

CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

Despite limited CDBG and HOME funding available to the City of Elmira, the Department of Community Development was able to successfully carry out its 2016-2017 Annual Action Plan which represents the first year of the City's 2015-2019 Consolidated Strategic Plan. The City and its nonprofit partners continue to 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 sources. Highlights from the 2015-2016 Program Year include the following:

- The Department of Community Development was able to complete the rehabilitation of **14** owner-occupied housing units using CDBG and HOME funds.
- During the Program Year, the City of Elmira continued to work with New York State Homes and Community Renewal and Housing Visions' on their Chemung Crossing Neighborhood Revitalization Project for Census Tract 10 in the South Main, W. Henry St., and Harmon St. neighborhood was awarded over \$3.8 million through the 2015 Unified Funding Round and the City will be committing funding to help develop **45** units of quality, affordable rental housing. Housing Visions should be breaking ground by August 31, 2017.
- The City of Elmira through its partnership with Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler and the First-Time Homebuyer Program, was able to assist **7** income-eligible, new homebuyers with downpayment and closing costs utilizing HOME funds. The First-Time Homebuyer Program has assisted a total of **444** families achieve homeownership since 1994 which is a significant accomplishment and highlights the need for this program.
- CDBG funding was provided to Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler for public services related to low/mod housing benefit and the following were some of the outcomes:**20** homeowners received one-on-one mortgage foreclosure prevention and loss mitigation counseling; **68** households participated in group trainings about the First-Time Homebuyer Program; **66** individuals participated in Homeowner Association Meetings; **458** individuals were provided overnight shelter through Second Place East; homelessness was prevented for **5269** individuals through case management and access to services.
- During the Program Year, the City of Elmira continued to provide CDBG funding to three organizations with the goal of providing enrichment opportunities and advocacy to youth (particularly at-risk youth) and families including the Southside Community Center and Ernie Davis Community Center which are located in low-moderate income neighborhoods. These centers provide considerable services to the neighborhoods that they serve and are serving low-moderate income areas.

The Department of Community Development continued to enhance community outreach efforts and build strategic partnerships to carry out its strategic plan as well as look forward to future plans. During the Program Year, utilizing funding through NYSEDA's Cleaner, Greener Communities Program, the City of Elmira adopted a new Comprehensive Master Plan on November 28, 2016. Additional, community outreach was conducted through the development of Elmira's Downtown Revitalization Initiative Strategic Investment Plan which was submitted to New York State in March 2017.

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee's program year goals.

Goal	Category	Source / Amount	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected – Strategic Plan	Actual – Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected – Program Year	Actual – Program Year	Percent Complete
Alleviate and Prevent Homelessness	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0		0	0	
Alleviate and Prevent Homelessness	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	400	844	211.00%	446	458	102.69%
Alleviate and Prevent Homelessness	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added	Beds	0	0		0	0	

Alleviate and Prevent Homelessness	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	1000	1070	107.00%	4875	5269	108.08%
Business Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / City of Elmira: \$40000 / Restore NY Round 2: \$	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	5	2	40.00%	3	1	33.33%
Quality Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / New York Main Street: \$47000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0		0	0	
Quality Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / New York Main Street: \$47000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	30	26	86.67%	30	12	40.00%
Quality Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / New York Main Street: \$47000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0		0	0	

Quality Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / New York Main Street: \$47000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	140	388	277.14%	140	180	128.57%
Quality Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / New York Main Street: \$47000	Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	20	0	0.00%			
Quality Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / New York Main Street: \$47000	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	30	0	0.00%			
Quality Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / New York Main Street: \$47000	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	2	0	0.00%	0	0	
Quality Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / New York Main Street: \$47000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	100	36	36.00%	16	14	87.50%
Quality Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / New York Main Street: \$47000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	25	19	76.00%	7	7	100.00%

Revitalization of Downtown Core	Non-Housing Community Development Mixed-Income Housing	CDBG: \$ / New York Main Street: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	2655		0	2655	
Revitalization of Downtown Core	Non-Housing Community Development Mixed-Income Housing	CDBG: \$ / New York Main Street: \$	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation	Business	5	1	20.00%	2	0	0.00%
Strengthening Elmira's Neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / General Fund: \$15000 / Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program: \$791000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	7310		29200	6195	21.22%

