



CITY OF ELMIRA, NEW YORK

Helping to Build a Vibrant Community and Neighborhoods by Reversing the Trends of Blight and Poverty through Partnership



2025-2030 Consolidated Plan 2025 Annual Action Plan

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

In accordance with federal laws and the rules and regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City of Elmira must prepare a Consolidated Plan in order to receive federal funding for certain affordable housing and community development activities under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships programs.

This Consolidated Plan will cover the time period beginning July 1, 2025- June 30, 2030 and will be annually updated through the Annual Action Plans.

As required, the City of Elmira's Consolidated Plan will accomplish the following:

- assess the City's affordable housing and community development needs
- analyze the City's housing market based primarily on data from the U.S. Census Bureau
- consult with community stakeholders and citizens
- articulate the City's goals, priorities, and strategies to address identified needs
- describe the actions the City and its partners will take to implement strategies for affordable housing and community development with anticipated resources.

The City of Elmira must ensure that activities or projects funded with CDBG funds meet one of the three statutory objectives: 1. Benefit low/moderate income residents/areas; 2. Prevent or eliminate slum and blight either on an area or spot basis; and 3. Meet an urgent need (for example, in the case of a natural disaster). The HOME Partnerships program is meant to fund a wide range of activities including building, buying, and/or rehabilitating affordable housing for rent or homeownership or providing direct rental assistance to low-income people. The City has identified numerous community development needs and have identified five key objectives that it hopes to accomplish during the next five years. The Strategic Plan and funding allocated to specific objectives and outcomes is an estimation assuming that funding levels remain consistent; however, the City has no way of predicting future funding for these vital community development programs.

The City of Elmira shall not use grant funds to promote "gender ideology," as defined in Executive Order (E.O.) 14168, Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

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1. Quality Affordable Housing: Create quality rental and owner-occupied housing with improved/new availability that fits within and enhances Elmira's existing neighborhoods and builds off of existing community assets including access to vital community services such as grocery stores, neighborhood parks, community centers, and public transportation. Based on the housing needs assessment data from the 2016-2020 CHAS, 16% (1,445 households below 80% of AMI) live in substandard housing lacking one of four housing standards (1. lacks complete kitchen, lacks plumbing, overcrowding, or cost burden greater than 30%). Code Enforcement and Department of Social Services data shows that there are limited number of quality affordable housing units within the City, which exacerbates the issue. Based upon dated provided through the Code Enforcement office's BuildingBlocks system, 884 properties (9%) are rated as "deteriorated/hazardous" or "major maintenance need required" and should not be occupied. 809 properties have a fire risk score of 50-100 (moderate-high risk); 8% of properties.

2. Strengthening Elmira's Neighborhoods: Enhancing a suitable living environment and neighborhoods through support of public services particularly those geared towards youth in lowincome neighborhoods; elimination of spot slum/blight through demolition of deteriorated properties; public improvements to streets and sidewalks, and streetscape enhancements; and improvements to park facilities that serve low/moderate income residents are key objectives. Measurement of individuals served or impacted through public services or public improvements will be tracked for activities undertaken. The Elmira Low/Moderate Income Area Map shows where 51% or greater of the residents are considered low/moderate income-based data obtained from the U.S Census.

3. Alleviate and Prevent Homelessness: A national as well as a local priority is alleviating and preventing homelessness. Shelter is a basic human need and the goal continues to be sheltering those that are homeless or helping to avoid homelessness for individuals and families. The City of Elmira subcontracts with Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler for homeless services as does the Chemung County Department of Human Services.

4. Revitalization of the Downtown Core: Focus on revitalizing Elmira's downtown core through the redevelopment of vacant properties including sustainable infill development is an objective. This includes continued support of facade and building renovation programs, in particular those that leverage New York Main Street funding and the efforts of the New York State Downtown Revitalization

Initiative. Streetscape enhancements and public improvements within the downtown are also a vital component.

5. Business Development: The strategy involves assisting new businesses, especially small business entrepreneurs and existing businesses expand. The overall goal is to create sustainable jobs for lower income, unemployed, or under-employed persons and a more robust and sustainable economy for the City of Elmira. Priority is on creating jobs that provide a living wage, identified as a gap within the community.

3. Evaluation of past performance

Annually, the City of Elmira submits to HUD what is known as a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) which evaluates the City's performance related to the projects that were funded with CDBG and HOME funds.

During the period covered by the previous Consolidated Plan (2020-2025), the City of Elmira focused efforts on addressing the condition of owner-occupied housing units. The First Time Homebuyer Program has assisted a total of 472 families achieve homeownership since 1994, which is a significant accomplishment and highlights the need for this program. 120 homeowners receive one-on-one mortgage foreclosure prevention and loss mitigation counseling annually; 53 households participated in group trainings about the First Time Homebuyers Program annually; 58 individuals participated in Homeowner Association meetings; 590 individuals were provided overnight shelter through Second Place East; Homelessness was prevented for 5,215 individuals through case management & access to services.

The City's use of CDBG & HOME funds has proven effective in improving Elmira's existing housing stock with 14 owner-occupied properties improved during the program year. This brings the total to 73 over the first 4 years of the Consolidated Plan. Significant progress was made in providing direct financial assistance to first-time homebuyers by enabling 4 new homebuyers to purchase homes within the City. This brings the total of First Time Homebuyers to 21 for program years between 2020 and 2024. The focus on owner-occupied rehab during the past five years combined with the statistic that 54.9% of the total housing units are renter-occupied has led the City to make it a goal to improve the condition of the City's rental housing stock.

An evaluation of past performance has led the City to continue to choose the goal of leveraging New York State Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) with HOME funds in order to promote the development and rehabilitation of quality and sustainable rental units. This will be done utilizing a scattered site model that promotes neighborhood revitalization, which help create new projects including Libertad Elmira (Vecino Group), LaFrance Apartments (Providence Housing), Maple Avenue Elmira (CDS Housing), and Chemung Crossings (Housing Visions) in past years. It is the goal of the City to continue to leverage existing planning efforts and investing in a scattered site project sponsored by

developers with a strong track record of utilizing LIHTC and who is selected through a competitive Request for Proposal process. Due to constraints on administration and available funding as well as regulations, the City of Elmira also runs a Lead Paint Hazard Reduction program and owner occupied rehab programs.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

Significant efforts were made to obtain citizen participation and improve upon the consultation process during the development of the City of Elmira's 2025-2030 Consolidated Plan. Three neighborhood meetings were held throughout January 2025 at different neighborhood libraries and public locations within the City. During these meetings citizens were provided an overview of the consolidated planning process and eligible uses of CDBG and HOME funds. Local news covered these meetings providing additional community input.

Feedback was also sought from community agencies including a stakeholder meeting with organizations geared towards providing services to youth, coalition and committee meetings (Poverty Reduction Coalition, Housing Coalition, and Creating Healthy Places), and agency advisory meetings for example with Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers. These meetings were helpful in helping to identify needs, gaps in services, and priorities and occurred in conjunction with the community meetings hosted in January 2025.

NY-501 Regional Continuum of Care (CoC) was consulted on March 27, 2025.

Community Development staff also facilitated discussions with residents and key stakeholders and participants identified community development priorities. The City of Elmira also surveyed the public regarding what they saw as priorities, and the survey received 469 responses. The Department of Community Development continues to have a small Citizen Advisory Committee which provided input into the process and assisted in the evaluation of public services requests for Program Year 2025 funding.

As required, the City held a public hearing on April 7, 2025 which was advertised in the Star Gazette.

A notice of public comment was published in the Star-Gazette on May 12, 2025 and the 30-day comment period was observed from May 13-June 12th

The plan was also presented to the advisory committee meeting, held on May 28, 2025 and to the Elmira City Council on May 29th 2025 for feedback.

5. Summary of public comments

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

All comments have been accepted.

7. Summary

Accomplishing the main objectives and key outcomes as set forth in the 2025-2030 Consolidated Plan will continue to be a challenge amidst uncertainty regarding future funding levels of the CDBG and HOME Programs, NYS funds, and limited local funding. The City of Elmira continues to face issues related to an aging housing stock and housing providers that have difficulty finding quality housing for those they serve. Low income neighborhoods are struggling with issues of blight and code violations, vacant properties, and infrastructure including roads and sidewalks that are aged and in poor condition. There is also slow economic growth and vacant and abandoned commercial properties downtown as well as in areas that were historically industrial. Non-profit service providers continue to face funding challenges despite a significant need for services particularly as it relates to youth. Increased coordination, collaboration, and the leveraging of resources (human and financial) will continue to be critical during the next five years. This Consolidated Plan does not attempt to address all of the needs identified but rather it attempts to prioritize needs and invest in programs and projects that will have a significant impact on low to moderate income residents and the community as a whole. Additionally, the plan will integrate strategies from the 2016 Master Plan. Since 2020, the City of Elmira has seen a significant amount of new grant and economic development projects including the establishment of medical college, Lake Erie Medical School of Osteopathic Medicine, new market rate apartments, Downtown Revitalization efforts funded by New York State, and affordable housing projects supported by New York State. The Department will continue to work closely with partners to continue these efforts of successful revitalization over the upcoming five years.

The Process

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies 24 CFR 91.200(b)

1. Describe agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source

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		Elmira Urban Renewal Agency
HOME Administrator		Elmira Urban Renewal Agency

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The City of Elmira as an entitlement community under the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and Participating Jurisdiction under the HOME Program is required to submit a Five-Year Consolidated Plan and an Annual Action Plan. The Elmira City Council is responsible for authorizing the submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and for conducting public hearings. The City of Elmira's Department of Community Development (formerly known as the Elmira Urban Renewal Agency) has been delegated the responsibility through a subrecipient agreement of acting as the CDBG and HOME administrators on behalf of the City which entails putting together all planning and evaluation documents.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

The Consolidated Plan contact person is Emma Miran, Director of Community Development. The public is encouraged to submit written comment via mail 317 East Church Street, Elmira, NY 14901 or via email at emiran@cityofelmira.net. The Department of Community Development may also be reached by calling (607) 737-5691.

PR-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.110, 91.200(b), 91.300(b), 91.215(I) and 91.315(I)

1. Introduction

Development of the City of Elmira 2025-2030 Consolidated Plan utilized community outreach and direct consultation while it is difficult to consult with every organization within the community, significant strides were made to be as available as possible and obtain input from a cross section of the community. Community Development was able to piggy-back off of various coalition and agency meetings and hosted community meetings and a survey to discuss the plan and gain community insight. A significant focus of consultation efforts included social service agencies that serve low-income individuals and families with housing and other basic needs. Community Development staff initiated consultation throughout November 2024-March 2025 while developing the Consolidated Plan.

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(I)).

The City of Elmira Department of Community Development works closely with various coalition and community organizations to consult with agencies and organizations about the Consolidated Plan and solicit feedback regarding priorities. Community Development staff presented to the Chemung County Housing Coalition, Lead Paint Poisoning Coalition and Catholic Charities Program Advisory Committee. Organizations represented included the following: Catholic Charities of Chemung, Habitat for Humanity, Near Westside Neighborhood Association, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Elmira Psychiatric Center, AARP, Arnot Health, Chemung ARC, Elmira Downtown Development, and the Elmira-Chemung Transportation Council. Chemung County departments consulted included: Department of Human Services (including the Commissioner and the Children and Family Services Division, Health), Planning Department, Office for the Aging and Long-Term Care, and the Youth Bureau, Comprehensive Interdisciplinary Developmental Services (C.I.D.S), Elmira City Youth Court. Additionally, the Elmira City Council was included in these presentations.

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

The Director of Community Development serves on the Continuum of Care Board and participates in monthly board meetings. The Continuum of Care is focused on outreach for the homeless and leads the Chemung County's Point in Time (PIT) Count along with Catholic Charities and participated in the Program Advisory meeting. The Mayor and Community Development Director serve on a taskforce overseen by Chemung County Department of Social Services and the Continuum of Care to

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address the increased rates of chronically homeless in Chemung County and create stronger collaborations between elected officials and the CoC

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS

The City of Elmira does not receive ESG funding from HUD; however, the Director of Community Development has held a seat on the Continuum of Care as a Board representative since 2014. The City's Department of Community Development also consults with Catholic Charities of Chemung Schuyler as the administrator of the HMIS for the NY-501 CoC as data is obtained to report to HUD.

2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers Co.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Staff attended the community meetings where feedback was sought on the Consolidated Plan. Catholic Charities management staff were present. Catholic Charities staff also meet directly with the City Manager and Community Development Director to discuss housing needs and homeless services. It is anticipated that the outcome of this consultation will help lead to the development quality affordable housing and the better education of tenants and landlords about their rights and responsibilities.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Elmira Chemung Transportation Council
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Transportation

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Elmira- Chemung Transportation Council is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and as such it is their mission to help build regional agreement on transportation investments and to better balance highway, mass transit and other needs, leading to more cost effective solutions to transportation problems. Staff met with City Leadership in December 2024 and provided feedback. The ECTC is responsible for the planning and programming of any transportation project that includes Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) or Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding. The City of Elmira serves on their Policy and Planning Committee. Community Development consulted their existing plans and ECTC staff participated in public meetings to hear transportation concerns from residents.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Chemung County Youth Bureau
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Youth and Education
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Chemung County Youth Bureau were engaged during the process; youth agencies within the community to discuss the needs of youth and gaps in services. A total of 12 youth agencies attended the meetings include (YWCA, Comprehensive Interdisciplinary Developmental Services (C.I.D.S.), Glove House, 3 city community centers, Elmira City Youth Court, and Chemung County Children and Family Services.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Elmira Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City's Director of Community Development and the Elmira Housing Authority Executive Director met in January 2025 to discuss the Elmira Housing Authority in context of the City of Elmira. Housing needs for the City were discussed.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Chemung County Department of Human Services
	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 Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representatives from the department attended the community meeting on January 22nd. The Commissioner of Human Services was consulted. The anticipated outcome is sharing of knowledge of the constraints the Department of Human Services has as well as a mutual agreement that there is a need for more quality affordable housing.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Chemung County Habitat for Humanity
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Department of Community Development and the Executive Director of Chemung County Habitat for Humanity met in January and February. Habitat for Humanity shared the projects that they have planned for the City of Elmira.

7	Agency/Group/Organization	Chemung ARC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Community Development staff met with the Family Support Services Director regarding the services that Chemung ARC (now known as ARC of Chemung) provides to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families in the Chemung County area. An anticipated outcome of the consultation or area of improved coordination is working together to identify more suitable housing for individuals and families they serve in the City of Elmira that are outside of a certified site and either living independently or able to transition to a more independent setting.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Chemung County Office of Fire and Emergency Management
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Agency - Emergency Management
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Emergency Management/Safety
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Code Enforcement and Community Development staff met with Chemung County Office of Fire and Emergency Management in November 2024 to discuss the City's needs for flood plane management and other emergency needs. The Police and Fire Departments have an ongoing working relationship with the Chemung County Office of Fire and Emergency Management.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Chemung County Planning Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Director of the Department of Community Development meets on a regular basis with the Chemung County Planning Commissioner to discuss community needs including planning, economic development, housing, and digital and broadband access. Areas for future focus include brownfield development and neighborhood revitalization, as well as partnerships on grant other funding applications.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Chemung County Office of Information Technology
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Information Technology
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City has worked closely with the Chemung County Office of Information Technology through a shared service agreement. The IT office has consulted with the City on broadband access in the City. This has included consultations with Empire Access to bring this additional provider to additional areas of the City. Based upon these consultations, Empire Access will be expanding larger areas in the City of Elmira.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Chemung County Public Health Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health Health Agency Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Lead-based Paint Strategy HOPWA Strategy Public Health

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Code Enforcement and Community Development work closely with the Public Health Department's Environmental Health Division on addressing lead hazards in rental properties in the City of Elmira. The City oversees a lead hazard abatement program in collaboration with the Department of Health. The Department of Health also provided insight into housing conditions, lead hazards, radon and other environmental health hazards related to housing quality and conditions.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Southern Tier Economic Growth Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Southern Tier Economic Growth is the regions main economic development agency providing support for business and commercial real estate development. Staff met to discuss economic development needs in the City of Elmira in January 2025.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Elmira Downtown Development Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business and Civic Leaders Business Improvement District
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Staff met to discuss needs of the Business Improvement District as well as opportunities for economic development. The anticipated outcome is additional support for local business, tourism and downtown development, which remains a major need for the community.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	Southern Tier Central
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Urban Planning

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	STC works with local governments, economic and community development organizations, and human services agencies to identify issues and provide solutions that will improve the economy, the environment, and quality of life across political borders of Chemung, Schuyler, and Steuben Counties. Staff met to discuss funding opportunities with the Appalachian Regional Commission as well as planning and zoning regulations and impacts on housing. The overall goal would be increased collaboration with regional economic development and planning organizations for new housing projects.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Chemung County Property Development Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Chemung County Property Development Corporation (Landbank) purchases properties off the County Foreclosure and rehabs and renovates the properties to sell to a low-moderate income homeowner. The Landbank is an important collaborator for neighborhood revitalization and rehabilitation of vacant property in Elmira.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	Chemung County Chamber of Commerce
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Workforce Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Chemung County Chamber of Commerce provided insights into workforce development and needs for new training opportunities for business in the region. New opportunities for economic development and workforce training for low and moderate income residents was discussed.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	United Way of the Southern Tier
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Civic Leaders Foundation

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Community Needs Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The United Way of the Southern Tier provides funding for multiple non-profit and Community Based Organizations working and serving the City of Elmira. The staff discussed challenges faced by small local nonprofits, need for collaboration and technical assistance needs faced by CBOs and nonprofits.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Food Bank of the Southern Tier
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Emergency Food Foundation
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Food Bank of the Southern Tier is committed to creating a future without hunger where access to healthy food by all is recognized as fundamental to the well-being and success of individuals and the foundation of a strong, vibrant society. Staff discussed ongoing trends around food insecurity including rising prices and increased needs for support and access from Elmira residents.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	Chemung County Department of Aging & Long Term Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Department works to residents age together with independence, opportunity and dignity through coordinated and cost-effective policies and services that support and empower older adults, people of all ages in need of long term care, and their families and caregivers. The consultation provided insights into needs for elderly families and the need to increase opportunities to age in place.

20	Agency/Group/Organization	HHQ - HOME HEADQUARTERS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Community Development Financial Institution
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lending
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	As a Community Development Financial Institution, HHQ provided insights into lending and housing trends. The organization provides loan and gap financing for projects in Elmira. It is anticipated that additional collaboration will occur for lending in Elmira.
21	Agency/Group/Organization	NEAR WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Historic Preservation
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Near Westside Neighborhood Association is a CHDO with a focus on historic preservation and revitalization efforts in Elmira. The consultation included discussion on historic preservation and revitalization.
22	Agency/Group/Organization	Steuben Churchpeople Against Poverty Inc DBA Arbor Housing and Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis TBRA
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Arbor provides assistance for renters and home-buyers and helps create a pathway to housing security and stability. The consultation provided feed back for section 8 needs, community needs, and new housing development.

23	Agency/Group/Organization	ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Economic Opportunity Program (EOP) is the county community action agency program (CAP) providing services to low and moderate income residents. The EOP provides TBRA and homeless assistance for Elmira residents. The needs of low moderate income Elmira residents were discussed during the consultation and efforts to support homeless and at-risk populations.
24	Agency/Group/Organization	Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chemung County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Environmental
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Cornell Cooperative Extension (CCE) pursues opportunities for community economic vitality, ecological sustainability and social well-being. The organization works with local provider and develops research-based solutions. The discussion focused on new energy housing programs, health and environmental wellness and community planning needs.
25	Agency/Group/Organization	NY-501 Regional Continuum of Care (CoC)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Regional organization

<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth</p>
<p>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Consulted with NY-501 Regional Continuum of Care (CoC) board and CARES of NY to receive feedback on homeless needs in the community.</p>

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

There were no specific agency types that were purposely not consulted during the development of the Consolidated Plan, however it is difficult to consult with every agency within a community. The City of Elmira will be continuing to outreach to agencies within the next year as the Annual Action Plan is implemented.

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	NY 501 - CARES of NY	The mission of the NY-501 Regional Continuum of Care (CoC) is to identify persons in the region, and assess the needs of those persons, who are either homeless or most at risk of becoming homeless, and to channel the resources and efforts of public and private community agencies to strategically plan and meet the needs of these individuals in a collaborative fashion. The goals of this plan address homelessness in Elmira.
Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Plan	New York State Empire State Development Corporation	This plan was considered as the City's goals of fostering business development and revitalizing the downtown core overlap with the goals of the Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council's Strategic Plans on creating job and business growth opportunity.
City of Elmira Comprehensive Plan 2016-2026	City of Elmira	It is a goal of the plan to support infrastructure investments, housing for homeless, elderly and middle income levels to ensure a high quality of life for city residents.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
1-86 Corridor Study	Three Rivers Development	During the development of the Consolidated Plan, the City of Elmira became part of a new regional planning team dedicated to developing an aggressive strategic plan that results in economic growth along the corridor of interstate roadways from I-99 at the New York State border with Pennsylvania to the I-86 Elmira interchange. Economic development and the creation of jobs continues to be a priority for the City of Elmira within this Consolidated Plan and the City participation in this regional effort is seen to be compatible.
Chemung County and City of Elmira Housing Market	Chemung County Planning	The 2023 study provides insights into housing needs in the community, demand and market trends. The study is a good resource for housing developers and planners.
Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan	City of Elmira	The City of Elmira in coordination with Chemung County has been awarded Department of State grant funding to develop a Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan for the City. Bids to hire a planning contractor are soon to be underway for this project, which will produce a Plan to adapt law, identify projects, and seek further funding to invigorate and empower Elmira's waterfront.
Road Conditions Evaluation	Chemung County Planning	The report provides insights into road conditions and need for investment in areas of the City and County for infrastructure development.
Sidewalk Survey	Elmira Chemung Transportation Council	ECTC has completed surveying sidewalk, crosswalk, and curb ramp conditions in the City of Elmira as of Summer 2023. Unlike roads, these walking networks have many gaps, obstructions, accessibility issues, and maintenance oversights. A 2024 analysis of the survey results will help ECTC to build on future sidewalk infrastructure planning efforts.
2019 Hazard Mitigation Plan	Chemung County Fire and Emergency Management	The purpose of the Plan is to protect people and structures and to minimize the costs of disaster response and recovery. Chemung County updated their Hazard Mitigation Plan ("Plan" or "HMAP") to address natural hazards that affect their area.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(l))

The City of Elmira works closely with Chemung County on multiple areas including strong working relationships with the Chemung County Property Development Corporation (Landbank), Chemung

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County Planning Department, Department of Social Services, and Public Health. Additionally, the Mayor of the City of Elmira serves on the New York State Regional Economic Development Council and the City Manager is on the Chemung County Industrial Development Agency Board. All local development is in coordination with regional and local planning and development efforts.

Narrative (optional):

PR-15 Citizen Participation – 91.105, 91.115, 91.200(c) and 91.300(c)

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

The following outreach was conducted:

- Public Meeting, Steele Memorial Library, 101 E Church Street, Wednesday, January 22nd 5:00-6:00PM
- Public Meeting, City Hall, Law Library, 317 E Church Street, Monday, January 27th 12:30-1:30PM
- Funding for CDBG and HOME Grants to nonprofit and Community Based Organizations was advertised in the Star Gazette on March 10, 2025
- NY-501 Regional Continuum of Care (CoC) was consolidated on March 27, 2025
- A public hearing was held on April 7, 2025 at City Hall Council Meeting
- A notice of public comment was published in the Star-Gazette on May 12, 2025 and the 30-day comment period was observed from May 13-June 12th
- A survey and QR code was distributed to to gain public input and a total of 469 responses were received
- An advisory committee meeting was held on May 28, 2025
- A presentation to Elmira City Council was provided on May 29 2025 to summarize the plan and survey results

All comments and suggestions were reviewed and considered during the planning process. The most common themes:

- *Homeless numbers have increased significantly and programs for homeless should be prioritized*
- *Housing is unaffordable and homeownership is becoming less attainable*
- *Rents continue to rise and Section 8 is limited*
- *Housing needs to be created for the aging population and ways to allow seniors to age in place need to be created*
- *Downtown small business need support*
- *Larger economic efforts should be developed to attracted larger companies into the area*

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- *Youth services and educational activities are needed in the community*
- *Education should support trades and alternative routes for struggling youth to reduce the high school dropout rates*
- *Slum and blight in neighborhoods should be addressed*
- *Vacant housing units should be brought back to market*
- *Transportation systems can be improved to help low/moderate income residents increase access to services and jobs*
- *Elmira is viewed as a high crime community and efforts should be made to help with this negative image; including supporting public services that will reduce gun violence and domestic abuse*

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	Non-targeted/broad community	Steele Memorial Library, 101 E Church Street, Wednesday, January 22nd 5:00-6:00PMApproximately fifteen people attended, local news attended and did a new story which increased the awareness. Surveys were distributed and topics discussed included: homelessness, housing affordability, economic development, planning, transportation, parks, youth services, public facilities	Discussion was focused on downtown and southside needs, many stated there was a need to improve quality of homeless services and address camping bans in the city. Concerns about the high crime rates were also mentioned. The need to improve transportation systems to access jobs was discussed as well.	NA	

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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	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Public meeting at City Hall, Law Library, 317 E Church Street, Monday, January 27th 12:30-1:30PM Approximately eight people attended. Surveys were distributed and topics discussed included: homelessness, housing affordability, economic development, planning, transportation, parks, youth services, public facilities	Need to address vacant housing and neighborhood blight was highlighted. City should address high crime rates. The fires in the city are an issue and should be better prepared for. Downtown and Eastside of Elmira need continued support and revitalization. Some thought that bringing business into Elmira should be the top priority. Developing high paying job opportunities for the youth. Others thought that the arts and creative jobs would help revitalize Elmira. Youth and education was seen as much needed. Finding activities for child was a	NA	26
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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)
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A public hearing was held on April 7, 2025, 5:30PM at City Hall Council Meeting	None	NA	

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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)
5	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	A notice of public comment was published in the Star-Gazette on May 12, 2025 and the 30-day comment period was observed from May 13-June 12th	The city should provide grants for new businessesThe city should find a way to increase income rates for rehab programs above 80% AMI since many residents still cannot afford the cost of housing and are cut out of grant opportunities		

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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)
6	Citizen Advisory Meeting	Citizen Group	An advisory committee meeting was held on May 28, 2025	Park improvements and youth services should be prioritized. First-time homebuyer program was viewed as a major priority since housing costs are increasing. All areas of the city continue to have needs for revitalization. Downtown is still viewed as an important area for investment.		
7	Citizen Advisory Meeting	elected officials	Provided a summary and report to the Elmira City Council on May 29, 2025	Discussed need to renovate vacant houses and address blighted areas. Parks and streets were also discussed	NA	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

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Needs Assessment

NA-05 Overview

Needs Assessment Overview

The City of Elmira is relying on American Community Survey and US Census data published by the U.S. Census Bureau for information related to housing needs. Based on this data, the number of total households had decreased since the 2010 Census and the submission of the last consolidated plan by five percent to 27,235 residents. There are a total of 10,000 total households which have a median income of \$36,543. Fifty-nine (59%) of households within the City of Elmira fall below 80% of the HUD Area Median Family Income (HAMFI) and 23% of households fall within 0-30% HAMFI. The highest number of housing problems was identified for renter households as opposed to owner households although both renter and owner households were found to have a high housing cost burden as a percentage of their income. The median gross rent within the City of Elmira is \$871, and while this is affordable, many units within the City have significant code violations and are not quality rental units. The condition and limited availability of rental housing has been identified as a problem by multiple community organizations and partners during the consultation process. The lack of quality affordable housing has major impacts on the neighborhoods throughout the community with the issue exacerbated by absentee landlords and rental properties which are not well managed, resulting in additional community support for new better quality affordable housing from being developed.

The City has faced decades of disinvestment due to manufacturing decline and significant population loss through suburban flight. These factors contribute to high rates of concentrated poverty within the City. The City of Elmira also has non-housing community development needs which includes investments in an aging public infrastructure (particularly streets and sidewalks) and a continued need for public services, particularly services for youth which was identified during neighborhood meetings and the survey conducted for the Consolidated Plan.

NA-10 Housing Needs Assessment - 24 CFR 91.205 (a,b,c)

Summary of Housing Needs

The City of Elmira is relying on 2019-2023 American Community Survey and 2020 US Census data published by the U.S. Census Bureau for information related to housing needs.

The overall population within the City of Elmira has decreased by 5% from the submission of the 2020 Consolidated Plan. During the same time period, the median income increased from 29,295 (2009) to \$36,543 (2020) a 25% increase. The median gross income in the City of Elmira is \$871 (American Community Survey 2019-2023). The composition of the households can also be informative. Based on the 2019-2023, ACS data, 15% of the population is over the age of 62 or elderly. There are also more households that are classified as "small" or consisting of 4 or fewer members as opposed to large family households. Housing Cost burden is the greatest housing problem for all households as reflected in the most recent data available for analysis. Housing cost burden encompasses the cost of rent/mortgage, high utility costs, and property taxes for homeowners, in particular those who are low income.

Other housing issues reviewed are substandard housing conditions(lacking plumbing or completed kitchen) and overcrowding. Service providers state the highest need population currently are the elderly and disabled with a compounding factor such as mental health, substance abuse issues HIV which makes it difficult for them to maintain stable housing.

Demographics	Base Year: 2009	Most Recent Year: 2020	% Change
Population	28,815	27,235	-5%
Households	10,390	10,000	-4%
Median Income	\$29,295.00	\$36,543.00	25%

Table 5 - Housing Needs Assessment Demographics

Data Source: 2000 Census (Base Year), 2016-2020 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Number of Households Table

	0-30% HAMFI	>30-50% HAMFI	>50-80% HAMFI	>80-100% HAMFI	>100% HAMFI
Total Households	2,335	1,630	1,910	900	3,220
Small Family Households	725	540	745	340	1,515
Large Family Households	85	130	155	125	330
Household contains at least one person 62-74 years of age	435	360	610	200	790

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	0-30% HAMFI	>30-50% HAMFI	>50-80% HAMFI	>80-100% HAMFI	>100% HAMFI
Household contains at least one person age 75 or older	145	225	114	30	260
Households with one or more children 6 years old or younger	395	329	385	150	425

Table 6 - Total Households Table

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

Housing Needs Summary Tables

1. Housing Problems (Households with one of the listed needs)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Substandard Housing - Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities	4	10	10	0	24	10	0	0	0	10
Severely Overcrowded - With >1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	0	0	15	0	15	0	15	0	0	15
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	15	0	20	0	35	0	25	30	0	55
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	1,175	115	0	0	1,290	240	115	30	0	385
Housing cost burden greater than 30% of income (and none of the above problems)	405	545	195	40	1,185	100	185	150	30	465

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	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
Zero/negative Income (and none of the above problems)	105	0	0	0	105	130	0	0	0	130

Table 7 – Housing Problems Table

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

2. Housing Problems 2 (Households with one or more Severe Housing Problems: Lacks kitchen or complete plumbing, severe overcrowding, severe cost burden)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Having 1 or more of four housing problems	1,195	125	45	0	1,365	250	155	60	0	465
Having none of four housing problems	625	870	915	430	2,840	265	480	890	470	2,105
Household has negative income, but none of the other housing problems	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 8 – Housing Problems 2

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

3. Cost Burden > 30%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	565	189	110	864	60	135	34	229
Large Related	84	54	0	138	0	50	0	50
Elderly	320	245	25	590	135	105	90	330
Other	630	175	55	860	150	30	60	240

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	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
Total need by income	1,599	663	190	2,452	345	320	184	849

Table 9 – Cost Burden > 30%

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

4. Cost Burden > 50%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	0	0	4	4	60	20	0	80
Large Related	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0
Elderly	245	50	0	295	50	65	0	115
Other	0	540	50	590	130	0	0	130
Total need by income	245	590	58	893	240	85	0	325

Table 10 – Cost Burden > 50%

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

5. Crowding (More than one person per room)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Single family households	15	0	35	0	50	0	15	30	0	45
Multiple, unrelated family households	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	0	0	25
Other, non-family households	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total need by income	15	0	35	0	50	0	40	30	0	70

Table 11 – Crowding Information – 1/2

Data 2016-2020 CHAS
Source:

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
Households with Children Present	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 12 – Crowding Information – 2/2

Data Source
Comments:

Describe the number and type of single person households in need of housing assistance.

Trends in Elmira continue towards smaller household sizes overall and large increases in the number of single person households. The American Community Survey data shows that in the City there are 4,226 single person households (40% of household). The types of single person households that was reported most often during consultation with government and nonprofit service providers are individuals with a disability and the elderly. The primary need for more supportive service based permanent housing options was stated for this population include for those individuals who have a disability - mental health, substance abuse issues HIV or Other Disabled (developmentally disabled and physically) which makes it difficult for them to maintain stable housing.

The City of Elmira continues to see an increase in the number of homeless and individuals seeking homeless services and prevention services. The homeless population unsheltered, sheltered or receive housing assistance through Emergency Housing (High Street Homeless Shelter or motel), Transitional Housing, Rapid Re-housing, Permanent Supportive Housing, and Shelter Plus Care remain another large subset of the single person household population requiring supportive housing assistance. In 2024, there were 1,638 distinct individuals who experienced homelessness. The Point in Time Count shows that there were a total of 397 adult only households receiving emergency, transitional or unsheltered homeless services.

Also, individuals with a criminal background including but not limited to Registered Sex Offenders also require housing assistance, and based on Catholic Charities 2024 Sub-Recipient Annual Report, 112 clients were homeless and required housing assistance due to a release from prison or Criminal Justice System.

Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance who are disabled or victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Catholic Charities of Chemung and Schuyler and Salvation Army Safe House are the two providers for disabled or victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking. In 2024, Chemung County DSS provided hotel vouchers for 256 beds and the Safe House provided 20 beds.

Based on the 2024 Point in Time and HMIS data, families with children there were a total of 85 households (155 persons under the age of 18 received services, 25 were between the age of 18-24; 46 were between the age of 25-34; 34 were between the age of 35-44; 8 were between the age of 45-54; and 2 were between the age of 45-54). There were a total of 397 adult only households receiving emergency, transitional or unsheltered homeless services.

What are the most common housing problems?

Based on 2016-2020 CHAS data, the most common housing problem affecting both renter and owner occupied households is a high housing cost burden including 1,290 of renters having a cost burden of greater than 50% of their household income. Another 1,185 renter households have a housing cost burden of greater than 30% of their income. This is consistent with consultation with housing providers who report affordability as the number one housing barrier and the budgeted housing assistance from the Chemung County Department of Human Services is not enough and there is not another funding to assist with security deposits. While the cost burden is a major issue for renters, it is not limited to such households, and an additional 385 homeowners have a cost burden of greater than 50% of their household income.

Available CHAS data, shows that 1,830 households have at least one of the four substandard housing which is defined as lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities; and antidotal accounts from consulting with housing agency agencies, the actual number of substandard (particularly rental units) could be higher. Code Enforcement and Department of Social Services data shows that there are limited number of quality affordable housing units within the City, which exacerbates the issue. Based upon dated provided through the Code Enforcement office's BuildingBlocks system, 1,129 (11%) properties have outstanding code violations (9,579 total property count). And 884 properties (9%) are rated as "deteriorated/hazardous" or "major maintenance need required" and should not be occupied. 809 properties have a fire risk score of 50-100 (moderate-high risk); 8% of properties.

A major issue in Elmira is lead paint exposure four young children; 2020 US Census Data shows that roughly 97% of homes in Elmira were built before 1980, exacerbating the potential for childhood lead exposures.

Are any populations/household types more affected than others by these problems?

Based on 2016-2020 CHAS data, small Related, renter households are more affected by housing problems than owner households. Additionally, household contains at least one person 62 or older, elderly were more impacted by housing challenges than other populations. Lower income households also faced higher rates of housing issues.

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It was noted during consultation with service providers that single parents typically have difficulty securing suitable housing as well as individuals suffering from mental illness, substance abuse, or individuals with disabilities.

Describe the characteristics and needs of Low-income individuals and families with children (especially extremely low-income) who are currently housed but are at imminent risk of either residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered 91.205(c)/91.305(c)). Also discuss the needs of formerly homeless families and individuals who are receiving rapid re-housing assistance and are nearing the termination of that assistance

Based on the 2024 Point in Time and HMIS data, families with children who are currently homeless and receiving services total 85 households/270 total count (155 persons under the age of 18 received services, 25 were between the age of 18-24; 46 were between the age of 25-34; 34 were between the age of 35-44; 8 were between the age of 45-54; and 2 were between the age of 45-54). There were a total of 397 adult only households receiving emergency, transitional or unsheltered homeless services.

For the population total of adults with children (270 total):

- 77% are White
- 17% are Black or African American
- 6% Multi-Race
- Note 1% self-report as Hispanic

For the population of adults only (397 total):

- 83% are White
- 16.5% are Black or African American
- .5% American Indian, Alaska Native, Indigenous
- 3% are Hispanic

Additional population data from HMIS shows for those currently being served shows that that 181 of the population served has a Serious Mental Illness; 68 have a Substance Use Disorder; 5 are living with HIV/AIDS; and 57 Adult Survivors of Domestic Violence.

Defining the at-risk population as individuals and families below 30% AMI, there are a potential 2,335 households in Elmira. Of these, the 810 households have between 30-50% of total income towards housing, considered a cost burden, which could put them at risk for housing insecurity in the future.

If a jurisdiction provides estimates of the at-risk population(s), it should also include a description of the operational definition of the at-risk group and the methodology used to generate the estimates:

The estimates for at-risk was defined primarily as cost burden low income households in Elmira. There are 810 households which are cost burdened and below 30% of AMI, which puts these individuals and families at risk in the future for housing insecurity.

Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler considers anyone needing assistance, particularly utility or food, at-risk of being homeless. All potential housing program participants are pre-screened using program guidelines (HUD Part 578.3) for income, housing affordability, and year to date rent reasonable set forth by HUD. The pre-screening consists of ensuring the applicant is truly facing homelessness based on HUD definitions and documenting homelessness/ at-risk of homelessness eligibility, AMI (area median income) for income.

1. Has an annual income below 30% of median family income for the area; AND
2. Does not have sufficient resources or support networks immediately available to prevent them from moving to an emergency shelter or another place defined in Category 1of the "homeless" definition; AND
3. Meets one of the following conditions:
 - Has moved because of economic reasons 2 or more times during the 60 days immediately preceding the application for assistance; OR living in the home of another because of economic hardship; OR Has been notified that their right to occupy their current housing or living situation will be terminated within 21 days after the date of application for assistance; OR Lives in a hotel or motel and the cost is not paid for by charitable organizations or by Federal, State, or local government programs for low-income individuals; OR Lives in an SRO or efficiency apartment unit in which there reside more than 2 persons or lives in a larger housing unit in which there reside more than one and a half persons per room; OR exiting a publicly funded institution or system of care; OR Otherwise lives in housing that has characteristics associated with instability and an increased risk of homelessness

Specify particular housing characteristics that have been linked with instability and an increased risk of homelessness

The Department of Code Enforcement reports an increase in the number of illegal boarding house conversions over the past five years. These are typically one- and two-family rental units turned into single room rental occupancy, lacking legal fire alarms and other standards. Instability and an increased risk to homelessness is the physical condition of the rental housing and individuals/families being coded out due to inhabitable housing. Housing providers report that there is also reluctance on the part of low-

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income individuals and families that are at an increased risk of homelessness to report code concerns since they do not have the resources to secure alternative housing and may fear retaliation from the landlords.

Discussion

This section was completed utilizing available data from the U.S Census Bureau and after consultation with housing service providers, in particular Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers and the Department of Social Services as the provider of homeless services and homelessness prevention services within Chemung County.

NA-15 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Problems – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

The 2016-2020 CHAS data identifies 3,475 households with having one or more of the four housing problems identified by HUD for between 0-100% of the Area Median Income. The highest number of households with one or more of four housing problems identifying as within 0%-30% of Area Median Income or extremely low-income. The four main housing issues include: 1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost burden greater than 30%

Based on available CHAS data, 72% of these households are within 0-30% of Area Median Income with one or more of four housing problems are identified as "White" with 13% being identified as Black/African American. The data shows that based on number of persons that have housing problems, the 30%-50% of Area Median Income has the second highest number of persons, with 75% White and 15% Black/African American.

0%-30% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	1,950	385	0
White	1,420	305	0
Black / African American	260	25	0
Asian	0	0	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	10	25	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	140	25	0

Table 13 - Disproportionally Greater Need 0 - 30% AMI

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than one person per room,
4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

30%-50% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	1,010	620	0
White	755	540	0
Black / African American	150	35	0
Asian	0	0	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	70	15	0

Table 14 - Disproportionally Greater Need 30 - 50% AMI

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than one person per room,
4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

50%-80% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	445	1,465	0
White	345	1,385	0
Black / African American	85	39	0
Asian	0	0	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	0	0	0

Table 15 - Disproportionally Greater Need 50 - 80% AMI

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than one person per room,
4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

80%-100% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	70	830	0
White	50	760	0
Black / African American	0	35	0
Asian	20	0	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	0	0	0

Table 16 - Disproportionally Greater Need 80 - 100% AMI

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than one person per room,
4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

Discussion

Based on the data from the 2016-2020 CHAS, income is the main determining factor regarding whether a person has one or more of the four housing problems with those between the 0-30% of the Area Median Income experiencing more housing problems across all racial and ethnic groups. The number of persons having one or more of the four housing problems indicates that the current housing available to those within the lowest income categories would not be classified as quality, affordable housing and since many of them are residing in rental properties there is a need to improve the City's rental housing.

NA-20 Disproportionately Greater Need: Severe Housing Problems – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

The City of Elmira is relying on available data from the 2016-2020 CHAS regarding severe housing problems. Severe housing problems are identified as incomplete kitchen facilities, lack of complete plumbing facilities, severe overcrowding, and a cost burden over 50%. This data is broken down based on percent of Area Median Income, race/ethnic group, and whether or not the person has one or more of four housing problems or none of the four housing problems. It is important to analyze this data to see where there is a disproportionately greater need, either income bracket or racial or ethnic group.

0%-30% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	1,445	890	0
White	1,030	690	0
Black / African American	240	50	0
Asian	0	0	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	10	25	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	135	30	0

Table 17 – Severe Housing Problems 0 - 30% AMI

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than 1.5 persons per room,
4. Cost Burden over 50%

30%-50% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	280	1,350	0

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
White	230	1,065	0
Black / African American	35	150	0
Asian	0	0	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	10	75	0

Table 18 – Severe Housing Problems 30 - 50% AMI

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than 1.5 persons per room,
4. Cost Burden over 50%

50%-80% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	105	1,805	0
White	85	1,640	0
Black / African American	0	120	0
Asian	0	0	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	0	0	0

Table 19 – Severe Housing Problems 50 - 80% AMI

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than 1.5 persons per room,
4. Cost Burden over 50%

80%-100% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	0	900	0
White	0	810	0
Black / African American	0	35	0
Asian	0	20	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	0	0	0

Table 20 – Severe Housing Problems 80 - 100% AMI

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than 1.5 persons per room,
4. Cost Burden over 50%

Discussion

Based on available data from the 2016-2020 CHAS, severe housing problems have been identified in 1,758 total households within the City of Elmira as a whole and 96% of the total persons with severe housing problems are within 0%-30% of Area Median Income. Based on Elmira's 2020 household number of 10,982, approximately 16% experience severe housing problems.

A breakdown by racial/ethnic group identifies, that 77% of the total households are White with the second highest racial group experiencing severe housing problems being Black/African American at 16%. The third highest ethnic group experiencing severe housing problems is Hispanic with 145 individuals (8%) experiencing one or more of the four housing groups between 0%-100% of Area Median Income. The number of individuals experiencing severe housing problems underscores the continued need for diligent code enforcement, housing rehabilitation or the addition of quality affordable units, and housing counseling services; there should be a focus assist those households that have housing cost burden over 50%.

NA-25 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction:

Housing Cost Burden impacts the largest number or 3,435 total households within the City of Elmira. A total of the cost burden households, over 30% of income on housing, are 73% are White, 15% are Black/African American, .4% Hispanic, and less than 0.3% are Asian or American Indian, Alaska Native based on available 2016-2020 CHAS data.

A total of 63% of households have a cost burden falling between 0%- 30% of the household income; 17% of the cost burden falls between 30%- 50% of household income; 17% are over 50% (sever burden). Three (3%) percent no negative income/not computed.

Housing Cost Burden

Housing Cost Burden	<=30%	30-50%	>50%	No / negative income (not computed)
Jurisdiction as a whole	6,325	1,735	1,700	235
White	5,710	1,285	1,230	185
Black / African American	300	235	275	0
Asian	4	20	0	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	10	25
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Hispanic	115	80	145	25

Table 21 – Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens AMI

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

Discussion:

The fact that housing cost burden impacts the largest number of persons within the City of Elmira across racial and ethnic groups indicates that there a need for additional quality, affordable housing. Housing costs are still a burden for a significant number (3,435 households) or approximately 34% percent of the total residing within the City of Elmira.

It is important to note that housing affordability not only relates to affordable rent but affordability of utility costs which can place a significant financial burden on low income households living in older and less energy efficient housing. Any attempts to reduce housing cost burden for households should incorporate energy efficiency measures. Property taxes also impact housing cost burden with a 2023 City tax rate of \$27.95 per \$1,000, which is high comparative to nearby municipalities.

NA-30 Disproportionately Greater Need: Discussion – 91.205(b)(2)

Are there any Income categories in which a racial or ethnic group has disproportionately greater need than the needs of that income category as a whole?

The income category that is most significantly impacted with housing problems, severe housing problems, and housing cost burden are households within the 0%-30% of Area Median Income; this applies across the different racial or ethnic groups. Elmira's population, based on the 2024 American Community Survey estimates, is 72% White, 13.3% Black or African American, 8.8% Two or More races, 1.2% Asian, and .9% American Indian and Alaska Native; and 6.1% Hispanic population.

Based on available CHAS data, 72% of the persons within 0-30% of Area Median Income with one or more of four housing problems are identified as "White" with 13% being identified as Black/African American.

A total of the cost burden households, paying over 30% of income on housing, are 73% are White, 15% are Black/African American, .4% Hispanic, and less than 0.3% are Asian or American Indian, Alaska Native based on available 2016-2020 CHAS data.

This is the first year since submitting a Consolidated Plan, where there does not appear to be a statistically significant variance between racial groups and cost burden or housing quality. Five years ago, data showed that Black/African American decent residents had a disproportionately higher need across multiple categories including housing conditions, over crowding, and cost burden. Current census data, shows a decrease of approximately 5% for the Black/African American residents experiencing disproportionately greater need. The percentage is still slightly higher (2-3%) in some measures. The Hispanic population makes up approximately 6% of the population and show the rates for housing needs to be 8-9%, while slightly higher than the population it does not appear to be statistically significant. One consideration, is that the number of residents in the 2020 census who identified as two or more races also increased in 2020 and those identifying as Black or African American decreased. CHAS data in IDIS does not provide the breakdown for those identifying as "two or more races" so it is unclear if this shift could be based on populations self identification. Regardless, neighborhoods that were historically redlined because of racial prejudice such as the Elmira's eastside continue to face poor housing quality standards indicating that the past unfair housing practices do continue to impact housing quality and conditions and neighborhoods in Elmira.

If they have needs not identified above, what are those needs?

The 2016-2020 CHAS data identifies Housing Problems, Severe Housing Problems, and Housing Cost Burdens across income categories and racial and ethnic groups. A major need identified continues to be quality, affordable rental housing especially for individuals/families that have incomes that fall within 0-30% of Area Median Income. Other needs include those of the elderly and single occupant households. The lack of quality housing and resources for single occupant and elderly households

appears to have increased over the past five years with additional households now comprised of one person which results in different housing needs than those of a larger family.

Are any of those racial or ethnic groups located in specific areas or neighborhoods in your community?

US Census Data shows that the highest concentration of racial and ethnic minorities within the City of Elmira is within Census Tract 3 which is located in the north west section of the City and is solely occupied by the Elmira Correctional Facility. This census tract has 58% of the residents as Black/African American.

However, looking at other neighborhoods in Elmira the Eastside of the city encompassing census tracts 1 and 7; this area is comprised of 30% Black African American and Multi Race, and census tract 7 is comprised of 32% Black or African American and Multi Race population. This area was historically redlined by banks and lending institutions as a predominantly Black and African American community.

Census Tract 2 also has a concentration of poverty and racial groups, however, this is specifically Block Group 1, and this appears to be do mostly to the presence of Woodlawn Court, a privately-owned subsidized housing complex of 274 total housing units which is located within two blocks of the Elmira Correctional Facility Davis Street.

NA-35 Public Housing – 91.205(b)

Introduction

The City of Elmira has completed the Public Housing Needs Assessment by consulting with the Elmira Housing Authority who manages three public housing developments, Flannery Apartments, Hoffman Plaza and Bragg Towers, within the City.

Totals in Use

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers in use	0	0	453	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 22 - Public Housing by Program Type

*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Characteristics of Residents

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	
Average Annual Income	0	0	13,499	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average length of stay	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers				
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher	
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program
Average Household size	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
# Homeless at admission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of Elderly Program Participants (>62)	0	0	215	0	0	0	0	0
# of Disabled Families	0	0	140	0	0	0	0	0
# of Families requesting accessibility features	0	0	453	0	0	0	0	0
# of HIV/AIDS program participants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of DV victims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 23 – Characteristics of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Race of Residents

Program Type									
Race	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
White	0	0	80	0	0	0	0	0	0
Black/African American	0	0	48	0	0	0	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Program Type									
Race	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	323	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

Table 24 – Race of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Ethnicity of Residents

Program Type									
Ethnicity	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
Hispanic	0	0	47	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not Hispanic	0	0	406	0	0	0	0	0	0

*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

Table 25 – Ethnicity of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Section 504 Needs Assessment: Describe the needs of public housing tenants and applicants on the waiting list for accessible units:

The Elmira Housing Authority has 20 one bedroom Handicapped units at its Flannery Apartments High Rise Housing Development, 16 one bedroom Handicapped units at its Bragg Towers High Rise Housing Development, and 6 two bedroom Single Story Handicapped Apartments at its Hoffman Plaza Housing Development. The experience of the Elmira Housing Authority on tenants and applicants who are permanently wheelchair bound find themselves needing a higher degree of care and cannot live independently. Their occupancy is usually less than a year until a transfer can be made to assisted living housing. However, when the handicapped tenant is living independently at the Housing Authority an "Outside Aide Service" through the tenants case worker will provide of up to 8 to 12 hours per day. The service is paid through Medicare, Medicaid or if the Tenants has an Independent Insurance Long Term Care Policy. The basic need for the Handicapped Tenant is for grocery shopping, bathing, house cleaning, and meal preparation. Presently, all of the handicapped apartments of the Housing Authority are mostly occupied by older adults (with an exception of one or two) with a lesser disability (no wheelchair) and operate independently but some do have an Outside Aide Service of not more than up to 4 hours per week. The most immediate need of a family needing 504 apartment housing (Hoffman Plaza) is living arrangements on a first floor apartment. The Adult single bedroom 504 housing apartments (Flannery and Bragg) are located in an elevator accessible high rise housing complex. All housing 504 needs are met for the applicants and tenants at either the High Rise or Family Developments including sound and hearing devices in the apartments.

Because of the increased need for affordable housing and homeless numbers in Chemung County all of the housing authority housing units are functioning with waitlists.

Most immediate needs of residents of Public Housing and Housing Choice voucher holders

This information is based on consultation with the Chemung County Department of Social Services, Elmira Housing Authority, and Arbor Housing and Development (Section 8). Arbor Housing and Development manages section 8 tenant-based rental assistance within the City of Elmira. According to the Housing Authority, there are typically between 15-20 individuals on a waitlist for the one bedroom apartments and 10-15 individuals on a waitlist for their two bedroom or three bedroom apartments, at any given time. Arbor Housing reports a much larger waitlist for section 8 housing, typically 50-100 persons at any given time. The types of the above families on the Elmira Housing Authority's waitlist are all single persons while section 8 are typically families. The occupancy percentage at the Bragg and Flannery apartments is 100% but the Hoffman plaza Apartments has an occupancy percentage of 90%.

