



Third Program Year Action Plan

The CPMP Third Annual Action Plan includes the [SF 424](#) and Narrative Responses to Action Plan questions that CDBG, HOME, HOPWA, and ESG grantees must respond to each year in order to be compliant with the Consolidated Planning Regulations.

Narrative Responses

GENERAL

Executive Summary

The Executive Summary is required. Include the objectives and outcomes identified in the plan and an evaluation of past performance.

Program Year 3 Action Plan Executive Summary:

The 2006 Annual Action Plan describes the proposed investment of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the upcoming fiscal year to address the needs identified in the Consolidated Plan in the areas of housing, public facilities and improvements, and public services. The plan satisfies the requirements for the Federal formula grant program. There are no major influences that are expected to impact program implementation. The City of Gainesville Department of Housing & Neighborhood Development is responsible for administering the CDBG program.

The following goals are used to guide funding decisions for the Annual Action Plan. All funded activities address at least one goal and meet one of three following National Objectives of the CDBG program: 1) Benefit to low and moderate income persons, 2) Elimination of slum and blight, and 3) Meeting a particular urgent need.

Guiding Principles

1. All activities supported by the five year consolidated plan and annual action plan strive to improve the quality of life for City of Gainesville low-to-moderate income residents.
2. The City of Gainesville encourages agency collaboration and cooperation to improve program outcomes.

The following objectives will be addressed in the 2006 Annual Action Plan:

- A. Priority Objective: Improve public infrastructure, increase public safety, residential desirability, and quality of life in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.

- B. Priority Objective: To improve family self-sufficiency and well-being through education, intervention, and accountability through non-profit public service agencies.

Evaluation of Past Performance

During the City's 2004 Program Year, that concluded June 30, 2005, and eight months of program year 2005 ending March 2006, the City utilized program funds for the following activities toward the accomplishment of the goals established in the Consolidated Plan:

Priority Goal: To encourage new construction and rehabilitation of single-family homes for extremely low-income, low, and low-moderate income persons for renter and owner households.

Priority Objective: To provide residential rehabilitation of five units and downpayment assistance to 10 to first time homebuyers.

- During the program period, the City rehabbed three houses for moderate-income households.
- During the program period, the City provided downpayment assistance to 13 households using HOME funds from the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

Priority Objective: To provide emergency repairs for five lower-income households.

- Emergency repairs were made to three houses during the program year.

Priority Goal: The City's goal is to provide citizens who have special needs access to all resources and decent affordable housing.

Priority Objective: Provide accessibility modifications for the handicapped.

- Handicapped accessibility modifications were made to benefit three lower-income households during the 2004 program year.

Priority Goal: Provide decent housing to all (including the homeless) and reduce the threat of pending homelessness in Gainesville.

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs provides homeless McKinney Act funds to the City of Gainesville for their Balance of State Continuum of Care. These funds assist with emergency shelters and transitional housing, preventing homelessness, outreach, and supportive services. Action Ministries and Gateway House received funding from DCA during the program period.

Priority Goal: The City's goal is to provide safe neighborhoods, public facilities, and recreational and cultural opportunities that meet safety and health regulations for citizens of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Priority Objective: Improve public infrastructure, increase public safety, residential desirability, and quality of life in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.

- A vacant structure was demolished during the 2004 program year that alleviated a blighted condition and will make room for the development of affordable housing.
- Sidewalk construction was started on Barn and Myrtle Streets in March 2006 to link the New Holland Elementary School with the Boys and Girls Club.

Priority Goal: The City's goal is to provide resources to improve the city resident's quality of life.

Priority Objective: To reduce domestic violence and improve family self-sufficiency and well-being through education, intervention, and accountability through non-profit public service agencies.

- Gainesville Action Ministries assisted 66 at-risk persons with rent, utilities, life skills training and case management.
- Gateway House served 368 persons through the Life Enrichment Program. Services include training, education & case management to transition women from victim to survivor.
- Catholic Social Services served 63 persons through the Latino Youth Educational Outreach Program to Increase Latino parent involvement in city school system.
- Metro Fair Housing provided fair housing information to 15 persons.

General Questions

1. Describe the geographic areas of the jurisdiction (including areas of low income families and/or racial/minority concentration) in which assistance will be directed during the next year. Where appropriate, the jurisdiction should estimate the percentage of funds the jurisdiction plans to dedicate to target areas.

Housing activities will be addressed city wide with income of beneficiaries as the main determining factor. Infrastructure and public facility improvements will be targeted to low and moderate income neighborhoods in census tracts 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, and 12 and to those agencies serving low- and moderate-income clients. The map in Appendix "B" shows the concentration of low- and moderate-income areas.

Public Service category programs will be limited to those agencies serving low- and moderate-income persons and operate city-wide, as does the fair housing program.

