



CITY OF ELMIRA, NEW YORK

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



2022 Annual Action Plan

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

In accordance with federal regulations of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the City of Elmira must prepare an Annual Action Plan for the proposed use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership funds. The City submitted a Five Year Consolidated Plan in 2020 and this Annual Action Plan represents Year 3 covering the time period beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. 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. As the Plan's cover page states, Elmira is focused on utilizing CDBG and HOME funds to help build a vibrant community and neighborhoods by reversing the trends of blight and poverty.

The City has identified numerous community development needs and have identified five key objectives that it hopes to accomplish during the next year. The City will be receiving **\$1,160,828.00** in CDBG entitlement funding and **\$285,351.00** in HOME funding for Program Year 2022.

This plan also anticipates utilizing program income earned and unexpended prior year CDBG funding in the amount of **\$50,000**, and leveraging additional state, federal, and local funding to address the needs of the community. The City and local partners continue to be diligent in seeking additional funding for the community. In 2018, funding was also awarded to Elmira by the NYS Attorney General's Office to support a newly created land bank for Chemung County and two "Zombie" and Vacant Properties and Cities Rise grants were received through Enterprise Community Partners. Additional funding from the NYS Attorney General's Office was awarded to the City in 2020 and 2021. The City of Elmira participated in the Cities RISE program and was awarded \$1 Million to create safer housing and equitable code enforcement practices. Additionally, in 2021, \$1 Million dollars was awarded through the Anti-Displacement Learning Network to help address causes of homelessness and displacement in Elmira. These funds are now supporting program including a rental rehab program, inspections of properties by City Code Enforcement, and staffing of trained case managers who will support residents at risk for homelessness and eviction.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

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 (grocery stores, neighborhood parks, community centers, and public transportation). 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, 3,809 (40%) properties have outstanding code violations (9,579 total property count). The City of Elmira plans on improving **20 units** of owner-occupied housing. A total of **13 households** are anticipated to be assisted through the First-Time Homebuyer Program. The City will also work with the Chemung County Land Bank and has set aside funding to assist with redeveloping vacant or foreclosed properties for homeownership.

2. Strengthening Elmira's Neighborhoods: Enhancing a suitable living environment and neighborhoods through support of public services particularly those geared towards youth in low-income 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. City of Elmira provides CDBG funding to Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler for homeless services as does the Chemung County Department of Human Services. Additionally, since the pandemic, Chemung County has seen a 20-30% increase in the number of individuals and families seeking homeless assistance. So, assisting the homeless remains a major priority for the City of Elmira. It is anticipated that **400 individuals** will be provided community access to emergency housing and **5,000** to homelessness prevention and case management 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 Department of Community Development works with Southern Tier Economic Growth and private businesses 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 under-employed persons and a more robust and sustainable economy for the

City of Elmira. A CDBG funded Commercial Loan Program is managed by STEG. Job creation and growth continues to be a need within the City.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

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. The CAPER is used to evaluate impact and overall program success.

The City and its nonprofit partners focus on efforts to improve the quality of life for low-moderate income residents by providing opportunities that would otherwise not be available without these federal resources. The First-Time Homebuyers program has assisted 459 families achieve homeownership since 1994, which is a significant accomplishment and highlights the need for this program. The City has also seen successful with the public services program and continues to provide funding the goal of providing enrichment opportunities and advocacy to youth (focused on at-risk youth) & families which are located in low-moderate income neighborhoods. 141 homeowners received one-on-one mortgage foreclosure prevention and loss mitigation counseling. Last year, 567 individuals were provided overnight shelter through Second Place East (annually); Homelessness was prevented for 10,327 individuals through case management & access to services. In the year 2020, a new Lead Paint Hazard Reduction program was established within the City of Elmira, and rental properties are now eligible for this program. The community continues to identify housing rehabilitation and renovations as a need within the neighborhoods. Funds to support first-time homebuyers and rehab of owner-occupied properties have been utilized by many within the City and continues to be a need.

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. The scattered site model promotes neighborhood revitalization and has 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 few 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.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Department of Community Development engages citizens and other public and non-profit agencies in consultation efforts throughout the program year and those efforts are incorporated into the City's Annual Action Plan. A public hearing was advertised and held on April 11, 2022 to receive comments in preparation of the plan; although, no comments were received. Community development has been at the heart of this planning effort and informs this Annual Action Plan. Significant public engagement efforts were also undertaken between as part of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative and Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative. Community Development staff continues to make themselves accessible to members of City Council at neighborhood and City Council meetings. Additionally, through a grant from the Attorney General's office called Cities RISE, the Department of Community Development has worked closely with the Department of Code Enforcement on hosting community outreach and engagement meetings and focus groups on safe housing standards.

Community Development continues to engage a Citizen Advisory Committee to provide input on priorities. During the development of the Annual Action Plan, the Committee met on April 18, 2022. Input was sought from the Citizen Advisory Group regarding funding priorities, and they were consulted concerning potential economic development projects and the AG's Anti-Displacement grant program. The Committee provided positive input on funding new public service, investment in the City's streets and downtown Core, and continued investment in affordable housing including the first-time homebuyer program and housing rehabilitation program. The Department also updated the committee on increased partnership with Code Enforcement and status of the Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

A 30-day public comment period from May 9- June 7th, 2022 was observed to allow for comment on the draft plan. Notice was published on the City of Elmira's website, Facebook page, and in the Star-Gazette.

5. Summary of public comments

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

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Community Development continues to engage a Citizen Advisory Committee to provide input on priorities. During the development of the Annual Action Plan, the Committee met on April 18th, 2022. Input was sought from the Citizen Advisory Group regarding funding priorities as well as they were consulted concerning past performance and current projects. The Committee provided positive input on funding applications.

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

A 30-day public comment period was observed on from May 9- June 7th. The public comment period was advertised in the Star Gazette, non-profit agencies were sent correspondence, and it was also posted on the City of Elmira's website. There were no public comments received other than those obtained through the Citizen Advisory Committee.

7. Summary

The City of Elmira continues to face issues related to an aging housing stock. Many social service providers can have difficulty finding quality housing for those they serve. Low-income neighborhoods are struggling with issues of blight, code violations, and vacant properties. The Covid-19 Pandemic has increased economic constraints on non-profit service providers. These organizations continue to see significant need for services particularly as it relates to emergency housing and youth services.

Elmira was a recipient of American Rescue Plan Act funds, which are helping address some of the impacts of Covid-19 as well as supporting infrastructure needs including roads and sidewalks that are aged and in poor condition. The City has seen increases in investment through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative; however, economic growth and vacant and abandoned commercial properties still remain in the downtown. Increased coordination, collaboration, and the leveraging of resources (human and financial) continue to be critical. This Annual Action 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.

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

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

Describe the agency/entity 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 (optional)

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.

AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

Development of the City of Elmira 2022 Annual Action utilized community outreach and direct consultation. Because of Covid-19 all meetings were remote via web-based platforms. Community Development staff are active participants in local planning initiatives, committees, and task forces that create a link between the City of Elmira and these entities. Participation in the Housing Coalition, Chemung County Homeless Housing Task Force, Continuum of Care, Poverty Coalition, Elmira Downtown Development, Downtown Revitalization Initiative Local Planning Committee, and Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative Task Force are all opportunities to learn what is occurring in the community. While it is difficult to consult with every organization within the community, significant strides were made to be as inclusive as possible and obtain input from a cross section of the community. Community Development was able to participate in coalition and agency meetings. A significant focus of consultation efforts included social service agencies that serve low-income individuals and families with housing and other basic needs

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 participates in various coalition meetings to consult with agencies and organizations about the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan. For 2022, this was all done remotely. Community Development staff presented to the Chemung County Housing Coalition and Catholic Charities Program Advisory Committee. Organizations represented included the following: Economic Opportunity Program, Catholic Charities of Chemung, Habitat for Humanity, Near Westside Neighborhood Association, Cornell Cooperative Extension, 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 Regional 501 Continuum of Care (CoC) and Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler as a CoC grantee have convened a Chemung County Homeless Housing Task Force

and meetings have been utilized to plan the annual Point in Time count and discussions centering around the importance of a Chemung Coordinated Entry process to address the needs of homeless persons and persons at risk of homelessness. The City of Elmira's Department of Community Development serves on this task force. The Elmira Police Department and Department of Community Development also assist in the annual Point in Time count.

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

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 jurisdiction's consultations with housing, social service agencies and other entities

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Staff attended the community meeting held on January 14th 2020 where feedback was sought on the Consolidated Plan. Catholic Charities management staff were present. Catholic Charities also convenes the Chemung County Housing Coalition and the City of Elmira is a participant and the City's Consolidated Plan was on the agenda at the at their January 21st meeting. 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

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. 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 attended the January 14th meeting 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 Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. 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?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City's Director of Community Development and the Elmira Housing Authority Executive Director met in January 2020 to discuss the Elmira Housing Authority in context of the City of Elmira. Additionally, the Director of Chemung County Planning attended this meeting and provided insights.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Chemung County Department of Human Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representatives from the department attended a community meeting on January 20, 2020. The Commissioner of Human Services was consulted during a Catholic Charities Program Advisory Meeting as well as during a meeting at the Department of Human Services in which Catholic Charities and Legal Assistance of Western NY participated. 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
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. 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 of 2021. 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
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Director met with the Family Support Services Director regarding the services that the ARC provides to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The discussion included ways to work together to identify more suitable housing for individuals and families in the City of Elmira. This includes the potential for a certified site and programming for more independent living.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Chemung County Office of Fire and Emergency Management
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Emergency Management Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Emergency Management
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The meeting included a review and discussion on the City's needs for flood plain 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?	Urban Planning

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Director of the Department of Community Development meets on a monthly 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	Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Management
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. 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	Economic Opportunity Program
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Department of Community Development has been working with EOP as the County's Community Action Agency on programming. The Executive of EOP is the co-chair for the Poverty Reduction Initiative Task Force. EOP would also be a service partner for Vecino Group's redevelopment of the former Jones Court, Libertad Elmira.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Chemung County Property Development Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Chemung County Property Development Corp. addresses issues of blight through property rehab. for properties that have gone through foreclosures. By reselling to income eligible families, the Corporation is creating needed quality affordable housing.

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

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 attended the January 14th meeting 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.

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		

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

Throughout the program year, the City of Elmira makes efforts to involve residents in goal-setting. Because of Covid-19 Pandemic, 2022 continued to be a difficult year for outreach. However, the department was able to utilize technology to engage the community. Comments received affirmed the need for focus on affordable owner occupied housing, quality rental housing, stabilizing neighborhoods, address rising crime, and continued focus on public services. A public hearing was held on April 11, 2022; although no written or oral comments were received.

Community Development staff continued to engage a Citizen Advisory Committee and held a meeting with the Citizen Advisory Committee on April 18th to receive input. The meetings were attended by three out of nine members of the Committee which represent a cross section of the community from each of the six City Council districts and includes a recent a nurse, educator, retirees, and paralegal. The Advisory Committee discussed the proposed projects despite the fact that entitlement awards had not been announced but provided input as to funding priorities in the event of increased or decreased funding. Some priorities discussed included the need to revitalize neighborhoods, provide assistance for domestic violence victims and others who are impacted by crime rates in the city, how to provide housing opportunities for the homeless population, which is increasing in the City, and the need for youth services and after school programs.

The City of Elmira published in the Elmira Star Gazette and on the City's website the availability of the draft plan for public comment between May 9th-June 7th, 2022. A copy was also made available at the Steele Memorial Library. No public comments were received on the draft plan.

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 Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	A public hearing was advertised online through the City's website and in the Star Gazette and held on April 11, 2022. There were four attendees; no comments were recorded.	NA	NA	
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	A newspaper advertisement was placed in the Star Gazette on April 4, 2020 advertising the public hearing to be held on April 11, 2022.	NA	NA	

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)
4	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	A newspaper advertisement appeared in the Star-Gazette Monday May 9th notifying the public of the comment period for the City of Elmira's Draft Annual Action Plan.	NA	NA	
5	Public Meeting	Citizen Advisory Committee	Feedback was received on funding priorities for the community	Need to invest in neighborhoods, roads, streets and downtown was discussed. Need to invest in youth programs and affordable housing was also considered important.	NA all were accepted and considered in the planning process.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Elmira will begin the 2022 Program Year and the Year Three of the Consolidated Plan with a continued focus on past successes around a few key priorities program areas. The focus includes downtown revitalization, affordable housing and homeownership support, and neighborhood revitalization/quality of life programs.

The City of Elmira will be receiving \$1,160,828 in 2022 entitlement funds for CDBG and \$285,351 in HOME Investment Partnership funding. This plan also anticipates utilizing program income earned, unexpended prior year CDBG funding, and leveraging additional state, federal, and local funding to address the needs of the community. There is additional funding for the City of Elmira through state initiatives related to the Upstate Revitalization Initiative for the Southern Tier, Downtown Revitalization Initiative, and NYS Attorney General's Office. Funding is also sought periodically through New York State through the Consolidated Funding Application (CFA). In December 2019, the City of Elmira launched its new 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. This program has complemented the initiatives of the Department including supporting health,

wellness, youth, and housing quality standards.

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	1,160,828	50,000	0	1,210,828	2,321,640	Annual entitlement allocation with 2 years remaining on the Con Plan. Program income is derived from the housing rehabilitation loan as well as economic development loans

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			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	285,351	0	0	285,351	570,000	Funds will support the First-Time Homebuyer Grants, CHDO, and Owner-Occupied Rehab projects
Other	public - federal	Other	1,393,785	0	0	1,393,785	567,524	Funds to address lead paint issues in houses with children under the age of 6 and build prior to 1978.
Other	public - state	Economic Development Housing	500,000	0	0	500,000	0	Funding for a mixed use development including market-rate housing and commercial space at 114 Baldwin Street, Elmira

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	500,000	0	0	500,000	300,000	Funding from the Anti-Displacement Learning Network for the prevention of homelessness. Funds will be used to rehab rental properties at risk to be condemned by code enforcement.
Other	public - state	Public Improvements	825,000	0	0	825,000	2,362,950	The Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program (CHIPS) provides State funds to municipalities to support the construction and repair of highways, bridges, and other facilities that are not on the State highway system
Other	public - local	Admin and Planning	25,000	0	0	25,000	50,000	Funds from the City of Elmira, 25,000, to address the work performed for the City of Elmira by the Community Development Director.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

The City of Elmira leverages private, state and local funds with CDBG and HOME allocation in order to expand and grow the work and impact of the programs.

Currently, 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.