For the Housing Authority apartments, Bragg and Flannery Developments appeal to applicants and residents is its close proximity to the downtown of Elmira, super markets food stores, restaurants, drug and other retail stores, and to the hospital. Some other appealing traits to Bragg and Flannery Developments are its "closed" community building with security camera's, no smoking policies, vigilant

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police patrolling, medical emergency systems, and handicapped and accessible facilities. The Hoffman Plaza Development is a 28 acre 56 building scattered site in a residential area of the north west section of the City of Elmira. A considerable distance from the Downtown Area of Elmira. Hoffman Plaza is very close to a junior high school, and hospital. The Hoffman Plaza Development has security cameras and a vigilant police patrolling service. The negative part is no nearby retail, drug, super market food stores, or restaurants. The facilities have several apartments with handicapped accessible needs, but does not appear to be a high priority for applicants with families.

How do these needs compare to the housing needs of the population at large

Based on the number and type of families on the Elmira Housing Authority's waitlist, as well as review of CHAS data, there is a need for more affordable one-bedroom apartments geared towards single persons. This is consistent with the housing needs of the City of Elmira population at large and input received from nonprofit service providers and DSS regarding the individuals that they serve.

Discussion

Elmira Housing Authority today runs just three sites today, and plays a much smaller role in affordable housing than it once did in the city. Over the past few decades the Housing Authority has sold off properties to private developers including the complex Woodlawn Court (formerly Hawthorn Plaza) and Libertad Elmira (formerly Jones Court). These sales have allowed the Housing Authority to remain financially solvent and still provide much needed affordable housing. However, there remains a need for additional safe affordable housing as is demonstrated by the high rates of concentrated poverty in Elmira and housing cost burn experienced by many residents. So ongoing public/private partnerships are needed to continue creating housing. The City will continue to work with the housing authority and foster stronger partnership towards meeting the housing needs in the community.

NA-40 Homeless Needs Assessment – 91.205(c)

Introduction:

The City of Elmira has relied on information obtained from Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler, Chemung County DSS, and Salvation Army of Elmira. There is one homeless shelter within the City of Elmira (160 High Street) and an adjacent warming station facility. The shelter is a 47 bed/ single person dormitory style shelter. The shelter is run 24/7. For the past six months, the providers report that the shelters and warming station function at or near capacity; however, only one night during the winter of 2024 did the shelter reach full capacity. On average thirty beds are occupied per night. Residents have access to showers, laundry facilities, and basic needs. The shelter also provides access to case management services and resources to help individuals find permanent housing. Families are placed at local motels throughout Chemung County.

Catholic Charities is a CDBG subrecipient and DSS OTDA provider. Catholic Charities also contracts with the Salvation Army who operates a Domestic Violence Shelter and services within the City. Data is provided through the 2024 Point-in-Time count and HMIS systems. The homeless numbers have significantly increased since the 2020 Consolidated Plan. The data is broken down to show only City of Elmira, based upon reports provided by Catholic Charities as the residents self reported in HMIS; however, the CoC and Chemung County as a whole has higher numbers to report and because the majority of services and homeless shelter is within the City of Elmira these numbers may actually be lower than total homeless population who resides in Elmira because they may not have been residents of Elmira prior to becoming homeless. The street homeless population is a very difficult number to correctly report which has also increased since the Covid-19 Pandemic. The estimates provided by Department of Social Services for street homeless is between twenty and thirty individuals.

Based upon the community survey provided during consultation, the public viewed the homeless situation in Elmira, particularly street homeless population which has significantly increased and is very visible in the community, as the highest need to be addressed in further programs and funding.

Homeless Needs Assessment

Population	Estimate the # of persons experiencing homelessness on a given night		Estimate the # experiencing homelessness each year	Estimate the # becoming homeless each year	Estimate the # exiting homelessness each year	Estimate the # of days persons experience homelessness
	Sheltered	Unsheltered				
Persons in Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	6	264	225	125	100	90
Persons in Households with Only Children	1	40	35	25	30	30
Persons in Households with Only Adults	32	381	250	225	200	120
Chronically Homeless Individuals	10	16	20	18	15	200
Chronically Homeless Families	3	3	8	8	7	200
Veterans	1	15	15	11	10	90
Unaccompanied Child	1	39	40	38	35	20
Persons with HIV	1	4	5	4	3	90

Table 26 - Homeless Needs Assessment

Data Source Comments:

Indicate if the homeless population is: Has No Rural Homeless

If data is not available for the categories "number of persons becoming and exiting homelessness each year," and "number of days that persons experience homelessness," describe these categories for each homeless population type (including chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth):

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Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler has provided the data to complete the Homeless Needs Assessment based on data obtained within the CoC NY-501 HMIS system. The following is a description of the categories:

Experiencing Homeless Column - are people being served in Emergency Housing, Transitional Housing, Rapid-Rehousing and admissions to Permanent Supportive Housing and Shelter Plus Care.

Becoming Homeless Column - is the number of people who experienced their 1st episode of homelessness in the programs above.

Exiting Homeless Column - is the number of people who exiting from Emergency Housing, Transitional Housing, and Rapid Re-housing in to permanent housing either private or a program.

Nature and Extent of Homelessness: (Optional)

Race:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
White	558	33
Black or African American	112	12
Asian	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	2	0
Pacific Islander	1	0
Ethnicity:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
Hispanic	14	3
Not Hispanic	673	42

Data Source
Comments:

Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance for families with children and the families of veterans.

The Homeless Needs Assessment chart provides an estimate of the number and type of families in need of housing assistance for families with children and the families of veterans. The data was obtained from the CoC NY-501 HMIS that is maintained by Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler. Based on the data, it is estimated that 85 households with children experience homelessness on a given night based on the numbers of families sheltered 2024 and that 270 individuals in families with children experience homelessness last year. These numbers are over three times the rate they were five years ago when the 2020 Consolidated Plan was developed; this is an ongoing concern and is indicating a major challenge for homeless service and housing providers. These increases have been consistent since the Covid-19 Pandemic but these large case numbers have not historically occurred in Elmira.

The type of families based on the data that are most often in need of housing assistance is households with only adults with 397 households estimated to be experiencing homelessness in 2024. This number has also nearly doubled since 2020.

It is estimated based on data from the HMIS system that 15 veterans experience homelessness each year.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Homelessness by Racial and Ethnic Group.

Based on data from the 501 Continuum of Care Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) for Elmira in 2024, there were 735 people in 544 households who are actually homeless and/or sheltered in Elmira. A total of 80% were White, 17% Black/African American, 2.3% Hispanic, .3% American Indian and .2% Pacific Islander.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Unsheltered and Sheltered Homelessness.

Data collected during the 2024 Point-in-Time survey whose interview forms were validated are described below. The data shows:

Gender:

- Male (415) 55%
- Female (329) 44%

Age:

- Under age 18: 211 (28%)
- Age 18-24: 69 (9%)
- Age 25-34: 142 (19%)
- Age 35-44: 155 (21%)
- Age 45-54: 88 (12%)
- Age 45-64: 61 (8%)
- over age of 65: 16 (2%)

Other Data:

- Adults with a serious mental illness: 181 (24%)
- Adults with a substance use disorder: 68 (9%)
- Adults with HIV/AIDS: 5 (.7%)
- Adult survivors of domestic violence: 57 (8%)
- Military Veterans: 16 (2%)

Discussion:

The growing number of homeless in Chemung County and the City of Elmira remains a major concern for the upcoming funding years. With limited-service providers and resources finding new ways to effectively service this population remains a challenge. Homeless numbers are over three times the rate they were five years ago when the 2020 Consolidated Plan was developed; this is an ongoing concern and is indicating a major challenge for homeless service and housing providers. These increases have

been consistent since the Covid-19 Pandemic and there is a connection between increased incidents of domestic violence, mental health challenges, and rising housing costs which have impacted the at-risk populations and causes a large increase in unhoused populations. Demographics which have seen a significant increase are youth homeless, homeless families, and female populations.

NA-45 Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment - 91.205 (b,d)

Introduction:

The City of Elmira consulted with several community agencies for the Non-Homeless need assessment including Chemung County Department of Social Services, Chemung County Planning, Catholic Charities, and the Economic Opportunity Program. The Department of Community Development will continue to consult with these and other agencies within the community and acknowledges that this Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment is preliminary and needs to be examined further during the upcoming program year. Additionally, the House and Homeless Taskforce with representatives from many different community organizations were consulted and presented information on homelessness in the City of Elmira.

Describe the characteristics of special needs populations in your community:

Through discussion and data analysis the following populations were identified as main special needs groups:

- Persons with medical disabilities including but not limited to mental, physical and or developmental
- Elderly, persons over the age of 65 years
- Victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking
- Persons with substance abuse disorders
- Recently incarcerated populations

The largest need are elderly and disabled populations. 2023 ACS 5-Year estimates show that 19% (4,733) of the City's population has a disability. And 23% (1,077) of those persons with a disability are in the 0-34 age group. A total of 33% (1,557) are elderly or over the age of 65 years. Additionally, importance for housing considerations, 35% (1,670), have an independent living difficulty; 43% (716) of this population, with an independent living difficulty, are elderly.

Antidotal data from partner and community agencies such as Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, Arc of Chemung, Chemung County Sheriff Office, show that there are high rates of domestic violence and abuse, and this number may be underreported within the City. The NYS Division of Criminal Justice's 2023 Domestic Violence Victims Report for City of Elmira Police Department shows that there were a total of 144 Domestic Violence cases in 2023.

Another population likely underreported in the data, is alcohol and other drug use within the City. US Census data shows that 3% (809) of the population has a self-care difficulty. Many partner organizations report needs for clients around related to rehabilitation for alcohol and drug abuse.

Finally, the City of Elmira houses a state prison. Antidotally, this has resulted in citizens returning to the population remaining in the City for a period of time, resulting in short-term housing needs and human services for this population. Again, this population remains somewhat transient and census data may not always reflect actual numbers.

What are the housing and supportive service needs of these populations and how are these needs determined?

Based upon review of the American Community Survey and in consultation with community based organizations the following information was compiled. Elderly and disabled populations often required assisted living space. Domestic violence abuse victims required supportive services and safe housing. Many of these populations require supportive services such as counseling and healthcare. Organizations within the City of Elmira providing special needs services include: The Transformation Center, a small nonprofit providing counseling, food, clothing, housing services; ARC of Chemung provides in-home behavior support, crises intervention, recreational support, skill building, vocational support, housing and financial and budgeting support; Catholic Charities provides runs the homeless shelter and emergency housing services; The Salvation Army Safe House is the certified domestic violence shelter; Arbor Housing and Development oversees the section 8 voucher program within the City; the Economic Opportunity Program is a county wide community action agency providing human service programs for low-income residents. Additionally, the City of Elmira's Department of Code Enforcement and the Chemung County Department of Social Services have a very strong working relationship, specifically related to the Spiegel Act, and they ensure that residents are not displaced because of poor housing conditions. Many of the organizations provide housing and supportive needs of individuals in these populations and needs are determined through case management.

The housing stock is very old in the City of Elmira. There also a lot of problems with absentee landlords charging rent, which is not affordable to people with low or moderate income, while not investing in their houses to bring them up to standards. A housing need for the special needs population is improved rental housing with accessibility features within a neighborhood setting that is conveniently located to services and community amenities.

Discuss the size and characteristics of the population with HIV/AIDS and their families within the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area:

Based on a New York State Department of Health HIV/AIDS County Surveillance Report containing data as of December 2023, a total of 149 individuals were identified as Living HIV and AIDS cases residing in Chemung County. This data also shows the state prison inmates and there is a footnote that counties with state correctional facilities (Chemung County has two state prisons); case counts and rates that include inmates may be substantially higher than those that exclude inmates. The Department of Community Development also consulted the Southern Tier AIDS Program and according to their 2023 Quarterly Statistics, approximately 100 persons or 20% of those they served lived in Chemung County.

If the PJ will establish a preference for a HOME TBRA activity for persons with a specific category of disabilities (e.g., persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness), describe their unmet need for housing and services needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2) (ii))

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Discussion:

As discussed in the introduction, Non-Homeless Special Needs is an area that has to be examined further beyond the development of the Consolidated Plan. There is a need for increased consultation with different service providers to determine what gaps in services exist within the community for nonhomeless special needs.

NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs – 91.215 (f)

Describe the jurisdiction’s need for Public Facilities:

The City of Elmira continues to see needs around public facilities improvements. Over twenty parks are located within the City and despite efforts during the past five years, there are still parks that need some partial upgrade to replace unsafe, dilapidated, and out of date playground equipment. Continued park revitalization and recreational facilities to address the different demographics within the City, from young children to the elderly, continues to be a need. Additionally, the City continues to receive requests from public organizations for renovations, retrofit and ADA compliance upgrades. Street and ADA sidewalk improvements are also much needed within Elmira.

The need for continued improvements to the City's parks was determined as a result of the community needs survey completed where improvements to parks and public facilities ranked in the top three priorities. Residents felt that having upgraded parks and public facilities would raise their property values and provide better recreational experience for people who cannot afford to take vacations. Needs were also determined through input received at the three neighborhood meetings held in January 2024 and consultation with agencies including those that serve youth and families and elderly.

The City of Elmira and Chemung County became an Age Friendly Community in 2016 putting the need of senior centers, ADA accessibility, and health facilities as a growing demand to give the elderly in the community the support to be able to age in their own homes. There is a large number of elderly populations living in the City of Elmira who are limited income wise and cannot afford to move into either active living or assisted living setting. This population needs more programs being offered in the community that make staying in their homes easier for them, which can be from making their home more accessible to get around to providing meals to them if they have difficulty leaving their homes etc.

Homeless shelters and services were also ranked as high need in the community need assessment survey. There is one homeless shelter (160 High Street) within the City of Elmira. Residents saw homelessness as a major issue that is present in our community and needs to be addressed on the continuous basis.

How were these needs determined?

A Community Survey was conducted and received 472 responses and rates public facility needs within Elmira. Additionally, at public meetings and through review of planning reports, these needs were determined. The priorities identified on the survey was ranking from most to least: 1) new homeless shelter facilities 2) improvements to ADA, sidewalks, and streets 3) improvements for parks and recreation. Others facilities somewhat lower priority were upgrades or development of healthcare facilities, childcare centers, and community centers. The second method used was review of public planning documents. Chemung County Department's planning documents show that there is a high

need with the city of Elmira for upgrades to sidewalks and ADA facilities. Thirdly, interviews were conducted to gain insight into community needs. Public officials viewed, slum and blight improvements specifically addressing dilapidated buildings and properties requiring demolition; development of new public healthcare facilities (federally qualified health center), and ADA sidewalks and streets as the top priorities. The only major difference between officials and the public survey was around the need for new or an additional homeless facilities, many elected and public employees viewed the existing facilities as sufficient but not utilized by the chronically homeless struggling with mental health and substance abuse disorder and policies to require people to use the existing facilities would solve the issue with street homeless instead of needing to develop new facilities.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:

Development of new homeless facilities, upgrades to street improvements, sidewalks, ADA facilities, and park improvements were all rated as major importance and requiring investment. Because of budget constraints, the City cannot provide any sidewalk program and has limited funds for street repairs. Community Development Block Grants funds have supplement street improvements in Low-Moderate Income neighborhoods in the past and this remains and high need. Additionally, The City of Elmira has an aging infrastructure which is in constant need of improvement. Within the City of Elmira, there are over 125 miles of streets to maintain, curbing, and sidewalks. Additionally, streetscape improvements (particularly within the 52-block downtown district) are often not a high priority need for the City to budget for in its Capital Budget, however is a reflection on our community.

The Elmira Chemung Transportation Council also reached out to the general public and interest groups to provide input for their 20 year Bicycle, Pedestrian and Trail plan. The result of the outreach showed an increased demand for non-automotive and non-transit forms of travel both for recreational and nonrecreational purposes in the City of Elmira and in Chemung County. There is an overwhelming support from the community for transportation system infrastructure improvements. These improvements include connecting trails in the area, sidewalks conditions including ADA compliance, safer bicycle access which all connects to complete streets elements in streets to promote a walkable city and county and to enhance the quality of life for the residents. There are sections of the City where there are pedestrian safety and access issues that should be addressed. There are also some sections of the City where the sidewalks are missing, which discourages walking, since people must choose to walk on the street.

Another category which rates very high was the need for slum and blight improvements specifically addressing dilapidated buildings and properties requiring demolition. This was conveyed to staff of Community Development during public meetings, and through community surveys. Other areas highlighted were needs for neighborhood cleanup and tree planting needs exist throughout the entire

city. It entails private, public properties, parks and the downtown area. Front yards of private and public properties/facilities, store fronts and certain sections of park lands look neglected at times and would need some tidying up. Making a positive “first impression” when people drive through our streets makes people want to stop and explore our City.

How were these needs determined?

A Community Survey was conducted and received 472 responses and rates public facility needs within Elmira. Additionally, at public meetings and through review of planning reports, these needs were determined. The second method used was review of public planning documents. Chemung County Department's planning documents show that there is a high need with the city of Elmira for upgrades to sidewalks and ADA facilities. Thirdly, interviews were conducted to gain insight into community needs. Some of the consultation with the City's Departments of Buildings and Grounds and Public Works, Elmira Downtown Development, Elmira-Chemung Transportation Council.

Describe the jurisdiction’s need for Public Services:

One identified need was quality and affordable child care centers within the City of Elmira. There is a lack of daycare facilities or centers that take children as young as 6 weeks old with only two certified daycare centers with infant spots. New York State Office of Children and Family Services regulates staff and child ratios for any certified daycare center. This limitation and not having affordable child care option under the age of 4 (before the child can start pre-k in a public-school setting) makes it difficult for moms, especially single moms to get back to the work force as soon as they can to be able to provide for their families.

Currently there are three youth centers in operation, each representing low and moderate areas of the city, the Southside Community Center is located on the south side, the Ernie Davis Community Center is located on the east side and the Frontline Ministries located at on the north side at the Hathorn Court, which is a low income housing complex. There is definitely a need for youth/community centers in the community to provide afterschool care and especially free meals for children ages between 6 years and 19 years after school and also throughout the summer when school is out of session. Despite the fact that the existing three community centers are spread out covering the east, north and south side of the city, there are still pockets in the community who cannot take advantage of the programs of these centers because of the lack of transportation options, or other barriers.

The City of Elmira conducted a Community Survey to identify needs for Public Services and respondents responded whether there was a high need, medium need, low need, or no need from a list of categories. Homeless services were viewed as the number one public service need in Elmira with almost 70% of

respondents seeing it as a high need. Anti-Crime programs and Youth Services were the second most highly ranked with 62.5% viewing this as a high need area. Many comments focused on the need to address the crime and homeless situation in downtown Elmira.

How were these needs determined?

The City of Elmira's needs for public services was determined through the community survey responses received, brainstorming sessions held neighborhood and agency meetings, and through past experience and volume of use experienced by current public service providers through reports submitted to the Department of Community Development.

Housing Market Analysis

MA-05 Overview

Housing Market Analysis Overview:

The City of Elmira has utilized 2020 Census Data, 2023 American Community Survey and 2016-2020 CHAS (Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) data for the market analysis portion of its Consolidated Plan. The market analysis examines the housing and non-housing community development assets of the community to identify needs. The City is considered an "affordable" place to live with the median value of owner occupied housing units (2023) at \$97,500 which contrasts with \$452,100 for New York State as a whole. The lower median value, however does suggest that since housing values are lower in Elmira (which is not dissimilar to other urban areas), there are problems related to the condition of properties and perceived desirability of city neighborhoods. This is still a significant increase since 2018, (\$75,000) indicating an over 25% increase in housing prices in just five years.

The value and condition of properties may also be impacted by the fact that 83.6% of units were build prior to 1950. Just 1.2%the total housing within the City was built 2000 or earlier indicating a lack of new construction occurring within the City compared to the rest of Chemung County. In terms of housing affordability, since the needs assessment indicated that housing cost burden is a problem, it is important to note that the median household income within Elmira based on the American Community Survey is \$43,089 versus \$84,578 for the state suggesting that Elmira is also a distressed upstate city.

MA-10 Number of Housing Units – 91.210(a)&(b)(2)

Introduction

Data from the 2016 City of Elmira Consolidated Plan; Community Survey, the 2023 Chemung County and City of Elmira Housing Study, 2016-2020 CHAS, and 2018-2023 American Community Survey data are available for this Market Analysis. Elmira's housing market consists of mostly 1-unit (single-family homes) which represent 49% of the total housing units and 2-4 units properties which represent 34% of the housing stock. The majority or 76% of the owner-occupied housing consists of at least 3 bedrooms which is consistent with properties that are for sale within the community. Residential properties within the City of Elmira that contain 20 or more units, include large affordable housing developments owned by a non-profit such as (Providence Housing), privately owned (Conifer, All County Management), or owned by the Elmira Housing Authority (specifically Bragg and Flannery Apartments geared towards elderly/disabled). There are no mobile home parks within the City of Elmira. Several housing needs were identified during conversations with the community and consultation with agencies.

All residential properties by number of units

Property Type	Number	%
1-unit detached structure	6,065	49%
1-unit, attached structure	330	3%
2-4 units	4,200	34%
5-19 units	1,010	8%
20 or more units	650	5%
Mobile Home, boat, RV, van, etc	75	1%
Total	12,330	100%

Table 27 – Residential Properties by Unit Number

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Unit Size by Tenure

	Owners		Renters	
	Number	%	Number	%
No bedroom	0	0%	140	3%
1 bedroom	35	1%	1,375	28%
2 bedrooms	1,180	23%	1,585	32%
3 or more bedrooms	3,870	76%	1,815	37%
Total	5,085	100%	4,915	100%

Table 28 – Unit Size by Tenure

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Name	Entity	Federal Program	State Program	Local	Year Built	Number of Units	Population Targeted
Woodlawn Court (former Hathorn)	All County Management	LIHTC, Section 8 Project Based voucher	NYS Housing Trust Fund Corporation	IDA Tax-exemption bonds	1940 (privatized in 2001)	274	Family
McNiff Commons	Providence Housing	LIHTC	NYS HOME	NA	2005	11	mental illness supportive services
LaFrance Apartments	Providence Housing	LIHTC	NYS Housing Trust Fund	IDA Tax exempt bonds	2020	37	low-income
Clemens Manor	Providence Housing	LIHTC, CDBG	NYS Housing Trust Fund	NA	1999	30	elderly, disabled
Eastgate	Home Leasing, LLC	Urban Renewal 236		NA	1973	102	low-income
Hoffman Plaza	Elmira Housing Authority	Operating and Capital subsidies			1941	144	family - low income
Bragg Towers	Elmira Housing Authority	Operating and capital subsidies		NA	1969	126	senior or disabled
Flannery Apartments	Elmira Housing Authority	Operating and capital subsidies	NA	NA	1977	209	senior or disabled
Carpenter Apartments	Carpenter Housing Dev Fund Co	Section 202	NA	NA	1998	40	senior
St. Patrick's Apartments	Conifer	Section 8	NA	NA	1990	39	senior

Heritage Park	Heritage Park Limited	Urban Renewal	Capital Funds	NA	1970	212	family
Riverview						128	elderly or disabled
St Joseph's Apartments	Conifer				1994 upgrade	66	elderly or disabled
Miller Manor	Catholic Charities-Gateways		ESSHI		1999	12	mental illness
Libertad	Vacino Group		NYS HCR	Tax Credit	2019	90	family low income veterans
Chemung Crossings	Housing Visions	HOME CDBG	HCR	Tax Credit	2018	45	family low income
Maple Avenue	CDS Housing	HOME	HCR, OPDD	Tax Credit	2018	50	seniors disabled
Gerard Block	Arbor Housing	HOME	ESD HCR	Tax Credit	2020	46	low income
Reynolds Way	Arbor Housing		ESD HCR		2024	41	low income DV

Table 29 - Public/Private Subsidized Housing with the City of Elmira

Describe the number and targeting (income level/type of family served) of units assisted with federal, state, and local programs.

The housing chart compiled for the plan reviews all units available which are currently or former subsidized housing units in the City of Elmira and continue to provide housing marketed towards Section 8. There are a total of 1,699 units; the oldest complex was built in 1940 and the newest was completed in 2024. The majority of these housing units are designated for the elderly and disabled.

Based on information obtained from Arbor Housing and Development who administers the Housing Choice Voucher program for Chemung County, approximately 600 families in the City of Elmira are currently receiving tenant-based rental assistance under the Housing Choice Voucher program. The majority of families admitted to the program have income levels at or below 30% median income but families can be admitted with incomes up to 50% median income.

The City of Elmira has three main housing programs that are administered locally by the Department of Community Development that include partnerships with local housing agencies. The City partners with

Catholic Charities of Chemung-Schuylers and utilizes a portion of its annual HOME allocation to provide down payment and closing cost assistance to households within 51-80% of the Median Family Income purchase their first home. The City assists between 10-15 households per year through the First-Time Homebuyer Program. A total of 460 households have been assisted since 1994 when the program was initiated.

Provide an assessment of units expected to be lost from the affordable housing inventory for any reason, such as expiration of Section 8 contracts.

The Woodlawn Court (former Hathorn) will be impacted by the expiration both local tax credits and project based voucher assistance expiring in the next five years. The site has not been renovated in over thirty years, so there is a need for both new subsidies and renovations to retain the units as quality affordable housing. The complex hosts 274 units and is the largest affordable/rental complex in Elmira. While the tax credits have not yet expired, the project based subsidies have which has impacted the ability of the owners to remain solvent. The result is concerns about ability to continue to maintain the property.

Otherwise, inventory in the City of Elmira is growing through the leverage New York State Low Income Housing Tax Credits with HOME funding.

Does the availability of housing units meet the needs of the population?

The housing assessment list shows that there are a total of multi-unit subsidized housing 1,699 units in Elmira, NY. The majority of these are for senior or disabled housing. Based on the 2018-2023 ACS Census Data, 15% (4,001) of Elmira's population is over the age of 65. 2023 ACS 5-Year estimates show that 19% (4,733) of the City's population has a disability. Additionally, Elmira has a number of private landlord (mom/pop style) rental units in Elmira. There are an estimated 4,200 units of rental housing which is managed by private unsubsidized landlords. This number includes both fair market rent rate and market rate units.

Based on 2016-2020 CHAS data, the most common housing problem affecting both renter and owner households is a high housing cost burden including 1,290 of renters having a cost burden of greater than 50% of their household income. Another 1,185 renter households have a housing cost burden of greater than 30% of their income. This is consistent with consultation with housing providers who report affordability as the number one housing barrier and the budgeted housing assistance from the Chemung County Department of Human Services is not enough and there is not another funding to assist with security deposits. While the cost burden is a major issue for renters, it is not limited to such households, and an additional 385 homeowners have a cost burden of greater than 50% of their household income.

The data shows that there is a continued need for affordable, quality, safe housing in Elmira. This is based upon the large at-risk populations and high rates of poverty and rent burden showing that despite increases in the number of affordable units; there remains a need for additional units. One major area that also needs to be expanded is the number of efficiency apartments units to accommodate individuals at risk of homelessness, currently this type of housing makes up less than 3% of available housing stock in Elmira.

Describe the need for specific types of housing:

The City of Elmira City's Comprehensive Master Plan and Chemung County's Housing Study include neighborhood/housing component showing a need for both quality subsidized and market rate house. Additionally, as study of downtown market in 2016, showed a demand for market rate apartments for students and young professionals. Based on information obtained for the Comprehensive Master Plan, County Housing Study, and current CHAS data, the Department of Community Development has identified the following needs regarding specific types of housing:

- Quality, scattered site, affordable, and energy-efficient rental units that enable individuals to live within a neighborhood near amenities. In particular, although there is a need to rehab existing rental units, there is also a need for new construction.
- Quality, affordable and accessible apartments that enable individuals with developmental, intellectual disabilities served by Arc of Chemung and other community agencies to live in an independent setting with supports from this community agency.
- New construction of single-family homes that is energy-efficient and affordable for first-time homebuyers.
- Housing for special needs populations providing supportive services on site including mental health and substance abuse facilities.
- Housing that meets the needs of elderly including supportive elderly housing.

Discussion

Overall, the City of Elmira has a need for new quality affordable housing units, due in large part to an aging housing stock that has seem limited investment over the past decade. About 54.7% of all households are renter-occupied units and 45.3% are owner-occupied units. The City continues to see the large demand for rental housing within the 30% AMI or lower. The majority of owner-occupied single family units fall into the 100% AMI or higher. The City's housing study shows that there is unmet demand for both renter and owner-occupied units. It is suspected that the insufficient supply of housing stock in Elmira was a significant factor in households looking to other markets to meet their housing needs.

MA-15 Housing Market Analysis: Cost of Housing - 91.210(a)

Introduction

Based on a Housing Market Analysis from data obtained primarily from the 2019-2023 American Community Survey, the median home value within the City of Elmira is \$88,200 which represents a 21% increase from the 2018 when the Median Home Value was just \$73,000. Despite the increase in value, home values within the City of Elmira continue to be low, especially when compared to New York State as a whole, in which the median home value of owner-occupied housing units from 2023 ACS data is \$403,000. The median contract rent also increased from \$728 to \$871 over the past five years representing a 20% increase. Still less than 1% of the total households within the City of Elmira pay greater than \$2,000 in monthly rent. Additionally, these numbers appear consistent with inflation over the time period.

Cost of Housing

	Base Year: 2009	Most Recent Year: 2020	% Change
Median Home Value	68,800	76,200	11%
Median Contract Rent	560	623	11%

Table 30 – Cost of Housing

Data Source: 2000 Census (Base Year), 2016-2020 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Rent Paid	Number	%
Less than \$500	1,295	26.4%
\$500-999	3,430	69.8%
\$1,000-1,499	124	2.5%
\$1,500-1,999	70	1.4%
\$2,000 or more	0	0.0%
Total	4,919	100.1%

Table 31 - Rent Paid

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Housing Affordability

Number of Units affordable to Households earning	Renter	Owner
30% HAMFI	700	No Data
50% HAMFI	2,635	1,100
80% HAMFI	4,425	2,095
100% HAMFI	No Data	2,580
Total	7,760	5,775

Table 32 – Housing Affordability

Monthly Rent

Monthly Rent (\$)	Efficiency (no bedroom)	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Fair Market Rent	808	810	1,039	1,333	1,481
High HOME Rent	630	663	834	1,074	1,127
Low HOME Rent	630	663	832	962	1,073

Table 33 – Monthly Rent

Data Source: HUD FMR and HOME Rents

Is there sufficient housing for households at all income levels?

Over the past 5 years, the City has seen an increased in the number of properties demoed resulting in fewer affordable housing units. However, luckily there have also been many new construction and renovation efforts of multi-family supportive and affordable housing within the City. The City saw a increase of 8% in total number of housing units since the last annual plan was submitted in 2020, going from a total of 12,508 units up to 13,535, this is the first plan documenting many of the new housing units which were constructed during Downtown Revitalization and ESHHI projects. This is a very positive outcome to report considering the City also had population decline over the past 5 years.

2023 ACS data shows that only .4% of occupied housing units have greater than 1.51 or more occupants per room, showing that overcrowding is not a major issue.

While, 2,108 housing units were reported vacant in 2023, the data shows that there are a total of 901 were some form of vacant for sale, rent, season, sold status, within the City. However, the remaining 1,207 units were other vacant. Available CHAS data, shows that 1,830 households have at least one of the four substandard housing which is defined as lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities; and antidotal accounts from consulting with housing agency agencies, the actual number of substandard (particularly rental units) could be higher. So, poor quality, vacant, uninhabitable units remain an issue within the City of Elmira. CHAS pertaining to housing affordability and number of total households shows that there is sufficient housing for households within 50% HAMFI and 80% HAMFI. However, poor quality housing could be contributing to population loss and decline in the City. While data is inconclusive, concern around availability of units for the extremely low-income residents is a need, such as efficiency style apartments.

Based on 2016-2020 CHAS data, the most common housing problem affecting both renter and owner-occupied households is a high housing cost burden including 1,290 of renters having a cost burden of

greater than 50% of their household income. Another 1,185 renter households have a housing cost burden of greater than 30% of their income.

Southern Tier Economic Growth Analysis of market rate housing shows the vacancy rate for market-rate properties in Q4 2024 is 4.4% significantly lower than the national average of 6.8%.

Based on available 2016-2020 CHAS data, there are 700 available rental units affordable for those households within 30% of HUD's Area Median Family Income (HAMFI) and no data on the number of owner-occupied units, however there are over 2,335 total households that fall within that income level throughout the City. The difference between 700 available rental units that are affordable for the 30% or less HAMFI, and the number of total households shows that there is a gap of 1,635 units and therefore insufficient housing for this income group. However, positively this number has decreased by 510 units since the last plan.

The data from the current CHAS data pertaining to housing affordability and number of total households shows that there is sufficient housing for households within 50% HAMFI and 80% HAMFI. Between rental and owner-occupied, 11,735 units are considered affordable. This does not take in consideration conditions or quality of the housing.

How is affordability of housing likely to change considering changes to home values and/or rents?

Home values have increased by 21% since 2020 and the average contract rent has increased by 20% during the same time period, the affordability of housing has been negatively impacted by these changes in the market; despite this fact that housing values and rents are still relatively low compared to surrounding areas and New York State as a whole.

Housing Needs Assessment data from the 2016-2020 CHAS shows that a total of 1,290 of renters having a cost burden of greater than 50% of their household income. Another 1,185 renter households have a housing cost burden of greater than 30% of their income. However, these numbers have decreased since the last plan.

How do HOME rents / Fair Market Rent compare to Area Median Rent? How might this impact your strategy to produce or preserve affordable housing?

Based on the 2019-2023 ACS, the Median Contract Rent for the City of Elmira is \$870. This is still lower than the average of the Fair Market Rent amounts for Elmira. The City will continue to support affordable housing and will be developing an anti-displacement plan for residents who may be impacted by the rising costs. Fair Market Rent/HOME rents includes utilities and the median contract rent most likely does not include utility costs and much of the existing rental housing stock is old, the City of Elmira

will be looking to utilize limited community development funding for rental housing that is new or energy-efficient to enhance the affordability for low income households.

Discussion

The analysis of the cost of housing within the City of Elmira and the median home value does not address the issue of property taxes which has a significant impact on affordability for lower income households that own their properties, especially those that live on a fixed-income. Elmira ranked eighth in highest effective property-tax rate at 3.89 percent within New York State. The total tax rate (City, School, and County) for a property within the City of Elmira is \$65.24/\$1,000 of assessed value. In the City of Elmira's 2024 tax rate accounts for \$ \$27.95 per \$1,000 and approximately 38% of the properties within the City of Elmira are tax-exempt. Additionally, the affordability of housing is also impacted by the high cost of utilities which burdens households especially during the winter months. This has discouraged some homeowners from purchasing property within the City limits.

MA-20 Housing Market Analysis: Condition of Housing – 91.210(a)

Introduction

The City of Elmira has utilized American Community Survey data from the U.S Census Bureau to analyze the condition of housing based on the number of units identified with conditions and the year housing units were built. This data provides a snapshot of the condition of both the rental and owner-occupied housing within the City of Elmira. Elmira has an aging housing stock with 97% of the owner-occupied housing stock being built prior to 1980. The renter-occupied housing within the City was found to have more identified conditions indicating that as a whole the condition of the rental housing is an issue for the City and residents seeking affordable housing. Fifty two percent of all units have at least one substandard condition (lacking completed kitchen, plumbing, electric, over-crowding, cost burden). Code data confirms this within the Building Blocks system 809 properties have a fire risk score of 50-100 (moderate-high risk); 884 properties (9%) are rated as "deteriorated/hazardous" or "major maintenance need required" and should not be occupied.

The renter-occupied housing within the City was found to have more identified conditions indicating that as a whole the condition of the rental housing is an issue for the City and residents seeking affordable housing.

Describe the jurisdiction's definition of "standard condition" and "substandard condition but suitable for rehabilitation":

The City of Elmira defines "substandard condition" as housing units that have combination of major deficiencies that make the dwelling unsafe and/or unfit for occupancy. These deficiencies may include structural components of the property, the property may have inadequate plumbing facilities, and its current appearance may create a blighting influence. "Substandard condition but suitable for rehabilitation" includes those properties that do not meet code or local health and safety requirements but are feasible to rehabilitate with rehabilitation assistance. Examples of repairs for a property that is identified as "substandard" but suitable for rehabilitation include replacement of a roof, replacement of unsafe stairs w/railings, electrical, heating, and plumbing upgrades to meet code, a new sewer line, a water-heater replacement, or even a paint job to keep the structure from rotting all generally homes suitable for safe living; thus, suitable for rehabilitation.

Condition of Units

Condition of Units	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
With one selected Condition	980	19%	2,545	52%
With two selected Conditions	35	1%	30	1%
With three selected Conditions	0	0%	0	0%
With four selected Conditions	0	0%	0	0%
No selected Conditions	4,070	80%	2,340	48%

Condition of Units	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
Total	5,085	100%	4,915	101%

Table 34 - Condition of Units

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Year Unit Built

Year Unit Built	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
2000 or later	100	2%	65	1%
1980-1999	70	1%	450	9%
1950-1979	1,115	22%	1,520	31%
Before 1950	3,795	75%	2,885	59%
Total	5,080	100%	4,920	100%

Table 35 – Year Unit Built

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
Total Number of Units Built Before 1980	4,910	97%	4,405	90%
Housing Units build before 1980 with children present	255	5%	20	0%

Table 36 – Risk of Lead-Based Paint

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS (Total Units) 2016-2020 CHAS (Units with Children present)

Vacant Units

	Suitable for Rehabilitation	Not Suitable for Rehabilitation	Total
Vacant Units	0	0	0
Abandoned Vacant Units	0	0	0
REO Properties	0	0	0
Abandoned REO Properties	0	0	0

Table 37 - Vacant Units

Data Source: 2005-2009 CHAS

Need for Owner and Rental Rehabilitation

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Estimated Number of Housing Units Occupied by Low or Moderate Income Families with LBP Hazards

In 2018, the Chemung County Health Department and the Department of Community Development work together to develop a lead-based paint reduction program. Data from the 2014-2018 American Community Survey and 2012-2016 CHAS data indicates that there are a total of 589 owner-occupied and 1,330 renter occupied housing units built before 1980 with children present within the home. However, over 95% of the units were built prior to 1980 and therefore could potentially be occupied in the future by low- or moderate-income families. The Health Department estimated that there are over 3,500 rental units within the City that could potentially have lead based paint.

Additionally, the Health Department reports that the City has higher rates of elevated blood lead levels, amount young children, than the NYS average. Utilizing data from the 2000 census the Greater Upstate Law Project Inc. illustrated cities in New York State with the highest number of high-risk households, defined as pre-1950 units owned or rented by low-income families with children under 6 years of age; out of 29 municipalities listed, Elmira is 19th highest for number of high-risk households.

Discussion

Based on the data, Elmira has a aging housing stock and has witnessed minimal new construction. However, 2023 ACS data shows that 4% of housing was constructed before 2000 which is an increase of 2.6% over the last five years. Additionally, 3,115 of the total rental housing has at least one selection condition and 775 of the owner-occupied units. Community Development staff continue to assist low income homeowners make necessary improvements to their homes to remove code violations. Local service providers report that it is difficult finding quality, affordable rental housing for the individuals and families they serve. The Department of Community Development has works closely with the Department of Code Enforcement to identify community needs for housing rehabilitation. Code Enforcement Department has 810 registered vacant properties throughout the City as of March 31, 2020 per the Director of Code Enforcement. The City implemented a Vacant Building Registry that went into effect on February 15, 2013. Based on a decline in population, the number of vacant properties, and the age and condition of the existing housing stock, selective demolition may be a viable strategy to eliminate excess supply and allow for larger, more desirable city lots.

MA-25 Public and Assisted Housing – 91.210(b)

Introduction

The Elmira Housing Authority operates three public housing developments within the City of Elmira including 126 primarily one-bedroom units at Bragg Towers for elderly and disable low-income residents, 208 one bedroom apartments and 1 two bedroom apartment primarily for the elderly and disabled at Flannery Apartments, and 144 family apartments, single and two-story units at Hoffman Plaza. Hoffman Plaza was built in 1941 as defense plant housing and was later converted into public housing for low-income families. George E. Bragg Towers (formerly known as Newtown Towers) was constructed in 1969 for low-income senior citizens and persons with disabilities. Edward Flannery Apartments (formerly known at Southport Towers) opened its doors in 1977 as a residence for low-income senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

Totals Number of Units

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project -based	Tenant -based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers available			479						
# of accessible units									
*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition									

Table 38 – Total Number of Units by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Describe the supply of public housing developments:

Describe the number and physical condition of public housing units in the jurisdiction, including those that are participating in an approved Public Housing Agency Plan:

The Elmira Housing Authority has utilized the Capital Fund Modernization Programs to assist in the revitalization needs of public housing units among the three developments with the City of Elmira. Hoffman Plaza was built in 1942 and is therefore the oldest development. Some desired upgras include a new parking lot at Bragg Towers and Flannery Towers. In 2016, major electircal upgrates in amounts of \$225,000 occured at Hoffman Plaza.

Public Housing Condition

Public Housing Development	Average Inspection Score

Table 39 - Public Housing Condition

Describe the restoration and revitalization needs of public housing units in the jurisdiction:

The Elmira Housing Authority has utilized the Capital Fund Modernization Programs to assist in the revitalization needs of public housing units among the three developments with the City of Elmira. Hoffman Plaza was built in 1942 and is therefore the oldest development. Some desired upgrade include a new parking lot at Bragg Towers and Flannery Towers. In 2016, major electrical upgrades in amounts of \$225,000 occurred at Hoffman Plaza.

Describe the public housing agency's strategy for improving the living environment of low- and moderate-income families residing in public housing:

The Elmira Housing Authority's strategy for improving the living environment of families residing in public housing has included providing a safe and secure environment through a contract with the Elmira Police Department and investment into wireless surveillance cameras at all three developments as a deterrent to crime and added security. The EHA also instituted a new "Smoke Free" policy across the all developments to create a healthy atmosphere for all residents. The EHA has a part-time Elderly Service Coordinator for Bragg and Flannery Towers.

Discussion:

The Elmira Housing Authority is currently operating under a Five-Year Agency Place covering 2024-2029. There has been limited capital investment made to the public housing developments due to limited capital as a result of both state and federal policy and budget cuts. The Elmira Housing Authority also reports that they are using their reserves at this time to manage the units.

MA-30 Homeless Facilities and Services – 91.210(c)

Introduction

Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers serves as the lead agency within Chemung County in addressing the needs of homeless and operates the Homeless Shelter within the City of Elmira. There is one Emergency Shelter within the community although Salvation Army operates a Domestic Violence Shelter. Catholic Charities is a CDBG subrecipient and also receives funding from Chemung County Department of Human Services (Social Services), the United Way of the Southern Tier, New York State, and through the Continuum of Care. The City of Elmira has obtained information from Catholic Charities regarding the facilities and beds targeted to homeless households within the community including Emergency Shelter Beds, Transitional Housing Beds, and Permanent Supportive Housing Beds.

Elmira Glove House provides housing and services for the unaccompanied youth populations.

The High Street shelter is a dormitory shelter which can provide 47 beds for single household adults. The remaining homeless are housed in local motels throughout Chemung County. An estimated 221 beds/hotel vouchers were utilized in 2023 through DSS for families. The Salvation Army provides emergency 14 beds at its domestic violence shelter the Safe House. Permanent Supportive Housing is managed a multiple sites by managed by Arbor Housing and Development, Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers - Providence Housing, CDS Housing, and at Vacino Group Libertad Elmira.

Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households

	Emergency Shelter Beds		Transitional Housing Beds	Permanent Supportive Housing Beds	
	Year Round Beds (Current & New)	Voucher / Seasonal / Overflow Beds	Current & New	Current & New	Under Development
Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	14	221	23	38	0
Households with Only Adults	47	0	6	30	0
Chronically Homeless Households	0	0	0	70	0
Veterans	0	0	0	20	0

	Emergency Shelter Beds		Transitional Housing Beds	Permanent Supportive Housing Beds	
	Year Round Beds (Current & New)	Voucher / Seasonal / Overflow Beds	Current & New	Current & New	Under Development
Unaccompanied Youth	0	0	8	0	0

Table 40 - Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households

Data Source Comments:

Describe mainstream services, such as health, mental health, and employment services to the extent those services are used to complement services targeted to homeless persons

Collaboration with local service providers is an integral factor in Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers ability to ensure clients needs are being met as a whole and in a timely manner. These partnerships include:

- A local Department of Social Services Senior Welfare Examiner is located full-time at the Emergency Services shelter to help expedite applications for mainstream benefits.
- Mental health counseling (Family Services)
- Employment readiness/job searches (Department of Labor, First Choices program operated by Economic Opportunity Program)
- Substance abuse treatment (Trinity)
- Housing subsidies/inspections (Elmira Housing Authority, Arbor Housing)

List and describe services and facilities that meet the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth. If the services and facilities are listed on screen SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure or screen MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services, describe how these facilities and services specifically address the needs of these populations.

Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers provides the majority of the services and manages the facilities that meet the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth. Catholic Charities operates Homeless Shelter (High Street) and the Samaritan Center (located on South Main Street) within the City of Elmira. The Salvation Army of Elmira operates a Domestic Violence Shelter. In addition, the following services and programs are administered by Catholic Charities:

- The Gateways Program provides community living, case management and residential support services to individuals and families at risk suffering from mental illness, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS and homelessness. In addition, the program provides a continuum of housing options ranging from residences with 24-hour supervision and intense case management to a supported housing program offering case management and support services including subsidized independent housing.
- Lasting Success provides residential & support services to youth (16-21 years old) aging out of the Foster Care System who are at risk of homelessness.
- Project Share is a transitional housing program designed to provide up to two years of rental assistance and supportive services to young adults between the ages of 18-25 who are homeless and have resided in the foster care system.
- Residential Stabilization Program is a 90-day transitional housing program that provides individuals exiting the prison system with a comprehensive, solution-based approach to reentering the community.

MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services – 91.210(d)

Introduction

The City of Elmira and Southern Tier region has several special needs facilities and services geared toward serving individuals and families with special needs. A significant number of facilities and services are available within the City of Elmira. Due to limited funding, the City of Elmira has had a small role in addressing the facility and service needs of the organizations that serve individual and families with special needs. Agencies that the Department of Community Development has regular interaction with include the Chemung County Department of Social Services, Chemung County Health Department, Chemung County Office for the Aging and Long-Term Care, ARC of Chemung, Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler, and the Elmira Housing Authority.

Including the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities (mental, physical, developmental), persons with alcohol or other drug addictions, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, public housing residents and any other categories the jurisdiction may specify, and describe their supportive housing needs

The below is an overview of special needs facilities and services and a description of their supportive housing needs. This does not necessarily account for the supports that are available within the community but covers a multitude of providers and services available.

Elderly, Frail Elderly: The Chemung County Nursing Facility is a 200- bed residential health care facility operated by the County of Chemung. The Nursing Facility provides long-term, inpatient, skilled nursing level services to residents who have a chronic or debilitating illness or who need rehabilitation services. A full range of services is offered including medical and psychiatric care, rehabilitation therapies, pharmacy, laundry, social work and recreational activities plus on-site optometry and dental services and a beauty/barber shop. The Elmira Housing Authority owns and operates two housing developments that are geared towards elderly or persons with disabilities and has an Elderly Service Coordinator. Providence Housing, Christopher Community and Conifer Housing and Development also own and manage housing within the City of Elmira that is focused on meeting the needs of the elderly. In 2006, New York State, through the New York State Office for the Aging, designated the Chemung County Office for Aging and Long-Term Care as Chemung County's New York Connects, a single point of entry for information and assistance on long term care services and supports. The Office for the Aging and Long-Term Care refers elderly residents needing improvements to stay in their homes to the City of Elmira's Department of Community Development. **Persons with AIDS:** Southern Tier Aids Prevention Program (STAP) has an office within the City of Elmira on East Market Street and is an organization that serves 8 counties. Through the federal Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) program, STAP has funding available to assist eligible clients in meeting their rent, mortgage, and utility needs. **Persons with Disabilities:** ARC of Chemung has a residential program and provides developmental health services, family supports, vocational services, and respite services.

Alcohol and Other Drug Addictions: The Elmira Salvation Army operates Our House Community Residence which is a long-term residential and treatment facility geared specifically for individuals with substance abuse addictions. Arnot Health offers comprehensive, integrated treatment for those suffering from alcohol or chemical addiction including New Dawn Inpatient Rehabilitation Program. Trinity of Chemung County has provided prevention, education, treatment, referral, and recovery services to individuals, families, and communities affected by alcohol, tobacco, and drugs in Chemung County since 2009. Supportive Housing for Youth: Glove House provides supportive housing environments for youth who have experienced significant trauma that are licensed by the State. Glove House serves youth from age 10-21 in the following settings: Community based group homes; Community residence home; Therapeutic Foster Care Boarding Homes; and Community apartment program.

Describe programs for ensuring that persons returning from mental and physical health institutions receive appropriate supportive housing

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Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. 91.315(e)

During the Program Year, the City of Elmira will continue to address the housing needs of elderly and persons with disabilities who own and occupy their homes with home improvements that make their houses accessible. The Chemung County Office for the Aging and Long-Term Care refers individuals to the City of Elmira. The City of Elmira plans to provide CDBG funding for ADA Sidewalks repairs and a grant for a community center to build an ADA bathroom.

The City continues to support Catholic Charities Second Place East and Housing Counseling services as a sub-recipient where there is a continued focus on preventing homelessness.

For entitlement/consortia grantees: Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. (91.220(2))

During the next year, the City of Elmira will provide funding to the Chemung County Habitat for Humanity, so they can facilitate two housing rehabilitations for low-income families. Additionally, funding will support the rehabilitation of owner-occupied units through the City of Elmira's home-repair program. The City will also fund the Chemung County Land Bank to rehabilitate five vacant homes for

sale to owner-occupied and first-time homebuyers within the City. The City also anticipates issuing a Request for Proposals to Leverage HOME funds with Low Income Housing Tax Credits administered by New York State Homes and Community Renewal and this may address the housing and supportive services with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. The City of Elmira will continue to look for ways to collaborate with housing service providers to accomplish this goal including but not limited to Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler.

MA-40 Barriers to Affordable Housing – 91.210(e)

Negative Effects of Public Policies on Affordable Housing and Residential Investment

While efforts have been made to expand and update zoning, citywide zoning remains somewhat restrictive. The Elmira last made substantial changes to its citywide Zoning in December 1998. The downtown was rezoned for form based code in 2018, which has allowed for easier development and planning for housing and other development. However, other areas of the city remain somewhat less ready for development.

Elmira ranked eighth in highest effective property-tax rate at 3.89 percent within New York State. The total tax rate (City, School, and County) for a property within the City of Elmira is \$65.24/\$1,000 of assessed value. In the City of Elmira's 2024 tax rate accounts for \$ \$27.95 per \$1,000 and approximately 38% of the properties within the City of Elmira are tax-exempt. Additionally, the affordability of housing is also impacted by the high cost of utilities which burdens households especially during the winter months. This has discouraged some homeowners from purchasing property within the City limits.

MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets – 91.215 (f)

Introduction

Economic Development falls into non-housing community development assets and plays a pivotal role in providing opportunities for low moderate income individuals and households to afford housing and basic human needs. The City of Elmira is a distressed, upstate city with economic development challenges including a downtown core that has been impacted by disinvestment, limited economic growth, and a higher than state average unemployment rate. Based on 2019-2023, American Community Survey, 26.9% of Elmira's population falls below the poverty level compared to 13.9% of New York State's total population. The median household income for the same time period was \$43,089 compared to a State median household income of \$84,578. Yet, despite being an economically distressed community, there are quality jobs in key business sectors, for example Education and Health Care Services. Statistics regarding educational attainment indicate, Elmira's workforce currently does not have the skills and education to meet the needs of employers.