The programs for code enforcement, removal of architectural barriers, clearance and demolition of vacant hazardous lots and buildings will all take place city wide with a targeted focus within low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. Code enforcement will be funded by the City and will be provided as an in-kind service.

2. Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA) (91.215(a)(1)) during the next year and the rationale for assigning the priorities.

The Fair Street Neighborhood Center will be constructed on property already owned by the city and will replace a dilapidated building. Its location in census tract 8 block group 3 which has 77% low and moderate persons and adjacent to census tract 8 block group 88.6% low and moderate persons will benefit approximately 1,729 persons that are 82.95% low and moderate income.

The Handicapped Accessibility Curb Cuts at the Housing Authority complexes will benefit approximately 100% low and moderate income persons.

3. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.

In developing project activities, the primary obstacle in meeting underserved needs is the availability of resources. Funding of the Block Grant Program within the City of Gainesville has decreased each year based on appropriations. In addition, some needs are not met because of choices to fund one set of priority needs vs. another.

The Housing & Neighborhood Development Department will consult with various housing, social services, elderly and disability agencies to both gather data and identify service gaps.

4. Identify the federal, state, and local resources expected to be made available to address the needs identified in the plan. Federal resources should include Section 8 funds made available to the jurisdiction, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, and competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act funds expected to be available to address priority needs and specific objectives identified in the strategic plan.

Federal resources include the annual allocation of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The allocation for program year 2006 is \$406,554. In addition, the City anticipates program income in the amount of \$2,700 from CDBG activities and will reprogram \$23,017 from the 2004 allocation for a total operating budget of \$432,271.

Other resources include:

- (a) General fund monies to leverage code enforcement, park and recreation and infrastructure improvements
- (b) Lender financing to leverage housing activities
- (c) Gainesville Non-Profit Development Foundation funds to leverage staff salaries and provide loans to persons unable to obtain bank loans for repairs
- (d) Agency funds to leverage public services
- (e) Owner funds
- (f) The Georgia Department of Community Affairs (DCA) administers Section 8 funds which currently assist 159 families in Hall County - 107 in the City of Gainesville and 52 in the County. The cumulative funding total is \$69,562. Ridgecrest Apartments is a Project Based Section 8 (HAP) Contract in effect at the Property for 100% of the 130 units. The contract has recently been renewed for 5 years.
- (g) The Georgia Department of Community Affairs also administers the Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, and competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act funds. The competitive application process is now open. Three agencies have been provided letters of support by the City for their applications.

Managing the Process

1. Identify the lead agency, entity, and agencies responsible for administering programs covered by the consolidated plan.

The Housing & Neighborhood Development Department of the City of Gainesville will administer the CDBG Program.

2. Identify the significant aspects of the process by which the plan was developed, and the agencies, groups, organizations, and others who participated in the process.

During December 2005 and January 2006, city department representatives from Parks and Recreation, Public Works, Public Utilities and Housing met to discuss possible projects. The needs of the neighborhoods of Fair Street, Newtown and Midtown were reviewed. The group decided to focus on a Fair Street Neighborhood Center and handicapped accessibility projects based on the status of exiting right-of-ways and property acquisition. Applications were made available to the Public Service agencies for any facility issues to include Handicapped Accessibility and Energy Improvements.

The first public meeting was held on February 7, 2006 to discuss the application process for the Community Development Block Grant Public Services Program. Private nonprofit and governmental agencies who furnish measurable services to low- and moderate-income citizens within the City of Gainesville were invited to apply for funding. Representatives from 13 agencies attended the meeting which included the Salvation Army, Consumer Credit Counseling Service, Veterans Outreach, Georgia Mountains Community Services, Habitat for Humanity, Gateway House, the Guest House, North Georgia Aids Alliance, Catholic Social Services, Legacy Link and Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (GCAPP). Recommendations will be given on ways to strengthen applications, maximizing scoring, and strengthening program services.

3. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to enhance coordination between public and private housing, health, and social service agencies.

The City of Gainesville works closely with the United Way, Housing Authority, state and local agencies and governments, and other service providers to coordinate the delivery of services to city residents. The City has representatives on most of the non-profit Boards and advisory committees. The Housing & Neighborhood Development Department will consult with various housing, social services, elderly and disability agencies to both gather data and identify service gaps.

Citizen Participation

1. Provide a summary of the citizen participation process.

The first public meeting was held on February 7, 2006 to discuss the application process for the Community Development Block Grant Public Services Program. Private nonprofit and governmental agencies who furnish measurable services to low- and moderate-income citizens within the City of Gainesville were invited to apply for funding. Following the public announcement of available funding the Public Services Review Committee received and reviewed six full applications requesting \$90,000 in support for various programs designed to service low- to moderate-income people within the City of Gainesville. After reviewing these applications the committee has chosen to recommend all six agencies for funding totaling \$84,000.