Strengthening Elmira's Neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / General Fund: \$15000 / Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program: \$791000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	1100	5556	505.09%	565	4969	879.47%
Strengthening Elmira's Neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / General Fund: \$15000 / Consolidated Local Street and Highway Improvement Program: \$791000	Buildings Demolished	Buildings	5	1	20.00%			

Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

Assess how the jurisdiction’s use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

Table 1 and Table 2 displays the City of Elmira's accomplishments during the Program Year and Strategic Plan to date. The City has completed the second year of its 2015-2019 Consolidated/Strategic Plan. The City's use of CDBG and HOME funds has proven effective in improving Elmira's existing housing stock with 15 owner-occupied properties improved during the program year, representing 33% of the Strategic Plan Goal

between 2015 and 2016 Program Years. Community Development anticipates further strides due to additional outreach efforts in spring 2017 which has led to 11 new homeowners being approved for assistance that will be accounted for in the City's 2017 CAPER. Significant progress was made in providing direct financial assistance to first-time homebuyers by enabling 7 new homebuyers to purchase homes within the city and by June HOME funds for the program were exhausted. The City continued to committ funding to Housing Vision's Low Income Housing Tax Credit project (Chemung Crossing) as Housing Vision's completed the NEPA environmental review and finalized negotiations with their investors. The Chemung Crossing Project was awarded \$3.8 million under NYS Homes and Community Renewal's 2015 Unified Funding Round and will be breaking ground by September 1, 2017 and accomplishment information will be added to activity as units come online and are rented.

The City of Elmira continued to utilize CDBG funds to support public service activities in the area of housing counseling, providing enrichment opportunities to youth through supporting three community centers, and homeless shelter and prevention services.

While limited CDBG funding was expended for economic development activities, this continues to be a high priority need and the City of Elmira worked with New York State, a state assigned consultant team led by Stantec, and a Local Planning Committee on developing a \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Strategic Investment Plan. One economic development loan was approved during the reporting period which was for Finger Lakes House, LLC which will be a tavern type business, with locally brewed craft beer, locally grown and bottled wine, and a "farm to table" menu . The City and Southern Tier Economic Growth (STEG) worked with Park Grove Realty on the redevelopment of the 100 block of West Water Street which will have approximately 17,000 square feet of commercial space and 51 residential units. The 100 West Water Street project is also adjacent to Clemens Square which was awarded Appalachian Regional Commission funding and the project began construction in July 2017. A significant amount of CDBG funds continues to be applied towards the City's Section 108 Loan obligation for the First Arena and this committment will end in August 2019. Unfortunately, as stated in previous reports, the City's ability to address priorities and specific objectives identified in the Annual Action Plan and the Consolidated Plan will be hampered until this obligation is satisfied.

CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).

91.520(a)

	CDBG	HOME
White	4,260	10
Black or African American	957	3
Asian	22	0
American Indian or American Native	47	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	9	0
Total	5,295	13
Hispanic	336	0
Not Hispanic	4,959	13

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

Narrative

The Department of Community Development continues to expand outreach to all low income families through the City of Elmira and included in those efforts are efforts to specifically expand outreach to minorities. Based on the above chart for CDBG and HOME, 20% of the families assisted with CDBG and HOME funding represented minorities. An identified need of minorities continues to be safe, quality affordable housing, which the City has been able to address through the Department's Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program and began taking steps to address through HOME funding assistance through Housing Visions Chemung Crossing Project on the rental housing side. A significant number of minority families were also assisted through providing CDBG funding to public service agencies including the Ernie Davis Community Center and Southside Community Center.

Last year, through a demographic study, it was determined that the Limited English Proficient (LEP) population does not exceed 1,000 people or 5% of the City's population and therefore the City is not required to develop a Language Assistance Plan, however the Department of Community Development continues to monitor data annually from the U.S Census Bureau and the Elmira City School District should there be a demographic shift.

The Department of Community Development continues to outreach to minority contractors for participation on the Department's Active Contractor list and promote the New York State M/WBE certification process since there are very few minority contractors within the Southern Tier Region. The Director of Community Development participated in a MWBE Expo hosted by Empire State Development Corporation in June 2017 which is promoting certification throughout the State as well as met with the Small Business Administration about getting access to their list of MWBE's. Additionally, the City of

Elmira assisted with identifying a venue and attending a Section 3 Match-Up Session within the City at the Steele Memorial Public Library hosted by New York State Homes and Community Renewal to promote the City's programs.

CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

Source of Funds	Source	Resources Made Available	Amount Expended During Program Year
CDBG	CDBG	1,272,208	1,100,800
HOME	HOME	320,420	148,345
HOPWA	HOPWA		
ESG	ESG		
General Fund	General Fund	40,000	40,000
Housing Trust Fund	Housing Trust Fund	1,585,452	
Tax Credits	Tax Credits	989,903	
Other	Other	5,465,656	930,353

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

The above chart outlines anticipated sources of funds and the actual amount expended during the 2016 Program Year. The actual amount expended includes Program Income generated from housing rehabilitation and economic development loans as well as grant and loan payoffs received by the Department of Community Development. Community Development expended a total of \$1,100,800 (\$958,496 in CDBG entitlement funds along with \$142,304 in CDBG program income) during program year 2016. A total of \$103,665.40 was paid for Public Services activities, \$119,119.73 was paid to the City for Street & ADA Sidewalk Improvements, and \$99,342.00 was paid for CDBG funded Owner-occupied home rehabilitation activities. Community Development also paid a total of \$357,941.50 toward the outstanding Section 108 loan for the First Arena. In addition to the CDBG funds, Community Development also paid \$88,875.28 in HOME entitlement funds, administration funds, and CHDO Reserved funds, along with program income of \$30,000.00 and \$29,470.00 in reprogrammed funds for Owner-occupied Rehab activities during the program year. A total of \$60,000 was paid for the First Time Homebuyers program, and \$66,958.00 was paid for HOME Owner-occupied rehabilitation activities.

CDBG funds were originally budgeted for \$1,286,208 (\$1,088,208 entitlement, \$158,000 in program income to be collected & \$40,000 from prior year's program income collected). The current year's program income budget was changed from \$158,000 to \$144,000 due to the early pay-off of the loan to Mark Twain Properties. HOME funds were originally budgeted for \$286,423 (\$236,423 entitlement & \$50,000 from prior year's program income). We added \$33,997 from prior year's program income to bring the HOME total to \$320,420.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITY AREA	10	2	
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	25	34	Includes investments to the 52-block BID
NEW YORK MAIN STREET TARGET AREA	10	1	

Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

During the Program Year, investments were made in locally designated target areas. A total of 34% of CDBG funding was expended within the Business Improvement District (downtown) due to investments made for public improvements as part of Elmira Downtown Development's Operation Green Streets Program, and an economic development loan provided to a new business through the Commercial Loan Program (Finger Lakes House). This year, an investment to the City's Section 108 Loan Guarantee for the First Arena (\$357,941.50) was also accounted for since it is located within the downtown, although this is a commitment made in 1999. Although, this area is within the City's downtown district, there is a significant amount of affordable housing units contained within the neighborhood with Providence Housing's Clemens Manor, the Elmira Housing Authority's Bragg and Flannery Towers, Conifer's St. Joseph's and St. Patrick's Apartments, and Carpenter Apartments all within the 52-blocks of the Business Improvement District. A small percentage of this investment (\$8,665.40) overlapped with a New York Main Street Target Area and Brownfield Opportunity Area with an investment in a wireless surveillance camera. Additional investment will be accounted for in the 2017 CAPER with the Chemung Crossing Neighborhood Revitalization Project beginning construction. Additionally, one first-time homebuyer and one housing rehabilitation job took place within the State-designated Brownfield Opportunity Area.

Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

CDBG and HOME funds are leveraged annually by the City of Elmira and non-profit subrecipients seeking state and private foundation grants in order to accomplish community development objectives. The City received CHIPS funding of \$748,716.31, along with \$181,636.68 from PAVE NY from New York State to leverage CDBG funding for street improvement projects. A total of \$927,484 was leveraged from other sources during the year by CDBG-funded public service subrecipients. Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler has a successful track record of leveraging additional funding. In addition to the total \$39,000 (CDBG and HOME funding) that Catholic Charities' Housing Counseling Services received during the program year from the City of Elmira, they received a total of \$169,725 in additional leveraged funds from other funding sources including Catholic Charities USA and the New York State Homeowner Protection Program (HOPP) through the New York State Attorney General's Office. During the Program Year, \$25,000 allocated and expended for the Second Place East Homeless Shelter and Prevention Program leveraged a total of \$388,971 from sources such as the United Way of the Southern Tier, Chemung County, and New York State Department of Corrections.