Economic Development Market Analysis

Business Activity

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	7	7	0	0	0
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	1,123	383	11	6	-5
Construction	330	236	3	4	1
Education and Health Care Services	3,306	2,051	33	33	0
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	313	210	3	3	0
Information	88	61	1	1	0
Manufacturing	981	898	10	15	5
Other Services	480	205	5	3	-2
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	911	504	9	8	-1
Public Administration	712	653	7	11	4
Retail Trade	1,306	527	13	9	-4
Transportation and Warehousing	443	333	4	5	1

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Wholesale Trade	97	97	1	2	1
Total	10,097	6,165	--	--	--

Table 41 - Business Activity

Data Source Comments:

Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	11,660
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	10,625
Unemployment Rate	8.84
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	18.84
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	5.07

Table 42 - Labor Force

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	3,204
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	0
Service	2,634
Sales and office	2,184
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	429
Production, transportation and material moving	1,649

Table 43 – Occupations by Sector

Data Source Comments:

Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	7,349	81%
30-59 Minutes	999	11%
60 or More Minutes	697	8%
Total	9,045	100%

Table 44 - Travel Time

Data Source Comments:

Education:

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Less than high school graduate	710	310	1,505
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	2,600	195	2,330
Some college or Associate's degree	3,060	180	1,055

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Bachelor's degree or higher	1,815	40	380

Table 45 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18–24 yrs	25–34 yrs	35–44 yrs	45–65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	473	0	0	0	0
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	0	0	0	0	0
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	912	3,028	2,681	5,400	3,328
Some college, no degree	1,170	0	0	0	0
Associate's degree	0	0	0	0	0
Bachelor's degree	288	1,092	440	1,142	5,830
Graduate or professional degree	0	0	0	0	0

Table 46 - Educational Attainment by Age

Data Source Comments:

Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	26,813
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	30,339
Some college or Associate's degree	33,836
Bachelor's degree	46,358
Graduate or professional degree	58,159

Table 47 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Data Source Comments:

Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?

Based on the Business Activity table, the top three major employment sectors within the City of Elmira include: 1. Education and Health Care Services (33 % share of the jobs), 2. Manufacturing (15% share of the jobs). Other industries including Retail Trades (13% share of the workers with only 9% of the jobs) and Arts, Entertainment, and Accommodations (11% share of the workers with only 6% of the jobs) are industries which show signs of having lost jobs over the last five years, some of this could be due to the closures during the Covid-19 pandemic. Health Care Services is a significant sector with Arnot

Ogden Medical Center located within the City of Elmira and Guthrie serving the Southern Tier of New York State and the northern tier of Pennsylvania with offices in Chemung County. Education is a significant employment sector as well with Elmira College.

Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

Based on a demographic profile utilizing Cornell Program on Applied Population which was completed for the I-86 Corridor project that includes Chemung and adjacent Steuben County, each County is facing a large segment of the population who is 65+ along with population losses. The steepest decline is the 25-54 age cohort which represents those working and raising families and is expected to be declining over the next ten years by 13.1%. The change in the age of the population and population losses has a significant impact on communities like Elmira unless the City can work to attract younger families and workers.

One need of the business community that is frequently mentioned at Annual Economic Forum hosted by the Chemung County Chamber of Commerce and Southern Tier Economic Growth is the ability to find skill workforce for manufacturing, construction and trade jobs which often required a specialized skill set and training. Other sectors including skilled nursing, home health aides, childcare workers, and supportive service providers also struggle to fill open positions.

Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period. Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.

Elmira is seeing ongoing growth in the Healthcare and Education industries. Additionally, the region is a connector to new growth hubs including Micron in Syracuse and the semi-conductor corridor which runs between Syracuse and Rochester and the development of new battery tech hub in Binghamton area. These provide auxiliary growth opportunities for workforce and economic development the City of Elmira.

Growth of the health care industry and the potential expansion of medical training will place a critical demand for quality, affordable housing options within close proximity to Elmira College and Arnot Ogden Medical Center. These projects will have potential to significantly revitalize Elmira's downtown and increase demand for more restaurants and other service-oriented businesses.

How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?

Based on data from the American Community Survey, the education attainment of the current workforce does not correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction or region. For the age 25 and older, 36% of those in the workforce have not achieved more than a high school diploma and

only 9.9% of those in the workforce have a Bachelor's degree or higher. Based on the Business Activity chart, the largest demand for jobs is in the Education and Health Care Services industry which require post-secondary education and there is a estimated shortage of workers by 10-15%.

There are also less workers to meet the demand for Manufacturing which requires vocational skills and the Finance, Real Estate, and Insurance sector.

Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.

In July 2020, the Lake Erie Medical College will open a campus for a class of medical students. This will greatly increase the number of trained physicians, many of whom may eventually remain in the City.

Corning Community College provides high quality vocational and technical training for many City residents. One example is a welding program established at the Academic and Workforce Development Center in Elmira. The Welding Technology Program provides students with an understanding of the science, technology and applications essential for entry-level employment in the welding industry. This program offered within the City of Elmira will be accessible to low income residents looking to develop a trade and will support existing manufacturers need for a trained workforce. Elmira College was also awarded \$2.25 million through the New York State Regional Economic Development Council competition to construct a new Health Sciences Center. The Center houses the Nurse Education program and offer expanded education and programming that recognizes both the demand for more nurses and health care professionals and the new, complex roles they will inhabit in the evolving world of contemporary healthcare. The City of Elmira, as a municipality, partners with GST BOCES students and supervisors to provide career training for students who work with the City's Department of Buildings and Grounds on park and trail projects as well as with the auto mechanics and engineering department. Lastly, Economic Opportunity Program, a community organization, a culinary training program in the Community Food for Jobs Program.

Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?

Yes

If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.

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Discussion

In addition, to a description of current needs, opportunities, and initiatives, economic development has a significant focus of the City's Comprehensive Master Plan. Elmira's priority during the next five years is to continue to grow its economy and tax base. The City, Chemung County, and STEG have been collaborating on an economic development strategy for the City to revitalize the downtown and to seize upon the opportunity to take advantage of the Upstate Revitalization Initiative (URI). The City of Elmira is also included as part of a regional I-86 Corridor Study that is in the process of being developed and identifies the following focus areas and projects under each focus area: Entrepreneurship, Industry Growth & Attraction, Physical Infrastructure, Branding, Marketing and Tourism, R&D and Commercialization, Vibrant Communities, Workforce, and Governance.

MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion

Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

A "concentration" is defined as a clustering within a census tract or neighborhood of low-income households experiencing any of the four severe housing problems. For the purpose of this analysis a relatively high concentration would consist of above 20% of the total low-income households having one of the four severe housing problems and above 40% would be a very high concentration. Based on the criteria, all neighborhoods, except for a part of the northwest side corridor, qualify as having above 20% with one of the four severe housing problems as determined by HUD. The Eastside has the highest rates with block group concentrations that are over 80% having a severe housing problem.

Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

A "concentration" is defined as the clustering of residential locations within a neighborhood where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families reside based on available data from the U.S Census Bureau.

Based on the 2018 ACS, 75.5% of Elmira's population is "White" and the largest racial or ethnic minority is Black or African American which makes up 14.9% of Elmira's population. Other minorities include 6.7% who identify as being two or more races, 5.6% Hispanic or Latino, and less than a percent Asian or American Indian and Alaska Native. Therefore, for the purpose of this analysis, a relatively high "concentration" of minorities would be census tracts with a minority population of over 10%.

US Census Data shows that the highest concentration of racial and ethnic minorities within the City of Elmira is within Census Tract 3 which is located in the north west section of the City and is solely occupied by the Elmira Correctional Facility. This census tract has 58% of the residents as Black/African American.

However, looking at other neighborhoods in Elmira the Eastside of the city encompassing census tracts 1, 6 and 7; this area is comprised of 30% Black African American and Multi Race, and census tract 7 is comprised of 32% Black or African American and Multi Race population. This area was historically redlined by banks and lending institutions as a predominantly Black and African American community.

Census Tract 2 also has a concentration of poverty and racial groups, however, this is specifically Block Group 1, and this appears to be due mostly to the presence of Woodlawn Court, a privately-owned subsidized housing complex of 274 total housing units which is located within two blocks of the Elmira Correctional Facility Davis Street. The population of this area is, Black/African American residents at 17.72% and Block Group 1 within census tract 2 has a low- moderate income percentage of 74.52% based on the American Community Survey.

What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?

Current census data, shows a decrease of approximately 5% for the Black/African American residents experiencing disproportionately greater need. The percentage is still slightly higher (2-3%) in some measures. The Hispanic population makes up approximately 6% of the population and show the rates for housing needs to be 8-9%, while slightly higher than the population it does not appear to be statistically significant. One consideration, is that the number of residents in the 2020 census who identified as two or more races also increased in 2020 and those identifying as Black or African American decreased. CHAS data in IDIS does not provide the breakdown for those identifying as "two or more races" so it is unclear if this shift could be based on populations self identification. Regardless, neighborhoods that were historically redlined because of race, such as the Elmira's eastside, continue to face poor housing quality standards indicating that the past unfair housing practices do continue to impact housing quality and conditions and neighborhoods in Elmira.

Characteristics of the market in these concentrated areas/neighborhoods include a lower rate of owner-occupied housing . The income levels in these census tract areas are also lower than the City average. The median home value map shows that these neighborhoods also have lower home values for both rental and owner occupied units. The concentration of poverty and minorities within Census Tract 2 and specifically Block Group 1 could in part be due to the presence of Hathorn Court, a privately owned subsidized housing complex of 274 total housing units.

Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?

The City of Elmira is fortunate to have many community and public facilities in low-moderate income areas as well as those areas that have a higher concentration of racial or ethnic minorities. Elmira has two grocery stores located within its boundaries which are located where there is a concentration of low-income families or racial or ethnic minorities. These include Wegmans located on the City's northeast side in census tract 1, and Weiss centrally located within the downtown in census tract 7. Unfortunately, Tops Market located on the City's south side within census tract 10, went out of business in 2018.

Three Youth Centers are located within Elmira's most disadvantaged neighborhoods including within the Hathorn Court housing complex which is operated by Let Elmira Live, Ernie Davis Community Center in the center of the City in census tract 7, and the Southside Community Center located in census tract 10. Elmira also has 21 parks maintained by the City and many of these parks have been upgraded within the past five years through the Creating Healthy Places Initiative which focused on parks located within low-mod income areas. Parks that have been upgraded with new equipment for toddlers and children aged 5-12 include Hathorn Park, Brick Pond, McKinnon Park, and Katy Leary. Census Tracts 6 and 7 within the center of the City also contain the main branch of the Steele Memorial Library, Corning Community

College's Academic and Workforce Development Center, and Elmira Business Institute. Lastly, many of these areas are easily accessible through the public transportation system.

Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?

Strategic opportunities can be used to improve Elmira's most distressed neighborhood and staff are often exploring federal, state and local grant programs to support these opportunities. Revitalization of South Main Street through the New York Main Street program is a focus; including, facade and building renovations to a minimum of three properties and streetscape enhancements. South Main Street was also included in the Brownfield Opportunity Area Program Study funded through the New York State Department of State, is part of the Business Improvement District, and is located in a Qualified Census Tract under the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program administered by New York State Homes and Community Renewal. There are a significant number of rental units in this area and there is a strategic opportunity for scattered site neighborhood revitalization.

MA-60 Broadband Needs of Housing occupied by Low- and Moderate-Income Households - 91.210(a)(4), 91.310(a)(2)

Describe the need for broadband wiring and connections for households, including low- and moderate-income households and neighborhoods.

As information, services, and resources increasingly move electronic, the City of Elmira know there is a new need for broadband wiring, and digital connections. Limits in access to the Internet and digital devices corresponds is closely connected to similar inequalities in income, education and race. A need for increased access to these services appear to exist for low-and moderate income households in the City. While access does exists, it likely income plays a roll in the limited subscriptions. However, in the past five years there has been an increase in both access and number of subscriptions. Some American Rescue Plan funds were used to increase broadband access in Elmira, which could play a roll in the increase in overall access in Elmira.

Based on 2023 ACS data, 90% (9,568) households have at least one or more type of computer devices; 85% (8,990) have an internet subscription of any type.

In households where the income was below \$20,000, 6.5% (693) of households have no internet connections. Seven percent (745) Elmira households have a cellular plan with no other internet, which could be an alternative for low and moderate income households in accessing internet services.

Describe the need for increased competition by having more than one broadband Internet service provider serve the jurisdiction.

Internet providers in the City of Elmira are Spectrum and Empire Access. Broadband Internet service providers service all areas of the jurisdiction. Negative consequences of being under connected could cause increased socioeconomic disparities. Internet access, and particularly broadband Internet access, has become an important tool for taking full advantage of opportunities in education, employment, health, and social services. Yet those who are most in need of social services are often least able to get online to access those services, and low-income children are particularly vulnerable to the long-term detrimental effects of constrained access to technology-enriched education. The City will continue to pursue increased access for low-moderate income residents.

MA-65 Hazard Mitigation - 91.210(a)(5), 91.310(a)(3)

Describe the jurisdiction's increased natural hazard risks associated with climate change.

The Chemung County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan outlines natural hazards and risks facing the City of Elmira. The major natural hazards continues to be flooding, wind storms, landslides and stormwater retention. The City has a long history of major floods and damage associated with this natural hazard. Recently, the City of Elmira sustained approximately \$80,000 in damage from the April 2011 flooding event. There was also significant damage during a May 2011 wind storm. The City participates in the NFIP Community Rating System, and attends annual inspections of flood control projects and dams within the jurisdiction. The annual DPW budget for Flood and Summer events is \$150,000.

Describe the vulnerability to these risks of housing occupied by low- and moderate-income households based on an analysis of data, findings, and methods.

The Chemung River runs through the downtown portion of Elmira. In this area are Census Tracts 6, 7, 10 having some of the highest rates of poverty in the City. While significant engineering and design efforts have been completed by NYS DEC, to reduce flooding, the areas most impacted would be the ones with higher rates of poverty and LMI individuals.

Strategic Plan

SP-05 Overview

Strategic Plan Overview

Based on a community-wide needs assessment, market analysis from data obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau, and consultation with citizens and community agencies, the City of Elmira has developed a Strategic and Consolidated Plan for the time period covering July 1, 2025- June 30, 2030. This Strategic Plan also considers the anticipated resources through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME programs as well as through other governmental and non-governmental or private funding sources. The City acknowledges with limited funding, priorities need to be established and outcomes must be measurable.

The City of Elmira's population has been steadily decreasing and as of 2023 estimates, it is at 26,176. Housing values within the City remain lower than that of Chemung County as a whole and the median value of owner-occupied housing units is \$88,200. A total of 26.9% or close to one-third of Elmira's populations fall below the poverty level and the median household income is \$43,089.

Information obtained from this need assessment and market analysis, as well as community consultation, has led to the establishment of five goal areas for the next five years: 1. Quality Affordable Housing; 2. Alleviate and Preventing Homelessness; 3. Strengthening Elmira's Neighborhoods; 4. Business Development 5. Revitalization of the Downtown Core.

Implementing the strategic goals of the Consolidated Plan will require the City of Elmira to continue to nurture existing strategic partnerships with agencies such as Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler, Near Westside Neighborhood Association, Habitat for Humanity for housing services, Southern Tier Economic Growth, and Elmira Downtown Development for economic development; similarly agencies serving youth including the Chemung County Youth Bureau and youth centers will be engaged. It will also require the City to forge new partnerships, for example in the area of improving the City's rental housing for low and very low-income renters in a manner that preserves quality of life and strengthens the neighborhood fabric. Strengthening Elmira's neighborhoods will involve investing CDBG funding into public services (particularly youth centers), improvements to public facilities and infrastructure, and removal of blighting influences. However, perhaps more importantly, accomplishing this goal will also involve developing neighborhood leadership and capacity among residents which will be developed during the upcoming program year.

SP-10 Geographic Priorities – 91.215 (a)(1)

Geographic Area

Table 48 - Geographic Priority Areas

1	Area Name:	BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITY AREA
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Comprehensive
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	The Brownfield Opportunity Area (also referred to as the Southside Rising Study Area) is roughly bounded by the Chemung River on the north, South Main Street on the west, Miller and Morrow Streets on the south and Robinson Street on the east. The area encompasses approximately 440 acres.
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	The BOA contains over 1,100 parcels, the vast majority of which are residential and 36 potential brownfield sites. The main commercial district is the South Main Street commercial district which is also part of the BID and features Gerould's pharmacy, Aldi's, Family Dollar. Three city parks are located in this target area including Brand Park, Sly Street Park, and Miller's Pond. Existing manufacturing companies and neighborhood commercial shops are along Maple Avenue, which is also a National and state Historic District. A severely dilapidated strip plaza is on the southern end of the target area. The City of Elmira also owns two remediated brownfield sites within the area.

<p>How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?</p>	<p>Community based planning was incorporated through the development and marketing of a project website (www.southsiderising.com), a public visioning meeting held on January 22, 2013, a Public Design Workshop held May 8, 2013, and a final public meeting was held on January 14, 2014. This area was also identified in consultation with NYS Department of State and NYS Department of Environmental Conservation passed on past brownfield remediation activities completed by the City in the early 2000s. The need for revitalization for the Southside was mentioned at multiple community meetings hosted in January 2020. In 2023, the City used the Southside Rising Plan in developing a DRI application and the community engagement highlighted the need for development of the Southside of Elmira.</p>
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<p>Identify the needs in this target area.</p>	<p>The needs identified for the Southside Rising Study Area(BOA) include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies to enhance buffer areas between stable commercial and industrial businesses and adjacent residential properties. • Addressing sites of environmental concerns (36 properties were identified by the Step 2 BOA study). • Commercial and mixed-use infill projects for South Main Street and Pennsylvania Avenue corridors that make them more pedestrian friendly. • Redevelopment of vacant industrial properties to add to City's tax base • Stabilization of residential neighborhoods, particularly east of the elevated Norfolk- Southern railroad corridor and rehabilitation of the existing housing stock or construction of new housing and reduction of vacant units. • Enhancement of open spaces including parks, playgrounds, and Chemung River waterfront. • Improve walkability and connectivity especially with the Clemens Center Parkway and the narrow, dark underpasses along the railroad corridor. Improving Connectivity, Wayfinding, and Gateways are important.
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	<p>What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?</p>	<p>Opportunities for improvement in this target area include improvements along South Main Street Commercial Corridor which is also part of the BID and New York Main Street Target area. Brand Park has a citizen-driven Brand Park Beautification Committee and as one of the largest City parks there is potential for significant enhancements. Another opportunity is redevelopment of two remediated brownfield sites that the City owns in the American LaFrance and Chemung Foundry parcels. The presence of the Chemung River and the Clemens Center Parkway also increase the market viability for redevelopment through enhanced access to natural and transportation resources for residents and employees. Also, stable neighborhoods within the Study Area facilitates an asset-based revitalization approach.</p>
	<p>Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?</p>	<p>Barriers to improvements include the large size of the target area. The City of Elmira has also completed a Step 2 Nomination Study, however the City is in a holding pattern until funding can be sought for Step 3 Implementation which is needed to move the existing work forward and can assist in funding site assessments and pre-development activities. Current economic development capacity is a barrier to improvement of this target area and moving projects toward implementation.</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>Area Name:</p>	<p>BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT</p>
	<p>Area Type:</p>	<p>Local Target area</p>
	<p>Other Target Area Description:</p>	
	<p>HUD Approval Date:</p>	
	<p>% of Low/ Mod:</p>	
	<p>Revital Type:</p>	<p>Comprehensive</p>
	<p>Other Revital Description:</p>	

<p>Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.</p>	<p>The City of Elmira's Business Improvement District (BID) is a 52-block area on both sides of the Chemung River. North of the River, the BID is bordered on the west by Columbia Street; on the north by Clinton Street; and on the east by Madison Avenue. South of the River, the district is bordered by Main Street on the west and Pennsylvania Avenue and Sly Streets on the southeast. All properties within these boundaries, as well as properties situated on the perimeter, are member properties of the Business Improvement District.</p>
<p>Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.</p>	<p>The BID is composed of primarily commercial properties although there are some mixed-use (commercial and residential properties).</p>
<p>How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?</p>	<p>Downtown or the Business Improvement District was frequently mentioned as a geographic target area by surveys completed by community members, at public meetings, and the 2023 Economic Forum hosted by the Chemung County Chamber of Commerce and Southern Tier Economic Growth. The City of Elmira is involved on BID Board of Directors as are residents, property owners, and commercial tenants. Citizens identified the downtown as a priority through the survey that was conducted of needs.</p>
<p>Identify the needs in this target area.</p>	<p>The needs in this target area include building and facade renovations, in-fill development, increased upper floor housing, and streetscape enhancements. Opportunities for improvement within this target area are several. One opportunity is continued redevelopment and investment in the West Water Street commercial block, housing the majority of downtown business and new growth.</p>
<p>What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?</p>	<p>Opportunities for improvement within this target area are several. One opportunity is continued redevelopment and investment in the West Water Street commercial block, housing the majority of downtown business and new growth.</p>
<p>Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?</p>	<p>The barriers to improvement of this area includes the participation of the existing property owners, the condition of the buildings, and ability to leverage funds, grants and private investment for Business Improvement District.</p>
<p>3 Area Name:</p>	<p>Local Waterfront Revitalization Area</p>

	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Comprehensive
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	The Local Waterfront Revitalization Area comes from a New York State Department of State Plan was developed to grow waterfront access safely. The area runs along the Chemung River from West Church Street on the eastside and along Partridge, Loremore, and Luce on the southside.
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	The area is mainly commercial on the eastside and mixed use residential and commercial on the southside.
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	The DOS LWRP was developed by the Chemung County Planning Department in 2023. The plan included a steering committee and multiple community engagement meetings to discuss needs and desired uses of the Chemung River.
	Identify the needs in this target area.	The need is primarily around safe waterfront access, stormwater and flood protection, and developing new tourism opportunities related to waterfront access.
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	Opportunities identified include boat launches, waterfront park access, boardwalks, conservation work along the river, certification of floodwalls by Army Corp of Engineers.
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	Floodplain, Department of Environmental Conservation may have limits on development allowed within areas near the river.
4	Area Name:	Maple Avenue Historic District
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Other
	Other Revital Description:	Historic

	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	The area runs near historic Brand Park on the southside of Elmira along Maple Avenue from Catherine Street until Miller Street.
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	The area was placed on the National Register in 2013. It developed between 1869 and 1940, and includes Victorian, Colonial Revival, Queen Anne, and Craftsman style arch architecture.
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	The local community was consulted in 2013 when the City placed the area on the National Register of Historic Places.
	Identify the needs in this target area.	Historic preservation, renovation and rehabilitation of these historic buildings remains an important issue and need for the area.
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	Historic rehabilitation projects exist for renovation in the district.
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	The higher costs of rehabilitation because of historic preservation and renovation standards can be a challenge for some developers with limited knowledge.
5	Area Name:	Near Westside Historic District
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Comprehensive
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	The area includes College Ave to the east, 2nd Street to the north, Hoffman St to the west, and W Water St to the south.

<p>Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.</p>	<p>The Near Westside neighborhood in Elmira, NY, is a historic district known for its diverse architectural styles, particularly the 19th and early 20th-century homes. The neighborhood's architectural heritage includes Federal, Greek Revival, Italianate, Italian Villa, Eastlake, Second Empire, Queen Anne, Tudor Revival, and Colonial Revival styles. The Near Westside Historic District was recognized nationally for its concentration of Victorian homes and was listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1983.</p>
<p>How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?</p>	<p>The area was first established in 1978 and placed on the National Register in 1983 to address blight, improve housing, and promote historic preservation for the properties. The community is engaged through the Near Westside Neighborhood Association with hosts events and activities.</p>
<p>Identify the needs in this target area.</p>	<p>Historic preservation projects for housing remain the priority need in the area.</p>
<p>What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?</p>	<p>Historic preservation projects for both housing and commercial spaces.</p>
<p>Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?</p>	<p>The higher costs of rehabilitation because of historic preservation and renovation standards can be a challenge for some developers with limited knowledge.</p>

General Allocation Priorities

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA)

SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.215(a)(2)

Priority Needs

Table 49 – Priority Needs Summary

1	Priority Need Name	Improve Condition of Elmira's Housing Stock
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents
	Geographic Areas Affected	BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITY AREA Near Westside Historic District Maple Avenue Historic District
	Associated Goals	Quality Affordable Housing
	Description	A high priority need is improving the condition of Elmira's housing stock, both owner-occupied and rental, since there are numerous neighborhoods within the City of Elmira where the housing is deteriorated. Typically, this impacts rental properties more than owner-occupied but it is an issue for many buildings in Elmira.
	Basis for Relative Priority	This is a very high priority need based on input received at two community meetings held in January on the Consolidated Plan and community survey, review of code and census data, and from the community survey results. Consultation meetings with agencies (in particular, Catholic Charities, DSS, Economic Opportunity Program and CoC Board) also reflected that this is a high need because service providers expressed that it is difficult finding suitable housing for those they serve. The age of Elmira's housing stock is also a factor, 2020 US Census Data shows that roughly 97% of homes in Elmira were built before 1980.
2	Priority Need Name	Addressing and Preventing Homelessness
	Priority Level	High

	Population	Extremely Low Low Large Families Families with Children Elderly Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth
	Geographic Areas Affected	BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT Local Waterfront Revitalization Area
	Associated Goals	Quality Affordable Housing Alleviate and Prevent Homelessness
	Description	Since the last plan was submitted, Elmira has seen the number of homeless double making this a very high priority for the community. Eliminating homelessness continues to be a national priority of HUD's and the City of Elmira has one homeless shelter operated by Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Eliminating homelessness continues to be a national priority of HUD's and the City of Elmira has one homeless shelter operated by Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers. Eliminating homelessness continues to be a national priority of HUD's. In 2020, 80% of program participants served by Catholic Charities through Second Place East Homeless Shelter and their homelessness prevention program were City of Elmira residents.
3	Priority Need Name	Comprehensive Youth Services
	Priority Level	Low
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Families with Children Non-housing Community Development

	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Strengthen Elmira's Neighborhoods
	Description	Comprehensive youth services encompasses free educational, recreational, and enrichment activities for youth of all ages, although primarily those served are from 5-18. This need also includes any prevention services for children that are considered at-risk because of family situations, including abuse and neglect.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Serving youth has been identified as a high priority need during 2025 community meetings with residents as well as consultation meetings with agencies that serve youth including the Chemung County Youth Bureau and three community centers within the City of Elmira. The Elmira City School District has been identified this as a high-need district based on poverty levels and student academic achievement. According to data compiled from the New York State Education Department based on Elmira City School District Enrollment (2023), 44.8% of the students are classified as Economically Disadvantaged which means that they or their families participates in economic assistance programs such as free lunch program. Additionally, the graduation rate for all students in 2018 was 80% as opposed to 86% for the state average. However, this is a significant improvement from 2017 (67%) to 2023 (80%) for Elmira City Schools.
4	Priority Need Name	Economic Development and Job Creation
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate
	Geographic Areas Affected	BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
	Associated Goals	Revitalization of Downtown Core
	Description	Economic Development and job creation includes providing job opportunities for low to moderate income residents. Although this applies city-wide, Elmira's Central Business District is in particular need of revitalization. Needs include low-interest loan assistance for new, small businesses or businesses looking to expand within the City, facade improvements, and small business technical assistance.

	Basis for Relative Priority	Based on recent New York State Department of Labor statistics, the Elmira MSA's unemployment from January 2025 is 4.4% which is higher than the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate of 4.2%. Economic Development and in particular, the need for jobs, was identified as a high priority need during consultation meetings and the survey that was completed.
5	Priority Need Name	Public Infrastructure/ Improvements
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Strengthen Elmira's Neighborhoods Revitalization of Downtown Core
	Description	The City of Elmira has a Capital Improvement Plan which includes an annual Street and Sidewalk Program. The City has over 125 miles of streets and aging street infrastructure including sidewalks and curbing that are in disrepair.
	Basis for Relative Priority	At all community meetings and on the survey, residents discussed the need for cleaner, safer streets. Stakeholders and residents discussed the need for the community infrastructure to be better managed and maintained.
6	Priority Need Name	Code Enforcement, Slum and Blight Removal
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Strengthen Elmira's Neighborhoods

	Description	Code enforcement and the removal of blight is a high priority need. A lack of investment in properties leading to code violations and the deterioration of buildings has a negative impact on neighborhoods. rehabilitation of property is a priority; however, in cases where it may be feasible and demolition may be best when properties become structurally unsound and endanger the community's health and safety.
	Basis for Relative Priority	This is a high priority need as blight within neighborhoods adversely impacts the living environment of the neighborhood and it is priority that has been identified at community meetings, the Consolidated Plan survey, and meetings with stakeholders.
7	Priority Need Name	First-Time Homebuyer Direct Assistance, Counseling
	Priority Level	Low
	Population	Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Quality Affordable Housing
	Description	A barrier to low-income households purchasing their first home is the ability to secure a mortgage without the ability to provide a downpayment or pay for closing costs. In addition, to households needing direct assistance to cover downpayment and closing costs, pre- and post-purchase homeownership counseling is also needed to help ensure that first-time homebuyers are given the knowledge and support needed to be successful.
	Basis for Relative Priority	A barrier to low-income households purchasing their first home is the ability to secure a mortgage without the ability to provide a down payment or pay for closing costs. In addition, to households needing direct assistance to cover down payment and closing costs, pre- and post-purchase homeownership counseling is also needed to help ensure that first-time homebuyers are given the knowledge and support needed to be successful.
8	Priority Need Name	Increased Access to Community Resources
	Priority Level	Low

	Population	Extremely Low Low Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Alleviate and Prevent Homelessness
	Description	Increased access to community resources including housing, transportation, legal, and other non-monetary resources and support for employment, and training opportunities information for low-moderate income individuals, especially those looking to increase their self-sufficiency. Education and training related to fair housing and tenant/landlord rights and responsibilities is included as a priority need to both residents and those providing housing services.
	Basis for Relative Priority	During the development of the Consolidated Plan and meetings with residents, it became evident that there is a lack of knowledge regarding resources that currently exist within the community and how to access those resources.
9	Priority Need Name	Housing Counseling Services
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Alleviate and Prevent Homelessness
	Description	Housing Counseling services includes pre- and post-purchase counseling for first-time homebuyers, mortgage foreclosure prevention services, and credit counseling.

	Basis for Relative Priority	Housing Counseling Services are a high priority need for sustainability of quality, affordable housing by providing the training and support necessary sustain homeownership and economic stability.
10	Priority Need Name	Facade and Commercial Building Renovations
	Priority Level	Low
	Population	Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT
	Associated Goals	Strengthen Elmira's Neighborhoods Revitalization of Downtown Core
	Description	Facade and commercial building renovations encompass improvements made to private commercial properties as part of Elmira Downtown Development Facade and Signage Improvement Program and locally administered New York Main Street program. Properties targeted are those that show deterioration, are not up to code standards, have been vacant, and/or require improvements to maintain their integrity.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Focusing on revitalizing the economic core and downtown region of Elmira remains a major priority. The area has seen significant improvements over the past five years, and additional facade improvements will continue to support the economic revitalization, which was a priority according to key stakeholders, community members from 2019 community survey and meetings.

Narrative (Optional)

SP-30 Influence of Market Conditions – 91.215 (b)

Influence of Market Conditions

Affordable Housing Type	Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for TBRA including the existence of other sources since CDBG and HOME funds are limited and are currently not being used for TBRA. However, as state and federal programs cut section 8 funding, a new need for TBRA is arising in Elmira.
TBRA for Non-Homeless Special Needs	TBRA for Non-Homeless Special Needs has not been utilized by the City of Elmira since there are limited available CDBG and HOME funding.
New Unit Production	Market characteristics that influence funding available for new unit production include the age, poor condition and performance of existing units. The need for demolition and new units being constructed as part of a scattered site affordable housing; neighborhood revitalization project is also a factor being considered
Rehabilitation	Market characteristics that influence the use of CDBG and HOME funds for rehabilitation of existing housing includes the age of the current housing stock as well as the cost of rehabilitation compared to the after-rehab value of the property. May rehabs are more costly than the resale value.
Acquisition, including preservation	Market characteristics that will influence the use of funds for acquisition, including preservation; this would be required as part of a comprehensive revitalization strategy and can be paired with other sources of financing; for example, the use of Low Income Housing Tax Credits through New York State Homes and Community Renewal and Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credits (both state and federal). If a significant project is identified that has community support and CDBG/HOME funds are needed to leverage additional funding then there may be potential to utilize limited funds for this purpose.

Table 50 – Influence of Market Conditions

SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

Elmira will receive \$1,095,403 in CDBG and \$239,101.29 in HOME. The City of Elmira will begin the 2025 Program Year and the Year One of the Consolidated Plan with a continued focus on past successes around its key priorities program areas. The 2025 year will continue the successful Lead Hazard Reduction Program funding by a \$1.3 Million dollar HUD office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes to address elevated lead blood levels amount children under age 6. The program has increased funding from New York State Homes and Community Renewal through its a \$585,326 Leading in Lead Prevention Program (Lead) grant. The department will continue running its owner-occupied rehab program with HOME and CDBG funds and the first-time homebuyer downpayment assistance program. The department is also working closely with New York State on the Vacant Rental Improvement Program which was funded with \$953,460 to address sixteen units of vacant housing in Elmira. Elmira is also a Pro-Housing Certified Community through NYS HCR, which will allow the City to access new funding from the state.

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	1,095,403	0	0	1,095,403	4,381,612	2025 Entitlement grant plus program income anticipated from rehab and economic development loans and prior year unallocated program income that will be programmed during 2025-2026.

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	239,101	0	0	239,101	956,404	2025 HOME Allocation
Other	public - federal	Housing	500,000	0	0	500,000	1,000,000	A three year grant with the HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homesin the sum of 1,500,000 for Lead Paint hazards in the City of Elmira
Other	public - federal	Public Improvements	263,666	0	0	263,666	527,333	The Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) provides State funds to municipalities to support the construction and repair of highways, bridges, highway-railroad crossings, and other facilities that are not on the State highway system.

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: \$		
Other	public - state	Housing	1,000,000	0	0	1,000,000	0	New York State funding from Empire State Development from RESTORE NY for renovation of the Booth School on Davis and West Second Street. The project will renovate the former school building into 58 apartments.
Other	public - state	Housing Multifamily rental rehab	476,730	0	0	476,730	476,730	state initiative, is designed to bring vacant rental units back into use by providing grants for rehabilitation and revitalization. The program prioritizes small, local, and responsible property owners to revitalize vacant, uninhabitable, or unmarketable units. The program aims to increase the supply of affordable, long-term rental units for low- and moderate-income tenants.
Other	public - local	Admin and Planning	25,000	0	0	25,000	50,000	The City of Elmira contributes \$25,000 local funds towards a portion of one community development staff position to assist with planning and coordinating efforts towards improving the City's parks, assisting with City grants, and leading planning efforts.

Table 51 - Anticipated Resources

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

Federal HOME funds are expected to leverage private investment through conventional mortgages provided to individuals who participate in the City of Elmira- Catholic Charities First-Time Homebuyer Program. There is no match requirement for HOME because the City of Elmira is a distressed community. CDBG funds are anticipated to leverage private, state, and local funds. The City receives funding for street reconstructions, milling, and paving from the NYS Consolidated Local Streets and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS). Local foundations have previously been a source of match for park improvements in low-moderate income areas and the City will continue to seek this source of funding including funding from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Lastly, it is anticipated that additional funding will be identified through the Upstate Revitalization Initiative, and other state sources. Southern Tier Economic Growth (STEG) is serving as the administering agency for the Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative of which Elmira received \$1 Million. Since 2008, the City of Elmira was awarded 3,800,000 in Restore NY funding that will serve mixed use projects within the downtown but they don't directly associate with a listed CDBG project although will assist with business development and additional residential housing within the downtown. The Chemung County Property Development Corporation (Land Bank) also received funding through the NYS Attorney General's Office in the amount of \$1,500,000 that is able to be partially used for demolitions and rehabilitations that could serve affordable housing goals. This programs will continue through 2025-2026.

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

Currently, the only publicly owned land or property located within the City of Elmira that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan are properties obtained by the County of Chemung through the tax foreclosure process that will be provided to the newly formed Chemung County Property Development Corporation (Land Bank) or organizations such as Near Westside Neighborhood Association, as the City's CHDO, and/or Chemung County Habitat for Humanity to meet affordable housing needs. The Chemung County Land Bank received funding in the amount of \$1,500,000 from the Land Bank Initiative Grant through New York State Homes and Community Renewal, which is being used to help support affordable housing goals.

Discussion

As mentioned in the introduction, the City of Elmira is looking forward to being able to leverage existing CDBG and HOME funding with potentially new initiatives through New York State under the Upstate Revitalization Initiative (URI), Downtown Revitalization Initiative. In 2024, the City of Elmira was certified as a Pro-Housing Community through New York State HCR and will continue to seek support and funding under this program designation. The goal will be to help increase the supply of affordable housing in Elmira. Due to Elmira's location within the Southern Tier region. Elmira has received funding awarded under the \$500 million URI for support of a new medical school, LECOM. The City has also been awarded \$1,000,000 under the Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative. The City has also received \$3,500,000 in RESTORE NY grants from Empire State Development for market rate and affordable housing projects on Davis/W Second Street. These additional sources with private investment could make a significant impact on the City's housing and economic development plans and will be reported in future Annual Action Plans and Consolidated Annual Performance Reports (CAPERS).

SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure – 91.215(k)

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
CITY OF ELMIRA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT	Government	Planning neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers Co.	Subrecipient	Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Rental	Region
NEAR WESTSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION	CHDO	Ownership Rental	Jurisdiction
Southern Tier Economic Growth Inc.	Subrecipient	Economic Development	Other
Elmira Housing Authority	PHA	Public Housing	Jurisdiction
Elmira Chemung Transportation Council	Regional organization	Planning public facilities	Jurisdiction
ELMIRA DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT INC.	Non-profit organizations	Economic Development Planning neighborhood improvements	Other
SCAP d/b/a Arbor Housing & Development	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness Ownership Rental	Region
Economic Opportunity Program	Non-profit organizations	Non-homeless special needs public services	Region

**Table 52 - Institutional Delivery Structure
Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System**

The City of Elmira is fortunate to have a strong network of social service agencies including three operating youth centers and agencies that provide services to families. The City has a strong housing

partner in Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers with a lengthy track record of partnering, for example in the delivery of housing counseling services and the First-Time Homebuyer Program which dates back to 1994 and has assisted 472 low income households achieve the dream of homeownership within the City. Catholic Charities is also responsible for providing emergency shelter and homeless prevention services for Chemung County and has a strong partnership with the Chemung County Department of Social Services in assisting individuals.

There is a gap in the development of quality affordable rental housing currently and the recent use of Low Income Housing Tax Credits through New York State Homes and Community Renewal. The City of Elmira has several older, dense affordable housing developments, however what is needed is to address scattered sites in neighborhoods that are currently having a blighting influence on the City's neighborhoods.

Currently, a gap in the institutional delivery systems exists in the area of urban planning and economic development. As strong as the social service agency network is within the City of Elmira, approximately 38 percent of the City is tax-exempt. Southern Tier Economic Growth (STEG) administers the City's CDBG-funded Economic Development Loan Program. STEG is also the county-wide economic development agency and staff to the Chemung County Industrial Development Agency (IDA). STEG has two full-time professional economic development staff including the President and a Business Retention Specialist and two support staff including a Business Manager and Administrative Assistant. There is no dedicated staff person for the City of Elmira. Elmira Downtown Development administers the 52-block Business Improvement District for the City of Elmira and has an Executive Director, Marketing Assistant, and utilizes interns from Elmira College and EDD's primary role is marketing and special events although EDD has also served as the lead agency for the New York Main Street Program. Due to limited capacity, there is a significant gap in the recruitment of businesses to the City of Elmira and the revitalization of the downtown core. The City of Elmira also does not have an urban planner on staff.

Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Homelessness Prevention Services			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	X
Legal Assistance	X	X	X
Mortgage Assistance	X		
Rental Assistance	X		
Utilities Assistance	X		
Street Outreach Services			
Law Enforcement	X		
Mobile Clinics	X		
Other Street Outreach Services	X	X	

Supportive Services			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X	X	X
Child Care			
Education	X		
Employment and Employment Training	X		
Healthcare	X		
HIV/AIDS			
Life Skills			
Mental Health Counseling			
Transportation			
Other			

Table 53 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary

Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)

CDBG funds support the personnel necessary to complete assessments of needs, make referrals to programs and services within Catholic Charities and throughout the community and the completion of applications for mainstream benefits, addressing the need for long-term stability. Case management is an integral part of the Second Place East Program leading to a decrease in the need for emergency services. With rapid re-housing, case managers assist homeless individuals and families move into stable housing. Program components involve identifying a housing location, provision of rental and financial assistance, and support services with a focus on stable employment and permanent housing. Southern Tier Aids Prevention Program with an office within the City of Elmira also provides the following services: Case Management, Medical Advocacy, Treatment Literacy, General support services, referrals, Housing placement assistance, Rent/mortgage and utility assistance, and social events.

Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above

Some of the gaps in Chemung County include:

1. Lack of sufficient Street Outreach to reach unsheltered homeless population
2. Insufficient Housing Options:
 - Emergency Shelter including discharges from hospital without housing (6-12 beds)
 - Transitional or Rapid Rehousing beds (12 units)
 - Permanent Support Housing targeted for individuals in recovery from addiction (8-12 units).

3. Insufficient case management services specifically for emergency shelter residents to expedite permanent housing
- 4 . Insufficient safe, affordable Permanent Supportive Housing options
5. Limited number of very low income quality housing units
6. Limited living wage job opportunities

Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs

Based on data from the Elmira's Comprehensive Master Plan, the consultant team identified the following value-added tasks which are central to the strategy for overcoming gaps in institutional structure: 1. Host a Community Leadership Forum which is geared towards grassroots neighborhood development and training to build leadership; 2. Code & Capital Implementation Workshop, a half-day implementation workshop focused on the City's Zoning ordinance and Capital Improvement Plan; 3. Preparation of a Developer's RFP for a site to be determined by the City; and 4. Grant Writing assistance.

The Department of Community Development works closely with many nonprofit, community based organizations, and governmental partners to achieve the desired goals. The Department will continue to leverage partnerships and build strong relationships to better achieve the desired program outcomes and improve service delivery.

SP-45 Goals Summary – 91.215(a)(4)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Quality Affordable Housing	2025	2030	Affordable Housing	BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITY AREA BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT Near Westside Historic District Maple Avenue Historic District	Improve Condition of Elmira's Housing Stock Addressing and Preventing Homelessness First-Time Homebuyer Direct Assistance, Counseling	CDBG: \$1,000,000 HOME: \$1,100,000 Empire State Development: \$500,000 NYS Homes and Community Renewal: \$500,000	Rental units constructed: 15 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 50 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 5 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 55 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 33 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	Strengthen Elmira's Neighborhoods	2025	2030	Non-Housing Community Development	Near Westside Historic District Maple Avenue Historic District	Comprehensive Youth Services Public Infrastructure/Improvements Code Enforcement, Slum and Blight Removal Facade and Commercial Building Renovations	CDBG: \$1,000,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5500 Persons Assisted Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1800 Persons Assisted Buildings Demolished: 8 Buildings
3	Alleviate and Prevent Homelessness	2025	2030	Homeless		Addressing and Preventing Homelessness Increased Access to Community Resources Housing Counseling Services	CDBG: \$150,000	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 850 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 1500 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Revitalization of Downtown Core	2025	2030	Non-Housing Community Development	BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT Local Waterfront Revitalization Area	Economic Development and Job Creation Public Infrastructure/Improvements Facade and Commercial Building Renovations	CDBG: \$125,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1100 Persons Assisted Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation: 12 Business
5	Business and Economic Development	2025	2030	Non-Housing Community Development	BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT Local Waterfront Revitalization Area		CDBG: \$200,000	Jobs created/retained: 15 Jobs Businesses assisted: 10 Businesses Assisted

Table 54 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Quality Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	This goal involves maintaining and expanding the supply of safe, affordable housing through the community. Owneroccupied housing will be made accessible, brought to code or made safer or more energy-efficient. First-time homebuyers will be provided with downpayment and closing cost assistance. Rental housing will be created, renovated to code, or made accessible, better managed, and affordable through the utilization of HOME funding to leverage Low Income Housing Tax Credits administered through New York State Homes and Community Renewal. The City of Elmira intends to accomplish this goal by issuing a Request for Proposals annually and commit funding for a scattered site neighborhood revitalization project. This goal will be to improve the condition of Elmira's Housing Stock while at the same time creating less of a need for code enforcement in a distressed neighborhood and qualified census tract.
2	Goal Name	Strengthen Elmira's Neighborhoods
	Goal Description	Strengthening Elmira's Neighborhoods includes expanding opportunities that promote neighborhood cohesion, stability, and sustainable development. An example of an activity that strengthens Elmira's neighborhoods is the support of youth and community centers. The creation of community garden or neighborhood watch groups, neighborhood clean-ups, and the development of neighborhood cultural anchors serve to strengthen neighborhoods. Investments in public improvements/facilities including streets, sidewalks, and parks also impact the quality of life of a neighborhood. In addition, code enforcement funded by the City's General Fund and targeted demolition of properties under the Spot Slum and Blight National Objective will also be utilized to assist in the strengthening of Elmira's neighborhoods. Additional funding will be allocated towards park improvements and Elmira's public facilities.
3	Goal Name	Alleviate and Prevent Homelessness
	Goal Description	Address the rising number of homeless in the City of Elmira through increased services, outreach, and services provided by community based organizations through the public service subgrantee allocations. Support for the homeless or at-risk of homelessness includes the shelter, housing, and service needs of these individuals and families through support of projects funded through the Continuum of Care process and coordinating with the Continuum of Care.

4	Goal Name	Revitalization of Downtown Core
	Goal Description	The revitalization of downtown core is a goal of this Consolidated Plan and encompasses redeveloping of vacant buildings, developing a redevelopment strategy for blighted properties, as well as filling vacant storefronts with retail and upper stories for housing. The revitalization of the downtown core also involves working closely with Elmira College and connecting the campus to downtown.
5	Goal Name	Business and Economic Development
	Goal Description	Business development involves providing assistance to help new businesses, especially small business entrepreneurs and existing businesses expand. The overall goal is to create sustainable jobs for lower income, unemployed, or underemployed persons and a more robust and sustainable economy for the City of Elmira.

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2)

The below represents estimates of the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families which the City of Elmira will provide affordable housing as defined HOME 91.315 (b)(2) through the use of CDBG and HOME funds. The City of Elmira intends to continue using HOME funding to provide downpayment and closing cost assistance to low- moderate-income families. In additional funds will support affordable rental rehabilitation of units through scattered site and well as project which will leverage Low Income Housing Tax Credits. CDBG funds are anticipated to continue to be utilized to support housing rehabilitation geared towards extremely low-income, lowincome, and moderate-income homeowners. This is only an estimate as the City does not know what future funding allocations will be for CDBG and HOME.

Extremely low-income

- CDBG/HOME funded Owner-Occupied Rehab Program- 25
- HOME supported development of Rental Housing- 20
- CDBG support of rental rehabilitation and lead paint reduction - 8

Low-income

- CDBG/HOME funded Owner-Occupied Rehab Program- 50
- HOME funded First-Time Homebuyer Program- 8
- HOME supported development of Rental Housing- 30

Moderate-income

- CDBG/HOME funded Owner-Occupied Rehab Program- 25
- HOME funded First-Time Homebuyer Program- 20

SP-50 Public Housing Accessibility and Involvement – 91.215(c)

Need to Increase the Number of Accessible Units (if Required by a Section 504 Voluntary Compliance Agreement)

Based on consultation with the Executive Director of the Elmira Housing Authority there is not currently a need to increase the number of accessible units at either of the Housing Authority's three developments. Flannery Apartments has 20 accessible units, Bragg Towers has 16 accessible units, and there are 6 accessible units at Hoffman Plaza.

Activities to Increase Resident Involvements

Activities to increase resident involvement include the following:

- Tenant Associations: Each of the three developments have tenant associations and these are strong at Bragg Towers and Flannery Apartments since 70% of the population is elderly and there is less turnover at these two developments. Hoffman Plaza since it is comprised of family units has more turnover and therefore the tenant association is not nearly as strong.
- The Elmira Housing Authority has an Elderly Service Coordinator

Is the public housing agency designated as troubled under 24 CFR part 902?

No

Plan to remove the 'troubled' designation

This is not applicable since the Elmira Housing Authority is not designated as troubled.

SP-55 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.215(h)

Barriers to Affordable Housing

While efforts have been made to expand and update zoning, citywide zoning remains somewhat restrictive. The Elmira last made substantial changes to its citywide Zoning in December 1998. The downtown was rezoned for form based code in 2018, which has allowed for easier development and planning for housing and other development. However, other areas of the city remain somewhat less ready for development.

Elmira ranked eighth in highest effective property-tax rate at 3.89 percent within New York State. The total tax rate (City, School, and County) for a property within the City of Elmira is \$65.24/\$1,000 of assessed value. In the City of Elmira's 2024 tax rate accounts for \$ \$27.95 per \$1,000 and approximately 38% of the properties within the City of Elmira are tax-exempt. Additionally, the affordability of housing is also impacted by the high cost of utilities which burdens households especially during the winter months. This has discouraged some homeowners from purchasing property within the City limits.

Strategy to Remove or Ameliorate the Barriers to Affordable Housing

A strategy to remove or ameliorate the barrier to affordable housing that the City's existing Zoning Ordinance currently poses involves continued partnerships with community based organizations in order to leverage funding and reduce duplication of programing. Additionally, the approval and development of the updated Zoning Policy for the City of Elmira will be used as a means to support new affordable housing and eliminate barriers.

SP-60 Homelessness Strategy – 91.215(d)

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

Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler facilitates the Annual Point in Time (PIT) count that is completed each January and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Chemung County has limited outreach workers currently. Monroe Plan for Medical Care was selected by the New York State Office of Mental Health to implement the Safe Options Support (SOS) program in New York State's Southern Tier Region covering Steuben and Chemung counties and Central Region covering Onondaga and Oswego counties. SOS teams will perform homeless street outreach and work closely with shelters, housing programs, healthcare providers, and other community organizations to ensure unhoused individuals receive the full spectrum of care, services, and support they need to achieve and maintain housing stability. Referrals are coordinated with DSS and Catholic Charities Chemung/Schuyler. Both have a strong working relationship with the Elmira Police Department and the New York State Department of Corrections which serve as a referral source in reaching out to homeless (especially unsheltered persons) so that Catholic Charities case managers can assess their individual needs.

Addressing the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City of Elmira intends on continuing to support Second Place East emergency shelter operated by Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler as a CDBG subrecipient. Catholic Charities also has the following programs that address the transitional housing needs of homeless persons:

- **Project Share (Supportive Housing & Residential Empowerment):** A transitional housing program designed to provide up to two years of rental assistance and supportive services to young adults between the ages of 18-25 who are homeless and have resided in the foster care system.
- **Residential Stabilization Program:** A 90-day transitional housing program funded by the New York State Department of Corrections that provides individuals exiting the prison system with a comprehensive solution-based approach to re-entering the community.

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.

Department of Social Services and Catholic Charities work closely on facilitating access to affordable housing. Other social service agencies target population for Second Place East services are individuals and families who are either at risk of becoming homeless or who have been identified as in need of immediate shelter. CDBG funds support the personnel necessary to complete assessments of needs, make referrals to programs and services within Catholic Charities and throughout the community and the completion of applications for mainstream benefits, addressing the need for long-term stability. Case management is an integral part of the Second Place East Program leading to a decrease in the need for emergency services. With rapid re-housing, case managers assist homeless individuals and families move into stable housing. Program components involve identifying a housing location, provision of rental and financial assistance, and support services with a focus on stable employment and permanent housing.

Help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families who are likely to become homeless after being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care, or who are receiving assistance from public and private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education or youth needs

Catholic Charities staff are involved in and participates in the following community boards and committees: Single Point of Entry (SPOE) community providers, the regional Continuum of Care (501 CoC), Elmira Psychiatric Center Board, Elmira Psychiatric Center and Behavioral Science Unit weekly discharge meeting, Mental Health Subcommittee, and Health Ministries of the Southern Tier. Catholic Charities operates Lasting Success: Supervised Independent Living Program which provides residential and support services to youth (16-21) aging out of the Foster Care System who are at risk of homelessness. The Gateways Program also operated by Catholic Charities provides community living, case management and residential support services to individuals and families at risk suffering from mental illness, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS and homelessness. In addition, the program provides a continuum of housing options ranging from residences with 24 hour supervision and intense case management to a supported housing program offering case management and support services including subsidized independent housing. Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers receives funding from the New York State Department of Corrections for the Residential Stabilization Program (RSP) which serves parolees re-entering the community. The RSP is a 90-day transitional housing program that provides individuals exiting the prison system with a comprehensive, solution-based approach to reentering the community. Collaboration with local service providers is an integral factor in Catholic Charities ability to ensure clients needs are being met as a whole and in a timely manner. These partnerships include:

- Mental health counseling (Family Services)
- Employment readiness/job searches (Department of Labor, First Choices operated by Economic Opportunity Program)

- Law enforcement (Department of Corrections, Elmira Policy Department)
- Substance abuse treatment (Trinity)
- Housing subsidies/inspections (Elmira Housing Authority, Arbor Housing)

SP-65 Lead based paint Hazards – 91.215(i)

Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards

Since January 2020, the City of Elmira has received two rounds of grant funding from the HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH). The City will continue to seek funding under this program during the Consolidated Plan period.