The second hearing was held on April 13, 2006 to obtain citizen comments and furnish information concerning the range of eligible activities to be undertaken using Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) funds for Program Year 2006. Proposed activities were published in the local daily newspaper of general circulation on April 2, 2006 and April 5, 2006 to advertise and open the 30-day public review period.

After review of comments submitted during the 30 day period, the Plan was adopted by the City Council at their regular scheduled public meeting on May 16, 2006.

2. Provide a summary of citizen comments or views on the plan.

Insert comments received.

3. Provide a summary of efforts made to broaden public participation in the development of the consolidated plan, including outreach to minorities and non-English speaking persons, as well as persons with disabilities.

Draft copies were made available on the City of Gainesville website (www.gainesville.org) and at the Housing & Neighborhood Development Department office to further publicize the document and obtain comments on the draft document. Letters, e-mails and telephone calls to affected parties and agencies preceded the first two hearings. Publications of the hearing notice were printed in the local daily newspaper of general circulation ten days prior to the hearing dates. A process to be followed in drawing up and approving the Plan and the schedule of meetings and hearings will be available to individuals and organizations interested in the Community Development Block Grant Program.

4. Provide a written explanation of comments not accepted and the reasons why these comments were not accepted.

*Please note that Citizen Comments and Responses may be included as additional files within the CPMP Tool.

Institutional Structure

1. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to develop institutional structure.

The City of Gainesville works closely with the United Way, Housing Authority, state and local agencies and governments, and other service providers to coordinate the delivery of services to city residents. The City has representatives on most of the non-profit Boards and advisory committees. The Housing & Neighborhood Development Department will consult with various housing, social services, elderly and disability agencies to both gather data and identify service gaps. While there are unmet needs within City of Gainesville, we have not identified any significant gaps in the surface delivery system provided by the institutions within City.

Monitoring

1. Describe actions that will take place during the next year to monitor its housing and community development projects and ensure long-term compliance with program requirements and comprehensive planning requirements.

The City of Gainesville has developed a set of standards and procedures to monitor the activities of subrecipients with this Plan. The standards and procedures are outlined below which were developed in accordance with the Subrecipients Monitoring Manual provided by the Department of Housing and Urban Development dated August 1990. The City of Gainesville Department of Housing & Neighborhood Development will be responsible for monitoring sub-recipients.

Pre-Award Meeting

- Housing & Neighborhood Development will provide each subrecipient with an agreement, which outlines the terms and conditions of acceptance of the funds.
- Housing and Neighborhood Development will schedule an interview with the subrecipients' representatives to discuss the terms of the agreement including an overview of the standards, procedures, monitoring requirements outlined by Housing and Neighborhood Development for subrecipients.
- A copy of Housing and Neighborhood Development's standards, procedures and requirements will be provided to subrecipients. Subrecipients will be monitored for compliance.

On-Site Visits, Performance Evaluations and Follow-up Procedure

- Housing and Neighborhood Development will meet with the director and appropriate staff of each agency to discuss finances and activities. Questions or concerns raised by the director and/or staff will be addressed at this visit.
- The representative will perform a site visit with the director and/or appropriate staff using HUD's monitoring guide.
- Housing and Neighborhood Development will complete the subrecipient's performance evaluation as provided in HUD's Subrecipient Manual.
- The information gathered to complete the evaluation would be presented to the director and appropriate staff for comments and clarification. Concerns addressed by Housing and Neighborhood Development will be discussed with the director and staff.
- The agency will be provided with a copy of the completed form.
- Housing and Neighborhood Development will provide a letter addressing each concern mentioned in the performance checklist and suggest solutions.

Financial Audits and Follow-up Procedures

- Each subrecipients' records will be reviewed by the city's comptroller or Housing and Neighborhood Development representative at any time those records are requested.
- Upon completion of the city or Housing and Neighborhood Development's review, Housing and Neighborhood Development will send a written notification of any irregularities to the subrecipient. Housing and Neighborhood Development or the City may request a subrecipient to hire a CPA to perform a complete financial audit if irregularities are uncovered after the review.

- The subrecipient and Housing and Neighborhood Development will discuss the findings of the financial audit performed by the CPA.
- All concerns will be documented in a letter with an explanation of the inappropriate disposition of the funds or other violations. The subrecipient will have an opportunity to correct any problems. In addition, the agency will be notified of the immediate termination of funds if such action is deemed appropriate.

Post Award Compliance Procedure

- Each subrecipient agency will be monitored to determine if the funds provided to the organization are expended appropriately.
- Monitoring includes on-site visits, evaluations and financial records review.
- An additional on-site visit and evaluation will be performed six weeks after written notification to the agency if any irregularities are found.
- A Housing and Neighborhood Development representative or the city's comptroller will perform a financial review of the subrecipients' records. Housing and Neighborhood Development or the city's comptroller may request the subrecipient hire a CPA if any irregularities exist in the financial records to perform a complete financial audit.
- Subrecipients will receive written notification of any violations or concerns by Housing and Neighborhood Development.