Additionally, 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. Since 2008, the City of Elmira was awarded \$2,800,000 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 \$893,100 that is able to be partially used for demolitions and rehabilitations that could serve affordable housing goals. These programs will continue through the 2022-2023 program year. In 2020, Elmira also received \$1 Million dollars through the NYS Attorney General's Office for the implementation of new code enforcement programs and an additional \$1 Million for the Anti-Displacement Learning Network to address causes of homelessness. The program is helping to support a rental rehab of severely deteriorated rental properties within the City of Elmira.

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 \$893,100 from the NYS Attorney General's Office, 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, and the Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative.

Additionally, the City is a HUD OLHCHH grantee as of Dec 2019. The program utilizes CDBG funds as matching funds for lead paint project with individuals under the 80% AMI range. The majority of lead paint program participants are in the 30-50% AMI range. The program helps rehab properties with lead paint and criteria where a child under the age of 6 lives or visits and where the house was built prior to 1978. By end of summer 2022, the first three years of the grant will be completed, and it's projected that 48 units of affordable housing will have been made lead safe within the City of Elmira.

The City of Elmira will be receiving \$28 Million Dollars through the American Rescue Plan Act. These funds will be used to support large infrastructure projects, lost revenues, investment in broadband, and support for business and tourism related projects.

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 \$1,000,000 in RESTORE NY grants from Empire State Development for market rate and affordable housing projects on Baldwin Street and Lake Street, in the heart of downtown Elmira. 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).

Additionally, the City of Elmira has received \$2 Million dollars from the New York State Attorney Generals Office over the past few years for the Cities RISE and Anti-Displacement Learning Network. Through these programs the City will support more effective and efficient code enforcement policies including new inspections of 1 and 2 family rental units, which prior to the grant award were not inspected for code compliance. As well as funding for a rental rehab program for properties with sever

code violations which are at risk for to be condemned by the department of code enforcement. The overall goal is to improve city neighborhoods and rental properties within the City.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Quality Affordable Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing		Improve Condition of Elmira's Housing Stock	CDBG: \$330,000 HOME: \$214,500 CDBG-CV: \$0 HUD OLHCHH: \$400,000 NYS - AG: \$500,000 NYS ESD: \$500,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 30 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 1 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 15 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 13 Households Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 30 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	Strengthening Elmira's Neighborhoods	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development		Code Enforcement and Blight Removal Comprehensive Youth Services	CDBG: \$352,928 CDBG-CV: \$50,000 Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program: \$725,000 NYS - AG: \$125,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5000 Persons Assisted Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 850 Households Assisted Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3500 Persons Assisted Buildings Demolished: 2 Buildings
3	Alleviate and Prevent Homelessness	2020	2024	Homeless		Addressing and Preventing Homelessness	CDBG: \$58,000 HOME: \$42,316 CDBG-CV: \$250,000 NYS - AG: \$125,000	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 400 Persons Assisted Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 20 Beds Homelessness Prevention: 45 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Revitalization of Downtown Core	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development Mixed-Income Housing	BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NEW YORK MAIN STREET TARGET AREA		CDBG: \$20,000 CDBG-CV: \$100,000 NYS ESD: \$500,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 5000 Persons Assisted Businesses assisted: 2 Businesses Assisted
5	Business Development	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development			CDBG: \$0 CDBG-CV: \$100,000	

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Quality Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	The City of Elmira is committed to making CDBG and HOME investments to further the goal of increasing the supply and availability of quality affordable housing within the community. This includes continuing to support low/moderate income homeowners through an Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program, first-time homebuyers through down payment and closing cost assistance, and development of housing for homeownership with a focus on vacant and tax-foreclosed properties.

2	Goal Name	Strengthening Elmira's Neighborhoods
	Goal Description	Strengthening the City's neighborhoods is reinforced as a community development goal. This goal encompasses activities including support of public services for neighborhood residents to build pride and unity; improvements to public infrastructure in low-mod areas including streets and sidewalks, and enhancements to city parks. This goal is also being further supported through efforts of Chemung County to develop a land bank to target the City of Elmira.
3	Goal Name	Alleviate and Prevent Homelessness
	Goal Description	This Strategic Plan Goal is met through working with Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers who operates homeless services and programs and receives Continuum of Care funding in Chemung County. This goal is further supported through funding to the Salvation Army's Pathways of Hope program which helps provide rapid rehousing for individuals facing domestic violence.
4	Goal Name	Revitalization of Downtown Core
	Goal Description	Business development including the expansion of existing business and addition of small businesses within the City of Elmira continues to be a goal. Southern Tier Economic Growth (STEG) will continue to administer the City of Elmira's Commercial Loan Program utilizing CDBG funding.
5	Goal Name	Business Development
	Goal Description	Business development including the expansion of existing business and addition of small businesses within the City of Elmira continues to be a goal. Southern Tier Economic Growth (STEG) will continue to administer the City of Elmira's Commercial Loan Program utilizing CDBG funding.

Projects

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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 Consolidated Plan priorities and eligible under the individual programs. The City of Elmira intends on programming **\$1,160,828.00** in CDBG entitlement funds and **\$50,000.00** in program income and **\$285,351.00** in HOME funding. Public service projects are selected after soliciting proposals from local non-profit agencies and Community Development staff along with a Citizen Advisory Committee review them and make recommendations to City Council. Youth services, housing counseling, and services for the homeless have been determined to be high priority public service needs. This year, projects were also looked at for how they complement CARES ACT and programs for COVID-19. The City also incorporates the use of CDBG funds in its annual Capital Budget for public improvements in eligible low-moderate income areas, for example street improvements and ADA sidewalk transitions, and parks. The projects included in the City's 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan have been determined to meet all program requirements, reflect the community's priorities, and leveraging significant additional funding.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	General Administration
2	Rehab Administration
3	Southside Community Center
4	Ernie Davis Community Center
5	Catholic Charities Housing Counseling Services
6	Catholic Charities Emergency Shelter
7	Meals on Wheels of Chemung County
8	Court Appointed Special Advocates - CASA of the Southern Tier
9	Salvation Army Pathway's of Hope/SAFE House
10	CDBG Owner-Occupied Rehab
11	Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program
12	Street Improvements
13	ADA Sidewalk Improvement Program
14	Elmira Downtown Development (Operation Green Streets)
15	Park Improvements
16	Elmira Police Department - Domestic Violence Victims Services
17	First-Time Homebuyers Program Grants (HOME)

#	Project Name
18	First-Time Homebuyers Pre-Purchase Counseling
19	Tenant Based Rental Assistance for Domestic Violence Victims
20	HOME Administration
21	CHDO

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The City of Elmira continues to allocate CDBG funds to increase and support quality affordable housing. This includes the housing rehabilitation program, which generates program income, and creates quality affordable housing on the neighborhood level. Also, the program often helps the elderly to age in place and remain in their own homes for longer. Another consideration with allocation priorities is based upon whether CDBG or HOME funds are leveraging other funding sources, and those activities that leverage additional funds are given a high priority. Programs with leveraged funds are viewed as more sustainable. Programs that serve youth continue to be a high priority especially in lieu of the fact that these youth programs often serve youth that are at-risk. Housing programs, including the First-Time Homebuyer Program, Housing Counseling, and Homelessness Prevention (Second Place East) continues to be a high priority since they impact a significant number of residents and advances the local and national housing objectives. Citizen input also helps guide these allocation priorities.

A continued and significant obstacle to addressing underserved needs is the lack of trained staff and the low numbers of nonprofits, community-based organizations, and service providers partner organizations in the region. The City struggles to find certified CHDOs to spend HOME funds and there are only a limited number of nonprofits who can manage federal funds. This issue has been exasperated by the pandemic where service providers are severely burdened and lack the ability to create and develop new programs and services. Similarly, the community lacks trained contractors who can take on the rehab work which can delay development projects.