Over the upcoming Consolidated Plan, the City will address lead poisoning among pregnant women and children under the age of 6, living in homes built prior to 1978. The Lead Control Program will address lead paint issues in an estimated 60 homes throughout the City of Elmira. The City has hired a full-time staff member to oversee and manage the program. The City of Elmira has previously utilized funding from the New York State Attorney General's Office to address Lead-based Paint Hazards and increased access to housing without LBP hazards. The Department of Community Development will continue to receive referrals for its CDBG funded owner occupied housing rehabilitation program from the Chemung County Health Department when a child with an elevated lead level is identified through lead testing. The Department also maintains on staff a certified Lead Risk Assessor who will continue to evaluate homes for LBP hazards, in particular those with children or pregnant women in the home. Additional efforts to address LBP will be to improve the condition of the rental housing and the construction of new and rehabilitation of existing rental housing through the leveraging of Low- Income Housing Tax Credits through New York State Homes and Community Renewal with available HOME funds. Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler housing counseling services also provides community education on the risks of LBP hazards.

How are the actions listed above related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards?

The Department of Community Development makes it a priority to attempt to assist any household that has been referred by the Chemung County Health Department because a child has a elevated lead level. Efforts are made to assist the household (assuming income eligibility) through the City's housing rehabilitation program and with the new OLHCHH grant. The City's Lead Paint Control Program will allow for the rehabilitation of existing rental housing and the creation of new rental units will remove LBP hazards from the housing stock and creating a safe environment free of lead poisoning.

How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?

The Department of Community Development's staff inspector utilizes a Lead Safe Housing Requirements Screening Worksheet when inspecting a home. The City of Elmira and the Chemung County Health Department have a partnership where the Chemung County Health Department conducts risk assessments and lead clearance inspections on an as needed basis for a set fee. Contractors that perform work funded with CDBG and HOME funding must have proof that they have participated in a Lead Safe Work Practices and Lead Renovators training on file with the Department of Community Development.

SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy – 91.215(j)

Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families

The City of Elmira is committed to reducing the number of poverty-level families through the use of CDBG and HOME funds although recognizes that with limited funding, additional state and federal resources need to be leveraged. A representative of the Department of Community Development also serves on the Chemung County Poverty Coalition which is led by the Cornell Cooperative Extension.

- Supporting workforce development programs and providing economic opportunities through investment and participation in economic development initiatives that are geared toward the creation of jobs.
- Increasing the affordability of housing including utilizing CDBG and HOME funds to create additional affordable units, rehabilitate existing housing in a manner that takes into account energy efficiency and partners with existing programs aimed at making housing more affordable.
- Partnering and supporting Catholic Charities as a subrecipient that offers programs that specialize in residential services and community support services and are geared towards reducing the number of poverty-level families and increasing self-sufficiency.

How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan

The City's poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies are addressed within this affordable housing plan through strategic partnerships with community organizations like Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler and participation in the Chemung County Poverty Coalition. The focus of the Department of Community Development's affordable housing policies continue to be targeted within neighborhoods with highest rates of poverty and low-income residents.

SP-80 Monitoring – 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures that the jurisdiction will use to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and will use to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

Community Development staff participate in technical assistance conference calls led by Buffalo Field Office staff, HUD- sponsored webinars, and regional trainings to stay current and help ensure long-term compliance with CDBG and HOME requirements and regulations. The Department also uses as a reference IDIS Matrix- CDBG Eligibility Active Codes and National Objectives to ensure that activities funded are eligible and meet the appropriate national objective. Sub-grantee activities are reviewed quarterly upon review of their quarterly reports which summarizes their activities for that quarter as well as annually when they submit their Annual Report.

Sub-grantees are monitored every three years by the Grant Administrator unless something in their quarterly or annual reports triggers a more frequent monitoring visit. The Department of Community Development is in regular communication with sub-grantees especially those that fall behind in their activities. Southern Tier Economic Growth (STEG) is regularly communicated with as the administrator of the City's Economic Development Loan Program to ensure job creation is being tracked and how much program income is being collected. The City's Community Housing Development Organization, Near Westside Neighborhood Association, Inc., is using Home funds to invest in rehabilitating dilapidated houses in the City through their One House at a Time program. Community Development staff closely monitors the progress of each project through Quarterly Reports. There is a yearly CHDO certification application which has been implemented and every three years the Department of Community Development performs an on-site monitoring.

The City of Elmira frequently consults the New York State MWBE database and tries to elicit increased participation from minority and women-owned businesses. The Department of Community Development has also been promoting state certification of MWBE and a source of financing available to state-certified MWBE's known as the "Bridge to Success" Loan Program being administered by Empire State Development.

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Elmira will receive \$1,095,403 in CDBG and \$239,101.29 in HOME. The City of Elmira will begin the 2025 Program Year and the Year One of the Consolidated Plan with a continued focus on past successes around its key priorities program areas. The 2025 year will continue the successful Lead Hazard Reduction Program funding by a \$1.3 Million dollar HUD office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes to address elevated lead blood levels amount children under age 6. The program has increased funding from New York State Homes and Community Renewal through its a \$585,326 Leading in Lead Prevention Program (Lead) grant. The department will continue running its owner-occupied rehab program with HOME and CDBG funds and the first-time homebuyer downpayment assistance program. The department is also working closely with New York State on the Vacant Rental Improvement Program which was funded with \$953,460 to address sixteen units of vacant housing in Elmira. Elmira is also a Pro-Housing Certified Community through NYS HCR, which will allow the City to access new funding from the state.

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: \$		

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	1,095,403.00	0.00	0.00	1,095,403.00	4,381,612.00	2025 Entitlement grant plus program income anticipated from rehab and economic development loans and prior year unallocated program income that will be programmed during 2025-2026.
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	239,101.29	0.00	0.00	239,101.29	956,404.00	2025 HOME Allocation

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: \$		
Other	public - federal	Public Improvements	263,666.00	0.00	0.00	263,666.00	527,333.00	The Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) provides State funds to municipalities to support the construction and repair of highways, bridges, highway-railroad crossings, and other facilities that are not on the State highway system.
Other	public - state	Housing	1,000,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000,000.00	0.00	New York State funding from Empire State Development from RESTORE NY for renovation of the Booth School on Davis and West Second Street. The project will renovate the former school building into 58 apartments.

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: \$		
Other	public - state	Housing Multifamily rental rehab	953,460.00	0.00	0.00	953,460.00	953,460.00	state initiative, is designed to bring vacant rental units back into use by providing grants for rehabilitation and revitalization. The program prioritizes small, local, and responsible property owners to revitalize vacant, uninhabitable, or unmarketable units. The program aims to increase the supply of affordable, long-term rental units for low- and moderate-income tenants.
Other	public - local	Admin and Planning	25,000.00	0.00	0.00	25,000.00	50,000.00	The City of Elmira contributes \$25,000 local funds towards a portion of one community development staff position to assist with planning and coordinating efforts towards improving the City's parks, assisting with City grants, and leading planning efforts.

Table 55 - 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

Federal HOME funds are expected to leverage private investment through conventional mortgages provided to individuals who participate in the City of Elmira- Catholic Charities First-Time Homebuyer Program. There is no match requirement for HOME because the City of Elmira is a distressed community. CDBG funds are anticipated to leverage private, state, and local funds. The City receives funding for street reconstructions, milling, and paving from the NYS Consolidated Local Streets and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS). Local foundations have previously been a source of match for park improvements in low-moderate income areas and the City will continue to seek this source of funding including funding from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. Lastly, it is anticipated that additional funding will be identified through the Upstate Revitalization Initiative, and other state sources. Southern Tier Economic Growth (STEG) is serving as the administering agency for the Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative of which Elmira received \$1 Million. Since 2008, the City of Elmira was awarded 3,800,000 in Restore NY funding that will serve mixed use projects within the downtown but they don't directly associate with a listed CDBG project although will assist with business development and additional residential housing within the downtown. The Chemung County Property Development Corporation (Land Bank) also received funding through the NYS Attorney General's Office in the amount of \$1,500,000 that is able to be partially used for demolitions and rehabilitations that could serve affordable housing goals. This programs will continue through 2025-2026.

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

Currently, the only publicly owned land or property located within the City of Elmira that may be used to address the needs identified in the plan are properties obtained by the County of Chemung through the tax foreclosure process that will be provided to the newly formed Chemung County Property Development Corporation (Land Bank) or organizations such as Near Westside Neighborhood Association, as the City's CHDO, and/or Chemung County Habitat for Humanity to meet affordable housing needs. The Chemung County Land Bank received funding in the amount of \$1,500,000 from the Land Bank Initiative Grant through New York State Homes and Community Renewal, which is being used to help support affordable housing goals.

Discussion

As mentioned in the introduction, the City of Elmira is looking forward to being able to leverage existing CDBG and HOME funding with potentially new initiatives through New York State under the Upstate Revitalization Initiative (URI), Downtown Revitalization Initiative. In 2024, the City of Elmira was certified as a Pro-Housing Community through New York State HCR and will continue to seek support and funding under this program designation. The goal will be to help increase the supply of affordable housing in Elmira. Due to Elmira's location within the Southern Tier region. Elmira has received funding awarded under the \$500 million URI for support of a new medical school, LECOM. The City has also been awarded \$1,000,000 under the Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative. The City has also received \$3,500,000 in RESTORE NY grants from Empire State Development for market rate and affordable housing projects on Davis/W Second Street. These additional sources with private investment could make a significant impact on the City's housing and economic development plans and will be reported in future Annual Action Plans and Consolidated Annual Performance Reports (CAPERS).

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Quality Affordable Housing	2025	2030	Affordable Housing	Near Westside Historic District Maple Avenue Historic District	Improve Condition of Elmira's Housing Stock First-Time Homebuyer Direct Assistance, Counseling Housing Counseling Services		Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25 Households Assisted Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 5 Households Assisted
2	Strengthen Elmira's Neighborhoods	2025	2030	Non-Housing Community Development	Near Westside Historic District Maple Avenue Historic District	Comprehensive Youth Services Public Infrastructure/Improvements Code Enforcement, Slum and Blight Removal		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2500 Persons Assisted Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 250 Persons Assisted Buildings Demolished: 2 Buildings

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Alleviate and Prevent Homelessness	2025	2030	Homeless		Addressing and Preventing Homelessness		Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 500 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 1000 Persons Assisted
4	Revitalization of Downtown Core	2025	2030	Non-Housing Community Development	BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT Local Waterfront Revitalization Area	Economic Development and Job Creation Facade and Commercial Building Renovations		Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation: 3 Business Businesses assisted: 2 Businesses Assisted
5	Business and Economic Development	2025	2030	Non-Housing Community Development	BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT Local Waterfront Revitalization Area	Economic Development and Job Creation		Businesses assisted: 5 Businesses Assisted

Table 56 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Quality Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	Annual goals related to creating/preserving quality housing relates to a continued emphasis on rehabilitating homeowner housing, rehabilitating homebuyer units for a first-time homebuyer, and assisting new homebuyers with direct financial assistance (downpayment and closing costs) to purchase their first home within the City of Elmira.

2	Goal Name	Strengthen Elmira's Neighborhoods
	Goal Description	Annual goals related to strengthening Elmira's neighborhoods relate to several activities from support of public services for neighborhood residents, public infrastructure improves to streets and sidewalks, enhancements to city parks, and demolition of blighted properties. The City of Elmira will provide CDBG funding to valuable public services, including youth centers in low-income neighborhoods (Southside Community Center, Ernie Davis Community Center) and a educational program by Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers will continue to provide housing counseling services including pre- and post-purchase counseling for first-time homebuyers and mortgage foreclosure prevention services.
3	Goal Name	Alleviate and Prevent Homelessness
	Goal Description	Alleviating and preventing homelessness is an important goal of the City of Elmira's and this strategic plan/annual goal is directly related to providing funding to Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers to support the Second Place East Homeless Shelter and their homeless prevention program. Catholic Charities receives funding through the Regional Continuum of Care and works closely with the Chemung County Department of Human Services.
4	Goal Name	Revitalization of Downtown Core
	Goal Description	During the 2025 Program Year, Elmira Downtown Development will be assisting in carrying out the strategic plan goal of revitalizing the downtown core through the continued administration of the CDBG funded Facade and Signage Improvement Program within the Business Improvement District and the New York Main Street program with funds awarded through New York State Homes and Community Renewal which will be focused on facade and building renovations and streetscape enhancements on South Main Street. Elmira Downtown Development also administers Operation Green Streets utilizing CDBG funds and will be augmenting streetscape enhancements. Additionally, the City of Elmira, Southern Tier Economic Growth, and Chemung County will be focusing efforts towards ongoing revitalization in the core of Elmira's downtown, utilizing state funds previously awarded to the City.
5	Goal Name	Business and Economic Development
	Goal Description	Business development including the expansion of existing business and addition of small businesses within the City of Elmira continue to be a goal. Southern Tier Economic Growth (STEG) will continue to administer the City of Elmira's Commercial Loan Program utilizing CDBG funding allocated in prior program years.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Federal CDBG and HOME funds are utilized by the City of Elmira to carry out a wide variety of activities that are consistent with the Consolidated Plan priorities. The City of Elmira intends on programming \$1,095,403.00 in CDBG entitlement funding and program income and \$239,101.29 in HOME funding. Public services projects are selected after soliciting proposals from local non-profit agencies and Community Development staff and citizen advisory committee review them and making recommendations to City Council. Youth services, housing counseling, and services for the homeless have all been determined to be high priority public service needs. The City also incorporates CDBG funds in its annual Capital Budget for public improvements, for example streets, ADA sidewalk transitions, and parks and these funds are dedicated to low-moderate income areas. The projects included in the City's 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan have been determined to meet all program requirements and have been identified as priorities by the City of Elmira.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	General Administration
2	Rehab Administration
3	CDBG Owner-Occupied Rehab
4	Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program
5	Ernie Davis Community Center
6	AIM Independent Living Center
7	Catholic Charities Homeownership Counseling
8	Catholic Charities Emergency Shelter
9	Meals on Wheels of Chemung County
10	Salvation Army - Homeless Services
11	Court Appointed Special Advocates - CASA of the Southern Tier
12	Street Improvements
13	ADA Sidewalk Improvement Program
14	Elmira Downtown Development (Operation Green Streets)
15	Southern Tier Economic Growth (loan program)
16	Park Improvements
17	HOME Administration
18	First-Time Homebuyer Direct Assistance & Counseling - HOME
19	CHDO
20	Habitat for Humanity - Scattered Site Rehab

#	Project Name
21	Chemung County Property Development Corp - Scattered Site
22	Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program (HOME)

Table 57 – Project Information

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

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Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	General Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$219,081.00
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to pay expenses related to the general administration of the CDBG program.
	Target Date	6/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	NA- provides administration of the Citywide programs.
	Location Description	NA- provides administration of the Citywide programs.
	Planned Activities	NA- provides administration of the Citywide programs.
2	Project Name	Rehab Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$250,000.00
	Description	Rehab administration includes program delivery for administering the City of Elmira's Housing Rehabilitation program including salaries and fringe benefits for two staff (Grant Administrator and inspection services from Code Enforcement), mortgage filing and discharge fees, office supplies, postage. This project and program delivery cost has been able to be decreased this Program Year through a shared service arrangement with the City of Elmira's Code Enforcement Department for inspection services.
	Target Date	6/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Program delivery cost related to Housing Rehabilitation Program. Program will serve an estimated LMI 12 families
	Location Description	NA

	Planned Activities	Program delivery cost related to Housing Rehabilitation Program. Program will serve an estimated LMI 12 families
3	Project Name	CDBG Owner-Occupied Rehab
	Target Area	BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITY AREA Near Westside Historic District Maple Avenue Historic District
	Goals Supported	Quality Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Improve Condition of Elmira's Housing Stock
	Funding	CDBG: \$219,080.00
	Description	CDBG funds are utilized to provide grants (deferred loans) and low interest (3%) loans to income eligible homeowners who have owned and occupied their homes for two years. Funds are utilized to address code, housing quality, energy improvements, and accessibility issues.
	Target Date	6/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 12 households will benefit and the majority of the families will fall between 30-60% of the AMI. CDBG Owner- Occupied Rehabilitation assistance will be provided to property owners who have owned and occupied their property for at least 2 years and who fall within 80% of HUD's Median Family Income for Elmira.
	Location Description	Scattered addresses throughout the City.
	Planned Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deferred loans (grants) for households with an income of between 0-50% MFI • 3% repayable loans for households within 50-80% MFI
4	Project Name	Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Quality Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Improve Condition of Elmira's Housing Stock
	Funding	CDBG: \$65,000.00

	Description	Funds will match support the City of Elmira Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program for costs of lead paint repairs in 50% LMI and 80% LMI individuals residing in rental and owner occupied units throughout the City. The funds will supplement the Lead Hazard Reduction and Healthy Homes Grant, received by the City of Elmira in January 2020. The program will address lead hazards in rental and homeowner to address lead paint issues on properties older than 1978 with a focus on properties with children under the age of six living on site.
	Target Date	6/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Assist an estimated 13 LMI households; an estimated 4 below 30% AMI; estimated 7 below 30-50% AMI; estimated 2 50-80% AMI. It is expected that 4 will be owner occupied and 9 will be rental properties.
	Location Description	Scattered sites throughout the city of Elmira
	Planned Activities	Assist with the rehabilitation of rental and owner occupied properties in the City of Elmira to address lead paint issues on properties older than 1978 where children under the age of six are living or visiting for an extended period of time. These residents are all low moderate income. The CDBG funds will be used as a match for the Lead Hazard Reduction and Healthy Homes Program.
5	Project Name	Ernie Davis Community Center
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Strengthen Elmira's Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Comprehensive Youth Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000.00
	Description	The Ernie Davis Community Center services Elmira City youth under age 21 years of age and provides a safe, year-round school alternative.
	Target Date	6/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 240 youth will be served by the Ernie Davis Community Center.
	Location Description	650 Baldwin Street, Elmira, NY 14901, Census Tract 7, Block Group 1
	Planned Activities	A public service activity that will provide fitness programs • Kids Cafe • Free healthy meals served Monday-Friday • Tutoring • Arts and Cultural activities • Junior Culinary classes

6	Project Name	AIM Independent Living Center
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Alleviate and Prevent Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Addressing and Preventing Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000.00
	Description	AIM Independent Living Center provides advocacy and a wide array of home- and community-based services for people with all types of disabilities. The organization assist veterans, nursing home residents, people who are experiencing homelessness, those in recovery, and others with unmet needs.
	Target Date	6/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Provide homeless assistance and case management to an estimated 45 individuals below 30% AMI.
	Location Description	Office located at 350 West Church Street, Elmira, NY. Provides assistance to homeless throughout the city of Elmira
	Planned Activities	Provide case management and subsistence support to homeless in Elmira.
7	Project Name	Catholic Charities Homeownership Counseling
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000.00
	Description	Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler provides housing counseling services in the form of credit counseling, post-purchase counseling, and mortgage foreclosure prevention services.
	Target Date	6/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 100 low-moderate income clients/families will benefit from housing counseling services provided by Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler.

	Location Description	Housing Counseling Services are offered at Catholic Charities main offices at 215 E Church Street, Elmira, NY 14901. This is a location downtown in the City Center of Elmira and is can be accessed easily via public transport.
	Planned Activities	First-Time Homebuyer workshops • One-on-one pre-counseling for new homebuyers • Post-purchase counseling and group education workshops for homebuyers • One-on-one credit and budget counseling • One-on-one mortgage foreclosure and loss mitigation counseling including working directly with lenders
8	Project Name	Catholic Charities Emergency Shelter
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Alleviate and Prevent Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Addressing and Preventing Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000.00
	Description	Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler is Chemung County's homeless service provider and operates a Homeless Shelter within the City of Elmira.
	Target Date	6/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 400 clients will receive emergency shelter services.
	Location Description	The Emergency Services Center is located at 380 South Main Street, Elmira, NY 14904 and Elmira Shelter is located at 106 High Street., Elmira, NY 14901.
Planned Activities	CDBG funds are provided for personnel to complete an assessment of needs, make referrals to programs and services within Catholic Charities and throughout the community and assist with the completion of applications for mainstream benefits. There is a focus on preventing displacement of individuals and families and case management is an important component of the program. Catholic Charities also provides emergency shelter services for individuals that are homeless.	
9	Project Name	Meals on Wheels of Chemung County
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Strengthen Elmira's Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Increased Access to Community Resources

	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000.00
	Description	Meals on Wheels of Chemung County provides nutritious meals to homebound, frail/and or disabled seniors throughout Chemung County.
	Target Date	6/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Meals on Wheels of Chemung County provides nutritious meals to homebound, frail/and or disabled seniors throughout Chemung County. Meals on Wheels will provide meals to seniors at Bragg and Flannery Towers operated by the Elmira Housing Authority which has resulted in an initial increase of 16% of the total daily meals being served.
	Location Description	An estimated 200 low-moderate income families will be served at Bragg and Flannery Towers and Woodlawn Court Housing Complex.
	Planned Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults, children, and elderly will be able to access food, household, and personal care items • Youth and children will be provided with after-school programs, classes and field trips
10	Project Name	Salvation Army - Homeless Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Alleviate and Prevent Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Addressing and Preventing Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$14,000.00
	Description	The program provides 25 homeless individuals with shelter and safe housing services along with access to supportive services for rebuilding their lives.
	Target Date	6/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 25 families will receive access to supportive services, emergency services, housing to rebuild their lives after facing or being at risk for homelessness.
	Location Description	414 Lake St, Elmira, NY 14901
	Planned Activities	An estimated 25-35 families will receive access to supportive services, emergency services, housing to rebuild their lives after facing or being at risk for homelessness.
11	Project Name	Court Appointed Special Advocates - CASA of the Southern Tier
	Target Area	

	Goals Supported	Strengthen Elmira's Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Comprehensive Youth Services Increased Access to Community Resources
	Funding	CDBG: \$19,000.00
	Description	CASA program serves abused and neglected children with advocates that provide case management in Family court proceedings. This is an unduplicated service in Elmira.
	Target Date	6/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated the program will served a total of 80 children/youth and 20 will be income eligible.
	Location Description	CASA services will support children throughout the city of Elmira.
	Planned Activities	The program provides children who have been abused and neglected access to a court appointed advocate. CASA provides support services to children removed from a living situation because of abuse or neglect. The advocate helps them through the transition to a new living environment.
12	Project Name	Street Improvements
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Strengthen Elmira's Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure/ Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$55,000.00
	Description	Public facilities- street improvements located in low-moderate income census tracts. CDBG funds will be utilized toward street reconstructions including the installation of ADA sidewalk transitions.
	Target Date	6/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that this activity will impact a minimum of 5,000 LMI persons
	Location Description	Exact street addresses have not been selected, however they will be located in low-moderate income census tracts. CDBG funds will be utilized toward street reconstructions including the installation of ADA sidewalk transitions.

	Planned Activities	Public facilities- street improvements located in low-moderate income census tracts. CDBG funds will be utilized toward street reconstructions including the installation of ADA sidewalk transitions.
13	Project Name	ADA Sidewalk Improvement Program
	Target Area	BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITY AREA BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT Near Westside Historic District Maple Avenue Historic District
	Goals Supported	Strengthen Elmira's Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure/ Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,241.00
	Description	Funds will be used to augment the City's street program in low-moderate income census tracts within the City of Elmira. This will include mill and fill projects within the City as well as the installation of new ADA sidewalk transitions.
	Target Date	6/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that this activity will impact a minimum of 500 persons
	Location Description	Exact street addresses have not been selected, however they will be located in low-moderate income census tracts.
	Planned Activities	CDBG funds will be utilized toward the installation of ADA sidewalk transitions.
14	Project Name	Elmira Downtown Development (Operation Green Streets)
	Target Area	BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT Local Waterfront Revitalization Area
	Goals Supported	Strengthen Elmira's Neighborhoods Business and Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure/ Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000.00
	Description	Funds will be made to make streetscape improvements to the Central Business District which also contains a significant portion of low/moderate income residents especially within senior residences.
	Target Date	6/1/2026

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 1,000 downtown residents and community members will benefit
	Location Description	Improvements will be made within the City's downtown concentrated between West Water Street, Main, and on the City's southside on S. Main Street.
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to make streetscape enhancements to the Central Business District by funding plants for planters, planters, benches, and amenities. These funds are also anticipated to be augmented with Downtown Revitalization Initiative funds.
15	Project Name	Southern Tier Economic Growth (loan program)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Business and Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development and Job Creation
	Funding	CDBG: \$67,000.00
	Description	Funds will be used to make streetscape enhancements to the Central Business District by funding plants for planters, planters, benches, and amenities. These funds are also anticipated to be augmented with Downtown Revitalization Initiative funds.
	Target Date	6/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Job creation through the commercial loan program for the City of Elmira. An estimated 5 LMI jobs will be created.
	Location Description	City-wide, however primary focus will be within Census Tracts 6, 7, and 10
Planned Activities	Commercial loans are yet to be determined. It is estimated that two loans will be provided for new expansions. The program will result in job creation for LMI jobs in the City of Elmira.	
16	Project Name	Park Improvements
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Strengthen Elmira's Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure/ Improvements Increased Access to Community Resources

	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000.00
	Description	Funds will be utilized to make improvements to parks located in low moderate income areas including upgrading playground equipment and other park amenities.
	Target Date	6/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that a minimum of 2,500 people will be able to benefit the proposed park improvements.
	Location Description	Brand Park, serving census tracts 10 and 9
	Planned Activities	Planned activities included replacing outdated playground equipment, adding amenities such as benches, and trash receptacles.
17	Project Name	HOME Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	HOME: \$23,910.13
	Description	HOME funds will be used to pay the pro-rated salary of the Grant Administrator as well as the contract for inspection services for HOME funded projects and other related fees for the First-Time Homebuyer Program. The amount allocated represents 10% of the City's HOME allocation as allowed.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Administration
	Location Description	Administration
	Planned Activities	Administration
18	Project Name	First-Time Homebuyer Direct Assistance & Counseling - HOME
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Quality Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Addressing and Preventing Homelessness
	Funding	HOME: \$90,000.00

	Description	Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers will work with eligible first-time homebuyers interested in purchasing their first home in the City of Elmira and provide them with one-on-one as well as group counseling sessions to prepare them for homeownership.
	Target Date	6/1/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4 households who fall within 50-80% of MFI and meet the requirements of the first-time homebuyer program will be directly assisted.
	Location Description	Scattered addresses throughout the City of Elmira
	Planned Activities	Catholic Charities will work with eligible first-time homebuyers interested in purchasing their first home through the First-Time Homebuyer Program within the City of Elmira and provide them with one-on-one as well as group counseling to provide them for homeownership.
19	Project Name	CHDO
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Quality Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Improve Condition of Elmira's Housing Stock
	Funding	HOME: \$35,865.19
	Description	Near Westside Neighborhood Associate is the City of Elmira's current designated CHDO and identifies single family properties that can be purchased/donated to make repairs as part of their One House At A Time Program that are sold to a first-time homebuyer. Additionally, Near Westside Neighborhood Association has had initial conversations with BOCES about constructing a new single-family home on a vacant lot.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	One family who is low-moderate income
	Location Description	Locations are still in the process of being identified for 2026
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include purchase and rehabilitation of a single-family property for homeownership. Additionally, there may be an opportunity for a partnership with GST BOCES for infill of a new single-family home on a vacant lot.

20	Project Name	Habitat for Humanity - Scattered Site Rehab
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Quality Affordable Housing Strengthen Elmira's Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Improve Condition of Elmira's Housing Stock
	Funding	HOME: \$30,000.00
	Description	Habitat for Humanity of Chemung County will purchase and rehab a vacant property in the City of Elmira for sale to a low/moderate income homeowner.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	One family who is low-moderate income will purchase a home
	Location Description	Scattered address throughout the City of Elmira
	Planned Activities	Rehabilitate and fully renovate a vacant property for sale to a low-moderate income homebuyer.
21	Project Name	Chemung County Property Development Corp - Scattered Site
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Quality Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Improve Condition of Elmira's Housing Stock
	Funding	HOME: \$39,235.16
	Description	Chemung County Property Development Corporation (Landbank) will purchase and rehab a vacant property in the City of Elmira for sale to a low/moderate income homeowner.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	One low/moderate income family
	Location Description	Scattered site within the City of Elmira
	Planned Activities	Renovation of a single family home for sale to a low/moderate income household.
22	Project Name	Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program (HOME)

Target Area	
Goals Supported	Quality Affordable Housing
Needs Addressed	Improve Condition of Elmira's Housing Stock
Funding	HOME: \$20,000.18
Description	Owner-occupied grant assistance targeted to homeowner between 30-50% AMI.
Target Date	6/30/2026
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	One low moderate income family
Location Description	Citywide
Planned Activities	Homeowner renovation program

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

Census tracts with the highest low-moderate income population by percentage include census tracts 1 (75.94%), 2 (56.63%), 6 (72.42%), 7 (77.81%), and 10 (62.54%). Census tract 7 includes the City's downtown and Central Business District (including the Business Improvement District) which is where the majority of economic development assistance is targeted. Census tracts 7, 6, 2, and 1 are also census tracts with the highest percentage of minorities residing in them. Community Development during the upcoming year will continue to outreach to residents within these tracts to ensure residents are aware of the programs that exist.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITY AREA	
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	
Near Westside Historic District	
Local Waterfront Revitalization Area	
Maple Avenue Historic District	

Table 58 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City of Elmira will utilize recent planning efforts (including the Southside Rising Revitalization Strategy and Comprehensive Master Plan), citizen participation, community survey, and investment of other resources (state and federal) as the basis for allocating investments geographically within the City. The City will also be looking to leverage opportunities to expand its tax base or where neighborhoods can be stabilized through either private/state investment.

Discussion

The City of Elmira is also hopeful that the Southern Tier region will continue to receive additional state funding through the Upstate Revitalization Initiative or at a minimum through the Consolidated Funding Application that will leverage additional funding for the Business Improvement District and New York Main Street target area. In 2020, projects around downtown revitalization and development will continue with the facade program and ongoing efforts of prior year funding from New York State.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of Elmira is anticipating rehabilitating existing homeowner units with the use of CDBG and HOME Owner-Occupied Rehab Program as well as providing 15% of HOME funds for a Near Westside Neighborhood Association CHDO project toward acquisition and rehab. A total of 8 new homebuyers are expected to be assisted through the acquisition of existing units. The City of Elmira’s Department of Community Development will continue to administer a Housing Rehabilitation Program which is targeted to very low/low/moderate income homeowners and involves the rehabilitation of existing owner-occupied units. Other agencies within the City of Elmira including Habitat for Humanity and Near Westside Neighborhood Association have also been successful in getting grant funds through New York State Affordable Housing Corporation, and the City will continue to partner with them on larger properties. Another successful program continues to be the City of Elmira, Catholic Charities First-Time Homebuyer Program which provides pre- and post-purchase counseling and \$20,000 in down-payment and closing cost assistance. During the 2025 Program Year, the Near Westside Neighborhood Association, as the City’s CHDO will begin rehabilitating a single-family home for an eligible first-time homebuyer. Funding is also allocated to Habitat for Humanity to rehab of a house in the City of Elmira. Funding will also support scattered site revitalization for 3 affordable housing units through the Chemung County Land Bank.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	800
Non-Homeless	20
Special-Needs	50
Total	870

Table 59 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	25
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	25

Table 60 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The one year goals for the number of households to be supported are based on individuals assisted through the City of Elmira's CDBG and HOME funding Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation Program and direct financial assistance provided through the First-Time Homebuyer Program for the acquisition of

existing units. HOME funding has also been set-aside for Scattered Site Neighborhood Revitalization in an effort to work with either the Chemung County Land Bank to provide affordable housing development and neighborhood revitalization goals.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Elmira Housing Authority does not request CDBG or HOME funds to address the needs of public housing although consults with the City of Elmira several times a year. The City reviews the Elmira Housing Authority's Environmental Reviews and ensures that plans are consistent with the Consolidated Plan.

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

The City of Elmira will continue to review the Elmira Housing Authority's Annual Agency Plans for consistency with the Consolidated Plan and will continue to maintain a relationship with the Elmira Housing Authority shall needs arise in the future. The Elmira Housing Authority and the City of Elmira have an agreement for additional police services which continues to be renewed annually.

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

An election is held for two resident commissioners in order to encourage residents to become more involved in management of the Elmira Housing Authority. Their input is used for the Agency Plan. The Elmira Housing Authority puts out a 45 day notice that the plan is available for review and a Public Hearing is held. The City of Elmira and Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler have a First-Time Homebuyer Program which is promoting to public housing residents, in particular to those residing at Hoffman Plaza which is geared towards families.

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

The Elmira Housing Authority is not designated as troubled.

Discussion

The City of Elmira will continue to consult with the Elmira Housing Authority to identify ways that the two can collaborate to address affordable housing goals.

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

Introduction

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

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

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

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

Discussion

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

Introduction:

The City of Elmira, compared to New York State as a whole, is an affordable place to live based on the median value of properties. Yet, based on poverty statistics, low median household income, a significant number of Elmira residents have a high cost burden and housing is not affordable to the very low and low income segments of the population. The current tax rate of the City and cost of utilities especially for large, old homes also is a barrier to affordable housing to results in a high cost burden or problems becoming delinquent in taxes. The age and condition of the housing stock and a disinvestment by largely out of town landlords also negatively impacts the quality of the affordable housing that exists within the community and serves as a significant barrier. These barriers will continue to be addressed with federal and state community development funding and increased coordination with housing and social service agencies.

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

1. The City of Elmira will continue to support Catholic Charities Housing Counseling services and the promotion of a First-Time Homebuyer Program since both programs help low income residents overcome the barriers to affordable housing. HOME funds will continue to be utilized to provide \$20,000 deferred loans (grants) to assist eligible first-time homebuyers with downpayment and closing costs enabling households to achieve the dream of homeownership. The grants combined with pre- and post-purchase counseling through Catholic Charities has enabled previous homebuyers to be successful. Chemung Canal Trust Company, a local lender and an approved member of the Federal Home Loan Bank's First Home Club, also assist individuals and families save money toward buying their own home by matching \$4 for every \$1 a household saves toward their downpayment, up to a maximum match of \$7,500 as long as they commit to a minimum of 10 months of saving.
2. Additionally, a barrier to affordable housing including decent wages for workers that enable them to afford their housing, including the rent/mortgage, utilities, and taxes which are high in general for New York State and the City of Elmira is no exception. A focus on economic development and building a sustainable economy will be a focus of the Comprehensive Master Plan and will require a commitment on the part of City and County officials to help retain and recruit new businesses that create jobs.
3. The City of Elmira will also be issuing a Request for Proposals to leverage 2025 HOME funding with Low Income Housing Tax Credits from New York State Homes and Community Renewal in order to increase the number of quality, affordable rental units within the city. The City is hoping that approximately 30 rental units may be rehabilitated and newly constructed to replace current but substandard rental units or reactivate vacant units.

4. Supporting and promoting housing organizations such as Near Westside Neighborhood Association (the City's CHDO) and Habitat for Humanity which continue to invest in developing affordable housing to subsidize the cost of rehabilitating houses for low/moderate income homebuyers, especially first-time homebuyers.

5. Another barrier to affordable housing includes the high cost of utilities especially since the age and condition of much of the housing stock makes it not energy efficient. Community Development will continue to incorporate energy improvements in properties that are rehabilitated, connect homeowners with NYSERDA's programs, and support future housing projects that incorporate green design and energy efficiency appliances, etc.

Discussion:

Barriers to affordable housing are frequently addressed at the Chemung County Housing Coalition and Poverty Coalition meetings. The barriers identified within the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan will not be removed overnight and will require strong collaboration between multiple layers of government to ameliorate the negative effects of public policies and make Elmira and New York State an affordable place to live.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City of Elmira and its community partners have several actions planned for the 2025-2026 Program Year to meet underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing, reduce lead-based paint hazards, and reduce the number of impoverished individuals and families. This will continue to be a challenge with CDBG and HOME funding reductions and scarce financial resources despite the needs. More than ever, collaboration will be absolutely necessary to have a significant impact.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

An underserved need continues to be improving the condition of the City's rental properties especially those owned by absentee landlords. These properties have a blighting impact on neighborhoods, over burden and place a drain on City services (code enforcement, fire protection, and police), and creates a problem for low income families finding quality affordable housing (especially those within 0-30% of Area Medium Income). The City of Elmira will continue to utilize its Rental Registration and Certification process and Vacant Buildings Ordinance to help address the decline of neighborhoods as well as prosecuting the most egregious code cases.

CDBG funds will be used to provide Public Service Programs to target underserved communities. Additionally, funds are targeted towards underserved neighborhoods and areas of the City typically underserved by other public and private resources. The City will also be issuing a Request for Proposals to leverage HOME funding for a scattered site rental project (approximately 30 units) that will leverage New York State Low Income Housing Tax Credits administered by New York State Homes and Community Renewal.

Another underserved need within the City of Elmira continues to be economic development with the City's boundaries and development that is sustainable. Sustainability will be a focus along with encouraging investment in the downtown areas. New York State, the City, Chemung County, Southern Tier Economic Growth (STEG) are working together toward the redevelopment of downtown Elmira.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City's priority is to foster and maintain affordable housing in a manner that controls density and has a positive impact on the neighborhood. A goal is to improve the existing rental housing stock and addresses concerns regarding absentee landlords. Emphasize will continue to be to make housing developed or rehabbed as energy efficient as feasible and to leverage programs funded by NYSERDA, Empire State Development, and other federal and state programs. Community Development staff will continue to promote its Owner-Occupied Rehab Program and support the First-Time Homebuyer Program which provides downpayment and closing cost assistance to new homebuyers. Additionally, the City has launched a Lead Paint program to provide grants to property owner for lead paint reduction

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Since 2020, the City of Elmira has utilized dollars from US Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Lead Hazard Control to run lead paint hazard reduction program for housing units built before 1978. In 2024, Elmira received funding to address lead hazards through the Leading in Lead Prevention Program from New York State Homes and Community Renewal. The City works closely with Chemung County Health Department on these programs. The Department of Community Development will continue to receive referrals for its CDBG-funded owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program from the Chemung County Health Department when a child with an elevated lead level is identified through lead testing.

The Department also maintains on staff a certified Lead Risk Assessor who will continue to evaluate homes for LBP hazards utilizing a Lead Safe Housing Requirements Screening Worksheet, in particular in those homes with children or pregnant women present. The City of Elmira and the Chemung County Health Department have a partnership where the Chemung County Health Department conducts risk assessments and lead clearance inspections on an as needed basis for a set fee. Contractors that perform work funded with CDBG and HOME funding must have proof that they have participated in a Lead Safe Work Practices and Lead Renovators training on file with the Department of Community Development.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The Department of Community Development works closely with Chemung County Department of Social Services to address issues of poverty in the community. In addition to the City's participation on this coalition, specific actions the City has planned during the upcoming program year include the following:

- Based on available data, housing cost burden is a significant challenge for families living in poverty. Actions planned to address this concern include issuance of a Request for Proposals to affordable housing developers to utilize HOME funding to leverage New York State Low Income Housing Tax Credits to improve the quality, availability, and affordability of rental housing for poverty-level families.
- The City of Elmira continues to support as a CDBG sub-recipient, Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler Housing Counseling services at the Homeless Shelter and Homelessness Prevention Program. These programs assist poverty-level families by helping them avoid mortgage foreclosure or connect them with valuable resources/services to help them become self-sufficient.
- There will continue to be an emphasis on economic development to increase the availability of jobs that provide economic opportunities for low income individuals. The City of Elmira will work with Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council and Empire State Development and will pursue funding through the Consolidated Funding Application and Upstate Revitalization Initiative.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City's Department of Community Development is continuously looking to improve upon processes and develop institutional structure. The following actions are planned for the upcoming Program Year:

- The Department has a Policies and Procedures manual that is reviewed and updated on at least a semi-annual basis.
- Staff regularly participate in on-site trainings and webinars hosted by HUD and other state and federal agencies to ensure that the City continues to stay up to date on best practices in community development and the direction HUD is headed. Staff participates in HUD Buffalo's TA Thursdays and Rehab Rap and will continue to suggest future topics to be covered.

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

The City's Department of Community Development has several actions planned to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies:

- City staff and the Near Westside Neighborhood Association (the City's designated CHDO) continue to meet at least quarterly to discuss housing needs and projects that the two organizations can work together.
- Community Development has developed a stronger relationship with Chemung County Habitat for Humanity. Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers also has a housing counselor who serves on Habitat for Humanity's Selection Committee and the three agencies will be coordinating more with the First-Time Homebuyer Program.
- The Department of Community Development has a staff representative that participates in the Chemung County Housing Coalition convened by Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers as well as the Poverty Reduction Coalition convened by Cornell Cooperative Extension of ChemungCounty.
- Community Development has a staff person who is a member of Chemung County Youth Bureau's Advisory Board to understand youth programming within the community.
- The Director of Community Development participates in monthly Continuum of Care conference calls.

Discussion:

The issues facing the City of Elmira are complex and will only be addressed with assistance from and increased coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. There are also limited financial and human resources to address the needs of the community and therefore, there will be greater emphasis placed on supporting projects that have the greatest positive impact on the community.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The following section outlines program specific requirements for both the CDBG and HOME programs. Community Development staff regularly participate in HUD-hosted webinars and trainings to ensure that program requirements are being met including TA Thursdays and Rehab Rap which have been useful in better understanding and applying the requirements of both the CDBG and HOME programs.

The City of Elmira utilizes the CDBG program to generate program income through an owner-occupied rehab loan program administered by the Department of Community Development and the economic development loan program administered by Southern Tier Economic Growth.

Lastly, the City of Elmira anticipates that an estimated 85% of CDBG funding will be used for activities that benefit low to moderate income persons on either an area-wide basis through improvements to public facilities/public improvements or will have a direct impact on low to moderate income persons. The CDBG regulations require that at least 70% of CDBG funds benefit low to moderate income persons and during prior program years, the City of Elmira has far exceeded this percentage.

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
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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.

0.00%

**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:

The City of Elmira plans on utilizing HOME funds expected to be available during the program year to providing direct assistance and housing counseling services to first-time homebuyers, and an eligible CHDO project. Other forms of investment related to the First-Time Homebuyer Program is funding through private lenders including investment through Chemung Canal's First Home Club. The City intends on leveraging HOME funds with New York State Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC) funds that were awarded to the Near Westside Neighborhood Association and NWNNA will be administering the AHC funds. Near Westside Neighborhood Association, as the City's designated CHDO, will utilize set aside funds as well as project proceeds for their "One House At a Time Program." The City will also be committing \$XXXX for scattered site neighborhood revitalization in partnership with the Chemung County Land Bank for eligible projects within the City of Elmira.

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:

The City of Elmira will be utilizing the recapture guidelines when HOME funds are used for homebuyer activities. Eligible first time homebuyers who participate in First- Time Homebuyer Program will be eligible to receive up to \$20,000 based on need as a deferred loan (grant) to cover downpayment and closing costs. There will be a ten year affordability period and as long as the homebuyer continues to own and occupy the property for the entire five years, the deferred loan will be discharged and the filed mortgage will be discharged. If the homebuyer fails to own and occupy the property during the affordability period, the City will recapture the \$20,000. A mortgage and HOME Program Agreement will be signed by both the homebuyer and the City outlining the recapture terms.

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:

The City and its CHDO (Near Westside Neighborhood Association) will follow the resale guidelines to ensure the affordability of units acquired and rehabilitated with HOME funds. The affordability period will be determined based upon the total HOME investment and the City will utilize HUD's minimum requirements and there will be a maximum 15 year affordability imposed on properties.

The reasonable range of homebuyers according to 24 CFR 92.254 (a) (5)(i)(B) will be between 51-80% of the Area Median Income. Under the "resale" guidelines, the homebuyer will work closely with the City of Elmira and Near Westside Neighborhood Association on the resale of the property to a defined range of low-income buyers and receive the City's final approval. The (Seller) must receive a "fair return" on their investment. "Fair return" is the return of the homebuyer's original investment plus any capital improvements at an actual cost not to exceed the newly assessed value at the time of the sale plus sixty percent (60%) of the remaining professionally appraised increase in value at the time of the sale during the Affordability Period. NWNA shall receive the remaining forty percent (40%) of the newly assessed value upon the sale. The City, as the Participating Jurisdiction will ensure that the housing developed with HOME funds remains affordable to the identified range of low income homebuyers by utilizing deed restrictions which specify the affordability period, defined range of homebuyers, and resale restrictions. Homebuyers also sign a HOME Program Agreement. Resale will only be utilized when eligible homebuyers do not participate in the City's First-Time Homebuyer Program and receive direct financial assistance. Those homebuyers who receive direct financial assistance utilizing HOME will be subject to recapture and a mortgage and HOME Program Agreement will be signed by both the homebuyer and the City outlining the recapture terms as described in the previous question.

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:

The City does not plan on using 2025-2026 HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds.

5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). <TYPE=[text] REPORT_GUID=[A0BBB986408D8C25582AC4BE59FA99C5]>

The City does not plan to use HOME funds for a Planned HOME TBRA activity in 2025-2026 program year.

6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(ii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).

NA

7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253(d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).

NA

The City of Elmira is committed to utilizing available CDBG and HOME funds to benefit the greatest number of low to moderate income residents. During the upcoming program year, the City of Elmira will

be focusing HOME investment on the First-Time Homebuyer Program, for an eligible CHDO project, and for a future scattered site neighborhood revitalization project with the Chemung County Land Bank to further increase the quality of the City's affordable housing. Homebuyers and homeowners assisted with HOME funds will be made aware of the affordability requirements as well as recapture and resale provisions in program agreements.

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

Citizen Participate for City of Elmira 2025-2030 Consolidated Plan Approved by Resolution No 2025-172

- Two public meetings were held to gain input from the public on the plan development
 - Steele Memorial Library, 101 E Church Street, Wednesday, January 22nd 5:00-6:00PM
 - City Hall, Law Library, 317 E Church Street, Monday, January 27th 12:30-1:30PM
- Funding for CDBG and HOME Grants to nonprofit and Community Based Organizations was advertised in the Star Gazette on March 10, 2025
- NY-501 Regional Continuum of Care (CoC) was consulted on March 27, 2025
- A public hearing was held on April 7, 2025 at City Hall Council Meeting
- A notice of public comment was published in the Star-Gazette on May 12, 2025 and the 30-day comment period was observed from May 13-June 12th
- A survey and QR code was distributed to to gain public input and a total of 469 responses were received
- An advisory committee meeting was held on May 28, 2025
- A presentation to Elmira City Council was provided on May 29th 2025 to summarize the plan and survey results

All comments and suggestions were reviewed and considered during the planning process. The most common themes were around these topics:

- *Unhoused populations*
 - *Homeless numbers have increased significantly and programs for homeless should be prioritized*
- *Crime*
 - *Crime rate and perception of high crime in Elmira is an issue which impacts neighborhood quality, conditions and community*
- *Vacant housing, fires, blighted neighborhoods*
 - *Vacant units and vacant properties should be brought back to market*
 - *Southside, Downtown and Eastside of Elmira need continued support and revitalization*
- *Affordability of both Rental and Homeownership*
 - *Housing is unaffordable and homeownership is becoming less attainable*
 - *Rents continue to rise and Section 8 is limited*
 - *Housing needs to be created for the aging population and ways to allow seniors to age in place need to be created*
- *Economics/Business Growth*
 - *High paying jobs are limited*
 - *Downtown small business need support*
 - *Larger economic efforts should be developed to attract larger companies into the area*
- *Youth/Education*
 - *Support for after school activities was high*
 - *Education should support trades and alternative routes for struggling youth to reduce the dropout rates*

March 24, 2025

RESOLUTION NO. 2025 - 77

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CITY OF ELMIRA'S 2025-2030 FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN and 2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

By Councilmember Wilson:

WHEREAS, federal regulations governing the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development require that participating communities prepare a Consolidated Plan every five years and an Annual Action Plan every year to ensure that the community needs are being met; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Community Development Block Grant Program is to promote sound community development, revitalize cities, reverse urban decay, promote programs for housing rehabilitation and to stimulate economic growth to turn around distressed cities through the Consolidated Planning process; and

WHEREAS, all activities funded with CDBG funds must meet one of the statutory objectives as set forth by Congress (1) benefit to low- and moderate-income persons; (2) aid in the prevention or elimination of slum and blight; or (3) meet an urgent need; and

WHEREAS, the HOME Investment Partnership Program is designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households and all projects funded with HOME funds must be housing related; and

WHEREAS, HUD has not released 2025 CDBG and HOME formula grant allocations, however in 2024, the City of Elmira received a CDBG allocation of \$1,102,073.00 and a HOME allocation of \$207,923.70; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Development, in conformance with the City's Citizens Participation Plan, is seeking input from residents, agencies, and other interested parties throughout the City to obtain input on community needs and will be using input gained from the community in preparing the City's 2025 Annual Action Plan as required by HUD; and

WHEREAS, a notice of funding availability was published in the official newspaper of the City of Elmira inviting interested organizations to submit an application for CDBG and HOME funds; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with program regulations, the City is required to hold a public hearing prior to the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan draft being completed and published for comment to obtain the views of citizens and interested agencies on activities to be included in the Annual Action Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a Public Hearing for the preparation of the 2025 Annual Action Plan and 2025-2030 Consolidated Plan for the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Programs be scheduled for Monday, April 7th, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that notice of the public hearing be published in the Star Gazette.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

AYES		NAYS
X	Councilmember Moss	
X	Councilmember Wilson	
ABSENT	Councilmember Couke	
X	Councilmember Brinn	
X	Councilmember Grasso	
X	Councilmember Duffly	
X	Mayor Mandell	
6		0

April 7, 2025

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING held this 7th day of April 2025 for the purpose of receiving written and oral comments from the public regarding the City of Elmira's 2025 Annual Action Plan and the 2025-2030 Consolidated Plan for the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Program.

APPEARANCES:

OPEN: 5:33 P.M.

In Favor Of: None

Opposed: None

CLOSED: 5:36 P.M.

No written submissions

June 16, 2025

RESOLUTION NO.2025- 175

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR TO SUBMIT THE CITY OF ELMIRA'S 2025-2030 CONSOLIDATED PLAN, FY 2025-2026 CDBG AND HOME ANNUAL ACTION PLAN, AND ANALYSIS TO IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

By Councilmember Duffy:

WHEREAS, federal regulations governing the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development require that participating communities prepare a Consolidated Plan every five years and an Annual Action Plan to ensure that the community needs are being met; and

WHEREAS, participating communities are also required to conduct an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has advised the City of Elmira that it will be receiving \$1,095,403 in CDBG funds for FY 2025-2026; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elmira has also been advised that the City will be receiving \$239,161.29 in HOME Investment Partnership funds; and

WHEREAS, the City published a notice inviting eligible groups and organizations to submit applications for said funds; and

WHEREAS, Community Development staff has prepared the attached recommended budget for CDBG and HOME funding; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the City of Elmira's Citizen Participation Plan, a public hearing was held on April 7, 2025 seeking input on the Consolidated Plan, FY 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan, and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Community Development also sought input by conducting three neighborhood meetings and from a Citizen Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the availability of a draft executive summary of both plans, a recommended budget, and a listing of proposed projects to be funded was advertised in the Star Gazette and a 30-day public comment period was observed with written comments being accepted until Tuesday, May 5th, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development no later than August 16, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2025-2030 Consolidated Plan, 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan, and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing are hereby approved for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Community Development is hereby authorized to submit the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development no later than August 16, 2025.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

AYES		NAYS
X	Councilmember Moss	
X	Councilmember Wilson	
X	Councilmember Cooke	
X	Councilmember Brina	
X	Councilmember Grasso	
X	Councilmember Duffy	
X	Mayor Mandell	
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Elmira is seeking written and oral comments from citizens and interested agencies of a public hearing to be held on Monday, April 7th 2025 at 5:30 p.m. The public hearing will be held at City Hall, 317 E. Church Street, Elmira, NY, City Council Chambers (2nd floor) which is a handicapped accessible location.