The City anticipates leveraging additional funding in 2017 and 2018 with the start of Housing Visions Chemung Crossing Project, the \$9.7 million for the implementation of Elmira's Downtown Revitalization Initiative, and \$800,000 through the Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative. Additionally, there are significant federal-state funded infrastructure projects planned.

Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match	
1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year	0
2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year	0
3. Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2)	0
4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year	0
5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4)	0

Table 5 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report

Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year								
Project No. or Other ID	Date of Contribution	Cash (non-Federal sources)	Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges	Appraised Land/Real Property	Required Infrastructure	Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor	Bond Financing	Total Match

Table 6 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year

HOME MBE/WBE report

Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period				
Balance on hand at beginning of reporting period \$	Amount received during reporting period \$	Total amount expended during reporting period \$	Amount expended for TBRA \$	Balance on hand at end of reporting period \$
82,822	1,334	30,000	0	54,157

Table 7 – Program Income

Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises – Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period						
	Total	Minority Business Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Contracts						
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	Women Business Enterprises	Male			
Contracts						
Dollar Amount	66,958	0	66,958			
Number	4	0	4			
Sub-Contracts						
Number	0	0	0			
Dollar Amount	0	0	0			

Table 8 - Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises

Minority Owners of Rental Property – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted						
	Total	Minority Property Owners				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dollar Amount	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 9 – Minority Owners of Rental Property

Relocation and Real Property Acquisition – Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition

Parcels Acquired		0	0			
Businesses Displaced		0	0			
Nonprofit Organizations Displaced		0	0			
Households Temporarily Relocated, not Displaced		0	0			
Households Displaced	Total	Minority Property Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cost	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 10 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	26	21
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	1	0
Total	27	21

Table 11 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through Rental Assistance	0	0
Number of households supported through The Production of New Units	0	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	20	14
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	7	7
Total	27	21

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.

A total of 21 clients were assisted through the Home Repair program and the First Time Homebuyers program (9 from the CDBG Home Repair program, 5 from the HOME Home Repair program and 7 through the HOME First Time Homebuyers program). This year, we failed to meet our goal by rehabbing 7 less units. This was due to the fact that the City of Elmira's Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) had difficulty identifying a new property and the Housing Rehabilitation Program was slow this year, however additional outreach in spring has led to significant results that will be

reported in 2017 including 21 jobs in progress as of September 20, 2017. Additionally, Housing Vision's Chemung Crossing project experienced a delay in construction which reduced the number of non-homeless and special needs provided affordable housing units, however these will also be reported in future CAPER reports.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

Future annual action plans are impacted by outcomes, available financial resources (CDBG and HOME funding), and local capacity for administration. The outcomes achieved continue to demonstrate a need for the rehabilitation of existing owner-occupied units as the goals continue to be surpassed and the age and condition of Elmira's housing stock warrants improvement. The production of new units is currently limited based on the fact that the only program that the City has to produce new units is through CHDO projects and HOME funds have been reduced. However, the Chemung Crossing Project sponsored by Housing Visions will be breaking ground by September 2017 where \$200,000 in HOME funds have been committed between Program Year 2016 and Program Year 2017. The project will leverage funding through New York State Homes and Community Renewal's 2015 Unified Funding Round in which over \$3.8 million was awarded to the project for an over \$14 million project. The Chemung Crossing Project will involve 45 units of affordable housing which will include the rehabilitation of existing rental units and the production of new units and is expected to serve the homeless, non-homeless, and special needs populations and will be reported on in future CAPERS but was included in the 2016 and 2107 Annual Action Plans. Additionally, other areas where the City of Elmira Department of Community Development has been successful in collaborating has been in the creation of a Chemung County Land Bank and funding from the New York State Attorney General's Office which will provide additional resources to create quality affordable housing.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

Number of Households Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	7	2
Low-income	33	3
Moderate-income	127	7
Total	167	12

Table 13 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

The City of Elmira continued to provide grants to homeowners within the City whose income fell between 0-50% of HUD's Median Family Income (MFI) and a 3% repayable loan for those households

whose incomes fell between 51-80% of AMI. This strategy has been effective in assisting extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income households make necessary home repairs and not place an additional financial burden on those making under 50% of the AMI. The First-Time Homebuyer Program continue to assist income eligible families with downpayment and closing cost assistance of up to \$8,000 in deferred grants based on need and 7 households were moderate income. Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers provided additional individuals with housing counseling services. A total of 167 people were assisted through the CDBG Home Repair program and Catholic Charities Housing Counseling Services program. 8 people were assisted through the HOME home repair program and First Time Homebuyers programs.

CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

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

Catholic Charities of Chemung and Schuyler provides programming and shelter to individuals and families in the community who are either at risk of becoming homeless or who have been identified as in need of immediate shelter. CDBG funds support the personnel necessary to complete assessments of needs, make referrals to programs and services within Catholic Charities and throughout the community, and completion of applications for mainstream benefits, addressing the need for long-term stability. Catholic Charities also has an outreach worker that works to reach out to homeless persons and assess their needs while working with the Chemung County Department of Social Services and local law enforcement.

For Catholic Charities and the NY-501 Continuum of Care, the Point In Time count is the core of continually identifying the needs of struggling families and individuals to recognize trends and emerging needs in homelessness services. There was a Point In Time study conducted on January 26, 2017 from 7 pm until 7 am with the help of community organizations to identify individuals who were unsheltered in places not meant for human habitation and the Department of Community Development participated this year as an agency volunteer. As a result of the study, 84 total individuals were identified as homeless and at risk within Elmira and Chemung County. These numbers included 35 individuals sheltered, 26 identified as homeless during the PIT, and 23 identified as at-risk. A total of 32% of the households had children, and 4% were veterans.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City of Elmira provides funding each year to Catholic Charities for their Second Place East program which provides shelter for the homeless. The agency received \$25,000 CDBG funds to offset cost of salaries for staff running the program. It was reported that 458 people were using the homeless shelter in this program year, which is 72 more individuals than reported in the 2015 CAPER. Every client that seeks shelter services is screened for Gateways Residential Services eligibility and through this screening staff are able to identify accurately a client's individual needs. Clients placed in Gateways residential services are placed in either transitional supportive housing or permanent supportive housing depending on their needs. The Salvation Army is a primary referral source for victims of domestic violence. Catholic Charities also met with the City of Elmira regarding a project being planned with Providence Housing which will include 20 units geared towards individuals leaving treatment for substance abuse or mental illness or individuals being released from the Chemung County Jail.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after 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); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers as the lead agency for homeless services within the City of Elmira and Chemung County, has been doing a great job leveraging funds from multiple sources to help homeless persons with their housing needs. Catholic Charities provides the following programs to fight against homelessness:

- Emergency Shelter services will be provided to those in need of emergency shelter at Second Place East, Salvation Army Safe House, or a local motel depending on need and resources available. Program components involve one-on-one case management and connection to mainstream expedited benefits through LDDS onsite liaison, which includes housing and employment.
- Rapid Re-Housing case managers will assist homeless individuals and families move into stable housing. Program components involve identifying a housing location, provision of rental and other forms of financial assistance, and support services with a focus on stable employment and permanent housing.
- Prevention funds assist individuals and/or families that have a demonstrated housing crisis and face imminent risk of losing their permanent housing. Program components include targeting eligible households, thorough assessment of the needs of the household, assistance to households in expanding housing options and resources, provision of support services needed for permanent housing and employment.
- Catholic Charities of Chemung and Schuylers also partners with Arnot Ogden Medical Center via the Finger Lakes Performing Provider System project known as Transitional Housing Project. This project identifies AOMC patients whom are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless and refers them to Catholic Charities.
- Individuals identified as homeless or at risk of becoming homeless in the community utilize the Continuum of Care's Coordinated Entry process for the individual to be screened at Catholic Charities for immediate services based on needs assessment. An outreach worker will be an additional resource to seek out and assist those individuals on the streets and will refer them to seek assistance through the Solutions to End Homelessness Program, which assists through Rapid Rehousing and/ or Prevention funds.