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Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	General Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$230,000
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to pay expenses related to the general administration of the CDBG program.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	NA
	Location Description	NA
	Planned Activities	
2	Project Name	Rehab Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$199,900
	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 Project Inspector), 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. This is a line item that has continued to be decreased while working to increase the amount provided for actual housing rehabilitation.
	Target Date	6/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	NA
	Location Description	NA
	Planned Activities	Program delivery costs to include portions of staff salaries, filing fees, lead testing when applicable, and processing fees.
3	Project Name	Southside Community Center
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Strengthening Elmira's Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Addressing and Preventing Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	The Southside Community Center is a drop-in youth center which provides enrichment, recreational, and educational programming to all youth, ages 5-18 in a year-round supportive, safe environment. Free nutritious snacks and meals are served daily to youth.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 250 youth between the ages of 5-18 will benefit from the Southside Community Center.
	Location Description	215 Partridge Street, Elmira, NY 14904, located on the south side of Elmira, adjacent to Parley Coburn Elementary School in Census Tract 10 which is a low-moderate income census tract and also within walking distance from the Chemung Crossing Neighborhood Revitalization Project sponsored by Housing Visions.
Planned Activities	Planned activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nutritious meals and snacks served year-round, five days a week; • Educational and enrichment programming focused on increasing healthy lifestyle skills and academic success • Community service activities • Science-Technology-Engineering- Math (STEM) activities 	
4	Project Name	Ernie Davis Community Center
	Target Area	

	Goals Supported	Strengthening Elmira's Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Comprehensive Youth Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
	Description	The Ernie Davis Community Center services Elmira City youth under 21 years of age and provides a safe, year-round after-school alternative.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	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	Planned activities include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fitness programs • Kids Café • Free healthy meals served Monday-Friday • Tutoring • Arts and Cultural activities • Junior Culinary classes
5	Project Name	Catholic Charities Housing Counseling Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Quality Affordable Housing Alleviate and Prevent Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Addressing and Preventing Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers provides housing counseling services in the form of credit counseling, post-purchase counseling, and mortgage foreclosure prevention services.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	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/Schuylers.

	Location Description	Housing Counseling services are offered at Catholic Charities main offices at 215 East Church Street, Elmira, NY 14901. This is located downtown in the center of the City.
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
6	Project Name	Catholic Charities Emergency Shelter
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Alleviate and Prevent Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Addressing and Preventing Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler is Chemung County's homeless service provider and operates Second Place East Homeless Shelter within the City of Elmira.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	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
	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
7	Project Name	Meals on Wheels of Chemung County
	Target Area	

	Goals Supported	Strengthening Elmira's Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Increased Access to Community Resources
	Funding	CDBG: \$24,000
	Description	Meals on Wheels of Chemung County provides nutritious meals to homebound, frail/and or disabled seniors throughout Chemung County. This is a new CDBG request and expanded service by the organization since Meals on Wheels over the last year has started providing 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.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 200 low-moderate income families will be served at Woodlawn Court Housing Complex.
	Location Description	Meals on Wheels of Chemung County provides nutritious meals to homebound, frail/and or disabled seniors throughout Chemung County. This is a new CDBG request and expanded service by the organization since Meals on Wheels over the last year has started providing 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.
	Planned Activities	<p>The following are planned activities based on the current history of the Center that will be moved to the new location at Woodlawn Court Housing:</p> <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 <p>Youth and children will be provided with meals.</p>
8	Project Name	Court Appointed Special Advocates - CASA of the Southern Tier
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Strengthening Elmira's Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Comprehensive Youth Services Increased Access to Community Resources

	Funding	CDBG: \$16,000
	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	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated the program will served a total of 20 income eligible children/youth
	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.
9	Project Name	Salvation Army Pathway's of Hope/SAFE House
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Alleviate and Prevent Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Addressing and Preventing Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000
	Description	The program provides 25 individuals, facing domestic violence and abuse, with shelter and safe housing services along with access to supportive services for rebuilding their lives.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The program provides 25 individuals, facing domestic violence and abuse, with shelter and safe housing services along with access to supportive services for rebuilding their lives.
	Location Description	The facility is located in downtown Elmira on Lake Street. The services will support community members throughout the City who are facing homelessness because of domestic violence and abuse.

	Planned Activities	The Pathway's of Hope program provide 25 eligible individuals with access to rapid rehousing services and supportive services to help address domestic and sexual violence.
10	Project Name	CDBG Owner-Occupied Rehab
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Quality Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Improve Condition of Elmira's Housing Stock
	Funding	CDBG: \$275,000
	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	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 14 households will benefit and the majority of the families will fall between 30-60% of the AMI. The City may also partner with Near Westside Neighborhood Association who receives funding through the NYS Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC). 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	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
11	Project Name	Lead Paint Hazard Reduction Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Quality Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Improve Condition of Elmira's Housing Stock Addressing and Preventing Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000

	Description	Funds will 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	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Assist an estimated 15 LMI households
	Location Description	Scattered sites throughout the City of Elmira
	Planned Activities	Assist with the lead abatement and rehabilitation of rental and owner occupied properties in the City of Elmira to address lead paint issues on properties older than 1978 where a children under the age of six is living or visiting for an extended period of time. These residents are all low-moderate income.
12	Project Name	Street Improvements
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Strengthening Elmira's Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure/ Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$130,000
	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	6/30/2023
	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.
	Planned Activities	CDBG funds will be utilized toward street reconstructions including the installation of ADA sidewalk transitions.
13	Project Name	ADA Sidewalk Improvement Program
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Strengthening Elmira's Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure/ Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	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	6/30/2023
	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 1,000 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
	Goals Supported	Strengthening Elmira's Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure/ Improvements Facade and Commercial Building Renovations
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	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	6/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	NA
	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	Park Improvements
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Strengthening Elmira's Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure/ Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$127,928
	Description	
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 1000 low - moderate income families will access the Brand Park
	Location Description	Removal and replacement of old playground equipment and swimming pool at Brand Park which is located in Census Tract 9 Block Group 1
Planned Activities	Removal and replacement of old playground equipment and swimming pool at Brand Park which is located in a low-moderate income census tracts (Census Tract 9 and Block Group 1)	
16	Project Name	Elmira Police Department - Domestic Violence Victims Services
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Strengthening Elmira's Neighborhoods Alleviate and Prevent Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Addressing and Preventing Homelessness Increased Access to Community Resources

	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	Through the Elmira Police Department's Victims Advocates Office, domestic violence victims will be provided with referrals for therapy, housing services, and other social service programs. The Victims Advocates office will also provide direct support for Serve an estimated 15 families or individuals facing displacement and housing insecurity.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Serve an estimated 15 families or individuals facing displacement and housing insecurity
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Serve an estimated 15 families or individuals facing displacement and housing insecurity because of domestic abuse, violence, or trafficking will be provided assistance include referrals for services and direct emergency assistance to prevent homelessness.
17	Project Name	First-Time Homebuyers Program Grants (HOME)
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Quality Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	First-Time Homebuyer Direct Assistance,Counseling
	Funding	HOME: \$130,000
	Description	The First-Time Homebuyer Program is a collaboration between the City of Elmira and Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler in which up to \$10,000 in grants for downpayment and closing cost assistance is provided to households that fall within 50-80% of HUD's AMI for Elmira and can secure a private mortgage. A five year affordability period is enforced and households must participate in pre- and post-purchase counseling.
	Target Date	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	13 households who fall within 50-80% of AMI for Elmira and who are eligible first-time homebuyers and meet program requirements.
	Location Description	Scattered addresses throughout the City of Elmira.