Termination of Funds

- Noncompliance of HUD and/or City of Gainesville policies, procedures and requirements may result in immediate termination of the subrecipients' funding.
- The subrecipients will receive written notification of violations and/or the city's determinations and necessary corrective actions.

Lead-based Paint

- 1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to evaluate and reduce the number of housing units containing lead-based paint hazards in order to increase the inventory of lead-safe housing available to extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families, and how the plan for the reduction of lead-based hazards is related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards.**

All applications received for rehabilitation where houses were built before 1978 will be tested for lead based paint. Houses referred by the Health department will also be tested.

The 2004 program year set aside \$20,000 for testing of children and women of child bearing ages. No houses have been referred by the Health Department and no funds have been expensed from this activity. Therefore the \$20,000 is proposed to be reallocated to public services for the 2004 program year. The reallocation of the \$20,000 does not exceed the 15% cap of \$70,500 for public services for the 2004 program year. The 2004 program year originally allocated \$45,000 for public services leaving a balance of \$25,500 that would be eligible for public service activities.

HOUSING

Specific Housing Objectives

1. Describe the priorities and specific objectives the jurisdiction hopes to achieve during the next year.

The City's housing goal is to encourage new construction and rehabilitation of single-family homes to provide decent, safe and affordable housing for all family types.

The outcome of these activities will provide affordability and availability of decent housing to low and moderate income persons.

2. Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by this Action Plan.

The City will continue to operate the Homeowner Rehabilitation Program and the Downpayment Assistance Program using funding from the 2004 CDBG allocation and HOME funds awarded by DCA.

\$50,000 of the 2005 CDBG allocation will be used for construction of infrastructure for four units to serve families earning no more than 60% of area median income at the Ridgecrest Apartments.

Needs of Public Housing

1. Describe the manner in which the plan of the jurisdiction will help address the needs of public housing and activities it will undertake during the next year to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership.

No public housing authorities are operated by the City of Gainesville. Therefore, the city has not developed a plan to encourage public housing residents to become more involved in the management of public housing or to become owners of their public housing units.

2. If the public housing agency is designated as "troubled" by HUD or otherwise is performing poorly, the jurisdiction shall describe the manner in which it will provide financial or other assistance in improving its operations to remove such designation during the next year.

There are 495 public housing units in six developments that make up the inventory of the Gainesville Housing Authority. The Gainesville Housing Authority is a traditional Public Housing Authority which is chartered as a separate entity and receives its funding directly from HUD. All of the public housing units except 12 are located in the southern quadrants of the City. The 12 units dedicated to the elderly are located west of downtown. The six projects include Melrose Homes, Green Hunter Homes, Melrose Homes Scattered Site, Green Hunter Homes II, Rainey/Tower Heights Scattered Site, and Harrison Square.

The Housing Authority has been designated "Categorical Troubled" with the complexes cited as being substandard physical. The City has designated \$35,000 of the 2006 CDBG allocation for Handicapped Accessibility Curb Cuts at the Housing Authority complexes. Total cost estimate of the project is \$50,200 with the balance paid by the Housing Authority.

The outcome of this activity will provide better accessibility of the living environment of low and moderate income persons.

Barriers to Affordable Housing

1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to remove barriers to affordable housing.

Recommendations from the Analysis to Impediment to Fair Housing will continue to be implemented. Metro Fair Housing will continue to conduct test cases, provide education and outreach activities related to Fair Housing Law, and to facilitate the filing of claims and/or reporting of violations. Consumer Credit Counseling will give budget and financial management counseling.

Part of the recommended strategy is to share the HMDA data with lending institutions to determine development strategies to improve the successful loan application submissions of minority applicants.

HOME/ American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI)

1. Describe other forms of investment not described in § 92.205(b).

\$300,000 in HOME Program funds were awarded by the Georgia Department Community Affairs (DCA) to provide downpayment and closing cost assistance to fifteen (15) first time homebuyers and provide assistance in five (5) homeowner rehabilitation projects. These funds are available until September 2007.

2. If the participating jurisdiction (PJ) will use HOME or ADDI funds for homebuyers, it must state the guidelines for resale or recapture, as required in § 92.254 of the HOME rule.

