



City of Elmira FY 2021-2022 CAPER

A Report on Elmira's Housing and Community Development Accomplishments

The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) details the City's accomplishments during the Program Year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022. It compares the actual performance measures with those expected in the Annual Action Plan. The CAPER reports on activities funded through the federal HOME Partnership and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs. A total of **\$1,193,916.54** was expended during the Program Year from CDBG/HOME/Program Income. Additionally, a total of **\$191,703.45** was expended during the Program Year for CDBG-CV. This summary demonstrates some of the City's overall housing, community development, economic development, and public service accomplishments and activities.

Anti-Displacement Learning Network

Staff participated in a statewide learning network along with nine other municipalities in New York State. The network learned about the causes of housing displacement and programs that can address these challenges. The City of Elmira was awarded **\$1 Million** dollars, and during the program year, rental rehab program was launched and a case management program, to support tenants and landlords within the City of Elmira, was developed in partnership with the Economic Opportunity Program, Inc.

Revitalization Efforts

The department continued to work with community partners including Southern Tier Economic Growth, Chemung County IDA, Chemung County Landbank, and local developers to provide public service programs and economic development initiatives. The revitalization efforts continue to enhance the current and future CDBG and HOME investments, especially supporting the City's low to moderate income residents.

\$678,545.06 in Federal Funds Expended for Low to Moderate Income Housing Activities

Improving the condition of the City's housing stock for low to moderate income individuals and families continues to be a key priority for the City of Elmira. During the Program Year, **\$493,463.05 in CDBG and \$118,850 in HOME funds** were drawn to complete **20** owner-occupied housing unit rehabs; **8** "lead safe" property rehabs; **2** full scattered site vacant property rehabs for owner-occupied resale; and down payment and closing cost assistance and pre-counseling services were provided to **4** first-time homebuyers. Additionally, **\$66,232.01** in HOME funds were utilized to fund the City's designated Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO).

\$178,626.14 in CDBG for Public Facilities in Low to Moderate Income Census Tracts

Improving the quality and conditions of the public facilities within the City of Elmira remains a priority need. These funds were utilized to support capital improvements to city parks, ADA sidewalks, street mill and fill, and the Elmira Downtown Development Operation Green Streets program.

\$117,417.00 in CDBG and \$ 191,703.45 in CDBG-CV Funds for Public Services and Non-Profits

A total of **\$117,417.00** was provided to assist **10** non-profit organizations to provide services, programs, and projects aimed at benefiting low to moderate income Elmira residents. Services provided included funding for after school community centers, Catholic Charities housing counseling services and food programs such as Meals on Wheels. A total of **\$ 191,703.45** was spent to provide relief to residents impacted by the Coronavirus. Funds supported a rental assistance program and emergency food needs.