	Planned Activities	Direct financial assistance will be provided to first-time homebuyers who qualify in the form of up to \$10,000 grants based on need to cover downpayment and closing costs when they purchase and eligible property within the City of Elmira.
18	Project Name	First-Time Homebuyers Pre-Purchase Counseling
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Quality Affordable Housing Strengthening Elmira's Neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	First-Time Homebuyer Direct Assistance, Counseling
	Funding	HOME: \$32,500
	Description	Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylar 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	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	13 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	Tenant Based Rental Assistance for Domestic Violence Victims
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Alleviate and Prevent Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Addressing and Preventing Homelessness
	Funding	HOME: \$42,316
	Description	Tenant Based Rental Assistance for domestic violence victims overseen by the Police Departments Victims Service Manager
	Target Date	6/30/2023

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 9 domestic violence victims and their family will be provided with emergency/temporary rental assistance to prevent homelessness. The assistance will be for security deposit and first months rent.
	Location Description	Scattered addresses throughout the City.
	Planned Activities	An estimated 9 domestic violence victims and his/her family will be provided with emergency/temporary rental assistance to prevent homelessness. The assistance will be for security deposit and first months rent.
20	Project Name	HOME Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Quality Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Improve Condition of Elmira's Housing Stock
	Funding	HOME: \$28,535
	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	6/30/2023
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable since this is a program delivery cost for a Citywide program.
	Location Description	The Department of Community Development is located at 317 E. Church Street, Elmira, NY 14901 on the third floor.
	Planned Activities	Administration of HOME-funded activities
21	Project Name	CHDO
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Quality Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Improve Condition of Elmira's Housing Stock
	Funding	HOME: \$52,000

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	6/30/2023
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 2022-2023
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.

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	5
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	5
NEW YORK MAIN STREET TARGET AREA	10

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City of Elmira has limited funding and chooses to leverage geographically to increase the impact on the neighborhoods in need. Other planning efforts, including the Southside Rising Revitalization Strategy and Comprehensive Master Plan, citizen participation, and investment of other resources (state and federal) are 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

In 2022, projects around downtown revitalization and development will continue with the facade program and ongoing efforts of prior year funding from New York State. Many project and programs were delayed because of Covid-19, so the City anticipates an increase in activities in the 2022-2023 program year as the community recovers from the pandemic.

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 at least 15% of HOME funds for a Near Westside Neighborhood Association CHDO project toward acquisition and rehab. A total of 13 new homebuyers are expected to be assisted through the acquisition of existing units. The Near Westside Neighborhood Association and recently Habitat for Humanity receives funding through the New York State Affordable Housing Corporation (AHC) for homeowner and homebuyer rehab which assists in improving the housing stock.

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 property rehabs. Another successful program continues to be the City of Elmira, Catholic Charities First-Time Homebuyer Program which provides pre- and post-purchase counseling and \$10,000 in down-payment and closing cost assistance. During the 2022 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 one home in the City of Elmira.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	400
Non-Homeless	26
Special-Needs	50
Total	476

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	25
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	21
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	46

Table 10 - 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

Elections were held in 2020 for the 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

In the upcoming program Year, the City of Elmira plans on allocating **\$60,000** in CDBG funds towards meeting the needs of homeless and other special needs in the community. As the primary provider of emergency services for homeless individuals and families in the City of Elmira, Catholic Charities of Chemung and Schuyler Counties operates an emergency shelter services and an emergency service center (Samaritan Center) which provides temporary emergency shelter for homeless individuals and families. Case management services are a critical part of their program to provide access to long term shelter and prevent chronic homelessness. Catholic Charities provides a holistic approach to services leading to long-term housing stability and self-sufficiency since 2003, and receives funding from HUD through the Continuum of Care process and New York State to meet the needs of the homeless. Additionally, in the 2022 program year, the Salvation Army's Pathway's to HOPE and Special Needs Housing Services (SAFE House) will be funded to provide housing residential housing and access to a 24-hour Domestic Violence Hotline. The Salvation Army also provides rapid rehousing services to individuals and families fleeing domestic abuse. Other agencies/services available to serve residents in the City of Elmira include Glove House which provides housing (group homes) to adolescents between the ages of 10-18 in need of more supervision and structure that their families are unable to provide. Saving Grace Ministries of Elmira, Inc. has been operating a transitional residence for men recently released from a correctional facility. Their target population is homeless adult males currently subject to New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision oversight and release mandates, who are mandated by law to return to the community where they were residing at the time of conviction.

Additionally, in the program year, the City of Elmira will receive funds through the NYS Attorney General's Office and the Anti-Displacement Learning Network. Through this program, the City will increase public services programs by funding a case manager position to help the homeless and individuals at risk for evictions, funds will also help with emergency relocation needs, and funds for rental rehab work on properties for low-income residents. These activities will help support the homeless and reduce the causes of housing displacement.

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

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

The City of Elmira will continue to support Catholic Charities Shelter Services and Homeless Prevention Program and the Salvation Army's SAFE House with CDBG Funds. Their one- year goals for reducing and ending homelessness includes:

1. Goal: Community access to emergency housing and case management services to identify and secure safe and affordable housing. Outcome: 400 clients will be provided emergency housing through Catholic Charities. 25 clients fleeing domestic violence and abuse will receive housing and services through the Salvation Army's SAFE house/Pathways of Hope.

2. Goal: Prevent displacement of individuals/families from their homes in the community. Outcome: 5,000 clients will be provided homelessness prevention case management services. Catholic Charities will assist individuals/families that are homeless by meeting their immediate needs of shelter and food. Individuals and families will create a strategy to help locate permanent housing and set personal goals with the help of their housing advocate. As individuals and families request assistance with homeless prevention services, a complete initial assessment of need will be completed to ensure immediate prevention needs are taken care of to prevent homelessness and they will be assigned a case manager to work with them to increase housing stability. Through assessments, case managers will identify individuals/families without adequate resources to meet the criteria for mainstream benefits included but not limited to: public assistance, SNAP benefits, WIC, SSI/SSDI, Medicaid/Medicare, health insurance, and HEAP. Additionally, case managers will identify unemployed/underemployed clients and make connections to employment opportunities through various resources in the community. The Elmira Police Department and Department of Social Services are two key partners in reaching out to homeless individuals and connecting them with appropriate services.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Homeless persons often face many barriers throughout their goal of self-sufficiency. Case management services assists individuals and families develop a budget as well as help provide financial assistance to resolve rent/utilities back payments. For those with a criminal background, case managers work with private landlords to provide stable housing. Case managers also help advocate for clients and negotiate with landlords and/or property managers and utility companies as well as assist with locating, attaining and maintaining safe and affordable housing. Catholic Charities addresses the needs of adolescents transitioning from foster care to independent living through its Lasting Success Program. The Gateways Community Living programs provide community living to individuals and families at risk of suffering from mental illness, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, and homelessness – many of whom are being released from inpatient treatment. The Salvation Army provides a shelter for individuals/families suffering from domestic violence.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that

individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The target population for Catholic Charities services is individuals and families who are either at risk of becoming homeless or who have been identified as in need of immediate shelter. Rapid Re-Housing case managers assist homeless individuals and families to move into stable housing. Case managers assist homeless individuals and families move into stable housing. Program components involve identifying a possible housing location, provision of rental and certain forms of financial assistance, and support services with a focus on stable employment and permanent housing.