The recapture provisions for the HOME Program are as follows:
The unpaid or unforgiven balance of the Promissory Note shall be due and payable from the available Net Proceeds upon the sale or transfer of the HOME assisted housing unit. The Note is due and payable whether the sale or transfer is voluntary or involuntary. The Net Proceeds are defined as the sale price of the Property minus the closing costs and any non-CHIP loan repayments. If the balance of this Note is due, it shall be made in a single payment. If the Net Proceeds are not sufficient to recapture the full amount of the CHIP investment due plus enable the homeowner to recover the amount of the homeowner's down payment and any capital improvement investment made by the homeowner since purchase, the city or county must share the Net Proceeds with the homeowner. If there are no Net Proceeds, repayment of the Note is not required. The Net Proceeds will be divided proportionally as set forth herein by mathematical formula:

A = HOME amount to be recaptured

B = Amount to homeowner

HOME Investment

HOME Investment + homeowner investment X Net Proceeds = A

Homeowner Investment

HOME Investment + homeowner investment X Net Proceeds = B

If there are no Net Proceeds, repayment of the Note is not required.

In the event the net proceeds exceed the amount necessary to repay both the homeowner's investment and the HOME (CHIP) subsidy, the excess proceeds will be paid to the homeowner.

In the event a first mortgage held by Habitat for Humanity is foreclosed upon by Habitat for Humanity, the Department of Community Affairs will approve a Habitat for Humanity eligible low-income substitute mortgagor. In this event the full affordability period will start over.

3. If the PJ will use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is that is being rehabilitated with HOME funds, it must state its refinancing guidelines required under § 92.206(b). The guidelines shall describe the conditions under which the PJ will refinance existing debt. At a minimum these guidelines must:

- a. **Demonstrate that rehabilitation is the primary eligible activity and ensure that this requirement is met by establishing a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing.**
- b. **Require a review of management practices to demonstrate that disinvestments in the property has not occurred; that the long-term needs of the project can be met; and that the feasibility of serving the targeted population over an extended affordability period can be demonstrated.**
- c. **State whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both.**
- d. **Specify the required period of affordability, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer.**
- e. **Specify whether the investment of HOME funds may be jurisdiction-wide or limited to a specific geographic area, such as a neighborhood identified in a neighborhood revitalization strategy under 24 CFR 91.215(e)(2) or a Federally designated Empowerment Zone or Enterprise Community.**
- f. **State that HOME funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.**

Not applicable. HOME program funds for multi-family housing is administered by the Georgia Department Community Affairs (DCA).

4. If the PJ is going to receive American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI) funds, please complete the following narratives:

- a. **Describe the planned use of the ADDI funds.**

- b. Describe the PJ's plan for conducting targeted outreach to residents and tenants of public housing and manufactured housing and to other families assisted by public housing agencies, for the purposes of ensuring that the ADDI funds are used to provide down payment assistance for such residents, tenants, and families.**
- c. Describe the actions to be taken to ensure the suitability of families receiving ADDI funds to undertake and maintain homeownership, such as provision of housing counseling to homebuyers.**

Not applicable. American Dream Down payment Initiative (ADDI) funds are administered by the Georgia Department Community Affairs (DCA).

HOMELESS

Specific Homeless Prevention Elements

- 1. Sources of Funds—Identify the private and public resources that the jurisdiction expects to receive during the next year to address homeless needs and to prevent homelessness. These include the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act programs, other special federal, state and local and private funds targeted to homeless individuals and families with children, especially the chronically homeless, the HUD formula programs, and any publicly-owned land or property. Please describe, briefly, the jurisdiction's plan for the investment and use of funds directed toward homelessness.**

The Georgia Department of Community Affairs provides homeless McKinney Act funds to agencies in the City of Gainesville for their Balance of State Continuum of Care. These funds assist with emergency shelters and transitional housing, preventing homelessness, outreach, and supportive services. Action Ministries and Gateway House has applied for funding from DCA.

- 2. Homelessness—In a narrative, describe how the action plan will address the specific objectives of the Strategic Plan and, ultimately, the priority needs identified. Please also identify potential obstacles to completing these action steps.**

The City's goal is to provide decent housing to all and reduce the threat of pending homelessness in Gainesville. There are approximately 98 total beds offered for the homeless by seven agencies in the City of Gainesville. Of these, 32 are emergency beds and 66 are transitional beds for families. The majority of the funding for the homeless is provided by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs through the Balance of State Continuum of Care.

Funding is the greatest obstacle to addressing this goal.

- 3. Chronic homelessness—The jurisdiction must describe the specific planned action steps it will take over the next year aimed at eliminating chronic homelessness by 2012. Again, please identify barriers to achieving this.**

Homeless assistance is primarily addressed by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs Balance of State Continuum of Care. The City will continue to participate in the Continuum of Care process.

4. Homelessness Prevention—The jurisdiction must describe its planned action steps over the next year to address the individual and families with children at imminent risk of becoming homeless.

