supported a Coordinated Assessment system with Coordinated Care Services, Inc. (CCSI), Lifeline 2-1-1, Goodwill, and Catholic Family Center. Homeless individuals and families are served via a hybrid system comprised of a physical location at the Monroe County Department of Human Services; a 2-1-1 call-in center (24/7) and dedicated hubs for special populations (Center for Youth for unaccompanied youth) and Willow (for domestic violence victims). Diversion screening occurs at each of these "entry" points with efforts made to develop an alternative solution to the housing crisis, to avoid the need to enter the homeless system via an emergency housing placement. Outreach teams conduct sweeps of unsheltered homeless persons, engaging them, offering services and housing, and connecting them for triage via the hybrid system. The Rochester Police Department FACET workers (Family Access Crisis Intervention team) also connect to 2-1-1 for triage and best first step in the homeless service system. The emergency shelters and transitional shelters are beginning to use a common assessment tool (the Vulnerability Index-SPDAT) to then create a housing plan for clients, and the CoC has a chronic homeless (CH) prioritization policy that will also be used as part of the coordinated entry process for all CH clients.

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).

Monroe County, in collaboration with the City of Rochester, issued a joint RFP for the 2017-2018 ESG program year. Based on the input of the CoC and other stakeholders, the RFP included solicitation for Homelessness Prevention/Rapid Rehousing services, Coordinated Access-Street Outreach, Emergency Shelter/Shelter Diversion, and Essential Services.

Monroe County ESG funds will continue to fund Homelessness Prevention through Hope Ministries, Rapid Rehousing services led by Coordinated Care Services Inc, Essential Services at Dimitri House and a Community-wide Coordinated Access-Street Outreach services led by Coordinated Care Services Inc in collaboration with the local Continuum of Care, the Homeless Services Network and the City of Rochester.

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), Monroe County and the City of Rochester, continued in our collaboration to engage persons who are currently or formerly homeless in our planning process and funding decisions. All ESG applications were reviewed by a group comprised of staff from Monroe County Community Development, the City of Rochester Neighborhood and Business Development, Monroe County Department of Human Services, the Rochester/Monroe County CoC Executive Director, and a formerly homeless individual. Ranking was based on HUD-defined eligibility criteria, identified need, availability of eligible match, scope of services, and anticipated program outcomes.

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

Performance standards for ESG recipients are required by HUD and have been developed in consultation with the CoC. The purpose of performance standards is to provide a measure for the ESG recipient and the CoC to evaluate each ESG service provider's effectiveness. It is anticipated that the County's performance standards for ESG activities will continue to evolve over time and will be developed to complement the CoC program performance measures. Specific performance standards that will be applied to the ESG Program are based on the proposed accomplishments of: Increasing the range of housing options and related services for program participants; Increasing the knowledge of rights and responsibilities through tenant education; Increasing the number of program participants stably housed; Reducing participant transiency by providing opportunities for safe and affordable housing; Reducing the number of participants who have received prevention services from re-entering local shelters; Preventing rapid rehousing participants from re-entering shelters.