The City of Elmira Department of Community Development is looking for input as it prepares its 2025-2030 Consolidated Plan and 2025-2030 Annual Action Plan for the use of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program funds it receives from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan sets forth program goals, funding priorities, specific objectives, annual



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE CITY OF ELMIRA'S PROPOSED 2025-2030 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND THE 2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS.

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The City of Elmira has not yet been informed what the community will receive for year 2025-2026; therefore, this plan is subject to changes based upon the final allocation provided by HUD. However, in the 2024-2025 year, Elmira received \$1,100,000 from HUD for CDBG Program Year and an additional sum of \$95,000 in Program Income collected for a total of \$1,195,000 to be used

for programming. Additionally, the City received \$20,000.00 in HOME Investment Partnership funds for the 2024-2025 program year. Draft plans can be found on the Community Development webpage at <http://www.cityofelmira.net/city-development>, City of Elmira Clerk's Office, or the Steele Memorial Library. In addition, anyone who would like a free copy mailed to their home may contact the Department of Community Development at (607) 737-5697. A 30-day public comment period will be observed from May 13th- June 12th 2025. Citizens are invited to submit written comments on the draft Consolidated and Annual Action Plan. Comments should be sent to the Department of Community Development, ATT: Emma Miran, City Hall, 317 E. Church Street, Elmira, New York 14901 or emailed to emiran@cityofelmira.net. Written comments will be accepted until 4:00pm on June 12th 2025. The City of Elmira is committed to prohibiting discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, family status, or national origin. Hearing impaired persons can reach this office through New York Relay Center at 1-800-662-1230. AVEED 5/12/2025 May 12, 2025 11:30:12AM

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2025 CDBG Public Service Application 2025 HOME Affordable Housing Application HOME - CDBG Guidebook

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REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAMS AND THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM
 The City of Elmira will be receiving its annual entitlement for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the 2025-2026 Program Year (July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026) as well as its allocation of federal HOME funds. Since Congress has not completed the appropriations process for HUD's FY 2025 appropriation, in this time HUD cannot provide estimated FY 2025 allocation amounts for amounts to use for planning purposes in developing annual action plans. The City must begin developing its 2025 Annual Action Plan and prioritizing the use of federal CDBG and HOME funds. The City received \$1,102,073 in CDBG funds and \$207,923.70 in HOME funds for the 2024 Program Year. HUD requires that no more than 15% of CDBG funds be spent on public service activities. The City of Elmira is seeking proposals

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from organizations for projects that promote sound community development, revitalize cities, reverse urban decay, promote housing rehabilitation, and to stimulate economic growth in an effort to turn around distressed cities.

All projects must meet at a minimum, one of the following National Statutory objectives of the CDBG Program: 1. Benefit low to moderate income persons or persons residing in a household whose income does not exceed 80% of the median family income for the area; 2. Aid in the prevention or elimination of slums and blight; 3. Meet an urgent need that poses a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Non-profit agencies and faith-based organizations are eligible to submit proposals for CDBG funding for projects that meet one of the National Objectives and can demonstrate the following criteria:

- 1) Consistency with the City's Consolidated Plan and established priorities;
- 2) Demonstrates need for Community Development funding;
- 3) Clearly defined and measurable accomplishments;
- 4) Management capacity of the applicant;
- 5) Leveraging of other non-CDBG funds and a carefully developed budget;
- 6) Demonstrates cooperation and collaboration with other agencies and programs;
- 7) Record of past performance;
- 8) Projects must be ready to proceed.

Groups and organizations interested in obtaining applications and instructions for Community Development Block Grant funding or Community Development Housing Organization (CHDO) funding can contact the Community Development Department at City Hall, 317 East Church Street, Elmira, New York, 14901, at (607)734-5591 or visit the City's website

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at www.cityofelmira.net for a link to the application and instructions on the Community Development webpage. The application deadline is Friday, April 4th, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

The City of Elmira encourages applicants, especially groups organized by and/or serving low-income residents to contact the Department of Community Development at (607) 734-5591 if they have any questions about the application.

Community Development Housing Organizations (CHDO)

Fifteen percent (15%) of the HOME funds MUST be allocated to Community Development Block Grant Organizations (CHDO's) which serve the residents of the City of Elmira. For the 2024 Program Year, the City received a HOME allocation of \$207,923.70. City of Elmira is seeking to invite eligible CHDO's to submit applications for this funding and is encouraging housing providers in the community to work to obtain a CHDO designation. The deadline for CHDO applications is Friday, April 4th, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

NOTE: These applications are not applicable to property owners, tenants, private for-profit businesses, etc. who

NY-501/STEPS
BOARD MEETING

3/27/2025
2:00 PM

The mission of the NY-501 Regional Continuum of Care (CoC) is to identify persons in the region, and assess the needs of those persons, who are either homeless or most at risk of becoming homeless, and to channel the resources and efforts of public and private community agencies to strategically plan and meet the needs of these individuals in a collaborative fashion.

Goal: Review and approve the 2025 Scope of Work with CARES of NY, Inc. Review the proposal for spending the 2025 Planning dollars. Learn about the Monroe Plan SoS project.

Agenda

- A. Open Meeting/Roll Call
- B. Approve Minutes- None**
- C. Presentation from Monroe Plan on the SoS Project
- D. Coordinated Entry Report (CARES)
- E. HMIS Report (Catholic Charities)
- F. 2025 Scope of Work* (CARES)
- G. Proposal to Spend Planning Dollars* (John)
- H. City of Elmira 5-year Plan (Emma Miran)
- I. Collaborative Applicant Updates (CARES)
- J. Committee Reports (10 min)
 - 1. HMIS Committee (CARES)
 - 2. Coordinated Entry Committee (Ashley)
 - 3. Rank & Review Committee (CARES)
 - 4. Homeless & Housing Task Forces (HHTFs)

5. Veteran Updates
6. Regional Committee Updates (CARES):
 - i. Regional Committee on Domestic Violence
 - ii. Regional Advisory on Youth Homelessness
 - iii. Regional Racial Justice Advisory Committee
 1. RRJAC Task Force and CE Data Analysis

K. Agency Updates (10 min)

L. CoC Q&A

**Voting Item*

**** Meeting Minutes will be approved at the May 22nd Board/Membership Meeting**

Next Meeting: April 24th, 2025 at 2-3:30pm

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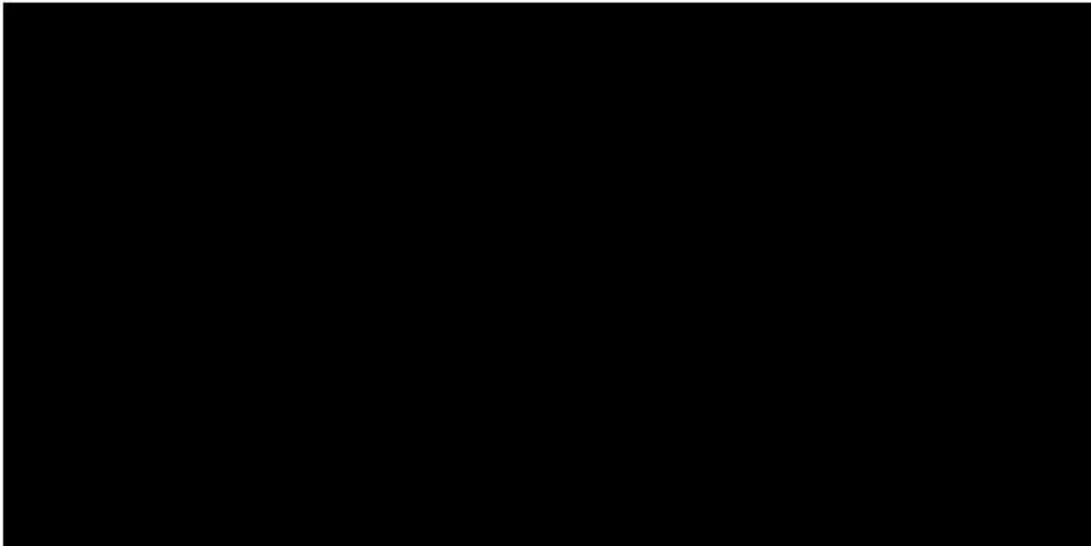
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NEWS

Residents discuss Elmira's Five Year Plan in first community meeting

Wednesday, January 22nd 2025, 10:25 PM EST

By **Morrissey Walsh**



ELMIRA, N.Y. (WENY) -- The City of Elmira is working to develop its five year plan, figuring out what projects matter to the community. On Wednesday, the city held its first public meeting to see what residents had to say.

The city receives just over a million dollars each year as part of the Community Development Block Grant. The Department of Housing and Urban Development requires a five year plan, focusing on what the community wants to see. That's where an online community survey comes in. The community meetings are paired with the survey, aiming to inspire discussion.

"It's an opportunity to learn a little bit more about what people are thinking in terms of housing needs for their neighborhoods, parks, the economy really jobs," said Emma Miran, the Director of Community Development for Elmira. "It's an opportunity to really have a one-on-one discussion, which we wouldn't get within the survey. The survey really can give us some good information and it can get to a lot of people, but

<https://www.weny.com/story/52229794/residents-discuss-elmiras-five-year-plan-in-first-community-meeting>

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317 East Church Street
Elmira, New York 14901**

**Emma R Miran
Director**

**Office: (607) 737-5691
Fax: (607) 737-5696**

To: Elmira City Councilmembers
CC: City Manager and Mayor
From: Emma R Miran, Director of Community Development
Date: December 27, 2024
Re: Housing and Urban Development Five Year Plan

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Please help us by distributing the attached surveys within your districts. Additionally, provide any insights or comments directly to myself about the needs within your district, preferred uses for CDBG and HOME funds, and other considerations to include in the plan to HUD.

Thank you for your continued support of the Department of Community Development.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Friday, December 27, 2025

PRESS RELEASE

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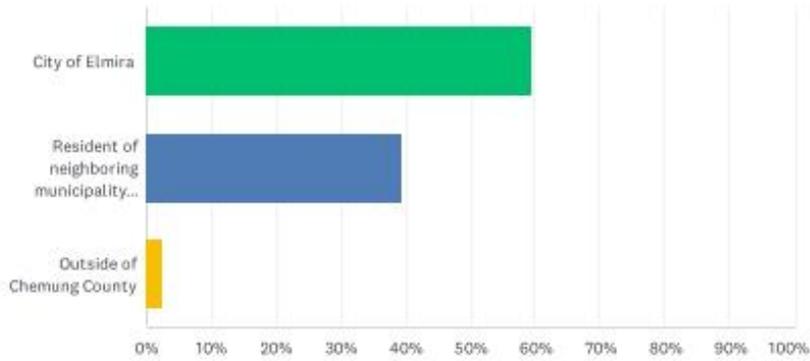
MEDIA CONTACT: Emma Miran, Director of Community Development, at emiran@cityofelmira.net or call 737-5691.

2025-2026 CDBG/ Home Advisory Committee Meeting
 Sign-In Sheet
 Steele Memorial Library
 5/28/2025

Name	Organization/Address	Email	Phone Number
Sharon Bukowski	583 Riverside Ave Elmira	Sharonbukowski2009@gmail.com	607-945-3838
Annette Ward	15 Parker Dr Elmira	wardanette11.com	607-731-5202
Rachel Perry	1051 Admiral Pl Elmira	perryrachel79@yahoo.com	607-731-1537
Bernita Eldridge	1110 Oak St Elmira	berniteldridge@mac.com	---

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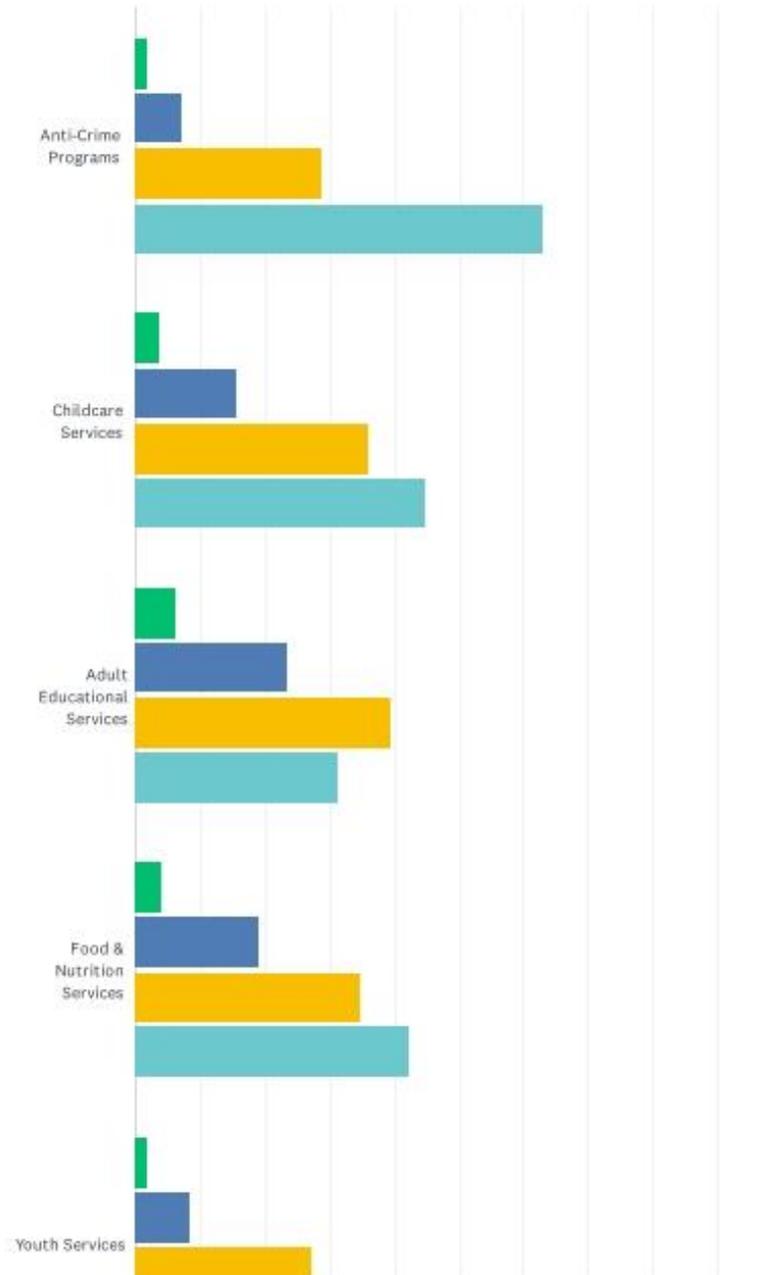
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
City of Elmira	59.28%	278
Resident of neighboring municipality (Southport, Town of Elmira, Elmira Heights, Horseheads, & others)	39.45%	185
Outside of Chemung County	2.35%	11
Total Respondents: 469		

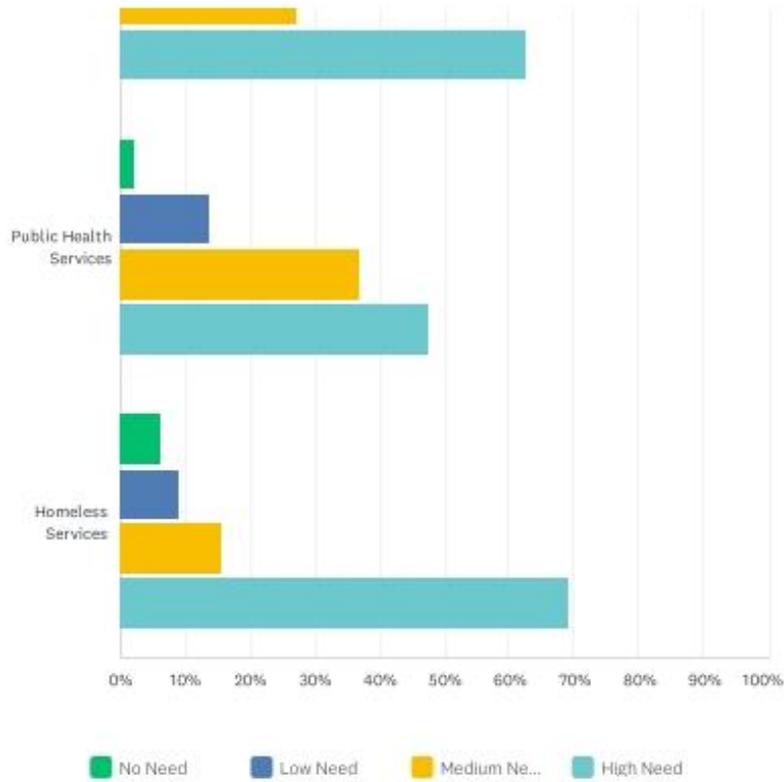
Q2 Please rank the need for the following Community Services.

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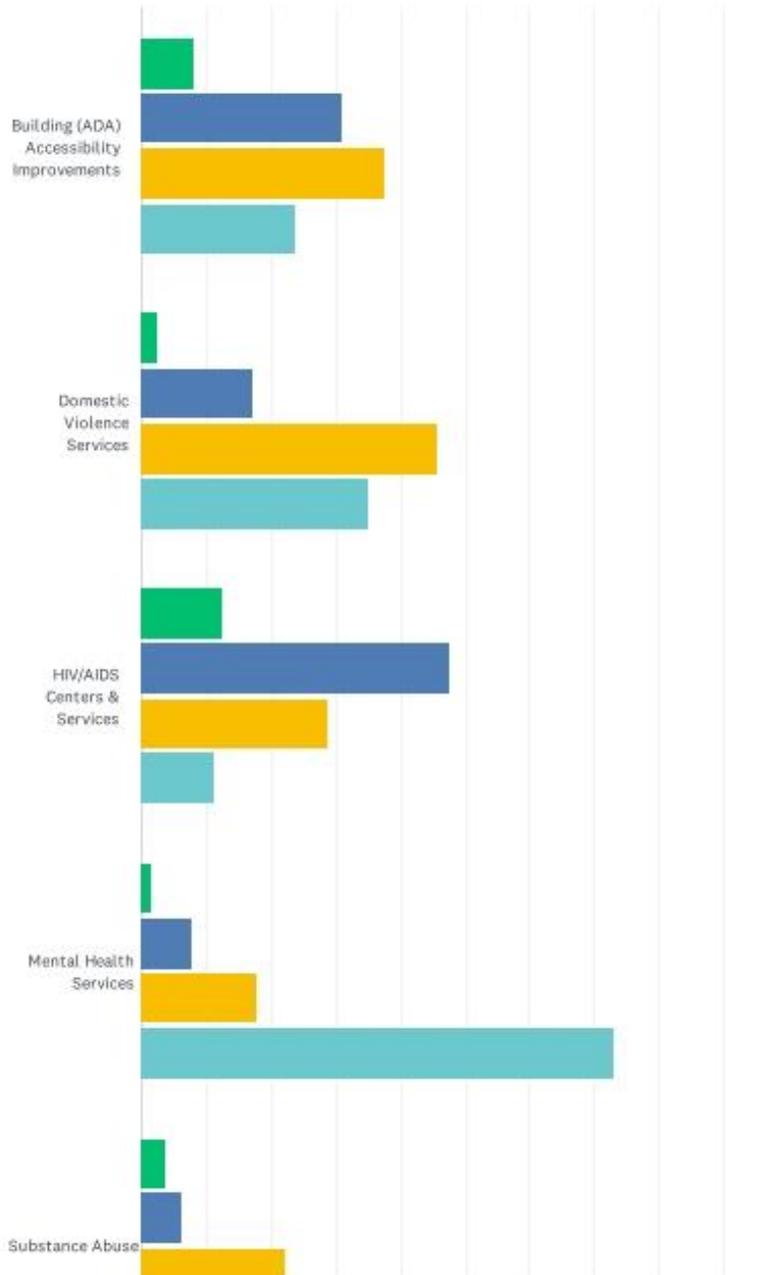
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	NO NEED	LOW NEED	MEDIUM NEED	HIGH NEED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Anti-Crime Programs	1.72% 8	7.10% 33	28.60% 133	62.58% 291	465	3.52
Childcare Services	3.71% 17	15.50% 71	36.03% 165	44.76% 205	458	3.22
Adult Educational Services	6.13% 28	23.19% 106	39.39% 180	31.29% 143	457	2.96
Food & Nutrition Services	4.14% 19	18.95% 87	34.86% 160	42.05% 193	459	3.15
Youth Services	1.95% 9	8.23% 38	27.27% 126	62.55% 289	462	3.50
Public Health Services	2.21% 10	13.69% 62	36.64% 166	47.46% 215	453	3.29
Homeless Services	6.25% 29	9.05% 42	15.52% 72	69.18% 321	464	3.48

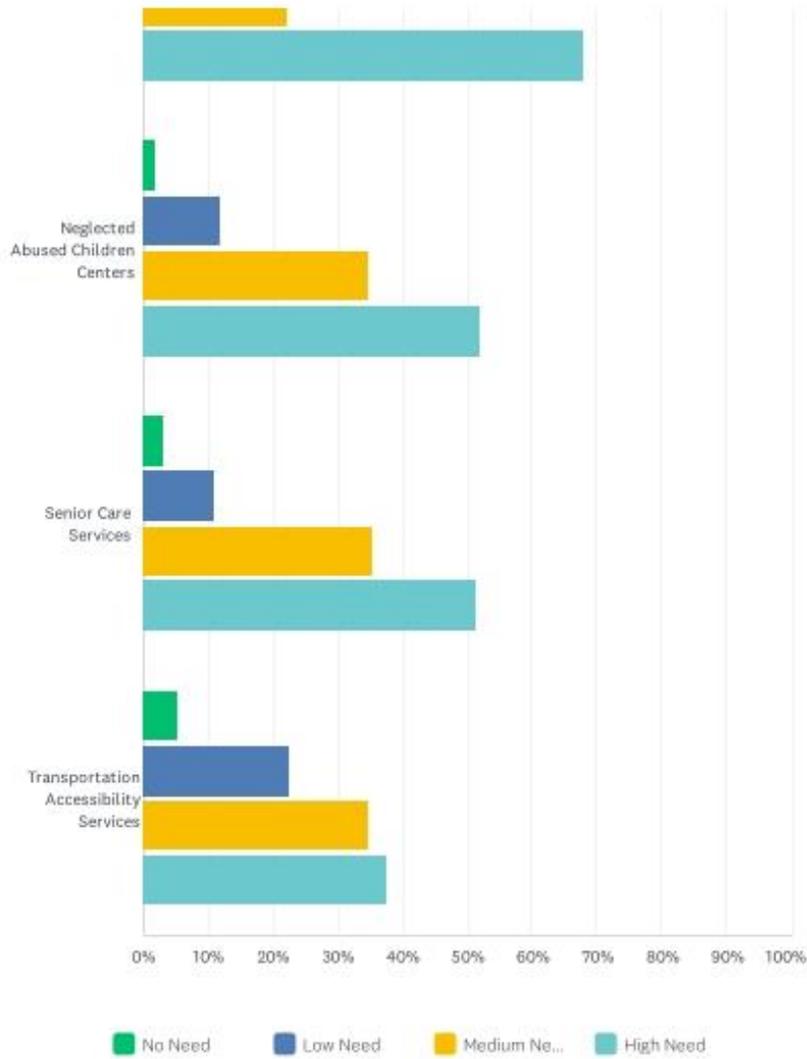
Q3 Please rank the following Special Need Services.

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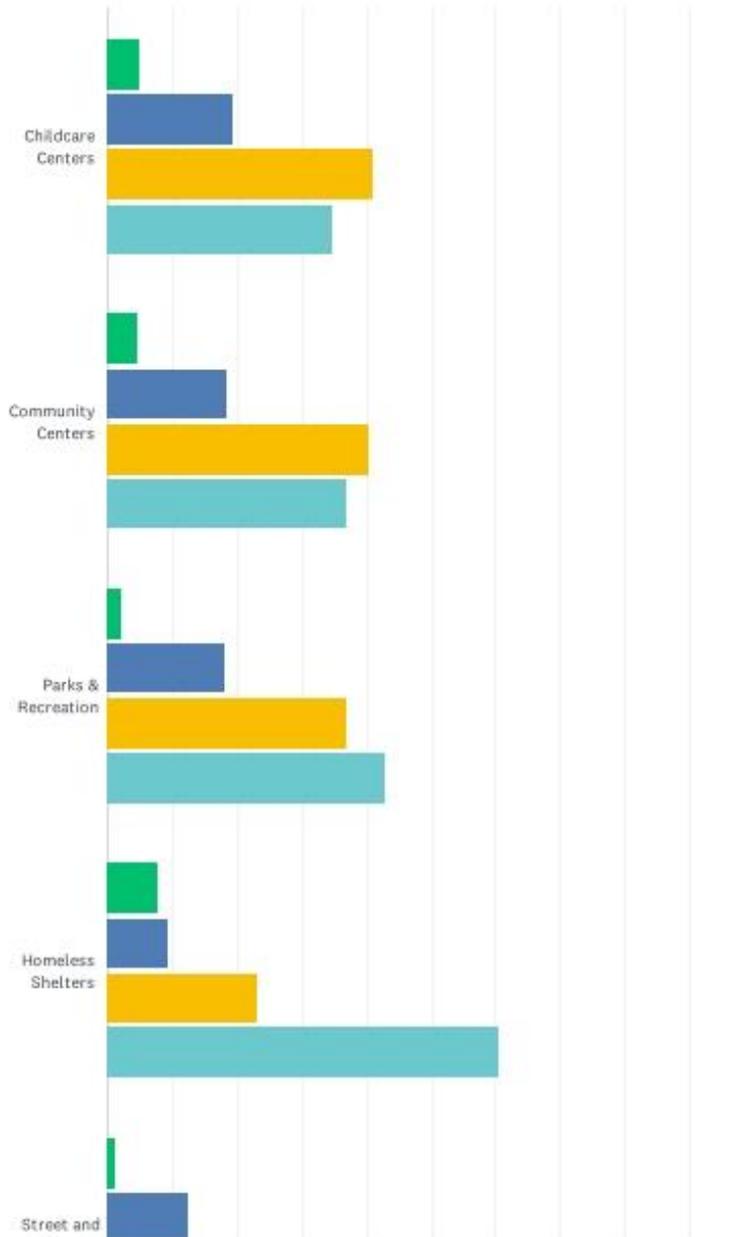


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Building (ADA) Accessibility Improvements	8.10% 37	30.85% 141	37.42% 171	23.63% 108	457	2.77
Domestic Violence Services	2.40% 11	17.03% 78	45.63% 209	34.93% 160	458	3.13
HIV/AIDS Centers & Services	12.56% 57	47.36% 215	28.85% 131	11.23% 51	454	2.39
Mental Health Services	1.51% 7	7.97% 37	17.67% 82	72.84% 338	464	3.62
Substance Abuse	3.67% 17	6.26% 29	22.25% 103	67.82% 314	463	3.54
Neglected Abused Children Centers	1.74% 8	11.71% 54	34.71% 160	51.84% 239	461	3.37
Senior Care Services	3.02% 14	10.78% 50	35.13% 163	51.08% 237	464	3.34
Transportation Accessibility Services	5.21% 24	22.56% 104	34.71% 160	37.53% 173	461	3.05

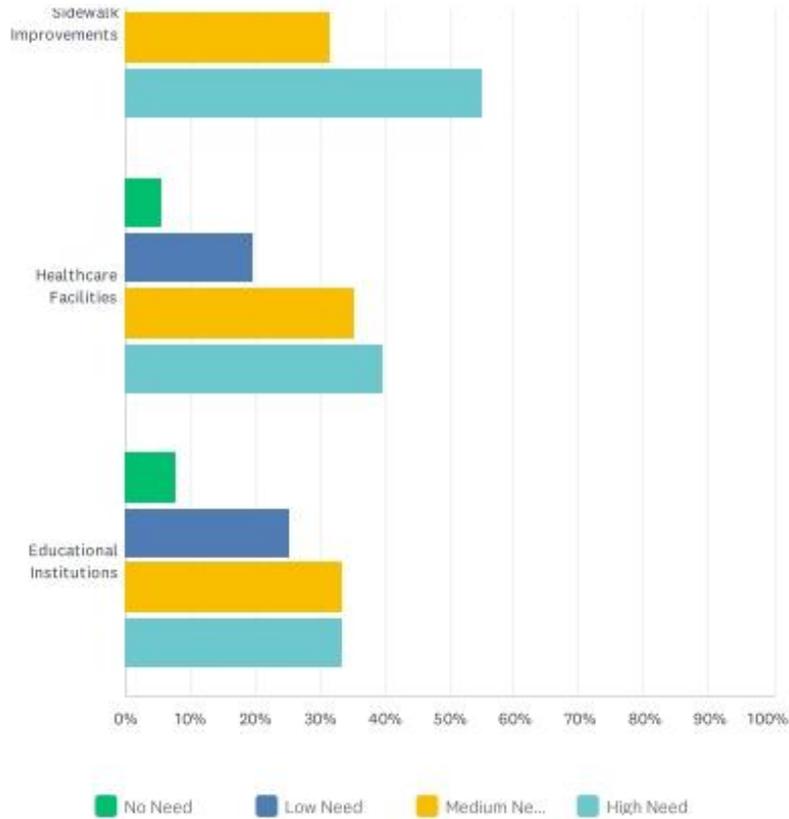
Q4 Please rank the need for new or updated capital improvements of these Public Facilities.

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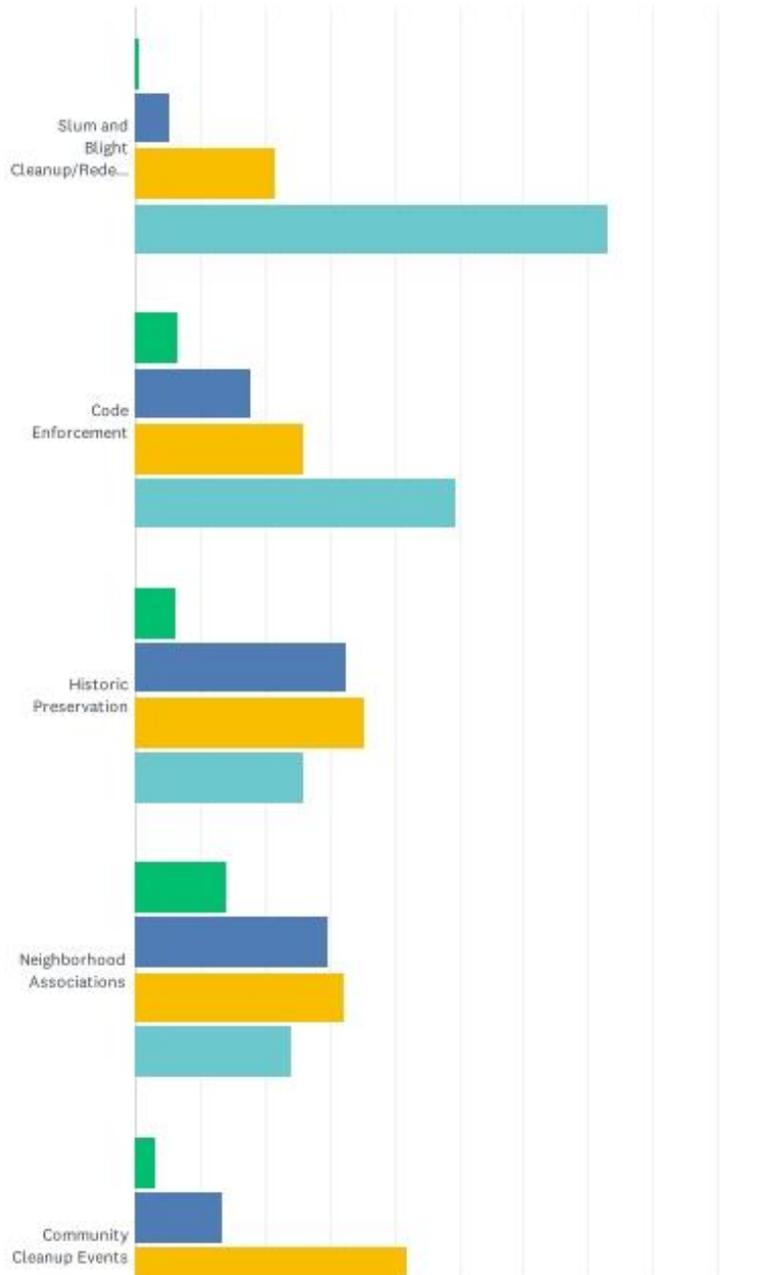
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Childcare Centers	4.81% 22	19.47% 89	40.92% 187	34.79% 159	457	3.06
Community Centers	4.76% 22	18.40% 85	40.26% 186	36.58% 169	462	3.09
Parks & Recreation	2.16% 10	18.18% 84	36.80% 170	42.86% 198	462	3.20
Homeless Shelters	7.81% 36	9.11% 42	22.99% 106	60.09% 277	461	3.35
Street and Sidewalk Improvements	1.28% 6	12.39% 58	31.62% 148	54.70% 256	468	3.40
Healthcare Facilities	5.64% 26	19.52% 90	35.14% 162	39.70% 183	461	3.09
Educational Institutions	7.84% 36	25.27% 116	33.33% 153	33.55% 154	459	2.93

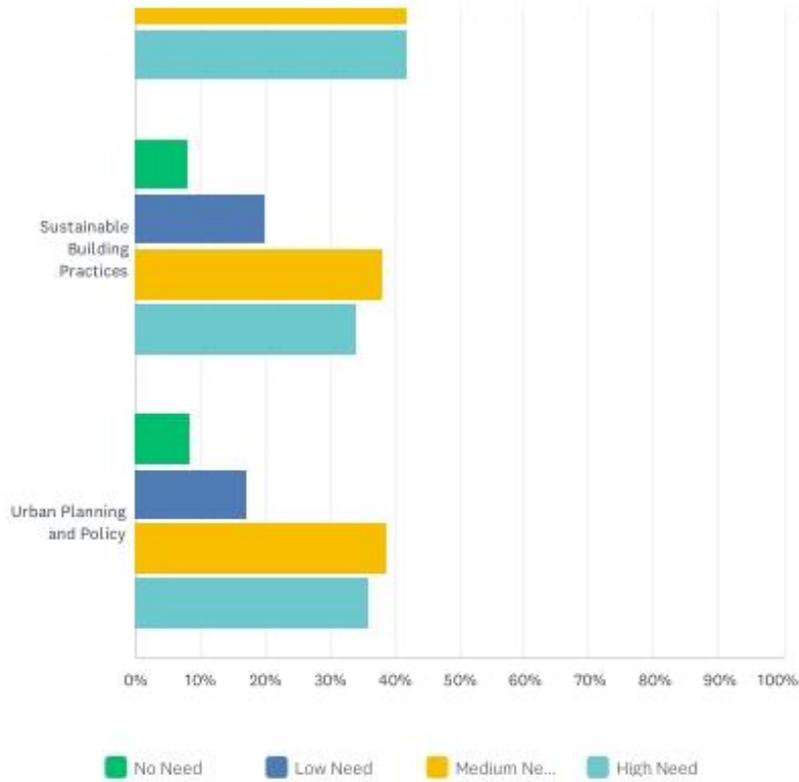
Q5 Please rank the need for Neighborhood Growth/Development.

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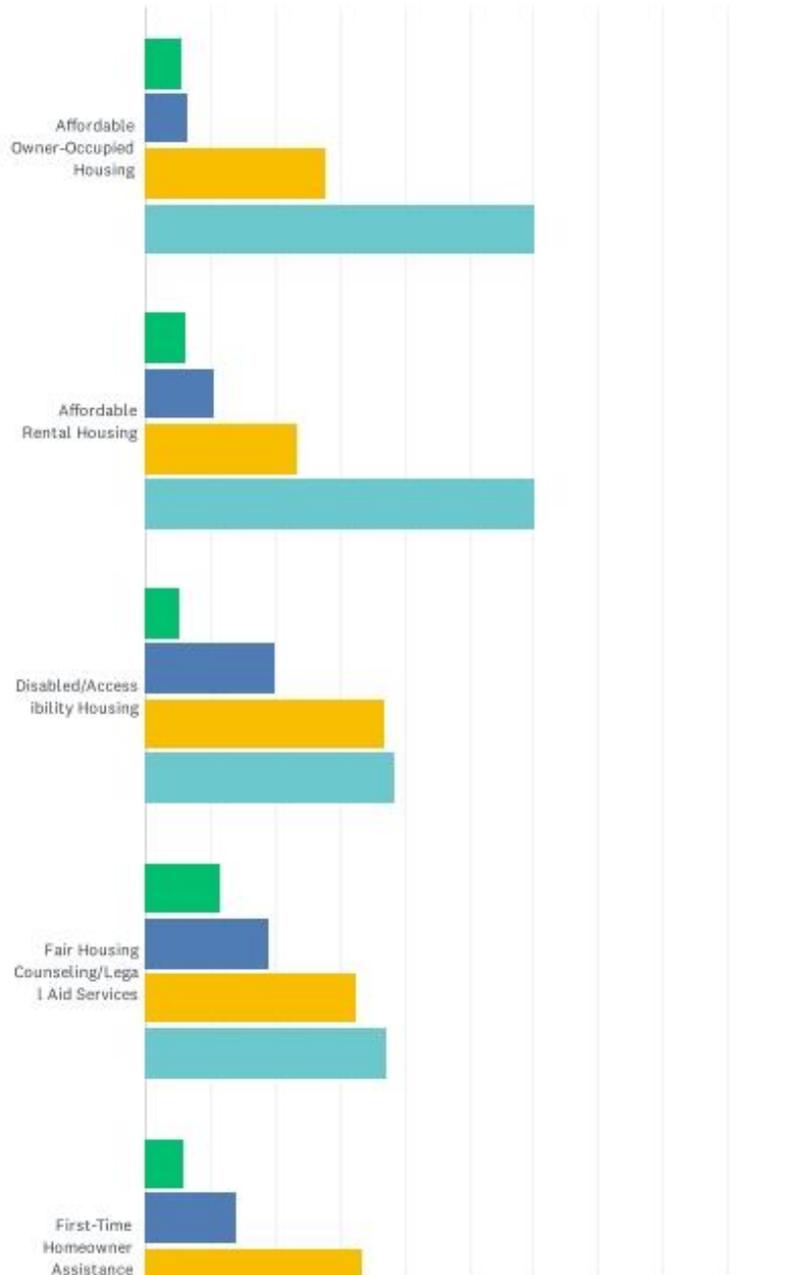
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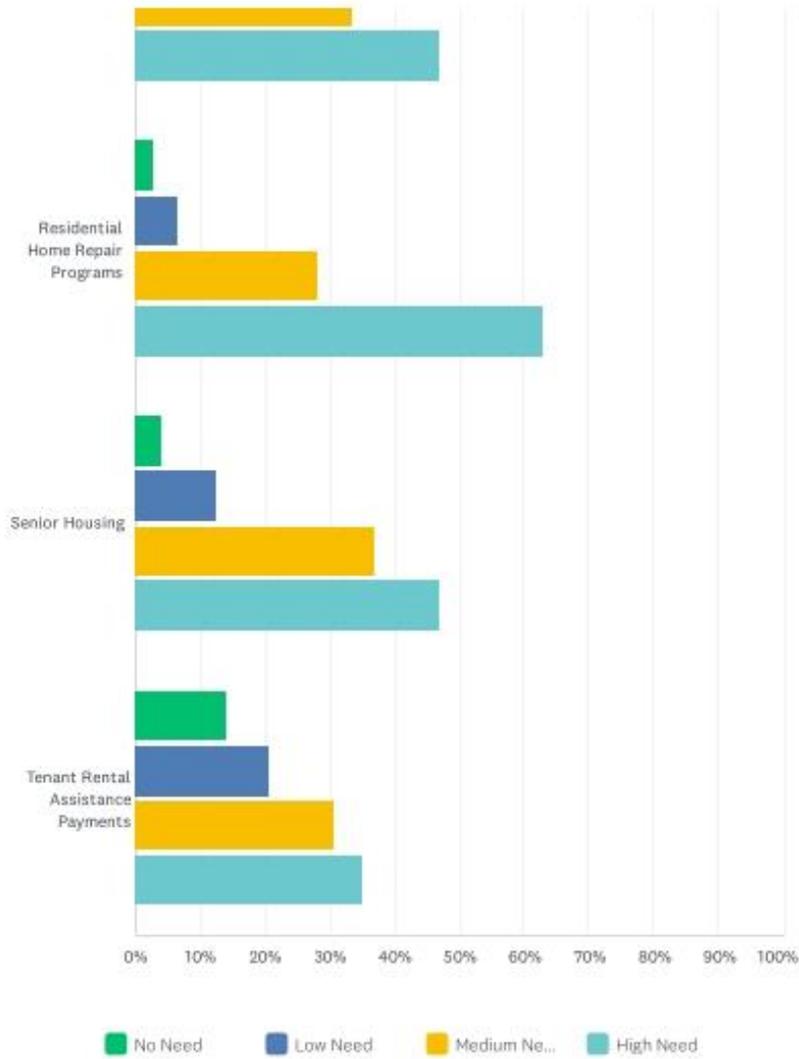
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Slum and Blight Cleanup/Redevelopment	0.64% 3	5.13% 24	21.58% 101	72.65% 340	468	3.66
Code Enforcement	6.51% 30	18.00% 83	26.03% 120	49.46% 228	461	3.18
Historic Preservation	6.13% 28	32.39% 148	35.45% 162	26.04% 119	457	2.81
Neighborhood Associations	13.98% 65	29.68% 138	32.26% 150	24.09% 112	465	2.66
Community Cleanup Events	3.24% 15	13.39% 62	41.68% 193	41.68% 193	463	3.22
Sustainable Building Practices	8.04% 37	19.78% 91	38.04% 175	34.13% 157	460	2.98
Urban Planning and Policy	8.23% 38	17.32% 80	38.53% 178	35.93% 166	462	3.02

Q6 Please rate the need for Decent Housing.

Answered: 468 Skipped: 4



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	NO NEED	LOW NEED	MEDIUM NEED	HIGH NEED	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Affordable Owner-Occupied Housing	5.59% 26	6.67% 31	27.74% 129	60.00% 279	465	3.42
Affordable Rental Housing	6.24% 29	10.54% 49	23.23% 108	60.00% 279	465	3.37
Disabled/Accessibility Housing	5.23% 24	19.83% 91	36.60% 168	38.34% 176	459	3.08
Fair Housing Counseling/Legal Aid Services	11.47% 53	19.05% 88	32.47% 150	37.01% 171	462	2.95
First-Time Homeowner Assistance	5.83% 27	13.82% 64	33.48% 155	46.87% 217	463	3.21
Residential Home Repair Programs	2.82% 13	6.29% 29	27.98% 129	62.91% 290	461	3.51
Senior Housing	4.10% 19	12.53% 58	36.72% 170	46.65% 216	463	3.26
Tenant Rental Assistance Payments	13.91% 64	20.65% 95	30.43% 140	35.00% 161	460	2.87

Q7 What other programs should Community Development consider developing or continuing into the next 5-years?

Answered: 327 Skipped: 145

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Affordable housing is almost non-existent for middle-class families. Combining some of these issues above such as disabled housing for families as opposed to senior or intellectually disabled housing or physically disabled housing only for singles. Focus on communities and community centers to help locals have ownership in their area. Also consider community providers whose job is to build trust with the public and can direct people to resources at their location (not someone called to all 911 calls but trained individuals who can walk around the park or other areas to give care to people where they are (as opposed to having to find transportation for someone to go to an office to meet with a social worker for initial assistance).	2/27/2025 11:06 AM
2	I have only one and it should start ASAP, if you drive down Arthur St. the roads are getting beat up from all the transport trucks using it as a short cut. at some point the roads are going to have to be repaired and our taxes going up again, its simple, STOP THE TRANSPORT TRUCKS FROM DRIVING THROUGH ELMIRA. RE ROUTE THEM !!!!!	1/30/2025 7:14 AM
3	Housing and youth services	1/29/2025 1:06 PM
4	Services to assist with getting people into apartments and keeping them there such as help with back-owed rent, security deposits, utility bills, etc.	1/28/2025 2:44 PM
5	Bring new business. Hire consultant to promote the community spirit. Eldridge Park is not given enough support. And a dog park for the city.	1/28/2025 10:52 AM
6	Case management and care management for people with disabilities	1/27/2025 3:24 PM
7	Tearing down vacant buildings that are not being used for safety and homeless reasoning	1/25/2025 3:35 PM
8	Getting jobs into the area like there were in the old days when elmira was a desirable place to live.	1/25/2025 2:15 PM
9	Some kind of vocational program where the city gives employers grants to train youth in our community	1/25/2025 9:57 AM
10	We need something like a Wendy's or some kind of fast food chain, on the south side of Elmira in the City not the town of Southport. There is nothing on the south side if you want a burger you have to go to Horseheads and buy it there, when we can keep that money here and Elmira thank you	1/25/2025 8:04 AM
11	More focus needs to be put on mental health accessibility and less on crime/police	1/25/2025 1:09 AM
12	Perhaps programs with incentives that encourage growth and participation within the community.	1/24/2025 8:53 PM
13	New business and manufacturing	1/24/2025 7:43 PM
14	There is a vast lack of youth engagement programs in the City which unfortunately plays part in the correlation of criminal activity and our youth. Each ward in the city should have a youth/community center. As we know, youth programs in urban communities offer numerous benefits, including improved academic performance, skill development, and access to resources. They promote physical and mental health, reduce risky behaviors, and provide mentorship and positive role models. These programs foster community engagement, cultural enrichment, and personal growth, helping youth build confidence, leadership, and life skills. Additionally, they create economic opportunities through scholarships, job training, and workforce development, ultimately empowering young people and strengthening urban communities.	1/24/2025 6:11 PM
15	Grant programs for people who need help with costly repairs and more concentration on the	1/24/2025 1:31 PM

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	Southside.	
16	Clean up neighborhoods. Hold out of town landlords responsible. Some place for kids of all ages.	1/24/2025 10:24 AM
17	Removal of Slum lords	1/23/2025 8:56 PM
18	Youth and senior citizen programs	1/23/2025 8:11 PM
19	Tear down the vacant blighted buildings/ homes to help neighboring homes maintain and increase values. If owners can't fix and repair take through eminent domain.	1/23/2025 4:01 PM
20	Good Citizen programs	1/23/2025 3:53 PM
21	Attracting decent paying JOBS, MANUFACTURING	1/23/2025 1:59 PM
22	What about business facilities not in use such as the previous American LaFrance location.	1/23/2025 12:44 PM
23	Following through on commitments and communication. Cleaning up tom down buildings not just tearing them down and leaving the mess. It should be cleaned up the same day. Kind of defeats the purpose of cleaning up the "Blight" if you leave a pile of rubble. No more "artwork" displayed or painted all over Elmira. It looks like graffiti! Need to get back to the days of when downtown was thriving. Not this dirty old ghost town that has been created by the people running the city! Need to stop giving out hand outs to the people who don't deserve it! All the City does is ENABLE these people!	1/23/2025 11:51 AM
24	Programs to get people outside, more clean ups, maybe a geocaching event, walking/hiking event	1/23/2025 10:53 AM
25	Need to focus on cleaning up the city through property/code enforcement, but just a general campaign to keep the city clean. Trash is everywhere. An emphasis on maintaining a clean city, not just once or twice a year on clean up days. Homeless services are important due to their contributions to the mess.	1/23/2025 10:23 AM
26	we need something for our troubled teens in this community! there are so many kids who need help and there is no help.	1/23/2025 8:51 AM
27	A place for kids to have fun at with very little to no cost ,would be my suggestion.kids need things to do to keep them out of trouble.	1/23/2025 6:40 AM
28	Teen programs, vocational programs	1/23/2025 1:00 AM
29	Downtown	1/22/2025 11:47 PM
30	N/a	1/22/2025 11:38 PM
31	How about the roads. Brick roads would be better than 99% of the roads in Elmira and Southport.	1/22/2025 10:46 PM
32	I think programs that encourage people to stay in the area. A large part of the population is renters, and retention of residents is important for the growth of the city.	1/22/2025 9:46 PM
33	Help with homeowner costs for home repairs, for people with low or no credit.	1/21/2025 3:18 PM
34	Business development and assistance downtown	1/19/2025 7:38 AM
35	Anti-crime policies; community policing; real estate tax reductions	1/18/2025 5:42 PM
36	Affordable housing and more local businesses	1/16/2025 12:09 PM
37	Since it's clear the city can't handle most problems, they should fund and empower citizens to do the work. One example would be funding community cleanups around the city.	1/15/2025 1:44 PM
38	Put more focus on our teens and programs and events for them.	1/14/2025 7:36 PM
39	Community Development should consider more permanent venues for live music and recreation of all ages.	1/13/2025 5:39 PM
40	Street repair.	1/11/2025 1:24 PM
41	Better planning and development of the downtown so that businesses are grouped together to make it more walkable, more of a concentrated destination. More public trash cans in the	1/11/2025 9:09 AM

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downtown. People litter because there's no place to throw away a used cup or whatever. More opportunities for people to interact with their City Council in conversation. Not just one-way comments at Council meetings. More opportunities for people to get involved in lifting Elmira up.