The City has allocated through its public services category to the following agencies and activities:

- Gainesville City Schools - HOPE Program \$13,000
Homeless Prevention Program – assist at-risk families with rent, utilities, life skills training and case management
- Gateway House - \$15,000
Life Enrichment Program – training, education & case management to transition women from victim to survivor
- Action Ministries - \$13,000
Three additional Transitional Housing sites

5. Discharge Coordination Policy—Explain planned activities to implement a cohesive, community-wide Discharge Coordination Policy, and how, in the coming year, the community will move toward such a policy.

Homeless service providers coordinate services and the discharge process through case management and the Continuum of Care process.

Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG)

(States only) Describe the process for awarding grants to State recipients, and a description of how the allocation will be made available to units of local government.

Not applicable. This program is administered by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Community Development

1. Identify the jurisdiction's priority non-housing community development needs eligible for assistance by CDBG eligibility category specified in the Community Development Needs Table (formerly Table 2B), public facilities, public improvements, public services and economic development.

Priority Objective: Improve public infrastructure, increase public safety, residential desirability, and quality of life in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.

The outcome of these activities will provide sustainability and improve the community.

Public Facility Activities - \$260,000

- Fair Street Neighborhood Center Construction - \$225,000 for the first year with a pre-award agreement for second year financing. (Facility Design was funded in the 2005 allocation)
- Handicapped Accessibility Curb Cuts - \$35,000 at Gainesville Housing Authority complexes.

Priority Objective: To improve family self-sufficiency and well-being through education, intervention, and accountability through non-profit public service agencies.

The outcome of these activities will provide more accessibility to services and sustainability of a suitable living environment.

Public Services – \$84,000 (\$60,983 + \$23,017)

\$20,000 is proposed to be reallocated to public services from lead based paint testing and \$3,017 from contingency for the 2004 program year. The reallocation of the \$20,000 does not exceed the 15% cap of \$70,500 for public services for the 2004 program year. The 2004 program year originally allocated \$45,000 for public services leaving a balance of \$25,500 that would be eligible for public service activities.

- Catholic Social Services - \$15,000
Latino Youth Educational Outreach Program – Increase Latino parent involvement in city school system
- Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (GCAPP) - \$15,000
Neighborhood based initiative to help adults and youth reduce adolescent pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases
- Veterans Community Outreach - \$13,000
TECH Skills Development Program (Teach Everyone Computer Habits) – Computer skills training
- Gainesville City Schools - HOPE Program \$13,000
Homeless Prevention Program – assist at-risk families with rent, utilities, life skills training and case management
- Gateway House - \$15,000
Life Enrichment Program – training, education & case management to transition women from victim to survivor
- Action Ministries - \$13,000
Three additional Transitional Housing sites

2. Identify specific long-term and short-term community development objectives (including economic development activities that create jobs), developed in accordance with the statutory goals described in section 24 CFR 91.1 and the primary objective of the CDBG program to provide decent housing and a suitable living environment and expand economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

***Note: Each specific objective developed to address a priority need, must be identified by number and contain proposed accomplishments, the time period (i.e., one, two, three, or more years), and annual program year numeric goals the jurisdiction hopes to achieve in quantitative terms, or in other measurable terms as identified and defined by the jurisdiction.**

Long term Community Development Objective:

Objective CD 2

Increase economic viability of commercial districts and businesses in targeted neighborhoods and commercial districts through building repair, construction and comprehensive neighborhood revitalization in the next ten years.

Strategies

- Provide grants and loans for code remediation, façade work and construction of new buildings in targeted neighborhoods and commercial districts.
- Increase recruitment of businesses to census tracts 8 and 11.

Short term Community Development Objective:

Objective CD 3

Improve public infrastructure, increase public safety, residential desirability and quality of life in low and moderate income neighborhoods in the next three years.

Strategies

- Build or renovate neighborhood parks
- Promote a linked system of parks and open spaces.
- Construct sidewalks in areas with heavy pedestrian traffic. Grant priority to construction in areas and routes used by children, the elderly, and the disabled.
- Improve street and pedestrian lighting in areas targeted for revitalization.
- Construct pedestrian safety devices (traffic calming, warning signals, crosswalks, etc)
- Provide seating or shelters at bus stops.
- Eliminate failing septic systems through connections to the sewer system.

This objective is ongoing. The Fair Street Neighborhood Center will benefit approximately 1,729 persons that are 82.95% low and moderate income. The Handicapped Accessibility Curb Cuts at the Housing Authority complexes will benefit approximately 100% low and moderate income persons.

Objectives: CD 5

To reduce domestic violence and improve family self-sufficiency and well-being through education, intervention, and accountability in the next three years.

Strategies

- Fund programs that provide time-critical early intervention, emotional support and advocacy for children witnessing/experiencing domestic violence.
- Effectuate coordination among agencies, departments and the courts to insure appropriate treatment and services are available to residents.
- Provide subsidized transportation to businesses, services and medical appointments.
- Provide periodic seminars to residents on landlord/tenant laws and housing codes.