Catholic Charities has a Lasting Success program that is a supervised independent living program that provides intensive person-centered case management, life skills instruction, subsidized employment opportunities and progressive levels of housing options to youth between the ages of 16-21 transition from foster care to independent living with a goal of preventing homelessness and leading to lasting success.

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.

Catholic Charities' Prevention funds assist individuals and/or families that have a demonstrated housing crisis and face imminent risk of losing their permanent housing. With a focus on preventing displacement of individuals and families, case management is an integral part of the Second Place East program leading to a decrease in the need for emergency services and an increase in cost savings. When individuals and families are able to maintain stable housing, there is a decrease in moving costs, emergency services (shelter stays), additional security deposits, and the potential for employment and school interruptions. Many program participants seeking assistance from Catholic Charities' Homeless Services have mental health and substance abuse issues, exacerbating an already difficult housing market. Additionally, the amount of residents who were recently discharged from an institution, hospital, psychiatric facility, Drug/Alcohol treatment, jail or prison with no residence prior to incarceration is increasing. Catholic Charities' overall mission is to provide direct assistance, education, training and advocacy for those who are most vulnerable in our communities. These vulnerabilities include poverty, physical disabilities, homelessness, lack of adequate housing, addictions, hunger, and mental health concerns among other factors.

Low-income individuals and families are able to avoid becoming homeless by being served by Catholic Charities at one location, the Samaritan Center located at 380 South Main Street and meeting with a

Case Manager to complete an assessment of their needs, whatever they might be. The Samaritan Center provides short-term emergency services and supports to those in need including food, clothing, prescription medications, assistance with food stamps enrollment, health insurance, and Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) applications. The Samaritan Center also has an additional part-time person who has been hired through the Chemung County Department of Social Services under the Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative as a Community Navigator.

Additionally, the City has recently started working collaboratively with the Economic Opportunity Program, Inc to fund two case manager who provide supportive services to assist the homeless find permeant housing. Many homeless continue to struggle to find permanent housing and the case managers are working closely with individuals and families to help them find and remain in permanent housing. The funding for these case managers is coming from the New York State Attorney General's Office.

Discussion

Unfortunately, as the Covid-19 pandemic winds down the City of Elmira is seeing an uptick in the number of homeless persons requiring and receiving services. Through assistance is being provided by multiple nonprofits including the Economic Opportunity Program, Catholic Charities, and Salvation Army, these service providers are struggling with the ability to find trained staff persons to fill open positions. Catholic Charities choose to shut down the homeless shelter Second Place East, located at 605 College Avenue in Elmira N.Y., and instead will utilize hotel rooms to serve the rising homeless population, which is fluctuating between 100 and 150 persons per night across Chemung County. Currently, Catholic Charities will be focusing on the following moving forwards as it continues to provide homeless services.

1. Provide a permanent dorm-style shelter approved by NYS Office for Temporary Disabilities Assistance (OTDA).
2. Provide a day-center where those experiencing homelessness can go for services, laundry facility and shower access.
3. Provide a warming station in the winter (Code Blue).
4. Explore options for an adjacent space for a crisis respite (or other appropriate service) for those who are experiencing serious mental health issues.
5. Explore options for an adjacent space for substance abuse counseling.
6. Provide security by the Elmira Police Department and/or contracted security services.
7. Provide intake at the Elmira Police Department during the hours of 4pm to 8am, along with motel placement; hotel/motel placement during business hours will be the responsibility of Chemung County personnel.

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. However, as many small cities have seen during the Covid-19 pandemic, people from urban areas area choosing to move into the City for lower cost housing, subsequently, creating high prices. Additionally, based on the poverty statistics for low-median household income households, 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. Additionally, 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 \$10,000 deferred loans (grants) to assist eligible first-time homebuyers with down payment 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 down payment, 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. 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.

4. 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 Department of Community Development and its community partners have several actions planned for the 2022-2023 Program Year. The focus will be to continue serving and meeting the needs of the underserved, foster and maintain affordable housing, reduce lead-based paint hazards, and reduce the number of impoverished individuals and families. Collaboration with other partner organizations will be important and 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 (**\$173,000**) to target underserved communities. Additionally, funds are targeted towards underserved neighborhoods and areas of the City typically underserved by other public and private resources.

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 down payment 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

and repairs.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City of Elmira has 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. In 2019, the City of Elmira was awarded \$1.3 Million dollars from US Department of Housing and Urban Development to establish a lead paint hazard reduction program. The funds are for a three year program. Since implementing this program, the City has addressed lead paint for 12 units; the City plans to complete work on a total of 60 units by the end of the grant (Winter 2022). The City is working closing with the Chemung County Health Department to prioritize units with children under the age of 6 who have high lead blood levels.

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 is an active participant in the Chemung County Poverty Reduction Coalition which was first formed in 2013 and is an ever growing consortium of organizations and individuals working together to address the issue of poverty within the City of Elmira and Chemung County. 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 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 has submitted a White Paper to the Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council and Empire State Development and will pursue funding through the Consolidated Funding Application and Upstate Revitalization Initiative. The City is also on the Steering Committee for the I-86 Corridor Study that is currently being worked on to spur economic development along the I-86 Corridor between the City of Corning and City of Elmira.

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:

1. The Department has a Policies and Procedures manual that is reviewed and updated on at least a semi-annual basis.
2. Review and update the Department's Language Access Plan
3. 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 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:

1. 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.
2. Community Development has developed a stronger relationship with Chemung County Habitat for Humanity. Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler 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.
3. The Department of Community Development has a staff representative that participates in the Chemung County Housing Coalition convened by Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler as well as the Poverty Reduction Coalition convened by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chemung County.
4. 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.

5. 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 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 80% 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.

80.27%

**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 NWNA 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."

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 \$10,000 based on need as a deferred loan (grant) to cover down payment and closing costs. There will be a five-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 \$10,000. 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 2022 HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds.

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 and for eligible CHDO projects 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.

A competitive Notices of Funding Application (NOFA) is made available on an annual basis for Community Based Organizations to apply for CDBG and HOME funds. The City posts a notice on the City website and in the local newspaper (the Star-Gazette) as well as e-mailing past grantees directly of the upcoming NOFA. The notice is typically released in January or February of each year, which gives the City staff enough time to review applications internally and discuss with the Citizen Advisory Committee. The committee is given the opportunity to provide input on all applications received. Final funding approval is at the discretion of the Elmira City Council.

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

Citizen Participation Process

- The Elmira City Council authorized the submission of the Annual Action Plan to HUD at a public meeting held on June 21, 2022 at 5:30PM. No written or oral comments were received at that meeting.
- A Public Hearing was held on April 11, 2022 at 5:30PM in order to receive comments on the drafting of the Annual Action Plan; no written or oral comments were received at this public meeting.
- Additionally, a public comment period was observed from May 9th- June 7th 2022. However, no written or oral comment were received by the department.
- Written notice of the public comment period and all public hearings were published on the City of Elmira's webpage and published in the Star Gazette.
- Draft of the Annual Action Plan was published on the City of Elmira's website and a copy is held with the Elmira City Clerk.

Additionally, the following outreach was conducted to gain community input:

- A meeting was held with the Citizen Advisory Committee on April 18th, 2022 via zoom to gain community input. The Advisory Committee discussed the proposed projects and applications which were received by the department.
- The City advertised the public of the availability of funds for public service applications on January 19th by posting applications on the City Website, emailing local community-based organizations about the availability of funds, and posting a notice in the Star-Gazette. The deadline for submission of the applications was March 1, 2022. The Department consulted with the Citizen Advisory Committee to select the applications which were funded in the 2022-2023 program year.