42	Repair or replace the Komer Clock at Water and Main. It's a continued embarrassment of the down town neglect	1/10/2025 1:10 PM
43	I've been skateboarding Eldridge since 2005. I would love to see an improvement in the skatepark!	1/9/2025 10:40 PM
44	Re-vamping Eldridge and brand park skateparks	1/9/2025 5:21 PM
45	The skateparks that the politicians promised the city of Elmira 3 years ago. "On the books for 2024" for repairs my ass.	1/9/2025 4:30 PM
46	Homeless, mental health and addiction services are in dire need.	1/9/2025 2:16 PM
47	Assist retail development, neighborhoods should not be losing local convenience stores. People need places they can walk to.	1/9/2025 6:42 AM
48	Homeless wrap-around services, family court wrap-around services	1/8/2025 2:58 PM
49	Small Business Development Program A program designed to support local entrepreneurs and small business owners through training, mentorship, and access to resources, helping to foster economic growth and community development	1/8/2025 1:47 PM
50	Outreach programs in the community to help those in need.	1/8/2025 11:16 AM
51	Programs that have mandates to fix the problems they set out to solve then dissolve the program. Too many "programs " go on forever and have no incentive to fix the problem because they take money as a salary.	1/7/2025 4:15 PM
52	The homeless population and how to remedy it.	1/7/2025 3:46 PM
53	Mainly affordable living. Cost of rent does not match the average household incomes.	1/7/2025 2:52 PM
54	Improve the entrance to Elmira, install a double lane for turning left into elmira and straight onto highway by dandy, lights also need attention because they turn way too fast and do not recognize vehicles.	1/7/2025 2:34 PM
55	Historic preservation, economic development (bring jobs to the city of Elmira), teach and license new trades professionals (electricians, plumbers, carpenters, masons, etc.)	1/7/2025 2:31 PM
56	Remove blight and then replace with parks.	1/7/2025 2:01 PM
57	Employment opportunities for those with employment barriers. Programs to reduce barriers of employment. Programs to protect basic needs of those living in poverty, programs to remove barriers to ppl accessing services and reducing sanctions of public funding.	1/7/2025 1:05 PM
58	Definitely get honest and hard working code officers in all communities to force owners to clean properties	1/7/2025 12:36 PM
59	Quit destroying history. Find ways to maintain and preserve historical property. Improve downtown by attracting businesses and restaurants. Bring in a decent Hotel.	1/7/2025 10:53 AM
60	please can we stop with the weed shops and bars/breweries? We need Family and community programs, Downtown shopping, a local movie theater (why isn't the Heights theater open?), bowling alleys, in downtown a mom-and-pop store open on weekends or evenings to buy essentials. We have plenty of Dollar Generals and RiteAids.	1/7/2025 9:48 AM
61	Public swimming pool, YWCA swimming pool. Clean up of properties throughout the city, fines for those that don't comply. Address scooters and safe areas for their use. Increase diversity. Address complaints.	1/7/2025 9:36 AM
62	Anti graffiti, and graffiti cleanup programs.	1/7/2025 9:10 AM
63	Anti graffiti task force, indoor recreation for winter time	1/7/2025 8:17 AM
64	Restoring downtown to attract businesses	1/7/2025 8:05 AM
65	Continue to prioritize downtown revitalization targeting high quality dining and entertainment to	1/7/2025 7:50 AM

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	drive business and growth.	
66	Helping the Fire and Police Departments effectively do their jobs.	1/7/2025 4:53 AM
67	Attainable affordable housing. Several families are being sheltered for unbelievable long periods of time. It's great that they aren't in the cold but 4, 5, 6 people in a hotel room for a year + because there isn't adequate affordable housing in the area needs attention.	1/7/2025 12:40 AM
68	Homeless and housing is a big need	1/6/2025 11:38 PM
69	more, and more support for, community gardens more walkable parks	1/6/2025 9:30 PM
70	Eldridge skatepark is in desperate need of updating	1/6/2025 8:19 PM
71	Improving curb appeal around the city- planting trees and landscaping, park development, improving green spaces. Access to beautiful green space is proven to improve mental health, reduce recidivism, and improve property values	1/6/2025 7:27 PM
72	Anti-Displacement Programs	1/6/2025 7:21 PM
73	Better police training Police accountability	1/6/2025 7:00 PM
74	Neighborhood watch. More code enforcement officers that do their job and have decent hygiene.	1/6/2025 6:41 PM
75	should develop the ones listed above before seeking to do other things	1/6/2025 6:32 PM
76	Continue helping home owners with improvements	1/6/2025 6:19 PM
77	Not sure. More programs for youth	1/6/2025 6:17 PM
78	Business or retail development	1/6/2025 5:58 PM
79	Program for the young teens	1/6/2025 5:47 PM
80	Community Gardens	1/6/2025 5:35 PM
81	Road repair systems	1/6/2025 5:27 PM
82	City blight should be addressed aggressively.	1/6/2025 5:14 PM
83	Mental heath education for ALL law enforcement, city and state police, Sheriff, and correctional officers. As well as schools and hospitals staff.	1/6/2025 4:49 PM
84	A boat launch where you don't feel you're going to get robbed fishing near. The homeless need to go elsewhere.	1/6/2025 4:14 PM
85	Cypress St park is way overdue to be replaced and not just refreshed. The kids in that area deserve a great park and have lots of room for one	1/6/2025 3:53 PM
86	Higher a security and limited access to the public parking garages where numerous car break ins and thefts are occurring costing alot of money to be spent on vandalism and car repairs	1/6/2025 2:59 PM
87	I would like to see unhoused neighbors to be warm and have a full belly at night... also Raising awareness of overdosing and Narcan to be free to anyone	1/6/2025 2:57 PM
88	Community policing to reduce crime/drugs, and help for the homeless	1/6/2025 2:57 PM
89	N/A	1/6/2025 2:54 PM
90	Eldridge park , help for seniors and disabled.	1/6/2025 2:50 PM
91	Community Centers, Skateparks, Sports Fields...Give the Youth something to do to keep them out of trouble	1/6/2025 2:41 PM
92	There needs to be more for kids to do in this area.	1/6/2025 2:37 PM
93	Brand park pool into a skate park would bring more tourism the city could definitely use it	1/6/2025 2:34 PM
94	The city needs to take a lot of these abandon buildings and lots and make them into something that can benefit the community not just have them sit and rot. Also I think another	1/6/2025 2:06 PM

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	homeless shelter should be built to of set the amount of homeless people trying to get into the new homeless shelter that was just built creating too could potentially help so many in need.	
95	Energy & infrastructure, education, attracting many big employers here, some mental health needs. I'm a huge fan of inviting more known artists to contribute to art districts, improving home values, tourists, employers, & standard of living, like Wynwood or DUMBO in NYC.	1/6/2025 1:58 PM
96	??	1/6/2025 1:49 PM
97	nothing	1/6/2025 1:49 PM
98	More activities for the youth that are safe	1/6/2025 1:48 PM
99	Youth investment such as skate parks and safe places for kids to get out and do things in the community	1/6/2025 1:39 PM
100	Things for kids to do	1/6/2025 1:35 PM
101	Parks and Recreation. Assess current Park locations within neighborhoods and what improvements or upgrades could be made to make them a gathering place for kids and families. Update playground equipment and other opportunities such as basketball courts and pickleball/tennis courts, picnic tables and pavilions.	1/6/2025 1:25 PM
102	Continue to recruit passionate professionals to continue to develop the homeless programs. Affordable housing needs to continue to be a priority.	1/6/2025 1:15 PM
103	Composting facilities. Compost pickup with garbage. Public gardens	1/6/2025 1:14 PM
104	The entire City needs a reboot. The streets are in disrepair, fire ems and police are overwhelmed with exponentially increased call volume. The homelessness problems in the city have become the a leading cause of blight on our city second only to dilapidated properties owned by out of town landlords and maintained with fly by night property managers.	1/6/2025 1:09 PM
105	Pool	1/6/2025 1:06 PM
106	Preserving our historic sites and homes and not tearing them down!	1/6/2025 1:00 PM
107	Mental Health Services	1/6/2025 12:58 PM
108	Boater safety courses for free, free educational programs	1/6/2025 12:57 PM
109	Indoor skate/bmx/scooter park with and indoor rec enter kinda like the ymca ya all had there enough abandoned building in the town that would be amazing for the people of all ages	1/6/2025 12:55 PM
110	tearing down blight, fineing land owners for unsightly property	1/6/2025 12:52 PM
111	We need a YMCA. With a pool.	1/6/2025 12:50 PM
112	Working with other agencies to find ways to stimulate and develop business and commerce.. THATS what will encourage community and residential growth	1/6/2025 12:49 PM
113	Bring back business to downtown area	1/6/2025 12:47 PM
114	There should be more assistance available to people who own property but don't reside in it for building repairs and improvements. Otherwise high repair costs and renovation are passed along to tenants in rent prices.	1/6/2025 12:46 PM
115	Do not put a skate park in Brand park. It is residential and would be horrible. Eldridge on the other hand has no residential around it.	1/6/2025 12:44 PM
116	Rehabilitation services	1/6/2025 12:32 PM
117	Investigating the waist of Community Development	1/6/2025 12:30 PM
118	Youth services	1/6/2025 12:25 PM
119	Affordable housing and assistance for residents with a gross income under \$100,000 a year, with priority going to single parents and seniors	1/6/2025 12:21 PM
120	Community watch / neighborhood watch programs Crime is getting out of control.	1/6/2025 12:18 PM
121	A program that helps ensure children from grades 6-12 have clean clothes or access to washers and dryers. Whether it be laundromat vouchers, a school wash room, whatever it	1/6/2025 12:17 PM

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	takes. Not having clean clothes in high school effects attendance.	
122	Dog park, farmers market	1/6/2025 12:13 PM
123	The preservation of the history from the parks the pools etc stop tearing things down	1/6/2025 12:11 PM
124	Kkkk	1/6/2025 12:06 PM
125	Unsure	1/6/2025 11:59 AM
126	High priority on clean up of blighted residential areas. Force code compliance from out of town property owners.	1/6/2025 11:54 AM
127	Neighborhood Revitalization Projects such as community trash pick up days for large/bulk items, clean up events in different/various communities, naming/celebrating various neighborhoods. Building community through these shared events and experiences.	1/6/2025 11:38 AM
128	More program for teens	1/6/2025 11:28 AM
129	Selling or rental co Empty buildings, such as Tops markets on South Main Street. THERE IS A POLICE WOMAN WHO MONITORS FLANNERY APARTMENTS, BUT WE NEED TO GO ONE STEP FURTHER AND HAVE A POLICE DOG TO TRACK DOWN THE SMOKERS AND THE DRUG USERS IN THE BUILDING.	1/6/2025 10:49 AM
130	Keep bringing people into downtown for community events	1/6/2025 10:45 AM
131	Develop an annual front porch day. Where everyone can say hello to passersby. Also an annual yard sale to go with it.	1/6/2025 10:03 AM
132	Community Gardens and Green spaces.	1/6/2025 9:32 AM
133	We need more programs like the American Rescue Plan that assisted current home owners with updating out homes and making improvements.	1/6/2025 8:46 AM
134	Restore the YWCA pool. Stricter Code Enforcement and clean up the Blight! Tear down the burned and condemned homes. Bring Pride back to the neighborhoods! Remove illegal encampments of the homeless and enforce law.	1/6/2025 7:24 AM
135	Programs that are not just for low income. Many property owners on fixed incomes would like to do exterior upgrades but cannot afford to, but are not considered low income families.	1/6/2025 7:02 AM
136	Clean up the town, the homeless encampment's, the shootings and drugs. Then we can have more business downtown where people aren't afraid to visit	1/6/2025 6:14 AM
137	Clean up the city in general.	1/6/2025 5:52 AM
138	Less places to eat and more opportunity for our kids and ppl that are visibly hurting them or left outside for hours /days.. need to be help accountable..	1/4/2025 6:31 PM
139	build up police department , make this area safe again , this use to be a beautiful area . place to raise your childern . Not the case anymore	1/4/2025 9:10 AM
140	Any true support for the homeless population. We need to get to the root cause of the problem, with compassion.	1/3/2025 7:45 AM
141	Crime prevention and better policing.	1/2/2025 11:19 AM
142	Youth Counseling	1/2/2025 10:47 AM
143	Youth peer programs and youth mental health providers	1/2/2025 7:26 AM
144	Help with homeless people getting assistance with getting jobs and help with assistance and possible payments for apartment or place to live and after they get a job they have to maintain rental payments and utilities	1/2/2025 2:54 AM
145	Bring us more businesses.	1/1/2025 7:45 PM
146	Please try to do something about the Elmira Animal Shelter, if you have never been there, please go and see for yourself. There is no air conditioning. The cat area is completely inadequate. There is no exercise area and the walking area is a disgrace. The staff is crammed into a space that isn't big enough for a bathroom. Please consider the shelter. The staff and the animals deserve more. Thank you.	1/1/2025 6:10 PM

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147	Home owner property tax relief	1/1/2025 4:20 PM
148	Creation of community spaces that aren't outdoors, and don't cost large amounts of money	1/1/2025 1:23 PM
149	Slum lord clean up	1/1/2025 12:23 PM
150	Help the homeless get off the streets and find them homes	1/1/2025 10:10 AM
151	Affordable housing for lowincome&easier intake process.	1/1/2025 8:44 AM
152	Youth centers or a local movie theater to keep teens off the streets and give them some place safe to hang out with friends.	1/1/2025 7:21 AM
153	Removing city manager	1/1/2025 6:52 AM
154	financial literacy for the youth	1/1/2025 12:34 AM
155	Get the homeless off the street and the crime under control	12/31/2024 4:44 PM
156	Recreational programs for all ages	12/31/2024 3:37 PM
157	Programs that help homeless families that are actually trying. Have people Sanitize the Public parks occasionally. More programs to assist with disabled children.	12/31/2024 1:17 PM
158	Totally need help with the homeless people once they get people off the streets in the small town of Elmira they will be able to call it home again.	12/31/2024 12:31 PM
159	Tackling homeless issue, bring industry in, publicize available programs, enforce zoning. Severe need for mental health assistance. There is none.	12/31/2024 11:26 AM
160	Consider keeping the smoke shops and weed growing plants outside of neighborhoods, and give help to families that make too much for assistance but too little for the home repairs themselves	12/31/2024 9:16 AM
161	Downtown reclamation projects to make it a place people want to be/shop/start a business	12/31/2024 9:14 AM
162	River access. Build some ramps for ADA people so they can enjoy the river.	12/31/2024 7:57 AM
163	Small Business ownership development, we lack affordable access commercial spaces for business owners such as restauranters, crafters (welders, iron workers, ceramics, glass blowers) if partnerships could develop	12/31/2024 7:30 AM
164	There are NO programs available to children at almost any level in the education system who are troubled and/or need mental health services to succeed. No child left behind.common core, combined with covid-19 has led to us just pawning them off to night school once they get to high school because they have no idea how to do the curriculum, and parents were not taught to do the curriculum particularly they way it "has" to be done.	12/31/2024 6:39 AM
165	The city of Elmira really need to tighten up on property owners who only want to collect rent and do absolutely nothing about or care about the condition of their rentals it's all about getting the money and free money from the local government to get whatever they can.	12/31/2024 12:46 AM
166	Child mental health	12/31/2024 12:28 AM
167	Defund the police & house the homeless	12/31/2024 12:16 AM
168	A community out reach program that is a one stop shop that anyone can go to and get directed to the places that can help with any needs or educate themselves with provided pamphlets of community services.	12/30/2024 11:11 PM
169	We need to see an increase in the investment in local infrastructure in order to provide more economic growth. We must use these incentives to increase business development downtown. We need more addiction rehabilitation services and mental health clinics. We need to provide low income housing and more homeless shelters.	12/30/2024 10:59 PM
170	Antidrug, something to help the feral cats.	12/30/2024 9:49 PM
171	Community based programs, like expanding Wisner Market into a weekend-day event, clean, pave, and stripe city roads, provide more visibility in crosswalks.	12/30/2024 9:19 PM
172	Infrastructure, realignment of cities council districts, more venues at first arena	12/30/2024 9:08 PM

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173	Cheaper lgn programs other than boces take it to chemung county nursing facility	12/30/2024 8:35 PM
174	Clubs for kids Social events to bring community together Social media Animal care compassion	12/30/2024 8:28 PM
175	Boys and Girls Club, A real gym for kids to play basketball in year round.	12/30/2024 8:07 PM
176	Anti crime programs	12/30/2024 7:44 PM
177	Owner occupied	12/30/2024 7:30 PM
178	A big recreation center for the teens that also has a fitness room with treadmills and that and adult fitness classes and adult programs also.	12/30/2024 7:21 PM
179	Legal aide	12/30/2024 6:55 PM
180	Definite need for mental health, substance use, and medical needs	12/30/2024 6:54 PM
181	More rental assistance and food assistance programs	12/30/2024 6:53 PM
182	More affordable dental care	12/30/2024 6:51 PM
183	Any ways to get the drugs off our streets	12/30/2024 6:47 PM
184	If you look at a lot of the issues facing our community, they all can be traced back to a lack of mental health services. Homelessness, crime, urban decay...all are results of mental health issues and no access to mental healthcare. That needs to be priority #1. The #2 priority should be assisting parents with childcare. I teach at Fassett Elementary, which houses almost all of the public housing students. Many parents don't work because they can't afford child care and many have small children younger than school age. If parents could have access to subsidized child care, they would be more apt to find work.	12/30/2024 6:44 PM
185	How keep kids off the street	12/30/2024 6:41 PM
186	Swimming pools. Free parking. Close the parking garage. More free street parking. Place to camp for those who want to live out side with transportation to services and work. Homeless shelters that are open all hours and allow pets. More no kill animal rescue and shelters	12/30/2024 6:31 PM
187	Indoor recreation center, with a pool.	12/30/2024 6:04 PM
188	Need programs that support first responders-police, fire, EMS, more safety equipment for them, promote positive interactions with the community so they are more appreciated and supported for protecting all of us.	12/30/2024 5:24 PM
189	Affordable housing and first time home buyer programs are the highest needs in my opinion	12/30/2024 4:29 PM
190	ldk	12/30/2024 4:18 PM
191	Bring back the Sidewalk Repair Program. Grant Program to help Homeowners fix up properties. (Fence, Driveways, Paint/Siding)	12/30/2024 1:58 PM
192	Continuing the community events. Getting the county to bring more business into the city instead of Horseheads, to take some of the tax burden off of the homeowners.	12/30/2024 12:12 PM
193	More trash cans, which are regularly emptied, in public places. Better cleanup and maintenance of the parking garage downtown. Get the elevator working!	12/30/2024 11:38 AM
194	More affordable Mental and Physical Health services	12/30/2024 10:21 AM
195	Those were enough	12/30/2024 10:00 AM
196	The city of Elmira needs to find ways to increase available jobs to make living more affordable for those who need work. Stop worrying about housing the homeless, and instead enforce legal action to remove them if they are unwilling to form to societal need. Consider how to increase median income in the area to allow it to thrive and push poverty out.	12/30/2024 8:27 AM
197	Homeless drug rehabilitation and mental counselling programs.	12/30/2024 8:12 AM
198	The revitalization of Brand Park	12/30/2024 8:08 AM
199	Mentoring/advocation services, life skill education.	12/30/2024 6:35 AM
200	Healthy Living Educational Programs	12/30/2024 1:14 AM

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201	The city of Elmira has an extreme drug abuse problem that is not being properly addressed in this area. And it will cost money but we need more treatment in this area and housing assistance for people completing rehab. We need better programs to help people once they've completed rehab and establishing their own housing jobs and continued counseling support after rehab. We have the rehab at St Joe's. Trinity/casa receives very mixed views locally and often seems like a place that just exists just to make profit for the owners. If we don't address this problem in Elmira very few things will get better in Elmira.	12/30/2024 12:28 AM
202	Advertising the area as a whole, with the hopes of brining in more business. Work with local government to offer some type of incentives for small to large business looking to start-up , re-locate or open additional locations. Generally work towards letting more construction and redevelopment take place, modify building permit and zoning requirements when needed, if in the interest to make the area more prosperous.	12/30/2024 12:05 AM
203	Elmira youth recreation program is desperately needed	12/29/2024 9:36 PM
204	how do we make Elmira look amazing when you drive into town. when you drive in on water or church it is not a welcoming sight and church Street is a very poorly maintained road. The welcome sign is out of date and you never put up pictures of people unless they have passed on. Mental health services are needed as there are many students/families who are in need of support, especially since the covid shut down.	12/29/2024 9:14 PM
205	Transit services and homelessness	12/29/2024 7:09 PM
206	School nutrition development and assistance. Large number of low income families.	12/29/2024 6:38 PM
207	Getting people under 60 to work or back to work since Covid... so many young people relying on entitlement programs, working under the table and not moving forward financially or emotionally in life.	12/29/2024 5:53 PM
208	Rehab for the homeless that make bad choices!	12/29/2024 5:44 PM
209	Recreational center with daycare, senior fitness classes, a pool with swimming lessons, lifeguard training classes, indoor track. Outdoor area for other activities	12/29/2024 2:54 PM
210	Mental health rehabilitation	12/29/2024 1:51 PM
211	- Consider options like Second Wind Cottages (outside of Ithaca) to aid those who are homeless - More options for fun local activities for high school students that aren't school-based	12/29/2024 12:50 PM
212	To have a place for the young adult youth ages 18 to 25 to be able to learn how to cook clean prepare for the real world and to depend on themselves so they can be good humans in the society we live in. Help one another to come out of poverty. Learn to love one another. Be like a village.	12/29/2024 12:16 PM
213	First and foremost please focus on the business community, not in social services. Second transform Elmira into a high tech sector and startup/entrepreneurship community where job creation will be abundant. Third focus on skilled relocation to address the highly concerning depopulating trends in upstate NY. Fourth, use the highly attractive tourist and nature potentials of the area, that are quite unique. Fifth, tap into the high down state investment community by providing low tax sectors, in tech, hospitality, real estate, pharma, and make Elmira known to NYC, and Boston investment groups.	12/29/2024 11:31 AM
214	Promotion of your local libraries. It'll help if people stop buying books and magazines and start getting them from the library along with movies etc. In America is such a buy buy With of course real lack of education as to where all the things you buy and throw out go. It'd be good if they had a video for people to watch on some of the social media sites.	12/29/2024 11:21 AM
215	Downtown movie theater, open park areas with paths, cleaning streets and sidewalks, outside concerts, street closures for community activities.	12/29/2024 11:09 AM
216	Lots and lots of children / youth programs that's are not religious or creepy,	12/29/2024 10:20 AM
217	finds a place the homeless can pitch there tents and live freely	12/29/2024 10:00 AM
218	50/50 Sidewalk Program for Residents Storefront Facade Program Owner Occupied House Painting Program	12/29/2024 9:57 AM
219	Go after bad landlords/property owners that let their properties slip into disarray. If they dont	12/29/2024 9:39 AM

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	make improvements, fine, then seize the properties.	
220	The city should be fixing the homes so there's more places to live for family's who actually need and want help stop worrying about the homeless bums who refuse to stay off drugs and better them selfs stop spending the city's money on crap like that when the schools need the money are roads and side walk and house's need to be up to code and safe!	12/29/2024 9:34 AM
221	OPEN ALL THE CLOSED MENTAL DISABILITY BUILDINGS IN NYS. ,.	12/29/2024 9:29 AM
222	Since the survey only allows rating on a 4 degree scale, I'd like to emphasize here the need for more historic preservation in the near westside neighborhood. From what I've heard the historic preservation organization only has resources to work on one project at a time, and while anything helps, the quantity of historic properties that are in disrepair in the Near Westside neighborhood shows a need that far surpasses the current resource allocation. Also, I think other areas in the city of Elmira could benefit from better urban landscaping, i.e. planting more trees. Species also matters in that they have different growth patterns, some grow more up than out. Right now even the downtown of williamsport is filled with what look to be mostly red or scarlet oak trees, and it does a lot to improve the aesthetics of a heavily urban area. Perhaps there could be some kind of incentive for property owners for trees within urban areas of the city? There is a lot of cost to the maintain trees as well as risk to having large trees on a property so I think having an incentive to justify that would be well worth it. Having more and better landscaping in the city of Elmira would do a lot to improve the aesthetics of the city which in my opinion benefits everybody's life immensely.	12/29/2024 9:19 AM
223	Dry Bars, entertainment, reintegration programs	12/29/2024 9:10 AM
224	Stable city employment for police and fire	12/29/2024 8:20 AM
225	Small business grants may go a long way to help aspiring business people occupy many of the abandoned storefronts throughout the city.	12/29/2024 8:19 AM
226	Get new business in the city	12/29/2024 7:40 AM
227	Lower taxes	12/29/2024 6:44 AM
228	Youth activities that the youth want - not what a few people want. For example brand pool. NO ONE WANTS ANOTHER SPLASH PAD - we need pools	12/29/2024 5:01 AM
229	Giving tax paying SENIORS who are elderly grants for home improvements. Not people who are young enough to work.	12/28/2024 11:59 PM
230	not just homeless shelters, actual action to get people rehoused, rentals are not affordable for most and are not feasible for many unhoused for various reasons. shelters do not support families, pets, or other circumstances, making them unrealistic. new city ban forces people further into poverty and offers no legit assistance through egregious fines and jail time. middle density / missing middle housing, housing for all stages of life, work to eliminate single family zoning - support multifamily, neighborhood commercial, mixed use, accessory dwellings, and unique/innovative design incorporation into our neighborhoods. walkable streets and downtown. job creation; green jobs; connections with elmira college, ccc, and trade schools to keep students local after graduation. promote activities that support mental and physical health and wellness. more park rehabilitation and updates/upgrades. efforts to increase trails and bike and paths, improve sidewalk quality and connectivity, pilot (and eventual implementation) projects for complete streets and other community improvement efforts, like more bike parking or parklets in front of local businesses. more activity in clemens square. promenade rejuvenation continued. microenterprise program to support small businesses. clemens center parkway needs to be addressed. more effort to make headway on improving the conditions. safer streets. street corners, and sidewalks in general, need better lighting and crosswalks are needed in many areas. slow down traffic and make our community safe to walk, bike, or roll in. support public and active transit as viable alternatives to a personal vehicle. encourage carpooling/ridesharing, biking, or using transit through incentives, free/reduced passes, etc.	12/28/2024 8:18 PM
231	NA	12/28/2024 7:53 PM
232	Make improvements to Dunn Field.. to attract a MLB minor league team. Like Binghamton has..	12/28/2024 7:49 PM
233	Lower taxes	12/28/2024 7:34 PM
234	Programs for youth & homeless people and definitely programs that improve the roads.	12/28/2024 7:33 PM

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235	Improve the parking garage near Clemens Center. Up the price of ticket for Clemens Center event to cover parking so there is no need for pedestrians to cross the busy Clemens Center Parkway for those events.	12/28/2024 7:32 PM
236	Plant more trees! Clean up invasive plants by the river. Get more new shops downtown. Restore some of the classic architecture.	12/28/2024 6:27 PM
237	Something to do with these kids, they need more discipline maybe through some programs the police can do to help teach kids how to be respectful and nice and not be rude and steal and jump people. Also I'd like to see the playground at brands park behind the school to be updated it needs to be bad! And we'd like to have a community pool near here also where if it's really hot we have somewhere to cool off and if your a resident who lives in Elmira you get in with just a small fee, and for people who don't reside here have to pay a little bit more.	12/28/2024 5:19 PM
238	Huge need to help homeowners upgrade existing interior/exterior without fear of increasing taxes. Many of the structures are solid but need expert tradesmen to update electric, plumbing, insulation, windows, roofing, etc. These items are heavy burdens for many homeowners (most of whom are the citizens who are the taxpayers contributing & deserving of assistance) therefore helping with thing like home repair funds, sidewalks, reducing crime, creating safer neighborhoods, educating those who want to become homeowners (possibly at night as people are most likely working). Use the funding as wisely as possible to help the city continue to grow & thrive.	12/28/2024 5:01 PM
239	Work in the tax rates for those of us who are trying to keep our house and keep it clean	12/28/2024 4:08 PM
240	Stop supporting Dunn Field.	12/28/2024 2:43 PM
241	Overall city appearance. (clean up graffiti on buildings and river walls)	12/28/2024 2:21 PM
242	Youth program. We need programs for our youths. There is little to keep the kids occupied and then we consider them to be nuisance or trouble makers.	12/28/2024 2:07 PM
243	Safe places to enjoy the outdoors. More family friendly spaces and activities. Within the last two years, we don't comfortable riding our bikes, going for walks, being in the park, or just going to the gas station. I don't see how any further development of community can happen if the people paying to live here, the home owners who are raising their children and working in your community do not have the right not to see groups of homeless loitering in the areas we used to enjoy. Drinking in ppublic. Clearly under the influence, acting obscene.	12/28/2024 1:56 PM
244	We need more stores in downtown elmira . They dont all need to be in Big Flats/Horseheads. All we have is Big Lots and grocery stores and drug stores. No place to shop. Bring it back like in the 70's.	12/28/2024 1:55 PM
245	Na	12/28/2024 1:16 PM
246	Programs to improve homeowner ship rates in the city, fix up run down houses, and focus on high visibility community events (promote on local news, social media, mailed flyers) to encourage members of the community to get out.	12/28/2024 12:59 PM
247	Create jobs by offering tax incentives to companies to move their facilities to the area.	12/28/2024 12:40 PM
248	trying to invite no businesses into Elmira to help with development and growth of the city	12/28/2024 11:49 AM
249	More resources for mental health!	12/28/2024 11:21 AM
250	Food Bank, free lunch for needy children... basic needs, food, shelter, safety, opportunity to strive for self improvement, whether it be physical, mental, educational, JOBS...	12/28/2024 10:42 AM
251	We have a need for basically everything that was asked in this survey People need higher wages too, so maybe grant programs to help small business owners pay people more than minimum wage.	12/28/2024 10:22 AM
252	Help for seniors so they can stay in their home	12/28/2024 9:50 AM
253	Elmira Downtown Development work; housing revitalization like Capriotti's work, something with Brand park pool area.	12/28/2024 9:46 AM
254	Learning how to actually run the area. Stop having politicians run a business they are clueless about and expect different result.	12/28/2024 9:18 AM

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255	Sidewalk repair or replacement match program.	12/28/2024 8:53 AM
256	Improvements to the downtown area of the city. It is becoming an eyesore with empty buildings. Why not convert them into nice apartments with stores and/or coffee shops.	12/28/2024 8:51 AM
257	<p>I am in a power wheelchair and the greatest need for me is getting in and out the doorways of stores businesses because they're not quite wide enough or somebody who has to drive the right hand can't get a door that opens on the right hand. We need doors to be automated. Another big issue are sidewalks. They're either plowed or over in the winter like they do at a car wash across the street so we can't use them or they're very jagged raised and not drivable with a power wheelchair. Another big issue or some of the roads that are very rough and hard to go on. For example, at the corner of taps plaza and Main Street, the old top store that drain has been plugged for years. It's very slow draining and when it rains you have to wait a couple of days in order to get to the sidewalk because the water goes out into the road. Another sidewalk example would be when Gerald shovels their sidewalk. They don't have a wide enough place for power chairs to go through. We have to ride the road, and then you get down the road a little bit and in front of the building that is old and condemned. The sidewalk is so bad that we have to ride the road to get around it and in the winter time we have to ride the road anyway because the sidewalk is so bad. Another big issue are crosswalks the timers on the light should be set to not turn green until the crosswalks are done because people pull out and try to hit us all the time. They're in a hurry to go even when we have the right of way. We still have to wait until they get through even if we have to push the button again and wait another cycle in order to leave and cross the road. These issues I have been complaining about to the city for at least 3 to 4 years without an answer or anything and they've just been left to go. What about places like the old taps plaza here in Southport? The owner never comes down to trim the bushes and never repairs any of the holes in the road or fixes the pavement for people to use. Even drivers and cars have a hard time because the potholes are so big and it's very rough and bumpy not level when you try to cross it. There should be a crosswalk light from that plaza to go to Aldi's because the traffic is bad and there are times you've got to wait 5 to 10 minutes in order to get across the road . Many people do not want to wait to let us cross. We have to wait for them all the time. We do not get a cost of living raise because any cent that we get a third of it is taken from us and then food stamps are also taken from us because we have to remain at whatever society says is a fixed level for those of us and fixed income, living at poverty level. We can't afford any extra things because it's always taken away. Many buildings are very hard to get into, especially if you have a power chair or a walker or a scooter. The doors do not slide and you have to hold them with a hand that controls the drivability of these chairs, making it very hard to get in and out of the stores. A lot of businesses do not even have access because there are steps to them. For example Southside sub shop, and farm and Famers insurance or State farm insurance etc. Even the Samaritan center is hard to get into. I know there are people in power chairs that are in a rush and don't use the buttons and the poles and they cause problems for the rest of us, but the rest of us do abide by the rules and we have to fight for every minute we're out there and watch our backs constantly. It's not safe after dark to be out in a chair. If the only light we have is flashlights to let people know, because many people either don't see us, don't wait for us, or they try to rob us. Going to Byrne dairy on Pennsylvania Ave. We have to ride the road because the sidewalks are bad. As far as accessibility goes we need a bus to be able to take us to places like Tanglewood, we don't really have any places we can go for sightseeing or picnicking or enjoying company because buses do not go there They need more buses and more staff , and some of the buses need to get rid of the ramps and need to have a lift in or use sidewalks that the things can come down on because we can't do the steep ramps and if there's no sidewalks anywhere we can't go to any of the stores. We have to have curbs. Chad, the openings of the bus ramp can come down on so that it's more level for us to get. I don't know off the bus. All red light should have a timer on them and all the comers should be like what's at Church Street where the ramps where you can get on and off the road are easy to use and the lights make cars wait until you get halfway across the road. But the one in front of the old tops in Main never makes traffic wait. We have to wait for the cars even when we get to cross when the cross walks say we can. I've been trying to get some of these things resolved for people and they thank me for trying but nothing ever happens. Thank you for listening, that's better than nothing at all.</p>	12/28/2024 8:48 AM
258	Alot more things to do in summer for kids. Pools splashpads events	12/28/2024 8:46 AM
259	Mentorship program Downtown development	12/28/2024 8:13 AM
260	buy a roller coaster for eldridge park. the community wants this and it will make the park a destination not a 30 minute stop.	12/28/2024 7:57 AM

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261	More intense neighborhood development and slum clean up.	12/28/2024 7:48 AM
262	Homelessness is our biggest problem. We need more programs for them.	12/28/2024 7:45 AM
263	MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT	12/28/2024 7:03 AM
264	Subsidized Housing property managers need improvement and background checks. Housing in Elmira is run by absentee landlords from out of town. Very unclean and rules not followed. I've lived in a few and see first hand of unsanitary enviroment (bugs,smoking on no smoking property by employees,tenants doing maintenance work while employees no where to be found. Hiding out in empty Apts. Subsidized Housing definitely needs improvement and landlord owners need to be from the area to see for themselves what I'm talking about. Bedbugs,garbage,smoking etc etc. Improvements on Property Mgrs,background. Need experience!! and adult like individuals. Not taking sides. Have reasons to evict!! Not send someone homeless because they have personal or mental issues of their own or the issues with other maintenance in empty apts. Maintenance are more Janitors doing nothing for 8 hours a day except taking garbage out for an hour. Waste of tax payers money everyday. Garbage build up in small closet size garbage rooms all weekends,like today!! Tenants taking out the garbage. Fruit flies and cockroaches,live etc. Maintenance that have no experience in maintenance. Giving them titles of Maintenance Supervisors, no one to supervise. Only one there!! Property Mgrs who don't manage property. Thank you!!	12/28/2024 3:14 AM
265	A community based food pantry that you can purchase "lots" of food for a set price, what you get is a mystery, similar to Ruby's Pantry.	12/28/2024 2:46 AM
266	Stopping shootings in Elmira along with violent crimes	12/28/2024 2:45 AM
267	A more localized skatepark.	12/28/2024 1:46 AM
268	Make affordable housing by lower rent	12/28/2024 12:32 AM
269	Try to keep home taxes down in city of Elmira NY	12/27/2024 11:19 PM
270	So many homes and businesses look so shabby and yards. Paint on old houses would help. Landlords don't care about property only rent money. And insides are terrible. More mental health, stop shootings, and break ins. Seems people just don't care anymore. Nor have for years. Tear empty factory's bldgs down, put homes in.	12/27/2024 11:07 PM
271	Focus on support for local businesses, specifically in downtown. Focus on infill traditional development that is walkable and economically sustainable,	12/27/2024 10:59 PM
272	Senior assistance	12/27/2024 10:01 PM
273	More handicap accessible playgrounds	12/27/2024 9:48 PM
274	Helping home owners with needed repairs .	12/27/2024 9:46 PM
275	parks need to be improved AND KEPT SAFE FOR CHILDREN! theres no point in having a nice park full of needles or bums or "boring" parks kids wont WANT to play in, also less rental properties would be a good thing in southport because renters dont take pride in their residences or care qbout property values which drags down the property values of all the owner occupied houses around them.	12/27/2024 9:44 PM
276	Affordable adult education	12/27/2024 9:38 PM
277	Homeowner repair grants	12/27/2024 9:37 PM
278	Crime prevention, family oriented business	12/27/2024 9:37 PM
279	People lack assistance in reading and writing and often are found losing out. There needs to be office space just for person to stop by when they need help filling out papers or faxing so,etching or help gain access to other programs,s. We aren't setting up the people for success we continue to limit eligibility for all	12/27/2024 9:17 PM
280	Get welfare in control. To much free for the non working families.	12/27/2024 9:10 PM
281	At Risk Youth consider bringing back STARS for those parents doing everything to get their children to go to school and the children refuse causing parent to get a neglect charge!	12/27/2024 9:06 PM
282	Code enforcement on blighted properties,	12/27/2024 8:54 PM

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283	Develop programs aimed toward middle class to assist with home repairs.	12/27/2024 8:43 PM
284	Basic city maintenance, Weeding, sewer deals, curbs, litter, trees, taking care of the actual things that big money is spent on like riverfront park, centertown square, roundabout sculptures, it seems once they are built they are left just to decay.	12/27/2024 8:37 PM
285	Please take away meters and go to 2 hour parking. They don't work! Move on	12/27/2024 8:04 PM
286	More development on the Southside and Southport plaza I would like to see bus stops postage with lighting road lines to be repainted/add to roads more sidewalks in place where there isn't any I also would like to see more community outreach in area outside of downtown main.	12/27/2024 7:55 PM
287	Senior Services	12/27/2024 7:39 PM
288	Restoring our neighborhoods. More grants for home improvement. Restoring Eldrige Park. And fixing our sewer lines. Owned by homeowners. Given the grants to do so.	12/27/2024 7:10 PM
289	Well I think tenants definitely need more help; The head of the landlord association in a recent meeting stating he would "pass any costs onto the consumer" when talking about the possibility of tax increases from the homeless bill leads me to believe that any taxpayer funded tenant assistance wouldn't actually go towards solving the problem and instead go towards lining the landlord association leaders pockets.	12/27/2024 7:09 PM
290	Factories Jobs Tech schools Trade schools Steg real leadership Better street lights Judges that object to crime and probation does their jobs	12/27/2024 6:58 PM
291	Merchant stores and dinner restaurants back into the city. No where to shop or affordable sit down dinner restaurants that offer non-specialized food selections.	12/27/2024 6:57 PM
292	Solution focused programs to address homelessness, not punitive measures. Addressing blight in a timely manner.	12/27/2024 6:55 PM
293	Education Programs. Teach what it means to be an owner of an house and how to keep it up to standards.	12/27/2024 6:51 PM
294	New construction downtown	12/27/2024 6:44 PM
295	Programs to lower property taxes.	12/27/2024 6:43 PM
296	business development	12/27/2024 6:42 PM
297	Cut/illuminate taxes	12/27/2024 6:39 PM
298	Boutique type shops in downtown. Ice cream parlor Movie Theater Out door family movie nite in the park	12/27/2024 6:37 PM
299	Neighborhood cleanup, teaching people to pick up the trash in front of their house that came out of their garbage bags or cans. Don't just leave it pick it up have pride in your neighborhood in your homes and I don't know how to but we need to stop the negativity.	12/27/2024 6:19 PM
300	Spring or summer cleanup with curbside pick up or sites to bring items to. This was past program which assisted with keeping our city clean.	12/27/2024 6:16 PM
301	Road and sidewalk improvements; more traffic patrol on Clemens Center Parkway. People drive way over the speed limit	12/27/2024 6:14 PM
302	Safe, accessible parking for downtown	12/27/2024 6:14 PM
303	Detention centers for youth, more community service programs to help the cemeteries, elderly households etc	12/27/2024 6:13 PM
304	Pet friendly housing - elderly persons, people with disabilities, people with mental health struggles greatly benefit from the companionship of pet ownership.	12/27/2024 6:11 PM
305	Work on crime and the city's drug problem you can't even to to Landon plaza without homeless begging for money or yelling at u	12/27/2024 6:09 PM
306	Parks cleanup	12/27/2024 6:08 PM
307	Program to reduce crime and drugs in the city. City needs to develop a public private partnership to make substance abuse and mental health services readily available to this population including the homeless population.	12/27/2024 6:02 PM

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308	Mandating education programs before just handing out . Such as how " the Bridge" operates in Waverly, NY is a huge need	12/27/2024 6:01 PM
309	Grants for downtown businesses to illuminati with lights. Very dark downtown	12/27/2024 5:53 PM
310	Community service	12/27/2024 5:51 PM
311	Bring back pro hockey and get government involvement out of the arena	12/27/2024 5:46 PM
312	Education on Tenant Responsibility. Keeping Rental Units Clean and Priorities on paying Rents.	12/27/2024 5:44 PM
313	1)Home owner property upgrade/updates funds for a single family home owner regardless of owner income. (not available for rental propertys) 2) keep repaving streets 3) larger fines on properties that have code violations.	12/27/2024 5:39 PM
314	Strategic planning to draw in a younger population to revitalize the city.	12/27/2024 5:31 PM
315	more jobs	12/27/2024 5:29 PM
316	Rental improvement grants	12/27/2024 5:29 PM
317	Not sure	12/27/2024 5:19 PM
318	green space development	12/27/2024 5:16 PM
319	First time homeowner assistance	12/27/2024 5:13 PM
320	Mainly children/youth & anti crime programs	12/27/2024 5:10 PM
321	na	12/27/2024 4:40 PM
322	Mental health needs for the low- no income people are being overlooked.	12/27/2024 4:33 PM
323	More help for meals for seniors	12/27/2024 4:27 PM
324	Many of the city's problems stem from abject poverty, lack of an educated populace, and a focus on minimum wage retail. Target small & midsize tech companies as well as renovating dilapidated properties to house data centers	12/27/2024 4:26 PM
325	Parks and pools	12/27/2024 4:24 PM
326	Foster Care Reductions or Prevention Program	12/27/2024 1:50 PM
327	They really need to start either tearing down, or auctioning off abandoned houses	12/27/2024 12:51 PM

Q8 Geographically, what area(s) of the City of Elmira would you consider a priority for programs and services?

Answered: 376 Skipped: 96

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Honestly, all areas could use help but not everyone can walk to EOP on the Eastside or the Samaritan Center on the Southside. Perhaps consider areas around the prison and West Water St.	2/27/2025 11:06 AM
2	Downtown, east side, and south side	1/29/2025 1:06 PM
3	Southside and close to downtown	1/28/2025 2:44 PM
4	Southside needs more connection to the Northside of the River.	1/28/2025 10:52 AM
5	Elmira	1/27/2025 3:24 PM
6	Southside	1/25/2025 9:57 AM
7	Southside	1/25/2025 8:26 AM
8	Eastside	1/25/2025 8:04 AM
9	Eastside	1/25/2025 1:09 AM
10	All of Elmira could use it.	1/24/2025 8:53 PM
11	Get rid of low income housing and home buyers will improve the neighborhood	1/24/2025 7:43 PM
12	All wards equal in need	1/24/2025 6:11 PM
13	Southside	1/24/2025 1:31 PM
14	Southside	1/24/2025 10:24 AM
15	Everywhere in the city	1/24/2025 7:34 AM
16	Center City and West side	1/23/2025 8:56 PM
17	Southside	1/23/2025 8:11 PM
18	Northeast side, South side , any and all. Especially where schools are within a block as it's sending wrong messages to children. Should not be a ghetto.	1/23/2025 4:01 PM
19	East Elmira and Northeast Elmira	1/23/2025 3:53 PM
20	The Whole Thing	1/23/2025 1:59 PM
21	Every part of the City! It's depressing everywhere you go!	1/23/2025 11:51 AM
22	Downtown, Eastside, southside	1/23/2025 10:53 AM
23	Downtown and near Elmira College/LECOM facilities.	1/23/2025 10:23 AM
24	downtown	1/23/2025 8:51 AM
25	East side could us a little help	1/23/2025 6:40 AM
26	All	1/23/2025 1:39 AM
27	Southside	1/23/2025 1:00 AM
28	Downtown	1/22/2025 11:47 PM
29	Low income areas	1/22/2025 11:38 PM
30	The entire area of Chemung County	1/22/2025 10:46 PM

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31	the southside and the east side	1/22/2025 9:46 PM
32	North, Southside	1/21/2025 3:18 PM
33	Downtown, near Westside area, east water street	1/19/2025 7:38 AM
34	Elmira College (north) to Cedar St. (south); I86 (east) Hoffman St. (west)	1/18/2025 5:42 PM
35	Central Elmira	1/16/2025 12:09 PM
36	The East and South sides of the city which are traditionally disenfranchised and neglected.	1/15/2025 1:44 PM
37	2nd district	1/14/2025 7:36 PM
38	The near West Side Historic District is a beautiful part of the City with much potential for a return to is former self.	1/13/2025 5:39 PM
39	Southside, Eastside	1/11/2025 1:24 PM
40	It depends on the area and the program. Some services could be more centrally located, and others - like helping people renovate their homes - should be concentrated where the most need is.	1/11/2025 9:09 AM
41	Downtown	1/10/2025 1:10 PM
42	West Elmira	1/9/2025 10:40 PM
43	Parks, safe living, getting homeless people and drug addicts off the streets, finding them the right help for mental illness. Policing.	1/9/2025 4:30 PM
44	Post flood damaged roads and housing	1/9/2025 2:44 PM
45	All	1/9/2025 2:16 PM
46	Southside & Eastside	1/9/2025 12:22 PM
47	The Southside specifically Spaulding St., Caldwell Ave., Lormore St., Catherine St., Brand St., Homer St., Magnolia Ave. Maybe College Ave., W. Second, Third, Fourth, Columbia Ave.	1/9/2025 11:58 AM
48	14901 and 14904	1/9/2025 10:13 AM
49	All of the city.	1/9/2025 6:42 AM
50	Midtown and southport	1/8/2025 2:58 PM
51	IAreas with Limited Access to Services Identifying neighborhoods with limited public transportation, healthcare facilities, or community resources, and working to bridge those gaps	1/8/2025 1:47 PM
52	Downtown	1/8/2025 12:43 PM
53	There are several really depressing areas in the city of Elmira which need attention.	1/8/2025 11:16 AM
54	Youth activities. These kids have next to nothing in this city and it's a disgrace	1/7/2025 4:15 PM
55	East side	1/7/2025 3:46 PM
56	East side of Elmira	1/7/2025 3:30 PM
57	Downtown	1/7/2025 2:52 PM
58	The entrance on water and church street, better road repair, more street lights	1/7/2025 2:34 PM
59	Southside and Eastside of Elmira	1/7/2025 2:31 PM
60	Erie Street, Miller Street, Spaulding Street	1/7/2025 2:01 PM
61	Second district	1/7/2025 1:05 PM
62	Eastside	1/7/2025 12:36 PM
63	Downtown is always going to be the centerpiece. Southside needs to find tenants for available retail and storefront...enough Dollar Generals!!	1/7/2025 10:53 AM
64	Tear down the falling down, dilapidated and abandoned houses! Fix the streets.	1/7/2025 9:48 AM

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65	East side	1/7/2025 9:36 AM
66	No parts of the city of Elmira should be considered lower priority, I would like to be proud of where I live.	1/7/2025 9:10 AM
67	City center and areas that are impoverished	1/7/2025 8:17 AM
68	downtown	1/7/2025 8:05 AM
69	Downtown. Lean on those in the community that are willing to invest in the rebirth of an area of high potential that can drive revenue and reduce taxes.	1/7/2025 7:50 AM
70	All of the Southside.	1/7/2025 4:53 AM
71	Southside, eastside	1/7/2025 12:40 AM
72	All	1/6/2025 11:38 PM
73	Eldridge Park Katy Leary Park	1/6/2025 9:30 PM
74	Eldridge park skate park and Brand park	1/6/2025 8:19 PM
75	Downtown, 1st street area	1/6/2025 7:27 PM
76	East Side/Northside	1/6/2025 7:21 PM
77	Downtown	1/6/2025 7:00 PM
78	Residential areas of the south side and north side. Just drive around the homes that have garbage thrown everand lawns that arnt kept have children that are going to grow up not knowing how to properly care for a home.	1/6/2025 6:41 PM
79	all areas of city of Elmira	1/6/2025 6:32 PM
80	East and north	1/6/2025 6:19 PM
81	Southside for blight All for programming	1/6/2025 6:17 PM
82	East, northeast	1/6/2025 5:58 PM
83	Eastside and southside	1/6/2025 5:47 PM
84	South and East	1/6/2025 5:35 PM
85	Around grove park	1/6/2025 5:27 PM
86	East Elmira, areas west of Main St. to Walnut St.	1/6/2025 5:14 PM
87	All of the city of Elmira	1/6/2025 4:49 PM
88	All of it.	1/6/2025 4:14 PM
89	Southside	1/6/2025 3:53 PM
90	Any of the blighted areas with run down, neglected homes. Not just the south side.	1/6/2025 3:45 PM
91	Downtown	1/6/2025 3:16 PM
92	Downtown	1/6/2025 2:59 PM
93	Some east side homes need simple lawn service and care as well as the animal shelter it needs way more maintenance and funding... For example, instead of buying new animal control cars how about you use that money towards the facility itself?	1/6/2025 2:57 PM
94	High crime and areas with shootings.	1/6/2025 2:57 PM
95	Increased owner occupied dwellings, and harsher code violation enforcement in the East side of Elmira. More specially Oak St and the surrounding neighborhood.	1/6/2025 2:54 PM
96	Elmina	1/6/2025 2:50 PM
97	Downtown Near Westside/Grove Park area Eastside Southside	1/6/2025 2:44 PM
98	Brands Park, The pool is being demolished, and a splash pad put in...Why not tear up the current skatepark, and make a park similar to Eldridge Park, or even keep whats there and	1/6/2025 2:41 PM

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build next to it? There's a ton of space between the Skate Park and road for a small parking area and a nice add-on/Extension (Similar to the Skate Park in Ithaca). Playgrounds, The Playground on Falck St. down towards Brand St. would be a nice place to do something for kids, like a small splash pad for example

99	Childcare is a great need - especially NON in-home care. I suggest everyone involved in these decisions get a list of childcare options in Elmira and drive by them and decide if that's somewhere they'd feel comfortable sending their child - because I can assure you many places my answer is a strong no. There is no childcare facility that is not within someone's home for infant-school age in the City (look at those available in Corning, Painted Post, Big Flats as examples). These kids are our future - let's get off to a good start from the very beginning.	1/6/2025 2:37 PM
100	Downtown	1/6/2025 2:34 PM
101	Southport, south side, downtown Elmira area.	1/6/2025 2:06 PM
102	Upper south side (closer to bridge), downtown, & east side.	1/6/2025 1:58 PM
103	Eastside	1/6/2025 1:49 PM
104	Eastside and Southside	1/6/2025 1:49 PM
105	Everywhere	1/6/2025 1:48 PM
106	Central elmira and the eastern side need the most attention	1/6/2025 1:39 PM
107	East Side	1/6/2025 1:38 PM
108	West side elmira	1/6/2025 1:35 PM
109	Southside and Eastside	1/6/2025 1:25 PM
110	West Side	1/6/2025 1:15 PM
111	Streets need to be repaved, and the owners of dilapidated houses and the out of town landlords need to be held accountable for their stains on our city.	1/6/2025 1:09 PM
112	Most of it	1/6/2025 1:06 PM
113	All	1/6/2025 1:00 PM
114	East Side, Down town, South Side	1/6/2025 12:58 PM
115	Elmira's south side	1/6/2025 12:57 PM
116	Na	1/6/2025 12:55 PM
117	6th District has never been a targeted priority!	1/6/2025 12:55 PM
118	Downtown	1/6/2025 12:53 PM
119	east side	1/6/2025 12:52 PM
120	City of Elmira, Southside	1/6/2025 12:50 PM
121	Downtown and any area easily accessible to 86.	1/6/2025 12:49 PM
122	Clean up	1/6/2025 12:47 PM
123	Downtown! Homeless are leaving trash all over the city! This discourages people from supporting local investments or in purchasing their homes in these areas.	1/6/2025 12:46 PM
124	No more need	1/6/2025 12:44 PM
125	East, south and downtown	1/6/2025 12:40 PM
126	Southside, East side	1/6/2025 12:33 PM
127	Areas around low-income housing	1/6/2025 12:32 PM
128	All of Elmira	1/6/2025 12:30 PM
129	Northeast side and south side	1/6/2025 12:29 PM

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130	All areas	1/6/2025 12:25 PM
131	14901 - East Elmira and city center	1/6/2025 12:21 PM
132	All of the city.	1/6/2025 12:18 PM
133	East & South sides	1/6/2025 12:17 PM
134	All	1/6/2025 12:13 PM
135	The brand park area in the south side off of cleary Park in Hudson Street Park The whole river area needs to be revitalized	1/6/2025 12:11 PM
136	Lake st North of Washington Ave, most of Southside, Columbia, Clinton, Church and Water sts, Davis, area between Elmira College and church st.	1/6/2025 12:11 PM
137	Kkkk	1/6/2025 12:06 PM
138	Unsure	1/6/2025 11:59 AM
139	Clinton st. Second st. Westhill rd., any blighted property.	1/6/2025 11:54 AM
140	Eastside Elmira- Lake Street, Oak Street, Linden Place Middle Elmira- Clinton Street, Columbia, 1-3rd Streets	1/6/2025 11:38 AM
141	Programs for kids to keep them out of trouble	1/6/2025 11:28 AM
142	Southside	1/6/2025 10:49 AM
143	Downtown and immediate surrounding neighborhoods	1/6/2025 10:45 AM
144	Because Elmira has only one on/off ramp to I-86, the gate way to Elmira is E Water St. This area must be used wisely. Also on E. Church St where Hoss's was.	1/6/2025 10:03 AM
145	Downtown and the area between Sullivan Street and the Clemens Center,	1/6/2025 9:32 AM
146	Downtown	1/6/2025 9:31 AM
147	The houses that need to be tom down due to fire or unsafe conditions. Fix the roads instead of doing a poor patch job. If roads were better, it would save car owners some maintenance to out vehicles.	1/6/2025 8:46 AM
148	Downtown Retail Southside Residential Eastside Residential	1/6/2025 8:12 AM
149	Southside and City neighborhoods	1/6/2025 7:24 AM
150	The entire City of Elmira. Just drive around and look. So many homes that have had fires and are unlivable. Years later still standing (or not).	1/6/2025 7:02 AM
151	City of Elmira , Southside	1/6/2025 6:14 AM
152	Southside and downtown	1/6/2025 5:52 AM
153	Downtown and riverside.	1/5/2025 8:47 PM
154	Southside	1/4/2025 6:31 PM
155	just look in the news and ask the police they will tell you where all the problems are	1/4/2025 9:10 AM
156	Unsure	1/3/2025 7:45 AM
157	All	1/2/2025 11:19 AM
158	Hudson street ,center street	1/2/2025 10:47 AM
159	Eastside	1/2/2025 7:26 AM
160	City of Elmira, Town of Elmira, Southport, West Elmira	1/2/2025 2:54 AM
161	All of it.	1/1/2025 7:45 PM
162	South side, Eastside	1/1/2025 6:10 PM
163	Southside	1/1/2025 6:09 PM