This objective is ongoing. The six public service agencies included in the 2006 action plan proposes to serve 1,162 low and moderate income persons.

Antipoverty Strategy

- 1. Describe the actions that will take place during the next year to reduce the number of poverty level families.**

The City of Gainesville's anti-poverty strategy focuses on helping all low-income households improve their economic status and remain above poverty levels. This can include, but is not limited to, job training, education, healthcare services, and emergency assistance. Current programs to eliminate poverty are provided by Georgia Department of Labor, Lanier Technical College New Connections to Work, Consumer Credit Counseling Service, and Chamber of Commerce's Quality Education Strategy Team.

The City of Gainesville awarded Gainesville Action Ministries \$18,000 in 2005 CDBG funds that will be used for the Homeless Prevention Program to assist at-risk families with rent, utilities, life skills training and case management.

NON-HOMELESS SPECIAL NEEDS HOUSING

Non-homeless Special Needs (91.220 (c) and (e))

- 1. Describe the priorities and specific objectives the jurisdiction hopes to achieve for the period covered by the Action Plan.**

The City's goal is to provide citizen's with special needs access to all resources and decent affordable housing.

- 2. Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by this Action Plan.**

The 2006 Action Plan does not address this category. The 2005 Action Plan allocates \$25,000 for handicapped accessibility improvements.

Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS

- 1. Provide a Brief description of the organization, the area of service, the name of the program contacts, and a broad overview of the range/ type of housing activities to be done during the next year.**
- 2. Report on the actions taken during the year that addressed the special needs of persons who are not homeless but require supportive housing, and assistance for persons who are homeless.**
- 3. Evaluate the progress in meeting its specific objective of providing affordable housing, including a comparison of actual outputs and outcomes to proposed goals and progress made on the other planned actions indicated in the strategic and action plans. The evaluation can address any related program adjustments or future plans.**
- 4. Report on annual HOPWA output goals for the number of households assisted during the year in: (1) short-term rent, mortgage and utility payments to avoid homelessness; (2) rental assistance programs; and (3) in housing facilities, such as community residences and SRO dwellings, where funds are used to develop and/or operate these facilities. Include any assessment of client outcomes for achieving**

housing stability, reduced risks of homelessness and improved access to care.

- 5. Report on the use of committed leveraging from other public and private resources that helped to address needs identified in the plan.**
- 6. Provide an analysis of the extent to which HOPWA funds were distributed among different categories of housing needs consistent with the geographic distribution plans identified in its approved Consolidated Plan.**
- 7. Describe any barriers (including non-regulatory) encountered, actions in response to barriers, and recommendations for program improvement.**
- 8. Please describe the expected trends facing the community in meeting the needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and provide additional information regarding the administration of services to people with HIV/AIDS.**
- 9. Please note any evaluations, studies or other assessments that will be conducted on the local HOPWA program during the next year.**

Not applicable. This program administered by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

Specific HOPWA Objectives

Describe how Federal, State, and local public and private sector resources that are reasonably expected to be available will be used to address identified needs for the period covered by the Action Plan.

Not applicable. This program administered by the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