Comments from Advisory Committee

Feedback from the advisory committee was considered in developing the plan. A need for youth program that are easily accessible throughout the city was deemed important. The committee was concerned about how rising costs were going to impact housing, in particular the first-time homebuyer program.

Per this discussion, youth programs, after-school public services were deemed very important, methods to support first-time homebuyers and ensuring rising housing costs didn't prevent first-time homebuyers from accessing homeownership were also considered important. Rising crime and domestic violence were seen as a growing concern.

ELMIRA

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 2022-2023 Program Year (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023) as well as its allocation of federal HOME funds. Since Congress has not completed the appropriations process for FY 2022 appropriation, the City HUD cannot provide retroactive FY 2022 allocation amounts for grantees to use for planning purposes in developing annual action plans. The City must begin developing its 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan and prioritizing the use of federal CDBG and HOME funds. The City received \$1,249,500 in CDBG funds and \$300,000 in HOME funds for the Program Year. HUD requires that no more than 15% of CDBG funds be spent on public works activities. The City of Elmira is seeking proposals from organizations for projects that promote sound community development, reverse urban decay, promote housing availability, and stimulate economic growth in an effort to turn around distressed cities. All projects must meet at a minimum, one of the following National Objective 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 slum and blight; 3. Meet an urgent need that poses a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the community. **ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS:** Not-for-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) Demonstrated 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, 217 East Church Street, Elmira, New York, 14901, at (607)737-5621 or visit the City's website at www.elmiranyc.org for a link to the application and instructions on the Community Development webpage. The application deadline is Tuesday, March 1, 2022 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) 737-5621 if they have any questions about the application. A technical assistance workshop will be held on Friday, January 28, 2022 at 2:00 pm in the 200M. Phone: 1-800-205-8189, Meeting ID: 862 2525 1131 and Passcode: 862255. Please call 607-737-5621 to register for the meeting. Community Development Housing Organizations (CHDO) Fifteen percent (15%) of the HOME funds MUST be allocated to Community Development Block Grant Organizations (CHDOs) which serve the residents of the City of Elmira. For the 2021-2022 Program Year, the City received a HOME allocation of \$300,000. The City of Elmira is seeking to invite eligible CHDOs to submit applications for the funding and is encouraging housing providers in the community to work to obtain a CHDO designation. **NOTE:** These applications are not applicable to property owners, tenants, private for-profit businesses, etc. who may be desirous of financial assistance for a project which may meet one of the objectives of priorities of the program. Comments from such persons/businesses, etc. are not applicable and if submitted in writing will be considered by the City in determining the types of programs and activities that should be considered for funding hereunder. The City of Elmira, Department of Community Development, is committed to prohibiting discrimination because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, family status, or national origin. Issuing business cards can reach this office through New York Relay Center at 1-800-421-1220. Anyone who has comments or concerns regarding Fair Housing, please contact: Emma Mann, Director and Fair Housing Officer at (607)737-5621 or send your written comments to the City of Elmira, Community Development, 217 East Church Street, Elmira, NY 14901.



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Elmira is seeking written and oral comments from citizens and interested agencies at a public hearing to be held on Monday, April 11th, 2022 at 5:00pm. The public hearing will be held at City Hall, 2017 E. Church St., Elmira, NY, City Council Chamber's (2nd Floor) which is a handicapped accessible location.

The City of Elmira Department of Community Development is seeking for input as it prepares its 2022 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 Annual Action Plan sets forth program goals, funding priorities, specific objectives, annual goals, and benchmarks for measuring progress. The purpose of the CDBG Program is to promote sound community development, revitalize cities, reduce urban decay, promote housing rehabilitation, and stimulate economic growth. HUD has not released 2022 CDBG and HOME formula grant allocations, however in 2021, the City of Elmira received a CDBG allocation of \$1,209,308 and a HOME allocation of \$788,989.

The City of Elmira is committed to creating equal housing opportunities and prohibiting discrimination for all persons in housing on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, and familial status under the federal Fair Housing Act. Hearing impaired persons can reach the Community Development Office through New York Relay Service at 1-800-922-7229. If individuals require special assistance or accommodations, please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Community Development at 737-5621.



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ELMIRA

March 28, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 105

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CITY OF ELMIRA'S 2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

By Councilmember Stamer:

WHEREAS, the City of Elmira is an Entitlement Community under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Programs; 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 2022 CDBG and HOME formula grant allocations, however in 2021, the City of Elmira received a CDBG allocation of \$1,209,503 and a HOME allocation of \$308,969; 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 2022 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 the 2022 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Programs be scheduled for Monday, April 11, 2022 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
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X	Councilmember Moss	
ABSENT	Councilmember Franchi	
X	Councilmember Kitching	
X	Councilmember Grasso	
X	Councilmember Duffy	
X	Mayor Mandell	
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April 11, 2022

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING held this 11th of April, 2022 for the purpose of receiving written and oral comments from the public regarding the City of Clewiston's 2022 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Programs.

APPEARANCES:

Open: 5:33 PM

Closed: 5:34 PM

No Written Correspondence

In Favor Of:

Opposed:

NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THE CITY OF ELMIRA'S PROPOSED 2022 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS.

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At this time, City of Elmira is not aware of the actual allocation of HOME and CDBG funds. However, the City received \$1,208,968 from HUD for its 2021-2022 CDBG Program Year and an additional sum of \$40,000 in Program Income collected for a total of \$1,248,968 to be used for programming. Additionally, the City received \$308,968 in HOME Investment Partnership funds for the 2021-2022 program year. Therefore, a draft 2022 Annual Action Plan and budget was developed with a similar aware expectation. The proposed projects to be funded with CDBG and HOME funds can be found on the Community Development webpage at <http://www.cityofelmira.net/community-development>. City of Elmira Clerk's Office, at the State Ten copy mailed to their home may contact the Department of Community Development at (607) 757-5801.

A 30-day public comment period will be received from May 9th - June 7th. Citizens are invited to submit written comments on the draft 2022 Annual Action Plan. Comments should be sent to the Department of Community Development, ATT: Emma Miran, City Hall, 217 E. Canal Street, Elmira, New York 14901. Written comments will be accepted until 4:00pm on Friday, June 7th, 2022.

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5/9/22

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Current Information

Public Comment Period for Draft 2022 Annual Action Plan

The City of Elmira Department of Community Development is seeking public comments on its draft 2022 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. At this time, the City of Elmira does not know how much of federal funds it will be receiving. However, in 2021 the city received \$1,161,938.00 from HUD for its 2020-2021 CDBG Program Year and an additional sum of \$40,000 in Program Income was collected for a total of \$1,231,938.00 to be used for programming. Additionally, the City received \$308,969.00 in HOME Investment Partnership funds. Therefore, a budget has been developed with a similar aware expectation.