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164	East side	1/1/2025 4:20 PM
165	Downtown Elmira by the Clemens center and Lecom event center	1/1/2025 1:23 PM
166	East side	1/1/2025 12:23 PM
167	East side	1/1/2025 10:10 AM
168	Southside it's so rundown	1/1/2025 8:44 AM
169	Clean up pocket neighborhoods and make landlords responsible to maintain upkeep on their properties and make sure their tenants are being responsible and respectful of those properties.	1/1/2025 7:21 AM
170	ALL!	1/1/2025 6:52 AM
171	all	1/1/2025 12:34 AM
172	North and South side	12/31/2024 4:44 PM
173	Downtown and surrounding neighborhoods	12/31/2024 3:37 PM
174	All of Elmira.	12/31/2024 1:17 PM
175	Lowest income neighborhoods	12/31/2024 12:54 PM
176	That south port prison is basically brand new and no one is using it. tru using it for the homeless	12/31/2024 12:31 PM
177	Southside is a mess. Also clean up Walnut Street. Rentals are in horrendous condition. Worried about urban sprawl. Why not tear down properties that are on cities tax sale.	12/31/2024 11:26 AM
178	The neighborhoods surrounding downtown	12/31/2024 9:16 AM
179	Downtown, Neighborhoods with high crime rates, and homeless camps	12/31/2024 9:14 AM
180	Southside	12/31/2024 7:57 AM
181	The newer area cleared by Libs, if it has the ability to be developed it needs to be well thought out and clearly defined for the next 30 years. It is enough space to reinvest into the community by providing a mix usage of buildings	12/31/2024 7:30 AM
182	South side	12/31/2024 7:01 AM
183	Most areas are suffering due to homelessness	12/31/2024 6:39 AM
184	Too many areas to list. Just look at all of those abandoned houses! While you're doing that, also look at the houses that caring owners are trying to maintain, and getting absolutely no help from any agencies, yet we face getting our property taxes raised and the value of our properties lowered. How sad that is.	12/31/2024 12:46 AM
185	Down town area south side and east side	12/31/2024 12:28 AM
186	Eastside Elmira	12/31/2024 12:16 AM
187	Downtown on both sides of the bridge	12/30/2024 11:11 PM
188	Southside	12/30/2024 10:59 PM
189	Davis, Columbia, Second, W Clinton	12/30/2024 9:49 PM
190	All	12/30/2024 9:36 PM
191	The south and east sides.	12/30/2024 9:19 PM
192	All of it!	12/30/2024 9:08 PM
193	More art everywhere! Love the art! The east side towards wegmans always looks a little rough	12/30/2024 8:35 PM
194	North side balsam Sullivan street areas Southside Spaulding Franklin street areas	12/30/2024 8:28 PM
195	East side, Southside and downtown.	12/30/2024 8:07 PM
196	South side	12/30/2024 7:44 PM

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197	The entire city is in need of some help.	12/30/2024 7:41 PM
198	Downtown, clean out the drug addicts and thugs so the rest of the citizens can enjoy themselves.	12/30/2024 7:35 PM
199	Southside	12/30/2024 7:34 PM
200	Southside	12/30/2024 7:30 PM
201	All of the residential areas	12/30/2024 7:23 PM
202	The empty Tops store building on Hudson St or in the Amot Mall	12/30/2024 7:21 PM
203	Southside	12/30/2024 7:20 PM
204	Any area near dilapidated housing.	12/30/2024 6:55 PM
205	Northside	12/30/2024 6:55 PM
206	All areas	12/30/2024 6:54 PM
207	Eastside of elmira	12/30/2024 6:53 PM
208	City of elmira and elmira heights	12/30/2024 6:51 PM
209	Southside	12/30/2024 6:47 PM
210	I would consider the Eastside and Northside priorities (2nd district, 3rd district, 4th district) as priorities for the program and services. This is because many families in these areas don't have transportation and walk to wherever they need to go.	12/30/2024 6:44 PM
211	Elmira	12/30/2024 6:41 PM
212	All areas	12/30/2024 6:31 PM
213	West side	12/30/2024 6:31 PM
214	Downtown	12/30/2024 6:04 PM
215	All of the slum houses on Clinton/ gray and surrounding areas. Landlords need to be held responsible	12/30/2024 5:40 PM
216	South, east, north	12/30/2024 5:24 PM
217	The southside	12/30/2024 4:58 PM
218	Northside	12/30/2024 4:29 PM
219	Elmira South side	12/30/2024 4:21 PM
220	All	12/30/2024 4:18 PM
221	The whole City needs help!!!!!!	12/30/2024 1:58 PM
222	Anything north of Water Street.	12/30/2024 12:12 PM
223	The East side.	12/30/2024 11:38 AM
224	Downtown or Southside of Elmira	12/30/2024 10:21 AM
225	Eastside	12/30/2024 10:00 AM
226	The entire thing.	12/30/2024 8:27 AM
227	Southside or (North)Eastside. I don't have access to the poverty numbers or police data, but public crime figures do indicate areas with problems.	12/30/2024 8:12 AM
228	any areas where buildings are in disrepair	12/30/2024 8:09 AM
229	The Upper East Side and the East South Side	12/30/2024 8:08 AM
230	Town Of Southport	12/30/2024 7:19 AM
231	Low income neighborhoods and easily accessible business districts	12/30/2024 6:35 AM

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232	Southside and East side	12/30/2024 1:14 AM
233	Almost the entire city with the exception of maybe the far western portion of the city	12/30/2024 12:28 AM
234	Downtown, specifically Lake Streer	12/30/2024 12:05 AM
235	Southside of Elmira toward Southport	12/29/2024 9:36 PM
236	entrances to the city, Pennsylvania Ave from the train tracks to the Sunoco gas station. Church street down town. the area over by the old booth school. the college buying everything is not helping matters. I am saddened by them leveling old neighborhoods. When does the city say enough is enough. Also over by Diven school and parts of Sullivan street, the obk has marked their territory and left a lot of graphiti on Sullivan street. I also feel a plan needs to be made to address the amount of graphiti. Pud, scheme and the dog are not appreciated.	12/29/2024 9:14 PM
237	All areas	12/29/2024 7:09 PM
238	thr east side	12/29/2024 6:48 PM
239	All areas !	12/29/2024 6:38 PM
240	All City of Elmira... Southside is particularly sad to see	12/29/2024 5:53 PM
241	East and Southside	12/29/2024 5:44 PM
242	North and South sides	12/29/2024 2:54 PM
243	Southside of Elmira should have a community library. The southside has been ignored by the City for the most part.	12/29/2024 2:52 PM
244	Heights	12/29/2024 1:51 PM
245		12/29/2024 1:03 PM
246	- The various "projects"/ section 8 housing - Johnson St. Area (between Walnut & Davis, 2nd St to Washington) - Behind Wegmans (boxed in by Grand Central, Judson, Sullivan, and Warren) - Franklin St Area - Spaulding St Area	12/29/2024 12:50 PM
247	All	12/29/2024 12:16 PM
248	All of them	12/29/2024 11:31 AM
249	All downtown to start	12/29/2024 11:21 AM
250	Downtown, East Side, West Side	12/29/2024 11:09 AM
251	South and Eastside	12/29/2024 10:20 AM
252	southside	12/29/2024 10:00 AM
253	All areas need stabilized, but particularly parts of the east side, lower west side, and south east side.	12/29/2024 9:57 AM
254	The river front areas of elmira could be really nice if the city put money into them. Keep the homeless encampments from establishing themselves with nightly patrols by law enforcement. Make them more walkable with more established and maintained trails/foot paths.	12/29/2024 9:39 AM
255	HOMELESS AND MENTAL PEOPLE.	12/29/2024 9:29 AM
256	There are only a few areas in the city of Elmira that aren't, notably West Elmira and the Maple Ave area. Almost every other area in the city seems equally in need as far as I'm concerned.	12/29/2024 9:19 AM
257	Downtown	12/29/2024 9:10 AM
258	Zip code 14901	12/29/2024 8:20 AM
259	There are many areas of the city that require attention. I can not think of one specific area to concentrate on.	12/29/2024 8:19 AM
260	Community educational services	12/29/2024 7:40 AM
261	Water st.	12/29/2024 6:44 AM
262	Southside, Near West side	12/29/2024 6:09 AM

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263	The people at heritage park and eastgate apartments have no areas for older youth to do anything example: basketball hoops, Skate parks, open space, what about a pool. Give people something to do besides get in trouble	12/29/2024 5:01 AM
264	Southside	12/28/2024 11:59 PM
265	Spaulding St. and connecting side streets, Hudson St and connecting side streets, Clinton St. from Walnut to College Ave; Gray St. from Main St. to Foster Ave. ; First St. from Walnut St. to College Ave. ; Second St. from Davis St. to College Ave. ;	12/28/2024 10:16 PM
266	census tract 7 could benefit from improving green space and parks, as well as connections to amenities. census tracts 1, 6, and 7 (as highest poverty rate tracts) ideally, these programs and services would be spread out to be reasonably accessible to the entire city.	12/28/2024 8:18 PM
267	East and downtown	12/28/2024 7:53 PM
268	All over the city	12/28/2024 7:49 PM
269	Southside. Part of the Eastside	12/28/2024 7:34 PM
270	The entire town,	12/28/2024 7:33 PM
271	Homelessness, drugs, crime, trespassing & garbage all over the place is out of control. There is no safe place to walk. Clean up the city. Prosecute those that violate the existing laws. No need to make new ones. Enforce the ones that are in place.	12/28/2024 7:32 PM
272	Downtown needs more places to hang out in order to rebuild a sense of community	12/28/2024 6:27 PM
273	The parks, the library, the Churches, stores, and schools	12/28/2024 5:19 PM
274	The city is doing a great job working at trying to find a solution for the homeless & to reduce crime (especially since the bail reform is ridiculous- appearance tickets/absurd!) Downtown, continued help to patrol especially around the shelter, Catholic Charities/samaritan center.	12/28/2024 5:01 PM
275	southside	12/28/2024 3:12 PM
276	Downtown	12/28/2024 2:43 PM
277	Downtown	12/28/2024 2:21 PM
278	East and South sides .	12/28/2024 2:07 PM
279	All areas around elementary schools. More security.	12/28/2024 1:56 PM
280	Well they decided to take down the Pool in Elmira. Why not build another pool for all of the residents to be able to use. Corning and Horseheads all have community pools, why not Elmira. If there were more places for families and young teens to go, be less crime.	12/28/2024 1:55 PM
281	downtown elmira is horrible. there is nothing to do. places like conning and watkins glen offer much more for residents and visitors. I hate to have to leave elmira for shopping and dining, but I do.	12/28/2024 1:47 PM
282	All	12/28/2024 1:26 PM
283	Southside, below Clemens Center Parkway	12/28/2024 1:16 PM
284	Center and East side, entire city for code enforcement and fix up	12/28/2024 12:59 PM
285	Southside	12/28/2024 12:40 PM
286	Southport	12/28/2024 11:49 AM
287	The east side needs lots of revamp and help.	12/28/2024 11:21 AM
288	East side, Southside	12/28/2024 10:42 AM
289	Downtown and East side.	12/28/2024 10:22 AM
290	Eastside	12/28/2024 9:50 AM
291	Support redevelopment in area around LECOM, near Westside, South Elmira	12/28/2024 9:46 AM
292	Downtown Elmira, parking garage	12/28/2024 9:18 AM

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293	East side, near westside and the south side.	12/28/2024 8:53 AM
294	Area of St. Joe's.	12/28/2024 8:51 AM
295	We need more businesses on the south side instead of everything being put up by the mall or even on the North side which is really cold in the winter time to try to get to. As far as places like Walmart, we need something down here where we don't have to travel so far to get it to it. Our sidewalks and sidewalks across the city are really bad. Many are pushed out of the ground by trees. Many are never cleared by people and many are never fixed. That would make it safer us to go across. I had to go out into the road several times trying to get to the hospital with my chair and that was on Walnut Street. And going down South Main to tops. There are bad sidewalks and narrow roadways making it difficult to maneuver. Thank you.	12/28/2024 8:48 AM
296	All	12/28/2024 8:46 AM
297	East side Down town	12/28/2024 8:13 AM
298	the whole city	12/28/2024 7:57 AM
299	Most of Southside, lake Street residential, west side	12/28/2024 7:48 AM
300	The East Side	12/28/2024 7:45 AM
301	All	12/28/2024 7:03 AM
302	Southside near old Tops, Eastside near St.Joes	12/28/2024 6:38 AM
303	All areas	12/28/2024 3:14 AM
304	Eastside	12/28/2024 2:46 AM
305	Downtown, southside	12/28/2024 2:45 AM
306	Historical District	12/28/2024 1:46 AM
307	Housing	12/28/2024 12:32 AM
308	Eastside main St to Judson St Elmira NY	12/27/2024 11:19 PM
309	Water, church, 1-2-3-4-5 Streets.	12/27/2024 11:07 PM
310	East Elmira, north side near downtown	12/27/2024 10:59 PM
311	North and East sides	12/27/2024 10:57 PM
312	Southside Eastside	12/27/2024 10:01 PM
313	Down town. It's sketchy and I don't feel comfortable taking my kids there without my partner	12/27/2024 9:48 PM
314	All areas .	12/27/2024 9:46 PM
315	well personally i would say southport needs the most (to bring it up to par) and the city center needs the least since its pretty much a lost cause at this point, needs more police to keep the junkies and homeless out.	12/27/2024 9:44 PM
316	Southside	12/27/2024 9:38 PM
317	14901	12/27/2024 9:37 PM
318	All	12/27/2024 9:37 PM
319	Southside	12/27/2024 9:19 PM
320	Specifically near family rental housing projects	12/27/2024 9:17 PM
321	Central part of the city. The slums are slowly growing into the middle class working home owners	12/27/2024 9:10 PM
322	Oak St	12/27/2024 9:06 PM
323	Near West side historic district, Southside business district	12/27/2024 8:54 PM
324	Focus on decent neighborhoods in decline vs the ones already slums. Work backwards until you can redevelop the slums.	12/27/2024 8:43 PM

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325	Southside	12/27/2024 8:37 PM
326	Homeless and mental health	12/27/2024 8:04 PM
327	2nd district 3rd district 4th district 5th district all of the Southside area	12/27/2024 7:55 PM
328	West side south of Clinton	12/27/2024 7:39 PM
329	All of it.	12/27/2024 7:21 PM
330	Down town	12/27/2024 7:10 PM
331	Honestly at this point? Everything except west Elmira. That area has historically been the "richer" part of town and has not suffered the degradation the other areas have	12/27/2024 7:09 PM
332	All	12/27/2024 6:58 PM
333	Southside	12/27/2024 6:57 PM
334	East side	12/27/2024 6:55 PM
335	East to south	12/27/2024 6:51 PM
336	All of Elmira	12/27/2024 6:50 PM
337	Downtown	12/27/2024 6:44 PM
338	Downtown	12/27/2024 6:43 PM
339	All	12/27/2024 6:43 PM
340	downtown and east side	12/27/2024 6:42 PM
341	Deal with the blight wherever it exists starting with downtown	12/27/2024 6:39 PM
342	The South Side of Elmira is in desperate need of code enforcement removal of delapetated houses Remove drug dealots gangs and drug hours. More police presence	12/27/2024 6:37 PM
343	Southport, downtown Elmira, south side of Elmira, and northside.	12/27/2024 6:25 PM
344	South side and East side	12/27/2024 6:22 PM
345	I'm not sure what the area is called but it's close to W. Elmira Davis St. that area is horrible fifth Street fourth Street third Street	12/27/2024 6:19 PM
346	Southside and east side of Elmira	12/27/2024 6:16 PM
347	City of Elmira, help the homeless	12/27/2024 6:14 PM
348	Downtown and southside	12/27/2024 6:14 PM
349	South side	12/27/2024 6:13 PM
350	Spaulding Street	12/27/2024 6:11 PM
351	Mental health and substance abuse treatment	12/27/2024 6:09 PM
352	The most neglected part in need would be the 6th Council District!	12/27/2024 6:08 PM
353	Southside of elmira	12/27/2024 6:02 PM
354	Southside	12/27/2024 6:01 PM
355	Southside, east side and downtown	12/27/2024 5:59 PM
356	Downtown Elmira	12/27/2024 5:53 PM
357	Washington Street area (by Wegmans/bk/diven school), by McDonald's area (DG too)	12/27/2024 5:51 PM
358	downtown	12/27/2024 5:46 PM
359	Southeast Side of Elmira and Northeast side.	12/27/2024 5:44 PM
360	From Woodlawn to Washington an College to Magee	12/27/2024 5:39 PM

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361	Downtown	12/27/2024 5:31 PM
362	the entire city	12/27/2024 5:29 PM
363	City of Elmira	12/27/2024 5:29 PM
364	East side Southside	12/27/2024 5:29 PM
365	Eastside -Southside -Northside	12/27/2024 5:19 PM
366	Southside	12/27/2024 5:17 PM
367	downtown area	12/27/2024 5:16 PM
368	City of Elmira	12/27/2024 5:13 PM
369	South and East side	12/27/2024 5:10 PM
370	neighborhoods	12/27/2024 4:40 PM
371	Continued improvements downtown. Seems things are going in the right direction. Southside, just over the Main street bridge, needs much improvement.	12/27/2024 4:36 PM
372	The whole city	12/27/2024 4:33 PM
373	Eastside and southside	12/27/2024 4:27 PM
374	Youth court	12/27/2024 4:24 PM
375	The East, like Hall st and Eastgate apartments and Southsides, like Baty St; maybe the courts (Hawthorn Court.)	12/27/2024 1:50 PM
376	School zones	12/27/2024 12:51 PM

Q9 Other Suggestions or Comments

Answered: 233 Skipped: 239

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	None	1/29/2025 1:06 PM
2	I would love to see the river used for Kayaking competitions, canoeing and waterfront improvements.	1/28/2025 10:52 AM
3	We need youth programs youth activities youth after curriculum	1/27/2025 3:24 PM
4	Need easier downtown parking. Two hour parking (like found in Corning) instead of parking meters requiring credit cards which is discouraging many to use downtown businesses.	1/27/2025 7:55 AM
5	Get to work! And stop wasting money on nonsense projects like roundabouts. The last time I was in elmira the street where worse than any place I had ever driven. And I see that your concern was wasting money on roundabouts. Which tells me that there is alot of mismanaged funds in that area.	1/25/2025 2:15 PM
6	There's a lot of empty space on the south side try doing something with the old top supermarket. I know it's owned by a company now but it's still empty	1/25/2025 8:04 AM
7	Invest in the youth so that they prosper and remain in the community with their future families.	1/24/2025 6:11 PM
8	Crime control;gun control	1/23/2025 8:11 PM
9	None at present.	1/23/2025 4:01 PM
10	Get the money back into businesses and spend money more carefully. Get multiple prices and make sure who is getting paid is completing the jobs timely.	1/23/2025 3:53 PM
11	Jobs, jobs, jobs, less welfare	1/23/2025 1:59 PM
12	Take a look at who's running the city. It's gone downhill in the past 5 years, even more so in the past 3 years!	1/23/2025 11:51 AM
13	Gotta do something about the shopping carts. Code enforcement needs to show more initiative and not just react to complaints. Can drive around a block radius from my home and see about half a dozen boarded up/burned properties and other units with trash overflowing. Clean up the city please!	1/23/2025 10:23 AM
14	nond	1/23/2025 8:51 AM
15	Make Elmira great again! Cause it sure does suck! I've never seen a place that has nothing for kids to do, Elmira sucks! Too bad u people that have ran it into the ground didn't have for sight. The people that grew up around here and got into the big jobs, u all couldn't draw in people if your life depended on it. You could have had a big park , besides Eldridge,with lots of things for kids to do. But u all been in these jobs so long that u r dumb to new things.	1/23/2025 6:40 AM
16	Public transportation needs to be better.	1/23/2025 1:39 AM
17	Need to stop spending money on stupid crap	1/23/2025 1:00 AM
18	Some kind of program where a homeowner with limited income or low credit can rent or purchase items for home repairs. Or snow plow rental or purchase for example.	1/21/2025 3:18 PM
19	Increased use of community assets (Wisner Park, Eldridge Park, Dunn Field, Brand Park) for large scale community gathering events.	1/18/2025 5:42 PM
20	More local businesses and better public transportation services	1/16/2025 12:09 PM
21	Seriously, there are many dedicated and passionate citizens who are willing and able to help out in various ways. This can serve as a stopgap to fill in where municipal services are currently lacking. Short of law enforcement, I doubt there's an area where qualified people wouldn't pitch in.	1/15/2025 1:44 PM

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22	Not at this time	1/14/2025 7:36 PM
23	With the rise in interest of skateboarding, It would be nice to have a more modernized and local skate park that would be central to the city. Eldridge Skate Park is quite out of the way for most, especially kids. If law enforcement is to continue to insist that skateboarding is illegal within the city limits, a legal alternative must be provided. New parks are popping up all over Upstate New York, in Olean, Enfield, Ellicottsville, and renovations have been made to the park in Ithaca. Eldridge is over twenty years old, and it's sister park in Corning has been demolished. It is time to bring this Olympic sport into (or closer to) the heart of Elmira.	1/13/2025 5:39 PM
24	Something has to be done with all the houses which have had fires and are now semi-bordered up. It is not fair to the rest of the neighborhood which try and keep their property up.	1/11/2025 1:24 PM
25	The City has wasted millions of \$ on "improvements" that have done nothing. The Lake Street bridge is a prime example. No one uses it! Don't invest in property improvement without offering incentives for new businesses and restaurants to occupy them.	1/10/2025 1:10 PM
26	Do better Elmira! :)	1/9/2025 4:30 PM
27	New laws in NY state are preventing law enforcement and parole to actually do their jobs. There is no incentive for a drug addict to try to get clean. Severely mentally ill people have no where to go except on the street. These are issues that need to be addressed before the city can truly be improved.	1/9/2025 2:16 PM
28	Money for homeowners should be spread around. Priority should be necessary repairs over remodeling, i.e. money for enhanced Star homeowners who have a hot water heater atleast 14 years old and matching sidewalk repairs 50/50.	1/9/2025 11:13 AM
29	Collaboration with Local Organizations Foster partnerships with local businesses, schools, and non-profits to leverage resources, expertise, and funding opportunities that can benefit the community	1/8/2025 1:47 PM
30	Making our governor aware of our needs and how devastating it is in Elmira.	1/8/2025 11:16 AM
31	Give kids better things so they don't get lost to dealing or using drugs.	1/7/2025 4:15 PM
32	We need more things that will keep young people in this area.	1/7/2025 3:46 PM
33	No more roundabouts	1/7/2025 2:34 PM
34	We need to bring medium to large sized businesses to Elmira that will provide opportunities for advancement and pay a living wage. This would help retain young residents and attract new families that will make Elmira their home. It is great to encourage and support small business entrepreneurship, however, we don't have enough people with disposable cash to support the start ups. So the current models are not sustainable. And the City of Elmira loses tax dollars to other areas in Chemung County while the county seat suffers.	1/7/2025 2:31 PM
35	Remove old parking lot and empty buildings on Erie street near Miller's Pond and replace with park. Help Empire to provide high speed internet to Hampton Road neighborhood.	1/7/2025 2:01 PM
36	Thank you!	1/7/2025 1:05 PM
37	Attract some business. Enough of the people in charge patting themselves on the back for little results	1/7/2025 10:53 AM
38	Be willing to LISTEN to what is going on over the concerns of the people	1/7/2025 9:36 AM
39	If we could clean up slum housing, clean up graffiti, and do community trash pickups I think it would go a very long way.	1/7/2025 9:10 AM
40	Anti graffiti task force bc its everywhere and it's bringing down the community	1/7/2025 8:17 AM
41	We need to focus on the people in this community who are willing to invest their time, money and effort to make this community better. Elmira has spent too much time and wasted effort on those in our community looking for handouts and who do not reciprocate. Elmira and Chemung County are highly taxed with little to show for it. The population of \$ earners is decreasing and the population of \$ grabbers is increasing. Re-focus!	1/7/2025 7:50 AM
42	Safer walking areas for crossing busy intersections.	1/7/2025 12:40 AM

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43	Eldridge park skatepark needs updating and massive improvements or build new one at brand park	1/6/2025 8:19 PM
44	Police need to be held accountable when they mess up. Better police training and understanding of laws.	1/6/2025 7:00 PM
45	The fire department and police department are both doing their fair share of work to guide this city in the right direction and should be compensated fairly for it.	1/6/2025 6:41 PM
46	focus on fixing housing, substance abuse, and childcare instead of derailing to look for other projects.	1/6/2025 6:32 PM
47	Helping the homeless find shelter	1/6/2025 6:19 PM
48	Not at this time	1/6/2025 6:17 PM
49	N/A	1/6/2025 5:58 PM
50	Continue supporting the after school programs and providing summer programs and jobs for young teens during the summer	1/6/2025 5:47 PM
51	N/A	1/6/2025 5:35 PM
52	Summer recreation for youth. Including summer cohesion, sports, theatre and literacy.	1/6/2025 5:14 PM
53	I was born and raised here and it breaks my heart to see how Elmira has fallen to the drug trade. In my childhood neighborhood, it's no longer safe to walk the streets. I fear for my elderly parents who still live there. This is not a race problem, it's a class problem. There is trashy people and classy people in every race. There is no discipline in the homes, the schools, the government. We are too lax. Everyone gets so offended is they don't like what another person says, big deal, walk away. It's your problem if you take offence. That is on you; grow up and earn the respect you want.	1/6/2025 4:49 PM
54	More incentives to fix up owner occupied homes like mine.	1/6/2025 3:45 PM
55	As above	1/6/2025 2:59 PM
56	new city manager that is competent	1/6/2025 2:57 PM
57	Fix the streets.	1/6/2025 2:50 PM
58	If you were to build a new section to Brands skatepark, I would also suggest even looking up the Wegmans Plaza in Liverpool,NY. It's a gated Skatepark, open specific times, you pay like 2\$ for the day. Which promotes maintaining it, while leaving the existing park where it sits to provide not just a free alternative, but also somewhere thats open when the gated park is closed...	1/6/2025 2:41 PM
59	N/a	1/6/2025 2:34 PM
60	As someone who cares about our area & the people in it, I am deeply compelled to do what I can to improve living, employment, & education. There are so many opportunities in the world, & our region doesn't help others capitalize on it, for the overall good of the community. With your help, I could spearhead a renowned art district, as well as energy & tech region. Upstate NY is prime affordable American real estate & should see a significant uptick in the future. Let's lead that movement with the connections our community already currently has? We could double in size & 10x our current living standards for everyone, in less than 10 years.	1/6/2025 1:58 PM
61	Public votes on certain major grant expenditures	1/6/2025 1:49 PM
62	nothing at this time	1/6/2025 1:49 PM
63	Dan Mandel for president	1/6/2025 1:48 PM
64	No	1/6/2025 1:35 PM
65	Organize neighborhood groups to bring them together to help with the process.	1/6/2025 1:25 PM
66	None	1/6/2025 1:14 PM
67	Do Better!!!!!!	1/6/2025 1:09 PM
68	Number of vehicles with improper exhausts causing noise complaints and almost accident, no	1/6/2025 12:57 PM

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	headlights on. Lot of serious traffic issues	
69	Na	1/6/2025 12:55 PM
70	No	1/6/2025 12:47 PM
71	An Elmira YMCA or community rock climbing center. Put money into the skate parks. Would love a well designed skate part with a pump track! No more splash pads. Community gardens would also be nice.	1/6/2025 12:40 PM
72	Stop robbing the taxpayers	1/6/2025 12:30 PM
73	Need to do something about homeless which i believe the answer is in substance abuse help and mental health	1/6/2025 12:29 PM
74	Clemons Center Parkway should be a toll road	1/6/2025 12:25 PM
75	Need more involvement between Elmira College, LECOM and downtown Elmira to bring affordable city housing to downtown with support for small business there as well. Live/Work/Shop/Eat. And please clean up the parking garages.	1/6/2025 12:21 PM
76	Beef up police patrols	1/6/2025 12:18 PM
77	Get additional power company to stop the monopoly that is NYSEG. Bills are exorbitant	1/6/2025 12:13 PM
78	The biggest thing is is spending money on a clock there's nothing to do with all the people we carry a clock in our pocket every day that pool was for the world war vets and it was memorial pool The pool at brands wasn't just a pool or any pool it was a memorial pool for the soldiers and the people that sacrificed during the wars	1/6/2025 12:11 PM
79	Code enforcement is a joke. We need more officers to work in the city.	1/6/2025 12:11 PM
80	Kkkk	1/6/2025 12:06 PM
81	N/A	1/6/2025 11:59 AM
82	Our schools need Better education for kids with disabilities or after-school programs to help	1/6/2025 11:28 AM
83	Yes, I want Elmira to be known as a place where you go to get married because if done correctly, can bring people back to the city year after year, decade after decade. Picture a wedding that after the vows are spoken and the prayers have been said, then all heaven breaks out with something that resembles "the running of the bulls", except in slo-mo. The procession makes its way along the river to the Lake St bridge where speeches, songs, dances are performed by the couple or friends. Got a friend who can sing, perfect. "The theme is,"life is like a river". It is honest. Couples need to know that life can be unpredictable and that if they work on it and in themselves, life can be successful.	1/6/2025 10:03 AM
84	Have the upcoming meetings via zoom so people that can not get there due to work or no transportation can be a part of them. You may get more people active in the community efforts. Stop giving yourselves raises without a public vote.	1/6/2025 8:46 AM
85	Roads and potholes. There has been a very dangerous pothole near the Southside Post office for years. I have reported it and it is still there!!	1/6/2025 7:24 AM
86	The feral cat colonies, it's out of control, help out the citizens who have created rescues to trap neuter and release. REM-TNR has done wonderful things in the community to help control the mass of strays in town. They do this all with donated monies and their own money	1/6/2025 6:14 AM
87	Time to clean up... 2025 and it's just rancid out here ...	1/4/2025 6:31 PM
88	spend more time helping the people that give back to the community instead of always giving to the people destroying it .	1/4/2025 9:10 AM
89	new city manager	1/2/2025 11:19 AM
90	Youth with Guns gangs and party houses shut down	1/2/2025 10:47 AM
91	EPD needs to go back to proactive or community police from The Wandall and Mechawko era of policing. The community members know the area and people better than officers who don't live in the area or freaky the city. And they not caring about the people or community as they don't have an invested interest - they go to horseheads, bigfiats or other area. This has to change.	1/2/2025 7:26 AM

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92	We need more activities and places for the youth to have fun and meet up with friends or family and make memories and stay out of trouble for ages 4-18 but still make it so family can make memories as well with their children and have a good time and lead a good example of staying out of trouble and away from the streets	1/2/2025 2:54 AM
93	More community events, more cleanup of abandoned buildings, less help and more cracking down on the homeless that are destroying the town. Basically, do more for those of us that pay your salary and less for the ones that don't.	1/1/2025 7:45 PM
94	Help the working class	1/1/2025 4:20 PM
95	More small businesses and policies to benefit small businesses could be helpful	1/1/2025 1:23 PM
96	Why let First Baptist church sit with open windows until it needs to be condemned. And Fix Brand Pool	1/1/2025 12:23 PM
97	Keep vagrants, homeless and drug dealers and their clients off the streets	1/1/2025 7:21 AM
98	NA	1/1/2025 6:52 AM
99	Na	12/31/2024 4:44 PM
100	I would like to see a running track similar to the school tracks. School tracks aren't open to the public anymore.	12/31/2024 3:37 PM
101	Do better as a community	12/31/2024 1:17 PM
102	There could be a nice park with a splash pad and swings and slides in the Brand pool area with out taking down the trees because they will need the trees to shade the slide so not so hot to play and they can shut it off at 10 PM	12/31/2024 12:31 PM
103	Make Elmira a place where residents are safe and criminals face consequences. No more catch and release.	12/31/2024 11:26 AM
104	Im all for supporting this towns growth but you have to support those who are willing to help, not those who choose not to help themselves.	12/31/2024 9:16 AM
105	Better/more cameras to monitor suspicious/criminal activity	12/31/2024 9:14 AM
106	Looking forward to being apart of this process and together we can do something great when alone we'd only do something okay.	12/31/2024 7:30 AM
107	It's a shame that if you're a single person who is doing everything you can to maintain your property and your working, guess what you are not eligible for any kind of grants or assistance from anything because your employed. But you better pay your taxes.	12/31/2024 12:46 AM
108	O	12/31/2024 12:28 AM
109	Offer home repair grants	12/31/2024 12:16 AM
110	We have homeowners that want to make a stronger community but home repairs can be costly if homeowners show they care more about the appearance of their properties it would spike more interest in new home buyers looking to move here a win win for everyone.	12/30/2024 11:11 PM
111	Fix the rusted and damaged monument at the roundabout by Wei's and McDonald's	12/30/2024 9:49 PM
112	None at this time.	12/30/2024 9:19 PM
113	We were a City of 50,000 now at 28,000 + or -, time to examine status of City to Town, reduce the number of council districts, all county Police agency, all county School district.	12/30/2024 9:08 PM
114	Cheaper schooling for adults	12/30/2024 8:35 PM
115	Kids need character building outside of school clubs places to go	12/30/2024 8:28 PM
116	Elmira isn't the Elmira I grew up in. People and the county make it feel as if nobody cares.	12/30/2024 8:07 PM
117	More programs/funds used for crime prevention and getting rid of homeless	12/30/2024 7:44 PM
118	Impeach Gary brinn	12/30/2024 7:30 PM
119	Elmira is a great city and has the potential to be even better. We need stronger, community-	12/30/2024 7:23 PM

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	focused leadership who are present and accountable.	
120	A community pool would be nice.	12/30/2024 7:20 PM
121	Code enforcement not just citations.	12/30/2024 6:55 PM
122	None	12/30/2024 6:54 PM
123	No	12/30/2024 6:53 PM
124	Help people get education and jobs not welfare and shelters teach people in this area to stand on their own two feet. The restoration us are tired of out taxes going up to support everyone else. We work too hard .	12/30/2024 6:47 PM
125	Please think about "biggest bang for your buck" with this money. Tackle larger issues that will also cover other resulting issues. Don't play whack a mole and patch fix things. Really invest in the future long term and think about what can fix the most issues long term.	12/30/2024 6:44 PM
126	Get politicians that care and don't lie. Use are money help. Are kids	12/30/2024 6:41 PM
127	Law enforcement more serious about stopping crime, Perhaps more police and trained neighborhood watch	12/30/2024 6:31 PM
128	Affordable housing and first time homebuyer programs are the biggest needs for Elmira	12/30/2024 4:29 PM
129	No	12/30/2024 4:18 PM
130	We feel in order for the city to really improve the Code Department needs to be expanded and provided more legal assistance. Better enforcement of NYS traffic Laws. (Running red lights, speeding etc.)	12/30/2024 1:58 PM
131	My family used to love walking the bike trail. Not so much anymore because of shady activity on there.	12/30/2024 12:12 PM
132	WE NEED MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR MENTAL HEALTH, RECREATION, AND HEALTH CARE. A COMMUNITY THAT IS TAKEN CARE MENTALLY AND HAVE POSITIVE OUTLETS CAN LEAD TO A BETTER AND SAFER ENVIRONMENT.	12/30/2024 10:21 AM
133	None	12/30/2024 10:00 AM
134	Chemung county needs better jobs. Most people like me relocate to a more capable region after they gain considerable education and skill. Better opportunities right down the road will incentivise a great number of improvements in the communities around them.	12/30/2024 8:12 AM
135	A public pool, like the one in Horseheads or West Elmira along with swimming lessons	12/30/2024 8:08 AM
136	More "wrap-around" programs and services for addicts in recovery. (Most especially, individuals in their first year of sobriety.	12/30/2024 6:35 AM
137	Address 3rd plus generations of poverty	12/30/2024 1:14 AM
138	I have lived in Elmira for most of my life. I've never seen it in the state that is in. Driving between the cultural connector and the Samaritan Center on South Main it's like you're in a big city ghetto. Almost every street in Elmira has a home that is in complete disrepair either boarded up or needing much repair.	12/30/2024 12:28 AM
139	Hold another open tour of tye southport prison for interested buyers	12/29/2024 9:36 PM
140	No need for more bars or restaurants. Affordable shopping in city limits. Keeping taxes as they are . Need to be Affordable to own and upkeep homes.	12/29/2024 6:38 PM
141	I applaud the removal of homeless encampments... anything that holds us ALL accountable for our behaviors if landlords or companies discriminate there are laws to hold people accountable People who are addicted or mentally ill also need boundaries and accountability... in steps	12/29/2024 5:53 PM
142	Get the homeless off our Streets they are ruining our City!!!!	12/29/2024 5:44 PM
143	An attempt to crack down on gang related crime and major drug enforcement	12/29/2024 1:51 PM
144		12/29/2024 1:03 PM

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145	You have a good list - what is needed is consistency. While there are many high need areas we might not be able to do all that we want in one grant cycle. High quality affordable childcare, access to mental health services, and affordable housing are crime prevention and are proactive rather than reactive. "It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men." - Frederick Douglass	12/29/2024 12:50 PM
146	Fix the roads, sidewalks, clean the trash up everywhere. Plant fruit trees through the city and wild.	12/29/2024 12:16 PM
147	For more suggestions please Contact me at verysincerely@gmail.com	12/29/2024 11:31 AM
148	I think you're making great decisions. It's not easy but sometimes we need to be tough to help people get what they really need like physical and medical help.	12/29/2024 11:21 AM
149	Get businesses, schools, and community organizations to help. Make the most of our natural resources - particularly the Chemung River and the trails in the area.	12/29/2024 11:09 AM
150	STOP bending to LECOM and EC	12/29/2024 10:20 AM
151	tear down belighted places after fires and take controll over any place left abonded after 1 yrs as to many empty places in elmira that need repairs	12/29/2024 10:00 AM
152	Thanks for the opportunity to provide input!	12/29/2024 9:57 AM
153	Lots of folks walk their dogs without a leash. The only recourse for this is a small fee that doesn't increase after repeated offenses. This needs to be addressed with increased fines and eventual forfeiture of the dog if there are multiple offenses.	12/29/2024 9:39 AM
154	Stop focusing on the homeless if they make a choice to do drugs and (not) get help and (clean) fuck them there are more important things to fix in this town roads to fix side walks to fix schools to help. Elderly to help stop trying to save the druggys if they wanna die on the street doing there meth and other crap that's on them there not bettering there own life duck that there trash.	12/29/2024 9:34 AM
155	TAKE DOWN HOUSES THAT AND OTHER BUILDINGS THAT HAVE BEEN EMPTY FOR YEARS.	12/29/2024 9:29 AM
156	Thanks for your consideration, Elmirans don't appreciate what they have as much as they should, but there's a lot better case Elmira can make for itself. I don't think this falls into the category surveyed about, but anything that can be done to improve the form and function of the downtown area is a good idea. Elmira lacks a lot of what might justify living in a city as opposed to rustic arcadia. If we have to live in a city, there's more that can be done to make it a pleasant experience and to make the urban environment a destination rather than a place to escape.	12/29/2024 9:19 AM
157	N/a	12/29/2024 9:10 AM
158	After living and running a business inside the city for over 20 years, we moved out of the city because of blight and crime.	12/29/2024 8:20 AM
159	More Housing Grants	12/29/2024 8:01 AM
160	N/a	12/29/2024 7:40 AM
161	Stop worrying about the homeless people and worry about finding quality affordable housing for them To live in. If there is no affordable option for housing fix that problem first instead of creating more	12/29/2024 5:01 AM
162	Stop giving money to people who have not lived in their homes and paid city taxes for MANY years. If they haven't lived here and contributed for years they shoul NOT be eligible for any free home repair money or grants until they are earned	12/28/2024 11:59 PM
163	Please make sure the money is used effectively and efficiently. It's not enough money to solve all of Elmira's problems, but, if it is used wisely, it can help improve some of the conditions. Each expenditure should be justified and accounted for.	12/28/2024 10:16 PM
164	Reduce salaries for employees making g over \$10000.	12/28/2024 7:34 PM
165	Stop building random roundabouts while we live in pot hole city. Reorganize the schools, bring back the bell	12/28/2024 7:33 PM

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166	Ebikes, scooters, wheeled devices need to be educated on traffic rules & regulations. They are always zigging in & out of traffic creating dangerous conditions for themselves & for the driver that hits them accidentally.	12/28/2024 7:32 PM
167	We need to bring back the feeling of 100 years ago when the architecture and trees were grand and beautiful. Elmira could be a tourist attraction if the blight was cleaned up.	12/28/2024 6:27 PM
168	Please give us more things to do in this small town	12/28/2024 5:19 PM
169	Overall, all of the services provided by the city & it's employees has been really good & not overlooked. People are grateful for everything from the police, firemen/women, administration, garbage removal, leaf/snow/street, sewer, finance, and all the many others who keep the city functioning. Moving forward, it's really important to continue to do your best to try to help to keep the tax base as affordable as possible as many taxpayers want to upgrade & beautify their homes without being able to afford to retire in them because they can't afford to live in the city because of the high taxes & high crime. Those are the two things that must be considered over the next 5 years. People will NOT stay if they can't afford it or live in fear.	12/28/2024 5:01 PM
170	Make the streets safe to walk. Keep the current properties clean and neat	12/28/2024 4:08 PM
171	None	12/28/2024 2:21 PM
172	None	12/28/2024 2:07 PM
173	I don't know how you change the culture of a people who seeming are not interested in changing. It is not safe here. I have owned my home since 2010. It is disappointing to see the direction this city has taken. Nowhere safe to go socialize. There is always violence. Then wonder why there is the amount of violence in the schools.	12/28/2024 1:56 PM
174	We need to build up the city with restaurants and places to shop like it used to be. The Sears store, all of the shops on the main st. which would also bring more business to the arena as well.	12/28/2024 1:55 PM
175	You have to create good jobs to get the quality of life up in Elmira. Create jobs by offering tax incentives to companies to move their facilities to the area. Actively market the area to these companies.	12/28/2024 12:40 PM
176	maybe reinvest into your lower income neighborhoods	12/28/2024 11:49 AM
177	It would be beneficial to help with the shortages for mental health and substance abuse.	12/28/2024 11:21 AM
178	Look at the communities around us... Coming, Watkins Glen... What have they done to improve their communities? Elmira needs a lot of help to get back on its feet. I personally feel money appropriated has been unwisely spent.	12/28/2024 10:42 AM
179	None	12/28/2024 10:22 AM
180	No	12/28/2024 9:50 AM
181	Elmira has a beautiful riverfront area that is unused	12/28/2024 9:46 AM
182	Elmira needs small to medium scale manufacturing jobs. Are there opportunities to bring in companies involved in the silicon manufacturing industry or anything else adjacent to the chips act?	12/28/2024 8:53 AM
183	Can you build a monorail system that connects the downtown to different areas of the city? This would make the City of Elmira a unique destination and have more of a futuristic look. Transportation will be very important in the future, as many don't wish to drive. This would also reduce accidents.	12/28/2024 8:51 AM
184	I think many of the homes that are in bad repair need to be taken down and have the owners paid for it. If they can't fix it up and rent it out it should be tom down and they should pay to have it done. That should not come out of the city's pocket.	12/28/2024 8:48 AM
185	Pay attention to the city and listen to people. Get these people off public assistance that don't deserve it	12/28/2024 8:13 AM
186	combine the police agencies into one solid county wide force. why we need city, county, state and all others doing the same thing.	12/28/2024 7:57 AM
187	Code enforcement is a joke in the city. We also need to get rid of our city manager.	12/28/2024 7:48 AM

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188	This city looks terrible. Maybe a program to clean it up. Pay the homeless to do it.	12/28/2024 7:45 AM
189	Perhaps the need for a Co-op type or place for those that refuse to work. They have to work to get any benefit from the state, county, or city. The number of people not working and using the system is really out of control. I feel that mental health services will help as well. We fail those in need and it stays at a young age.	12/28/2024 7:03 AM
190	Property Managers, Maintenance, Absentee Landlords. My opinions!! Thank you	12/28/2024 3:14 AM
191	Pickleball courts are being built on public land, with public money, but locked for only special people to use.	12/28/2024 1:46 AM
192	Have more community input about city improvement	12/27/2024 11:19 PM
193	Build Homes to buy for 60k or less low interest low down payment. 3-4 bedrooms	12/27/2024 11:07 PM
194	Changes in zoning can make it easier to restore and build housing. We need new housing of many types.	12/27/2024 10:59 PM
195	Don't take so long creating a solution then implementing it	12/27/2024 10:01 PM
196	N/a	12/27/2024 9:48 PM
197	Thank you .	12/27/2024 9:46 PM
198	i would be 100% fine with a zero tolerance policy for drugs, gun violence, and homelessness (shoplifting harms businesses, thats mostly homeless related), exile people caught engaging in these activities and the problems will solve themselves.. instead of letting people off for shoplifting under \$1000 of goods or getting a slap on the wrist for selling dope.	12/27/2024 9:44 PM
199	Clean up low income areas	12/27/2024 9:37 PM
200	Follow through	12/27/2024 9:19 PM
201	How are you actually going to get the word out to the people who really need to be involved	12/27/2024 9:17 PM
202	More police presents in all areas. Put cameras in the crime areas and the parks.	12/27/2024 9:10 PM
203	We need more affordable things for children to be involved in Sunday-Saturday 9am-9pm	12/27/2024 9:06 PM
204	Take care of the actual city parks, the sidewalks , greenery, weeding and curbs. Pave the entrance roads to the city.	12/27/2024 8:37 PM
205	Daily sweepers to Clean the streets	12/27/2024 7:55 PM
206	Save our city. Do away with these smoke shops.	12/27/2024 7:10 PM
207	More workers less welfare burdens	12/27/2024 6:58 PM
208	Elmira is a very depressed area and has been since 1972. Taxes and elected officials salaries keep going up. Sustainable population goes down, while unemployed persons numbers go up. Help Elmira before it goes under.	12/27/2024 6:57 PM
209	Make this information more public. Engage with the community more. Issue insentives for Developers and real estate investors to come to Elmira. The issue isnt a government issue. Its a people issue. Elmira lacks creativity. I would love to help the city/town the best I can I live here and want to make it better. My name is Michael Wells I can be reached at Mw9@investing@gmail.com	12/27/2024 6:51 PM
210	Bail reform laws have hindered law enforcement efforts within the city	12/27/2024 6:44 PM
211	Na	12/27/2024 6:43 PM
212	Cut taxes, and illuminate as many government programs as possible. Divert as much money as possible into training and equipping law enforcement agencies. Finally, clean up the city and expand community parks and rec.	12/27/2024 6:39 PM
213	Have to get drugs crime out of the city	12/27/2024 6:37 PM
214	I appreciate all the cleanup of the homeless encampmentS. I don't know how to solve the problem, but letting people live on other people's property and destroy it is not acceptable.	12/27/2024 6:19 PM

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215	Buildings like the old Danny Discount/Erie plaza needs to be demolished and leveled. This location or the Tops Plaza would be ideal for a YMCA. We need an affordable place for people to exercise. The YMCA look the one in Corning and Lockport. Lots of good community activities.	12/27/2024 6:16 PM
216	Please make it easier and more inviting for entrepreneurs to open family friendly businesses downtown. Would love to see more restaurants and shops and less bars and weed shops.	12/27/2024 6:14 PM
217	Get the homeless out of hotels, NOBODY wants to come to Elmira and stay because of this, if Elmira is going to thrive then clean it up stop turning a blind eye	12/27/2024 6:13 PM
218	Sidewalk paving should be a municipal service	12/27/2024 6:11 PM
219	Our city needs help there is too much crime and homelessness. Too many rentals with out of town owners that don't care. We need to do something before all the good hardworking law abiding citizens leave Elmira!	12/27/2024 6:09 PM
220	We need new leadership in the city of Elmira. We need people who have experience. We don't need a mayor and a city manager. We definitely need to replace the current city manager who is less appropriate in representing the City of Elmira	12/27/2024 6:02 PM
221	The what seems to be lack of safety in parking garage	12/27/2024 6:01 PM
222	Focus on jobs and rebuilding downtown	12/27/2024 5:53 PM
223	bring back pro hockey with private ownership	12/27/2024 5:46 PM
224	We need to have higher paying jobs and stable jobs. Not companies coming in for Tax Breaks then leaving after 10 years.	12/27/2024 5:44 PM
225	Less program's for homeless an low income. An more programs an things for ages 10 to 17 years of age.	12/27/2024 5:39 PM
226	Have landlord accountable maintain building. Stop homeless camps	12/27/2024 5:29 PM
227	walking trails along the river	12/27/2024 5:16 PM
228	na	12/27/2024 4:40 PM
229	Leave the "sticker" shops alone until there are legal retailers available. Don't give in to the prohibitionists who want to put it back on the black market where it's more dangerous and introduces people to other substances. Instead put more focus on curtailing drunk drivers.	12/27/2024 4:36 PM
230	The welfare program does more harm then good. Drug test and work programs should be a requirement to obtain and maintain assistance.	12/27/2024 4:33 PM
231	Listen to us especially on Taxes	12/27/2024 4:27 PM
232	Thank you	12/27/2024 4:24 PM
233	I recommend offering online meeting options to engage out-of-state investors, making it easier for them to participate in discussions and projects. Additionally, creating stronger protections against contractors would provide more security for our community investors. While funding from out-of-state sources can be challenging to secure due to perceived risks, sharing data and facts about our community's needs has proven effective in building trust and attracting investment.	12/27/2024 1:50 PM



Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

City of Elmira

2025



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Introduction and Executive Summary of the Analysis

A. Background

This document outlines the City of Elmira's plan and efforts to constantly evaluate and improve the process of Analysis of Impediments of Fair Housing Choice, which is an essential component of the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan. It is a required document by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development under the Consolidated Plan Final Rule, and published in the Federal Register every five years in order to affirmatively further fair housing.

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan is a required planning document, which provides priorities and objectives for the expenditures of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds received by entitlement communities and participating jurisdictions.

As part of the annual action plan, the City of Elmira must certify to HUD that they will affirmatively further fair housing and that grants will be administered in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Fair Housing Act of 1968. The Fair Housing Act, as amended in 1988, prohibits discrimination in the sale or rental housing based on:

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- Sex
- Disability
- Familial Status
- National Origin

Impediments can be in the forms of actions, omissions, or decisions by individuals, municipalities, or organization, which deny individuals or families access to their choice of housing because of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin.

B. Goals and Objectives

There are four goals set out by HUD for Entitlement Jurisdictions to follow and comply with in order to make sure all Americans have greater opportunities when it comes to housing choices according to the HUD website:

- Reduce segregation and build on the nation's increasing racial, geographic and economic diversity.
- Eliminate racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty.
- Reduce disparities in access to important community assets such as quality schools, job centers, transit.
- Narrow gaps that leave families with children, people with disabilities, and people of different races, colors, and national origins with more severe housing problems, aka., disproportionate housing needs.

The Department of Community Development is committed to keep these goals as community wide priorities. The following actions are set to accomplish the above- mentioned goals:

- Provide a complete reevaluation of current impediments to fair housing choice in the City of Elmira every five years as part of the Five Year Consolidated Plan.
- Create an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice document which lists existing obstacles in both the private and public sectors and includes a continuous plans and initiatives to overcome such limitations.
- Increase community awareness of discrimination, fair housing laws, equal housing opportunity and fair housing choice matters by:
 - Educating the public, local agencies and organizations, community officials and real estate professionals
 - Increasing collaboration between public and private agencies promoting fair housing concerns
 - Provide technical assistance, and make referrals, as necessary, to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity (FHEO) Division regarding reported discrimination complaints.

C. Methodology Used

The Department of Community Development staff conducted outreach to local public and private organizations, agencies and residents to learn and discuss goals, ideas and improvements to the City's community development programs during the next five years including fair housing choice in the City of Elmira. The outreach included inter-agency and discussions with various committees and coalitions, public meetings and the distribution of a survey.