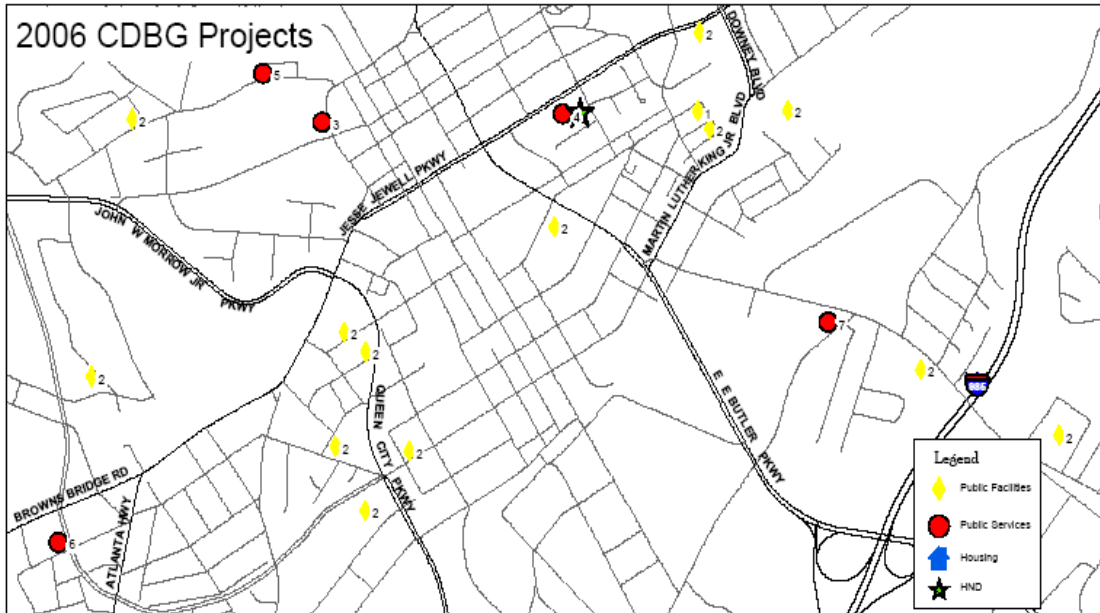
Other Narrative

Include any Action Plan information that was not covered by a narrative in any other section.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION 20% CAP.....\$81,311
Funds will be used for staff and costs associated with oversight, management, monitoring, and coordination of above activities.

CONTINGENCY – UNPROGRAMMED..... \$6,960
Funds will be used to cover cost overruns in the CDBG activities shown above.

APPENDIX A



- Public Facilities:**
1. Fair Street Neighborhood Center
 2. Handicapped Accessibility Curb Cuts (Gainesville Housing Authority)
- Public Services:**
3. Action Ministries- City Wide
 4. Catholic Social Services
 5. Gainesville City Schools- HOPE Program
 6. Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention (G-CAPP)
 7. Veterans Community Outreach
 8. Gateway House (undisclosed location)

- Housing:**
9. Housing and Neighborhood Development Department (HND)
 10. Handicapped Accessibility Modifications- City Wide
 11. Rental Units- City Wide



SF 424

The SF 424 is part of the CPMP Third Annual Action Plan. SF 424 form fields are included in this document. Grantee information is linked from the 1CPMP.xls document of the CPMP tool.

SF 424

Complete the fillable fields (blue cells) in the table below. The other items are pre-filled with values from the Grantee Information Worksheet.

Date Submitted		Applicant Identifier		Type of Submission	
Date Received by state		State Identifier		Application	Pre-application
Date Received by HUD		Federal Identifier		<input type="checkbox"/> Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction
				<input type="checkbox"/> Non Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Non Construction
Applicant Information					
Jurisdiction City of Gainesville			UOG Code GA131314 Gainesville		
Street Address Line 1 P. O. Box 2496			Organizational DUNS 07-592-6923		
Street Address Line 2			Organizational Unit City Government		
City Gainesville	Georgia		Department Housing & Neighborhood Development		
ZIP 30503	Country U.S.A.		Division		
Employer Identification Number (EIN):			County Hall		
58-6000581			Program Year Start Date (MM/DD) 07/01/06		
Applicant Type:			Specify Other Type if necessary:		
Local Government: City			Specify Other Type		
Program Funding			U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development		
Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers; Descriptive Title of Applicant Project(s); Areas Affected by Project(s) (cities, Counties, localities etc.); Estimated Funding					
Community Development Block Grant			14.218 Entitlement Grant		
CDBG Project Titles			Description of Areas Affected by CDBG Project(s)		
\$406,554 CDBG Grant Amount	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged		Describe		
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged			\$Additional State Funds Leveraged		
\$Locally Leveraged Funds			\$Grantee Funds Leveraged		
\$2,700 Anticipated Program Income			Other (Describe)		
Total Funds Leveraged for CDBG-based Project(s)					
Home Investment Partnerships Program			14.239 HOME		
HOME Project Titles			Description of Areas Affected by HOME Project(s)		
\$0 HOME Grant Amount	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged		Describe		
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged			\$Additional State Funds Leveraged		
\$Locally Leveraged Funds			\$Grantee Funds Leveraged		

\$Anticipated Program Income		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for HOME-based Project(s)			
Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS		14.241 HOPWA	
HOPWA Project Titles		Description of Areas Affected by HOPWA Project(s)	
\$0 HOPWA Grant Amount	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged		\$Additional State Funds Leveraged	
\$Locally Leveraged Funds		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
\$Anticipated Program Income		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for HOPWA-based Project(s)			
Emergency Shelter Grants Program		14.231 ESG	
ESG Project Titles		Description of Areas Affected by ESG Project(s)	
\$0 ESG Grant Amount	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged		\$Additional State Funds Leveraged	
\$Locally Leveraged Funds		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
\$Anticipated Program Income		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for ESG-based Project(s)			
Congressional Districts of:		Is application subject to review by state Executive Order 12372 Process?	
Applicant Districts 10	Project Districts 10		
Is the applicant delinquent on any federal debt? If "Yes" please include an additional document explaining the situation.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	This application was made available to the state EO 12372 process for review on 04/13/06
		<input type="checkbox"/> No	Program is not covered by EO 12372
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Program has not been selected by the state for review

Person to be contacted regarding this application		
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Signature of Authorized Representative		Date Signed