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Draft 2022-2028 City of Elmira Annual Action Plan

City of Elmira - Low-Mobility Income Areas

If you have any questions you may contact Emma Miran at 737-5691 or send an email to emiran@cityofelmira.ny.us

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June 21, 2022

RESOLUTION NO. 2022 - 213

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO SUBMIT THE CITY OF ELMIRA'S
2022-2023 CDBG AND HOME ANNUAL ACTION PLAN TO THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

By Councilmember Sterner:

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, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has advised the City of Elmira that it will be receiving \$1,160,828.00 in CDBG funds for FY 2022-2023, and the City anticipates collecting \$50,000.00 in Program Income resulting in a total of \$1,210,828.00 being available to fund CDBG eligible activities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Elmira has also been advised that the City will be receiving \$285,351.00 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 11, 2022 seeking input on the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan; and

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WHEREAS, the availability of a draft executive summary of the plan, 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 Friday, June 7th, 2022; 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, 2022.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan is hereby approved for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to submit the Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development no later than August 16, 2022.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

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Proposed CDBG Budget FY 2022/2023	Proposed
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Unexpended Prior Year Resources	\$0.00
TOTAL CDBG	\$1,210,828.00
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TOTAL HOME	\$285,351.00
Total Funds	\$1,496,179.00

CDBG Operating Costs	Proposed FY 22/23
General Administration	\$230,000.00
Rehab Administration	\$199,900.00
Public Services	
Southside Community Center	\$20,000.00
Ernie Davis Community Center	\$30,000.00
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Meals on Wheels	\$24,000.00
CASA of the Southern Tier – Youth Services	\$16,000.00
Elmira Police Department – Domestic Violence Victims Services	\$15,000.00
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TOTAL PUBLIC SERVICES	\$173,000.00
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TOTAL HOUSING/HISTORIC REHABILITATION PROGRAMS	\$305,000.00
Public Facilities	
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Elmira Downtown Development (Operation Green Streets)	\$20,000.00
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TOTAL PUBLIC FACILITIES	\$302,928.00
TOTAL CDBG FUNDS	\$ 1,210,828.00

Proposed HOME Budget FY 2022/2023	Proposed
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First Time Homebuyers program grants	\$130,000.00
First Time Homebuyers pre-counseling	\$32,500.00
Tenant Based Rental Assistance for Domestic Violence Victims	\$42,316.00
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Grantee Unique Appendices

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Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)

OMB Number: 4340-0004
Expiration Date: 12/31/2022

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424			
* 1. Type of Submission:		* 2. Type of Application:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Change/Corrected Application		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	
		* If Revision, add appropriate title(s): _____	
		* Other (Specify): _____	
* 3. Date Received:		* 4. Applicant Identifier:	
09/20/2022		_____	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier:		5b. Federal Award Identifier:	
_____		_____	
State Use Only:			
6. Date Received by State:		7. State Application Identifier:	
_____		_____	
B. APPLICANT INFORMATION:			
* a. Legal Name: City of Elmira			
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Verification Number (EIN/TIN):		* c. LEI:	
10-6302542		019504941500	
d. Address:			
* Street1:	37 St Church Street		
* Street2:	_____		
* City:	Elmira		
* County/Parish:	_____		
* State:	NY: New York		
* Province:	_____		
* Country:	USA: UNITED STATES		
* Zip / Postal Code:	14901-2710		
e. Organizational Unit:			
Department Name:		Division Name:	
Community Development		_____	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:			
* Prefix:	Mr.	* First Name:	Sam
* Middle Name:	_____		
* Last Name:	Woods		
* Suffix:	_____		
* Title:	Director of Community Development		
Organizational Affiliation:			
City of Elmira			
* Telephone Number:	507-231-5661	* Fax Number:	_____
* Email:	sam@elmira.gov		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text" value="City or Township Government"/> Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/> Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text"/> * Other (specify): <input type="text"/>	
* 10. Name of Federal Agency: <input type="text" value="U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development"/>	
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: <input type="text" value="14.038"/> CFDA Title: <input type="text" value="CFC Investment Partnership Program"/>	
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number: <input type="text" value=""/> * Title: <input type="text" value=""/>	
13. Competition Identification Number: <input type="text"/> Title: <input type="text"/>	
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: <input type="text" value="City of Flint's 2020 WWS Program"/>	
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions. <input type="button" value="Add Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachments"/>	

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant: * b. Program/Project:

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: * b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="255,000.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value=""/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value=""/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value=""/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value=""/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value=""/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="255,000.00"/>

* 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 28, 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 award instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

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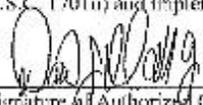
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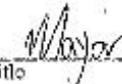
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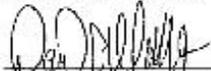
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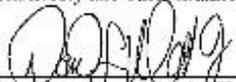
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OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

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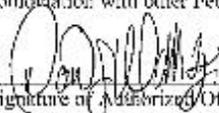
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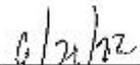
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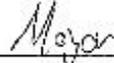
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In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

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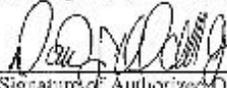
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Confidentiality – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG 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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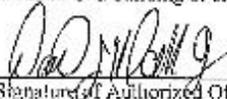
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

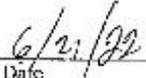
Activities – Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building – Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the consolidated plan:

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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.

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application		* 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision * If Revision, raise and provide letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>
* 3. Date Received: 09/01/2022		* 4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>
* 5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>		* 5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>
State Use Only:		
* 6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>		* 7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: City of Elmira		
* b. Employer/ taxpayer identification Number (EIN/TIN): 16-6002540		* c. UDI: 079504841000
* 6. Address:		
* Street:	317 W. Church Street	
* Street2:	<input type="text"/>	
* City:	Elmira	
* County/Parish:	<input type="text"/>	
* State:	NY: New York	
* Province:	<input type="text"/>	
* Country:	USA: UNITED STATES	
* Zip + Postal Code:	14901-0718	
* e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: Community Development		Division Name: <input type="text"/>
* f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: Mr.	* First Name: Erna	<input type="text"/>
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>		
* Last Name: Dixon	<input type="text"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>		
Title: Director of Community Development	<input type="text"/>	
Organizational Affiliation: City of Elmira		
* Telephone Number: 607-737-2669	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>	
* Email: erina.dixon@elmira.net		

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* 8. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: <input type="text" value="City or Township Government"/>	
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* Other (specify): <input type="text"/>	
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* 12. Funding Opportunity Number: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text"/>	
13. Competition Identification Number: <input type="text"/>	
Title: <input type="text"/>	
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachment"/>	
* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: <input type="text" value="City of Elmore's 2022 Community Development Block Grant Program"/>	
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Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.	
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17. Proposed Project:	
* a. Start Date: <input type="text" value="6/7/01/2022"/>	* b. End Date: <input type="text" value="6/6/23/2023"/>
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* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
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* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?	
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<input type="checkbox"/> b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.	
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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 28, Section 1001)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ** I AGREE	
* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internal site where you may access this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.	
Authorized Representative:	
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Middle Name: <input type="text" value="J"/>	
* Last Name: <input type="text" value="Sandell"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	
* Title: <input type="text" value="Mayor"/>	
* Telephone Number: <input type="text" value="607-337-5644"/>	* Fax Number: <input type="text" value="607-337-5506"/>
* Email: <input type="text" value="mwood@cityofindia.net"/>	
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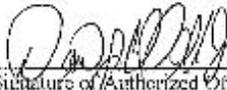
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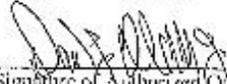
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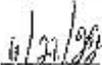
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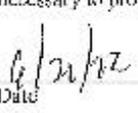
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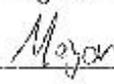
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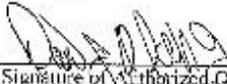
Matching Funds – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 C.F.R. 576.201.

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:

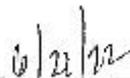
Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

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 5 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.