D. Summary on Impediments of Fair Housing Choice and Actions

The U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development has never issued a charge of discrimination against the City of Elmira. Based on the current records, there have been no Fair Housing Complaints filed against the City of Elmira during the past fifteen years.

Accordance with the Consolidated Plan regulations at 24 CFR 91.225 and 91.325, the City engages in fair housing planning and enforcement by conducting analysis to identify impediments to fair housing choices within its jurisdiction, taking appropriate actions to overcome the effects of identified impediments, address complaints and maintain records to document actions taken.

Affordable and Safe Housing:

Barrier: Prior to the 1970s, the City of Elmira was a flourishing city with many businesses, a vibrant community, and many large historical single-family homes. After the flood of 1972, many of the commercial places went out of the business and the owners of the larger homes left the area. The city became somewhat of a ghost town, especially downtown, with certain section being occupied by very low- or low-income population, while upper middle class and upper class were gravitated towards the west side of the city, and towards Town of Elmira, Big Flats, and Horseheads.

Most of the larger historic homes were sold to landlords who converted these large single-family homes into multi-unit dwellings. Some of these landlords were not local and did not reinvest the

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money earned from the rental properties back into the properties. The quality of these homes deteriorated and eventually had a negative impact on the quality of neighborhoods. Today many of these units remain in substandard condition and in most cases provide living spaces for low income families with children. Absentee landlords with run down properties are the biggest impediments to fair housing choice in the City of Elmira. Looking at the statistics, almost 55% of the properties are rental properties in the city.

Strategy #1 Maintain and Improve the Quality of Existing Rental Properties: The City of Elmira implemented a Code of Ordinance in 2010 establishing a rental registry and in 2019 an addendum was added requiring inspections at least every three years of 1 & 2 family rental units. Multi-unit, over two units, properties are required to be inspected by the fire department. These policies were put in place in order to create greater accountability on the part of local landlords. To manage these ordinances rental property owners must file a Rental Housing Registration Form for property certification. Registering is required before a property can be lawfully rented or occupied. This process is intended ensure that property owners who do not properly care for their rental properties are held accountable. The goal of these ordinances is to improve the quality life for City residents, and this certification will assure that the City has rental owners' information on record in case of emergency or any property related issues, such as fire or code violations.

Strategy #2 Support Education for Tenants on Housing Quality Standards: The successful goal of improving local housing stock also lies with empowering tenants to advocate for the conditions of their individuals' units. Some of this will require education on housing quality standards. The Department works closely with the Chemung County Health Department and New York State Homes and Community Renewal to provide training for the community on health hazards in houses including from sources such as Radon and Lead Paint. The Department also works with the local code enforcement office and fire departments to educate the community on health and safety standards for housing.

Strategy #3 Support Education on Fair Housing: The City of Elmira has great public and private agencies that offer free programs to help residents (especially low- and moderate-income people) who need a safety net with their financial and housing needs. There continues to be a segment of the population living in the city, which falls through the cracks and are victims of absentee landlords and their dilapidated properties. More education will be provided on Fair Housing rights to this population, which would empower them with personal knowledge of their rights and responsibilities. More pressure will be put on landlords with run down rental houses through the City's Code Department. Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc offers Fair Housing trainings to local agencies and organizations in the city. This training is offered at least once a year with a goal of providing valuable information on fair housing choices to agencies and city residents. The Chemung County Housing Coalition presents training on Tenants Rights throughout the City to both service providers and tenants. Further collaboration with Legal Assistance of Western New York, Inc to support renters will be encouraged by the Department of Community Development.

Strategy #4 Develop Neighborhood Associations: Currently, there are few Neighborhood Associations in Elmira. A Landlord Association has been established in Elmira since the last Consolidated Plan. The development of stronger neighborhoods and community associates could allow renters and homeowners to pool their resources and knowledge and create stronger sense of connection and community pride on the neighborhood level. Department of Community Development's staff will be seeking out private or public groups in the city who shows interest in being involved with developing these associations.

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Strategy #5 Supporting Affordable Housing Projects and Rental Rehabilitation: The City of Elmira is continuously looking for ways to work with housing developers who would be interested in investing in Elmira by providing quality affordable housing options to local residents and leverage programs such as New York State administered Low Income Housing Tax Credits. Priority will be given to scattered site neighborhood revitalization projects. Near Westside Neighborhood Association, Inc., that offers some sort of rental rehabilitation program to landlords in the City. The funding is limited and only available for a limited time. Community Development staff will be looking into rental rehabilitation programs that could be affectively administered with limited staff, and could make a significant impact on the rental housing stock in the City of Elmira.

Strategy #6 Share Resources with Nonprofit and Other Partners: With limited access to financial resources, success for the City of Elmira has come through strong partnerships with public and private organizations. The City will continue to work closely with Chemung County government. The County currently oversees and manages the property auction on tax foreclosure properties. The Chemung County Land Bank is a similar resource that will greatly benefit the City of Elmira. Additionally, many nonprofit organizations including Arbor Housing and Development, Catholic Charities of Chemung and Schuyler Counties are important organizations providing housing and homeless resources within the City of Elmira.

Accessible Housing:

Barrier: People with disabilities have difficulty finding accessible housing. Although the Fair Housing Act allows tenants to make physical modifications to render an apartment accessible, fixed or otherwise limited incomes present a financial barrier to a disabled person's ability afford the modification

Strategy: The City will educate developers and other organizations about ways to enhance the accessibility of existing units and increase the availability of accessible units. Additionally, the City continues to offer CDBG funds through the department's owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program can help low- and moderate-income homeowners, who need to make their homes more accessible for disabilities.

Actions being taken by Community Development staff

1. Undertake fair housing complaint processing
 - Anyone who believes that their rights have been violated can receive assistance in filing a HUD complaint form. The City of Elmira works with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to provide information regarding complaints reported to City staff.
 - Citizens have one year from the date of the alleged act to discrimination to file a complaint.
 - After the complainant fills out the HUD form, the City of Elmira' Community Development's Fair Housing Officer will contact persons involved to discuss the complaint.
 - The Fair Housing Officer will submit a cover letter to HUD with the signed complaint form.

- After HUD receives the initial information, an intake specialist will contact the complainant about the alleged discrimination.
2. Analysis of impediments to fair housing choice
 - Conduct or update the Analysis once every five years
 - Discuss the Analysis of Impediments of Fair Housing Choice document with key government staff, community organizations and the general public
 - Implement fair housing actions and include self-assessment process to help evaluate the process
 - Maintain records that include but are not limited to the Impediments to Fair Housing Analysis, actions taken, studies evaluating the effectiveness of the actions, summaries of public meetings and citizen inputs
 3. Fair Housing education and outreach
 - Provide outreach and education to landlords through workshops and literature including distributing Landlord/Tenant Rights brochures, fair housing brochures, posters, and providing materials for Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylar educational programs for tenants and landlords.
 - Utilize Chemung County Neighborhood Legal Services, Chemung County Housing Coalition and HUD FHEO as a vehicle to increase trainings to residents.
 - Present fair housing information and distribute brochures at all neighborhood meetings
 - Provide an opportunity to residents to identify new impediments to fair housing choice
 - Support all new laws that protect homebuyers from unethical lending
 - Ensure that all media reports include the FHEEO logos
 4. Provide translation and interpretation services for persons who are limited in English
 - City of Elmira Police Department has a Spanish interpreter that is available at no cost
 - For all other language barriers, interpreters will be hired by the Department as necessary and the City of Elmira can also utilize Elmira College for assistance.
 5. Assist in new housing development in the City that is inclusive to persons with disabilities
 - Persons with disabilities will be given priority in the rehabilitation for handicapped modifications to their home
 - CDBG funds will be given a priority for groups looking to make improvements to residents with disabilities

Language Access Plan

In 2019, the City of Elmira conducted a Limited English Proficient (LEP) Four-Factor Analysis and developed a Language Access Plan to address the needs of the residents who are non-English speakers, individuals with hearing impairments, sight impairments, or limited in mental or physical ability. The plan also provides training guidelines for staff and outreach for the dissemination of the plan.

City Profile

The City of Elmira, NY is the county seat of Chemung County, and is located in the south-central part of the county. The city has a total land of 7.3 square miles and is divided into a south and a north part by the Chemung River.

A. Demographic Data

The **total population** of the City of Elmira is **27,235** (2020 Census) which is a 5% reduction from 28,815 (U.S Census Bureau 2015). Based on the 2019-2023, ACS data, 15% of the population is over the age of 62 or elderly. Most of the households that are classified as "small" or consisting of 4 or fewer members as opposed to large family households.

Elmira ranked eighth in highest effective property-tax rate at 1.7 percent within New York State. The total tax rate (City, School, and County) for a property within the City of Elmira is \$65.24/\$1,000 of assessed value. Property taxes also impact housing cost burden with a 2023 City tax rate of \$27.95 per \$1,000, which is high comparative to nearby municipalities. and approximately 38% of the properties within the City of Elmira are tax-exempt. Additionally, the affordability of housing is also impacted by the high cost of utilities which burdens households especially during the winter months. This has discouraged some homeowners from purchasing property within the City limits.

The **racial breakdown** of Elmira's population, based on the 2024 American Community Survey estimates, is 72% White, 13.3% Black or African American, 8.8% Two or More races, 1.2% Asian, and .9% American Indian and Alaska Native; and 6.1% Hispanic population.

The **average household size** has been steady, currently **2.23** (2019-2023) compared to **2.28** (2009-2013 ACS) and **2.44** (2014-2018 ACS). The average family size in the city has been staying steady at **3.03** in 2010 (2010 Census) and **3.13** (2018 ACS).

The **total number of households** is 10,577 (2024 ACS) up from 9,931 (2018 ACS), which represents a 6% increase. There are 5,590 family households down from 5,686 family households. According to the latest data on households, approximately 17% (1,773) a slight increase from 1,201 female head of households in 2018.

The 2016-2020 CHAS data identifies 3,475 households with having one or more of the four housing problems identified by HUD for between 0-100% of the Area Median Income. The highest number of households with one or more of four housing problems identifying as within 0%-30% of Area Median Income or extremely low-income. The four main housing issues include: 1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost burden greater than 30%.

The City of Elmira is relying on available data from the 2016-2020 CHAS regarding severe housing problems. Severe housing problems are identified as incomplete kitchen facilities, lack of complete plumbing facilities, severe overcrowding, and a cost burden over 50%.

Based on available data from the 2016-2020 CHAS, severe housing problems have been identified in 1,758 total households within the City of Elmira as a whole and 96% of the total persons with severe

housing problems are within 0%-30% of Area Median Income. Based on Elmira's 2020 household number of 10,982, approximately 16% experience severe housing problems.

A breakdown by racial/ethnic group identifies, that 77% of these total households are White with the second highest racial group experiencing severe housing problems being Black/African American at 16%. The third highest ethnic group experiencing severe housing problems is Hispanic with 145 individuals (8%) experiencing one or more of the four housing groups between 0%-100% of Area Median Income.

Housing Cost Burden impacts the largest number or 3,435 total households within the City of Elmira. A total of the cost burden households, over 30% of income on housing, are 73% are White, 15% are Black/African American, .4% Hispanic, and less than 0.3% are Asian or American Indian, Alaska Native based on available 2016-2020 CHAS data. A total of 63% of households have a cost burden falling between 0%- 30% of the household income; 17% of the cost burden falls between 30%- 50% of household income; 17% are over 50% (sever burden). Three (3%) percent no negative income/not computed.

US Census Data shows that the highest concentration of racial and ethnic minorities within the City of Elmira is within Census Tract 3 which is located in the northwest section of the city and is solely occupied by the Elmira Correctional Facility. This census tract has 58% of the residents as Black/African American.

However, looking at other neighborhoods in Elmira the Eastside of the city encompassing census tracts 1 and 7; this area is comprised of 30% Black African American and Multi Race, and census tract 7 is comprised of 32% Black or African American and Multi Race population. This area was historically redlined by banks and lending institutions as a predominantly Black and African American community.

Census Tract 2 also has a concentration of poverty and racial groups; however, this is specifically Block Group 1, and this appears to be due mostly to the presence of Woodlawn Court, a privately-owned subsidized housing complex of 274 total housing units which is located within two blocks of the Elmira Correctional Facility Davis Street.

B. Income Data

The City of Elmira is an entitlement community, with **54%** of the overall households having **annual income less than \$36,000**. There are a total of 10,000 total households which have a median income of \$36,543. The City of Elmira is a distressed, upstate city with economic development challenges including a downtown core that has been impacted by disinvestment, limited economic growth, and a higher than the state average unemployment rate. Fifty-nine (59%) of households within the City of Elmira fall below 80% of the HUD Area Median Family Income (HAMFI) and 23% of households fall within 0-30% HAMFI.

Based on 2019-2024 American Community Survey, 26.9% of Elmira's population falls below the poverty level compared to 13.9% of New York State's total population. The **median household income** for the same time period was \$43,089, much lower when compared to Chemung County at \$63,469, and the New York State median household income of \$84,578. The **per capita income** for the city was **\$23,664**, compared to **\$5,624** at Chemung County in 2023.

C. Employment Data

Based on 2019-2023, American Community Survey, 26.9% of Elmira's population falls below the poverty level compared to 13.9% of New York State's total population. The median household income for the same time period was \$43,089 compared to a State median household income of \$84,578. Yet, despite being an economically distressed community, there are quality jobs in key business sectors, for example Education and Health Care Services. Statistics regarding educational attainment indicate, Elmira's workforce currently does not have the skills and education to meet the needs of employers.

1) Industry and Activity

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	7	7	0	0	0
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	1,123	383	11	6	-5
Construction	330	236	3	4	1
Education and Health Care Services	3,306	2,051	33	33	0
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	313	210	3	3	0
Information	88	61	1	1	0
Manufacturing	981	898	10	15	5
Other Services	480	205	5	3	-2
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	911	504	9	8	-1
Public Administration	712	653	7	11	4
Retail Trade	1,306	527	13	9	-4
Transportation and Warehousing	443	333	4	5	1
Wholesale Trade	97	97	1	2	1
Total	10,097	6,165	--	--	--

Data Source: 2019-2023 ACS (Workers), 2019 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs)

D. Housing Data

The number of total housing units is **12,330** (2020 ACS). This represents 358 more units than reported in 2010 Census. Yet, 2023 ACS data shows that only .4% of occupied housing units have greater than 1.51 or more occupants per room, showing that overcrowding is not a major issue. While 2,108 housing units were reported vacant in 2023, the data shows that there is a total of 901 were some forms of vacant for sale, rent, season, sold status, within the city. However, the remaining 1,207 units were other vacant. Available CHAS data, shows that 1,830 households have at least one of the four substandard housing which is defined as lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities; and antidotal accounts from consulting with housing agency agencies, the actual number of substandard (particularly rental units) could be higher. So, poor quality, vacant, uninhabitable units remain an issue within the City of Elmira.

CHAS data pertaining to housing affordability and number of total households shows that there is sufficient housing for households within 50% HAMFI and 80% HAMFI. However, poor quality housing could be contributing to population loss and decline in the city.

Based on available 2016-2020 CHAS data, there are 700 available rental units affordable for those households within 30% of HUD's Area Median Family Income (HAMFI) and no data on the number of owner-occupied units, however there are over 2,335 total households that fall within that income level throughout the city. The difference between 700 available rental units that are affordable for the 30% or less HAMFI, and the number of total households shows that there is a gap of 1,635 units and therefore insufficient housing for this income group. However, positively this number has decreased by 510 units since 2020.

There remains an overall 8% increase in the total number of housing units since the last annual plan was submitted in 2020. Based on the 2019-2023 ACS, the Median Contract Rent for the City of Elmira is \$870. For the first time, in over a decade, the Fair Market Rent and HOME still remain higher than the median contract rent.

Rental Rehabilitation is a significant need that is not currently being adequately met utilizing CDBG and HOME funds. Based on the 2018 American Community Survey, 54.7% of the 9,931 occupied units, are renter occupied. Although these properties are occupied, they are within various degrees in terms of condition and 63.9% of the total housing units within the City were built in 1939 or earlier and over 95% were build prior to 1978 (2018 ACS Data). Also, 54% of the total rental units have been identified by ACS data to have one or more condition. The age of the housing stock indicates that left unmaintained and not properly invested in, these properties become dilapidated and can have a negative impact on the City's neighborhoods. Fortunately, there is a synergy in the community among private and public investors the last couple years, who keep buying up these old properties and slowly restoring them as well as continued new investments in housing and economic development within the City, seen since 2016.

Evaluation of the City of Elmira's Current Fair Housing Legal Status

A. Fair Housing And Related Laws

Fair Housing Act

Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (Fair Housing Act), as an amended version of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, prohibits discrimination in the sale, rental, and financing of dwellings, and in other housing-related transactions, based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status (including children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women, and people securing custody of children under the age of 18), and disability.

Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

Title VI prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, or national origin in programs and activities receiving federal financial assistance.

Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973

This Act prohibits discrimination based on disability in any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance for the rehabilitation of housing units.

Section 109 of Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974

Section 109 prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex or religion in programs and activities receiving financial assistance under HUD's Community Development Block Grant Program.

Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

Title II prohibits discrimination based on disability in programs, services, and activities provided or made available by public entities. HUD enforces Title II when it relates to State and local public housing, housing assistance and housing referrals.

Architectural Barriers Act of 1968

This Act requires that buildings and facilities designed, constructed, altered or leased with certain federal funds after 1969 to be made accessible to and useable by handicapped persons.

Age Discrimination Act of 1975

This Act prohibits discrimination on the basis of age in programs or activities receiving federal financial assistance.

Executive Order 11063

This Presidential Order prohibits discrimination in the sale, leasing, rental or other disposition of properties and facilities owned or operated by the federal government or provided with federal funds.

Executive Order 12892

This Order, as amended, requires federal agencies to affirmatively further fair housing in their programs and activities, and provides the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) with the responsibility for coordinating the effort. The order also established the President's Fair Housing Council.

Executive Order 13166

This Order eliminates, to the extent possible, limited English proficiency as a barrier to full and meaningful participation by beneficiaries in all federally assisted and federally conducted programs and activities.

Executive Order 13217

This Order requires federal agencies to evaluate their policies and programs to determine if any can be revised or modified to improve the availability of community-based living arrangements for persons with disabilities.

B. Fair Housing Complaint Process

The City has a designated Fair Housing Officer who is an employee of the City's Department of Community Development. Emma Miran, Director of Community Development, is the official HUD Fair Housing officer in the City of Elmira. After contacting Ms. Miran, the person feeling that he/she was discriminated against has 1 year to contact HUD and make an official complaint. Ms. Miran is

also responsible to contact the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Fair Housing Division and let them know about the complaint being filed. If HUD determines grounds to the discriminating charges, they will open an investigation and the Secretary of HUD will charge the person violating fair housing laws. A HUD Administrative Law Judge will hear the case and make decision based on the evidence. In case the plaintiff decides to go higher with the fair housing complaint and wants his/her case to be heard in Federal court, the Department of Justice will commence the civil action. NYS Division of Human Rights and HUD process all the complaints and record all the data in regards to the Fair housing complaint and action from the beginning till the end of the process.

Chemung County Neighborhood Legal Services managed by Legal Aid of Western NY, is located in the City of Elmira, reported that they have not received any fair housing complaints from anyone in the community. This agency is funded by the Legal Services Corporation (LSC), which is a private, non-profit corporation established by Congress to seek to ensure equal access to justice under the law for all Americans. It was created in 1974 with bipartisan sponsorship and the support of the Nixon Administration. LSC receives funds annually from Congress and makes grants directly to independent local programs that provide civil legal assistance to those who otherwise would be unable to afford it. Legal services programs do not handle fee-generating cases.

C. Local Fair Housing Resources

The Chemung County Neighborhood Legal Services provides legal services to low income individuals and families including fair housing issues. The agency has seven attorneys in the Elmira office all of which are educated on the topic of fair housing.

D. Supporting Fair Housing

The Chemung County Neighborhood Legal Services provides tenant training to approximately 50 people representing different agencies in the city annually. The agency tries to facilitate fair housing training at least once each year. They market this training to places where folks naturally gather at specific times, such as the Elmira Community Kitchen just before meals, EOP adult programs, Workforce Development Center classrooms etc. Their plan is to offer training for Family Services staff and the Economic Opportunity Program annually. The trainers are representatives of the Housing Coalition (including attorneys from the Chemung County Neighborhood Legal Services).

The First Time Homebuyer Program through Catholic Charities of Chemung and Schuyler, Inc. also integrates education about fair housing into the homebuyer pre-purchase education. Annually, the program has between 30-40 participants in the FTHB workshop, and they all received information/education on Fair Housing.

Public and Private Sectors' Role in Reducing Impediments to Fair Housing Choices

A. Public Sector

Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Appeal, and Historic Preservation Commission

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The City Planning Commission reviews requests for site plans and other business as appointed by the City Council. The Planning Commission reviews site plans and hears public comments using the regulations of the Zoning Ordinance and the guidance of the Comprehensive Master Plan Update of 1998.

The Zoning Board of Appeals hears appeals, reviews requests for zoning variances, and hears and decides other zoning issues.

The Historic Preservation Commission reviews requests by property owners for external renovations in a historic district or on a historical property.

Public Housing Authority

The Elmira Housing Authority is the Public Housing Authority (PHA) for the City of Elmira, located in the Southern Tier region of New York. Public housing was established to provide decent and safe rental housing for eligible low-income families, the elderly, and persons with disabilities. It is comprised of three developments: Hoffman Plaza, George E. Bragg Towers, and Edward Flannery Apartments and provides affordable housing options for more than 600 City of Elmira residents. Hoffman Plaza was built in 1941 as defense plant housing and was later converted into public housing for low-income families. George E. Bragg Towers (formerly known as Newtown Towers) was constructed in 1969 for low-income senior citizens and persons with disabilities. Edward Flannery Apartments (formerly known at Southport Towers) opened its doors in 1977 as a residence for low-income senior citizens and persons with disabilities.

The Elmira Housing Authority was organized under the laws of the State of New York in 1942. The operating subsidy is provided through the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Elmira Housing Authority's affairs are governed by policies set by a local seven-member Board of Commissioners. The Housing Authority Board is made up of seven members, five of whom are appointed by the City Manager of the City of Elmira. The other two members are elected by the residents of the Housing Authority.

Catholic Charities of Chemung and Schuyler

Catholic Charities provides a number of needed programs and services in the community with a priority toward the poor. They work to ensure that people have food, clothing, shelter, medical services, and the ability to achieve a decent standard of living. They offer programs that specialize in residential services, community support services, and public policy advocacy and parish services. They are committed to serving all individuals in need, regardless of racial, ethnic, cultural or religious origins, ability to pay, or mental, physical or developmental challenges. Catholic Charities works continually to develop strategies and services that are solution-based with an emphasis on prevention. Their housing related services are:

Municipality

The City of Elmira and the County of Chemung oversee programs ensuring fair equitable housing practices and addressing community needs.

Elmira officially became an Age Friendly Community in 2014, which is no raising awareness of fair housing options to the elderly population, enabled people be stay in their homes by working towards making these homes more accessible. The Department of Community Development's housing rehabilitation program works closely with the Office of the Aging and Long-Term Care towards meeting the needs of this population.

The Department of Community Development staff has been working diligently the last four years to upgrade the public parks in the city to be more accessible for residents with disabilities and the elderly population. Playground equipment at most of the parks have been replaced with new ADA accessible ones, walkways are being restored with additional benches, and fitness equipment are planned to be purchased with informational panels on aging related illnesses as an educational component for the elderly population.

The City of Elmira provides HUD funding to Catholic Charities of Chemung and Schuyler, Inc. to help with their First Time Homebuyer Program (FTHB), Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention program and Financial Fitness program. The goal of the FTHB is to enable low and moderate income residents to afford homeownership while educating them on the responsibilities accompanied with home ownership. The Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention coordinates with lenders and homeowners at risk of foreclosure to develop a solution to avoid foreclosure. Financial Fitness provides budgeting education to people who are struggling with making their ends meet. Facilitators of these programs are HUD Certified Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Counselors and Accredited by the National Association of Certified Credit Counselors.

B. Private Sector

Lending Agencies

The local lending institutions, mainly Elmira Savings Bank and Chemung Canal Trust Company, have a strong working relationship with the City of Elmira, and Catholic Charities First Time Homebuyer Program and Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Program. They provide mortgages to first time homebuyers with low interest rates, and offer in house programs that provide additional grant amount towards the purchase of the person's first home. The local banks are supportive of the First Time Homebuyer Programs by sponsoring special events and providing education to prospective first-time homebuyers at FTHB workshops.

Private Landlords

In the last couple years, private individuals have begun purchasing properties in the city, restoring them to their former glory, and asking affordable rents. These properties are scattered throughout the city and as a result, some neighborhoods that were at the brinks of changing, bounced back in a very positive way.

Unfortunately, some neighborhoods in the City of Elmira are still riddled with run down properties owned by absentee landlords, especially on the City 's east side. Many of these neighborhoods have the highest concentration of minority population, and do not see the significant investments by private landlords at other parts of the city. The Department of Community Development staff works closely with the Council person for this area, to educate the public about the Department's Owner Occupied Housing Rehab Program. Positive change can start taking shape throughout the owner occupied housing stock, and attract private investors in the future to invest in the rental housing stock as well, slowly turning these neighborhoods around.

Assessment of Current Programs and Activities Related to Public and Private Housing

Several agencies/organizations in the City of Elmira offer a wide variety of housing opportunities for seniors, people with disabilities, and/or people of low/moderate income. Below is a list of some local agencies and their residential opportunities available to for people with low income and/or disabilities:

1. **Catholic Charities of Chemung and Schuyler, Inc.:** Catholic Charities provides a number of needed programs and services in this community with a priority toward the poor. They work to ensure that people have food, clothing, shelter, medical services, and the ability to achieve a decent standard of living. They offer programs that specialize in residential services, community support services, and public policy advocacy and parish services. They are committed to serving all individuals in need, regardless of racial, ethnic, cultural or religious origins, ability to pay, or mental, physical or developmental challenges.
 - a. **First Time homebuyer Program:** this program is designed to assist income eligible, low to moderate income individuals or families with down payment and closing cost assistance in purchasing their first home in the City of Elmira by offering a grant in the amount of \$20,000 that is forgiven after ten years. The City of Elmira contracts with Catholic Charities to administer this program.
 - b. **Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention:** this program offers free credit counseling, financial management, and assistance negotiating with lenders. They work to find solutions for individuals and families in need, whether it's saving their homes, rebuilding financial solvency or minimizing the community impact in the event of a foreclosure, we are here to help.
 - c. **Financial Fitness Services:** Financial Fitness Services are designed to help individuals and families reach their financial goals. This can include opening a savings account, making large purchases without going into debt, cleaning up credit, creating an emergency fund, or just making your dollar go further.
 - d. **Gateways Community Living Program:** the Gateways Program provides community living, case management and residential support services to individuals and families at risk suffering from mental illness, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS and homelessness. In addition, the program provides a continuum of housing options ranging from residences with 24 hour supervision and intense case management to a supported housing program offering case management and support services including subsidized independent housing.
 - e. **Lasting Success: Supervised Independent Living Program (SILP):** lasting Success provides intensive, person-centered case management, life-skills instruction, subsidized employment opportunities, and progressive levels of housing options to youth, ages 16-21, to support their successful transition from foster care to independent living in order to prevent homelessness and build relationships of support leading to lasting success.
 - f. **Project SHARE: Supportive Housing & Residential Empowerment:** a transitional housing program designed to provide up to two years of rental assistance and supportive services to young adults between the ages of 18-25 who are homeless AND have resided in the foster care system. As with the Homeless Housing Program, individuals

- must possess the skills necessary to live independently in the community and be capable of taking care of their personal needs, with some case management support.
- g. Residential Stabilization Program: a 90-day tenancy for individuals exiting the prison system with a comprehensive, solution-based approach to re-entering the community. This transitional housing model provides the most basic of human needs: food, clothing and shelter; while individuals receive individualized case management to establish long-term stability.
 - h. Emergency Service Center: this site offers access to services provided by the Samaritan Center and the High Street Homeless Shelter Programs. This single point of entry provides convenient access to an array of emergency services. Together these programs meet the most basic human needs including, food clothing, and emergency shelter. With the overall goal to prevent displacement, Catholic Charities also offer a variety of services including rent and utility assistance, financial planning/budgeting and case management in securing adequate housing.
 - i. High Street Shelter: the target population for homeless shelter services is individuals and families who are either at risk of becoming homeless or who have been identified as in need of immediate shelter. Their three goals are: to provide access to emergency housing and case management services to identify and secure affordable and safe housing; prevent displacement of individuals and families from their homes in the community; and increase clients' self-sufficiency.
 - j. The Chemung County Housing Coalition: Catholic Charities chairs the Chemung County Housing Coalition of which the City of Elmira is a member. This Coalition focuses on public policy advocacy, lead poison prevention, housing quality and affordability, and provides training for tenant's rights.
2. **Section 8: Arbor Housing and Development** oversees and manages the Section 8 housing within the City of Elmira. Although there is currently a long waiting list to receive Section 8 rental assistance with private landlords the following housing developments do offer Section 8 assistance with no waiting list:
 - a. Carpenter Housing for the elderly (privately owned)
 - b. East Gate Homes for families, Heritage Park Apartments for families (both privately owned)
 - c. Miller Manor for the disabled, Riverview Apartments for families (both privately owned)
 - d. Villa Serene Apartments for the elderly (privately owned)
 3. **Able 2:** Provides quality services in a safe and secure living environment for those who seek personalized and specialized care. Residences are designed to encourage self-sufficiency based on each person's capabilities and needs and are provided with an opportunity to live, work, socialize and participate in the community. Able 2 has a total of 8 residences, two of which are located in the City of Elmira (Second Street and Hoffman Road).

4. **Glove House, Inc:** Glove House, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation that empowers children and families to live successfully within their neighborhoods. Through locally provided services, which include prevention, crisis stabilization, counseling, advocacy, and the creation of positive learning environments, Glove House partners with the community to improve quality of life.

5. **The Salvation Army Elmira:** Provides housing for special needs:
 - a. The Safehouse: Provides temporary shelter for battered women and their children. Housing and a full range of support services are offered. Safehouse is staffed 24 hours a day and admission is possible 24 hours a day as well.
 - b. Our House: This program is a 25-bed (17 male and 8 females), community residential program for men and women in early recovery from alcohol and other drug addictions.

6. **The Arc of Chemung:** The Arc of Chemung is a not for profit organization committed to meeting the needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families. Their Residential Program is comprised of 18 homes, 7 of which are in the City of Elmira. Services provided to residents in these homes include:

24 hour staff support

 - a. meals/snacks and exercise programs
 - b. opportunities to work in the community
 - c. skill building, medical oversight
 - d. transportation and/or access to public transportation,

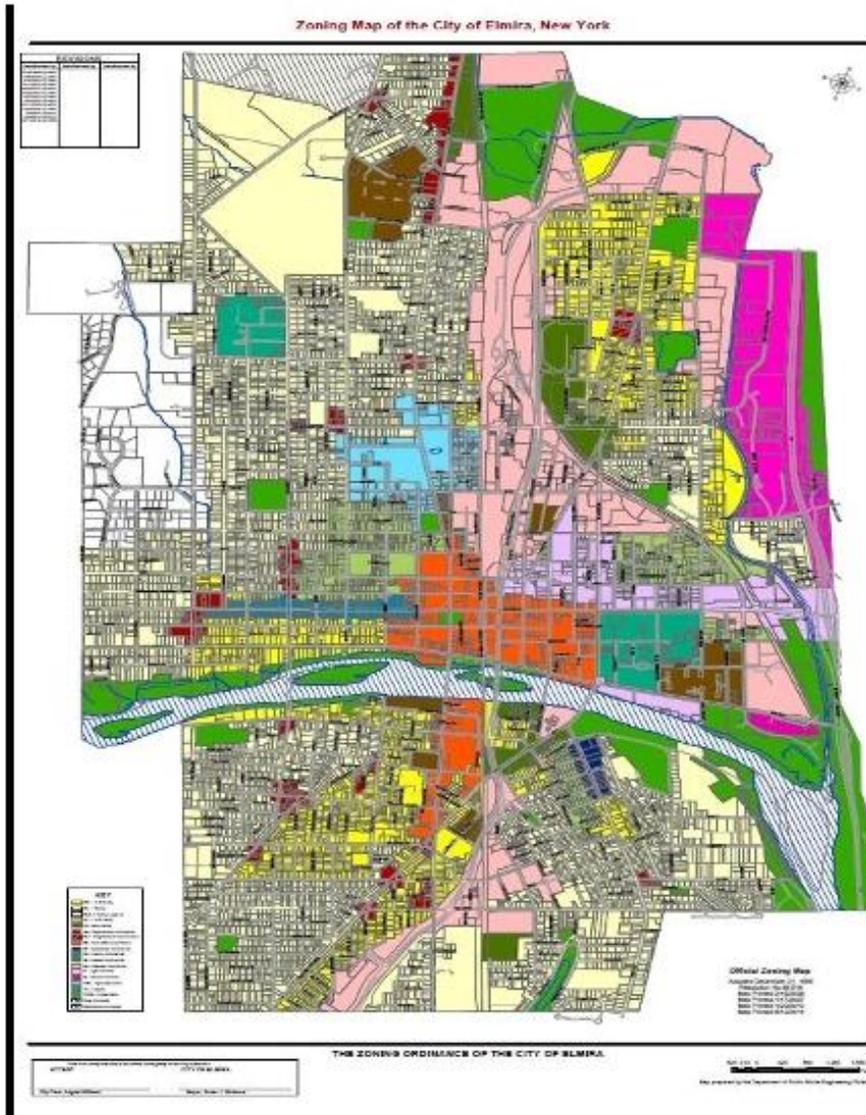
7. **Elmira Housing Authority:** The Elmira Housing Authority is the Public Housing Authority located in the City of Elmira. It provides affordable housing options for more than 600 citizens in Elmira, New York. Public housing was established to provide decent and safe rental housing for eligible low-income families, the elderly and persons with disabilities. It is comprised of three developments: Hoffman Plaza, George E. Bragg Towers, and Edward Flannery Apartments.
 - a. Hoffman Plaza is comprised of 144 family apartments, single and two-story units. The apartments are a mixture of single story bungalow units and two story row house units and range from one to three bedroom units. There are seven units that have been modified for ease of use by persons with disabilities.
 - b. George E. Bragg Towers is composed of 126 apartments and is located in the City of Elmira. They are primarily one bedroom units for the elderly and disabled. Sixteen of these apartments have been modified for ease of use by persons with disabilities. The apartments are primarily one-bedroom units.
 - c. Flannery Apartments is composed of 208 one bedroom apartments and 1 two bedroom apartment primarily for the elderly and disabled. Twenty of these apartments have been designed for ease of use by persons with disabilities.

8. **Elmira-Corning Regional Association of Realtors** The Elmira-Corning Association of REALTORS® is the source for real estate information in the central southern tier of New York State. It provides benefits to its membership including education, resources, and support services to enhance their professional development. Its members include over 350 licensed real estate agents, lenders, home inspectors, builders, property management companies, home services, insurance companies, law offices, publishing companies and many other home service provider

Appendix

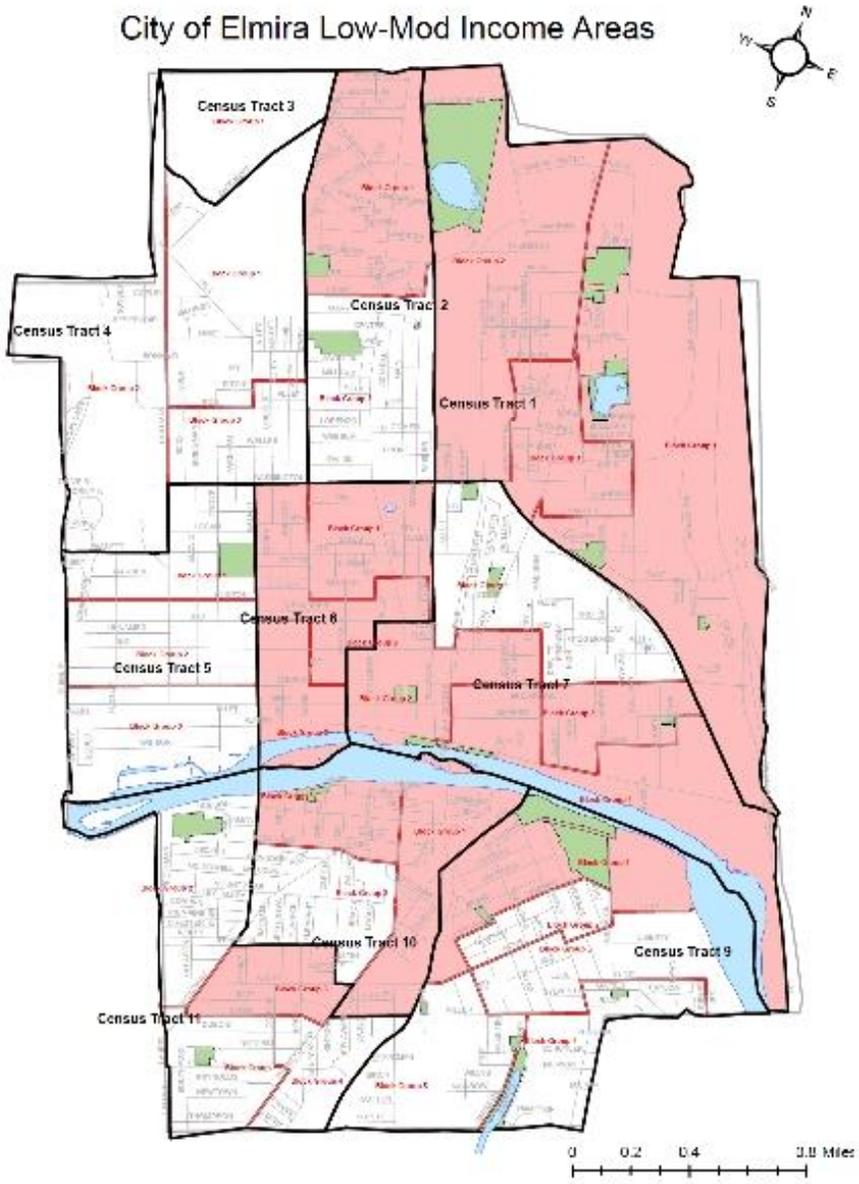
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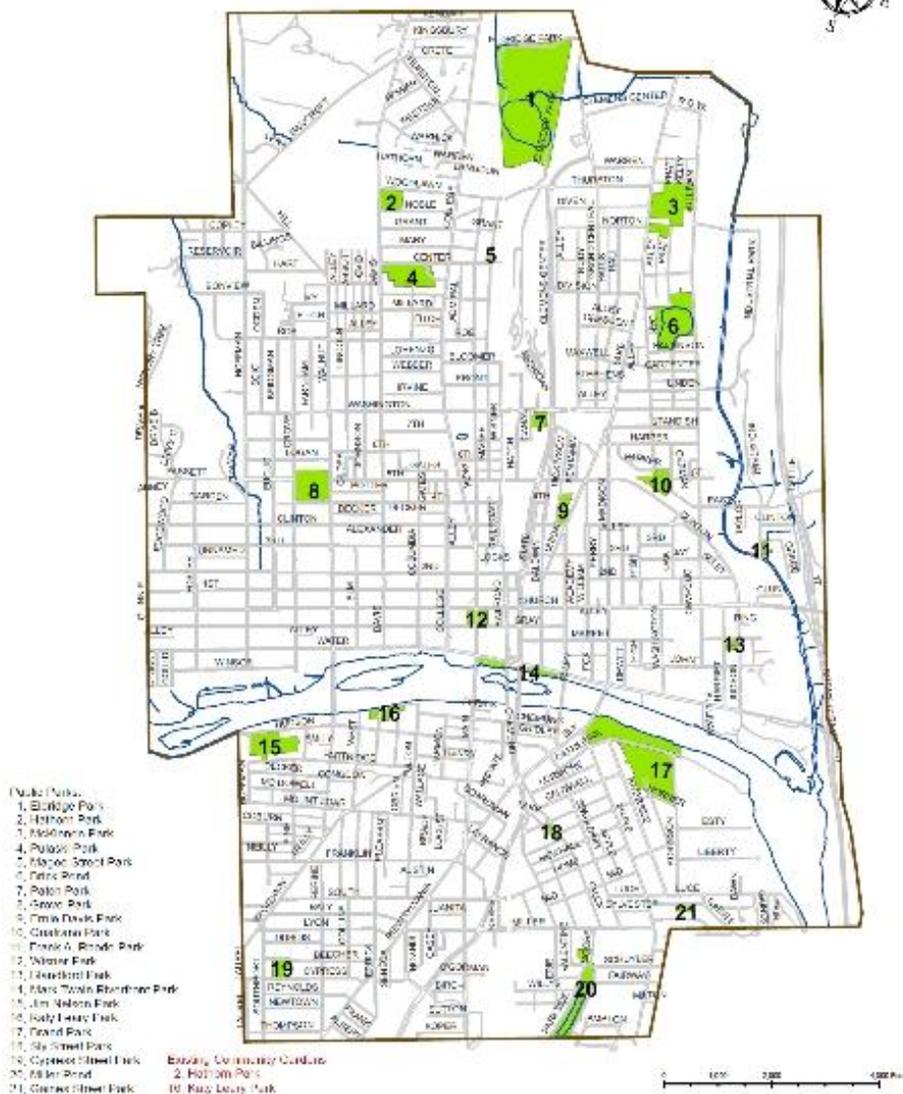
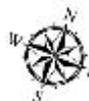
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City of Elmira Low-Mod Income Areas



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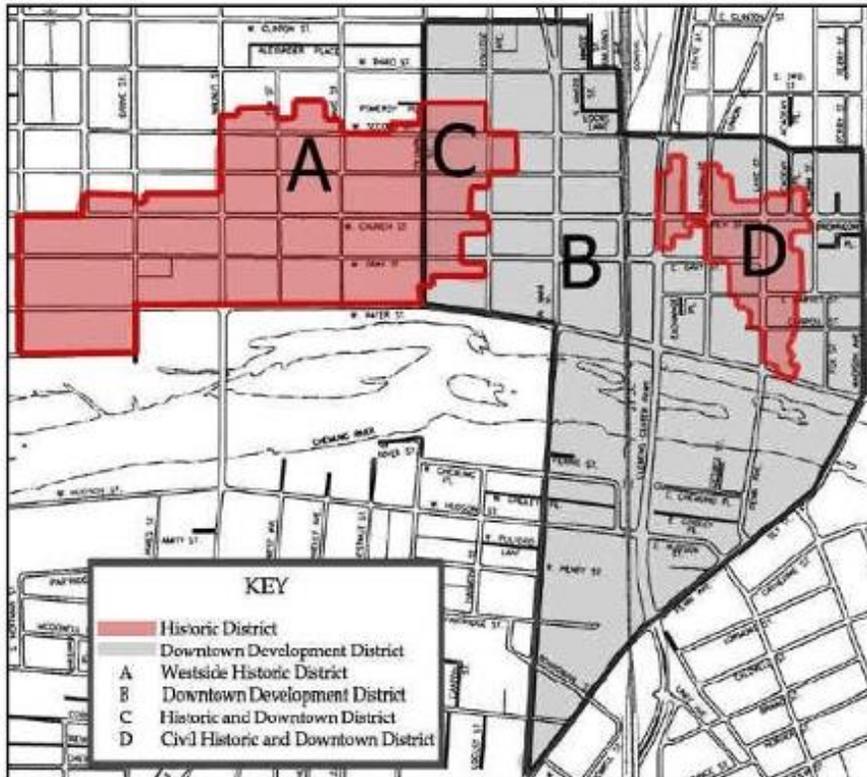
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Historic and Downtown Districts



To develop or make exterior renovations to properties in the Downtown Development District, approval is required from Elmira Downtown Development and the City Planning Commission.

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* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?

a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on

b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review

c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372

* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)

Yes No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)

** I AGREE

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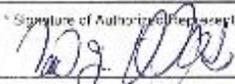
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* a. Federal	1,095,400.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	
* g. TOTAL	1,095,400.00

*** 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12872 Process?**

a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12872 Process for review on

b. Program is subject to E.O. 12872 but has not been selected by the State for review

c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12872

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

Yes No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

21. "By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications" and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances" and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)

** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:  * Date Signed:

**Applicant and Recipient
Assurances and Certifications**

U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development

OMB Number: 2501-0044
Expiration Date: 02/28/2027

Instructions for the HUD-424-B Assurances and Certifications

As part of your application for HUD funding, you, as the official authorized to sign on behalf of your organization or as an individual, must provide the following assurances and certifications, which replace any requirement to submit an SF-424-B or SF-424-D. The Responsible Civil Rights Official has specified this form for use for purposes of general compliance with 24 CFR §§ 1.5, 3.115, 8.50, and 148.26, as applicable. The Responsible Civil Rights Official may require specific civil rights assurances to be furnished consistent with those authorities and will specify the form on which such assurances must be made. A failure to furnish or comply with the civil rights assurances contained in this form may result in the procedure to effect compliance at 24 CFR §§ 1.4, 3.115, 8.57, or 148.39.

By submitting this form, you are stating that all assertions made in this form are true, accurate, and correct.

As the duly representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

***Authorized Representative Name:**

Prefix:	Mr.	*First Name:	David L
Middle Name:	C		
*Last Name:	Wendell		
Suffix:			
*Title:	Mayor		
*Applicant Organization:	City of Elmira		

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, has the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds to pay the non-Federal share of program costs) to plan, manage and complete the program as described in the application and the governing body has duly authorized the submission of the application, including these assurances and certifications, and authorized me as the official representative of the applicant to act in connection with the application and to provide any additional information as may be required.

2. Will administer the grant in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000(d)) and implementing regulations (24 CFR part 1) which provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance OR if the applicant is a Federally recognized Indian tribe or its tribal designated housing entity, is subject to the Indian Civil Rights Act (25 U.S.C. 1301-1303).

3. Will administer the grant in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 8, the American Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.) and implementing regulations at 28 CFR part 35 or 36, as applicable, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101-07) as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 146 which together provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of disability or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance; except if the grant program authorizes or limits participation to designated populations, then the applicant will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

4. Will comply with the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19), as amended, and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 100, which prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin and will affirmatively further fair housing; except an applicant which is an Indian tribe or its instrumentality which

is excluded by statute from coverage does not make this certification and further except if the grant program authorizes or limits participation to designated populations, then the applicant will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

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6. Will not use Federal funding to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) mandates, policies, programs, or activities that violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws.

7. Will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4501) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 24 and, as applicable, Section 104(c) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304(c)) and implementing regulations of 24 CFR part 42, subpart A.

8. Will comply with the environmental requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and related Federal authorities prior to the commitment or expenditure of funds for property.

9. That no Federal appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid, by or on behalf of the applicant, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress, in connection with the awarding of this Federal grant or its extension, renewal, amendment or modification. If funds other than Federal appropriated funds have or will be paid for influencing or attempting to influence the persons listed above, I shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying. I certify that I shall require all subawards at all tiers (including sub-grants and contracts) to similarly certify and disclose accordingly. Federally recognized Indian Tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) established by Federally-recognized Indian tribes as a result of the exercise of the tribe's sovereign power are excluded from coverage by the Byrd Amendment, but State-recognized Indian Tribes and TDHEs established under State law are not excluded from the statute's coverage.

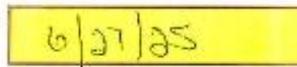
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WARNING: Anyone who knowingly submits a false claim or makes a false statement is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fines, and civil and administrative penalties. (18 U.S.C. §§287, 1001, 1010, 1012, 1014; 31 U.S.C. §3729, 3802; 24 CFR §26.10(b)(1)(iii)).

*Signature:

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*Date:

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CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

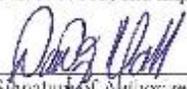
Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all times (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.



Signature of Authorized Official

6/27/25

Date

Daniel J Mandell
Title Mayor, City of Elmira

Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. **Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2025 - 2026 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. **Special Assessments.** It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adapted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.



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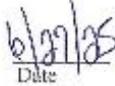
OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(e).

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.



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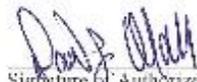
Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

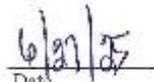
Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy layering -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing.



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Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation – If an emergency shelter's rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

Matching Funds – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 575.201.

Confidentiality – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.



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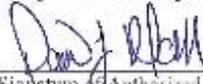
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications -

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the consolidated plan:

1. For a period of not less than 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
2. For a period of not less than 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.



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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal interest in the title of real property in accordance with awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure nondiscrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 500, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1881-1883 and 1885-1888), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-618), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§5525 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 d2-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
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14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
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20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	Mayor, City of Elmira
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of Elmira	05/27/2025

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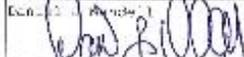
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4. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
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6. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to nondiscrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-8107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-265), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-516), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 did 5 and 290 ee- 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental, or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and, (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.
7. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-648) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal or federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
8. Will comply, as applicable, with provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1509 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

9. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333), regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
10. Will comply, if applicable, with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
11. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
12. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
13. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 105 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
14. Will comply with P.L. 93-348 regarding the protection of human subjects involved in research, development, and related activities supported by this award of assistance.
15. Will comply with the Laboratory Animal Welfare Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-544, as amended, 7 U.S.C. §§2131 et seq.) pertaining to the care, handling, and treatment of warm blooded animals held for research, testing, or other activities supported by this award of assistance.
16. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
17. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
18. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
19. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	Mayor, City of Elmira
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of Elmira	06/27/2022

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Appendix - Alternate/Local Data Sources

1	<p>Data Source Name</p> <p>CoC NY501 HMIS</p>
	<p>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</p> <p>Catholic Charities Chemung/Schuylar, James Cantrill, HMIS Administrator</p>
	<p>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</p> <p>This data set was developed to hold all housing and supportive service data relevant to the homeless and those at risk, of being homeless.</p>
	<p>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</p> <p>To collect all housing and services data about the homeless and those at risk of homelessness in the NY-501 CoC so that it can be analyzed to see the current status and trends in the status of the homeless and those at risk of homelessness.</p>
	<p>How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population?</p> <p>The extracted data was taken from the CoC NY-501 HMIS Elmira data which includes all people housed by all homeless housing programs and all permanent housing programs for formerly homeless people, all people served by all homeless prevention and re-housing programs, and all people served by the HMIS' service only programs.</p>
	<p>What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?</p> <p>The data from March, 2024 through February, 2025 was extracted from the CoC NY-501 HMIS.</p>
	<p>What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?</p> <p>Since the data set is from the CoC NY-501 HMIS it continues to be in progress, however a set of SQL queries and functions were developed to extract and summarize the data as requested for the City of Elmira's Consolidated Plan.</p>
2	<p>Data Source Name</p> <p>2017-2021 CHAS</p>
	<p>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</p> <p>City of Elmira Department of Community Development, VIA HUD CHAS 2017-2021 Data Set</p>

	<p>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</p> <p>Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) receives custom tabulations of American Community Survey (ACS) data from the U.S. Census Bureau. These data, known as the "CHAS" data (Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy), demonstrate the extent of housing problems and housing needs, particularly for low-income households. The CHAS data are used by local governments to plan how to spend HUD funds, and may also be used by HUD to distribute grant funds.</p> <p>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</p> <p>In order to prepare the Consolidated Plan</p> <p>How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population?</p> <p>What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?</p> <p>2017-2021</p> <p>What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?</p> <p>complete</p>
3	<p>Data Source Name</p> <p>2018-2022 American Community Survey</p> <p>List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.</p> <p>US Census data compiled by the Department of Community Development</p> <p>Provide a brief summary of the data set.</p> <p>The American Community Survey (ACS) helps local officials, community leaders, and businesses understand the changes taking place in their communities. It is the premier source for detailed population and housing information about our nation.</p> <p>What was the purpose for developing this data set?</p> <p>To review housing conditions, standards, quality, and demographic data within the City of Elmira</p> <p>How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population?</p> <p>Data covers the entire United States and is specific to the City of Elmira</p> <p>What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?</p> <p>2018-2022</p> <p>What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?</p> <p>completed</p>