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

Catholic Charities Emergency Services Center provides services to many individuals and families who are faced with evictions and court proceedings as well as those facing homelessness. Case managers have developed positive relationships with landlords in order to prevent court eviction proceedings. Examples of programs/projects that Catholic Charities has to assist those likely to become homeless after being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care include the following:

- Community Residence (NYS Office of Mental Health): 14 bed transitional congregate-level housing program licensed by NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) and home to individuals with serious and persistent mental illness. These individuals require 24-hour supervision and intensive person-centered case management.
- Supportive Treatment Apartments (OMH): An OMH licensed 36-bed transitional congregate apartment housing program in an apartment facility for individuals with a serious and persistent mental illness.
- Project SHARE (Supportive Housing and Residential Empowerment) is a transitional housing HUD funded project providing 12-units of transitional housing in a scatter-site apartment project that provides up to two years of rental assistance and supportive services to young adults (18-25) who are homeless and have resided in the foster care system.
- Lasting Success (County/NYS OTDA): A transitional housing 24-bed Supervised Independent Living Program (SILP) in a provider-owned apartment facility for youth 16-21 who are aging out of the foster care system.
- Catholic Charities Chemung-Schuylers operates a "Bridger" project with NYS Office of Mental Health (OMH) funding. The funding provides funding for a dedicated staff person who attends the weekly discharge meetings at Elmira Psychiatric Center and the acute care behavioral health unit at St. Joseph's Hospital. CCCS also is an active member other Chemung County SPOE (Single Point of Entry) bi-weekly meetings to coordinate and monitor referrals of persons with mental health disabilities for housing and case management services to area service providers.
- Catholic Charities of Chemung and Schuylers provides housing for up to 90 days with case management in a Residential Stabilization Program (RSP), assisting parolee's with independent living skill development, employment/education, and permanent housing opportunities. The agency also assists individuals leaving inpatient substance abuse treatment facilities with referrals to the Gateway Housing Program and young adults leaving foster care with referrals to Gateways Housing Program and /or Public Housing.

CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

Although the City of Elmira Department of Community Development is not directly involved in managing public housing and the Elmira Housing Authority (EHA) does not request CDBG funding, the City consults with the EHA when developing its Annual Action Plan, Consolidated Plan, and at the completion of the CAPER. As has been reported by the EHA for previous CAPERS, due to the fact that congressional appropriations to the Housing Authority Capital Fund Program have been greatly reduced, there have been minimal improvements made to public housing properties.

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

The Elmira Housing Authority Board is made up of seven members, five of whom are appointed by the City Manager of the City of Elmira. The other two members are elected by the residents of the Housing Authority and their input is used for the Agency Plan. The Housing Authority also puts out a 45 day notice that the Agency Plan is available for review and holds a Public Hearing.

The City of Elmira- Catholic Charities First-Time Homebuyer Program is marketed and promoted to public housing residents within Hoffman Plaza which is a family development.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

This question is not applicable since the Elmira Housing Authority is not classified as a troubled PHA.

CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken 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. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

During the 2016 Program year, steps were taken to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing. The City of Elmira continued to work with Housing Visions to finalize their Chemung Crossing project which is being funded largely by New York State Homes and Community Renewal but is receiving a commitment of CDBG and HOME funds. The City of Elmira approved a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement for the project which is allowed under Sections 573 and 577 of the Private Housing Finance Law. Additionally, the City worked with affordable housing developers, Vecino Group and CDS Monarch on projects involving affordable supportive housing of which CDS Monarch's project will break ground on a 50 unit elderly/development disabled affordable housing development in fall 2017. The City of Elmira's Zoning Board had previously approved a special use permit to Housing Visions for the Chemung Crossing Project which allow for higher density along South Main Street. The City adopted a new Comprehensive Master Plan which supports the implementation of a form-based code which would be less of a barrier to affordable housing projects while still preserving the character of the community.

Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

An underserved need within the City continues to be to improve the quality (more than the quantity) of affordable rental housing and reduce the high cost burden for low income residents. During the program year, the City continued to support and work with Housing Vision's on the Chemung Crossing project which will provide 45 units of quality rental units. With the City of Elmira's support, Chemung County was successful in getting a land bank approved and securing \$893,000 through the NYS Attorney General's Office for the Land Bank. The Land Bank will serve as a tool of getting more control over the condition of residential neighborhoods. The Department of Community Development and Code Enforcement also collaborated on a "Zombie" and Vacant Properties grant which provided funding to fund an additional code enforcement officer for two years, additional outreach to homeowners at risk of foreclosure, technical assistance from the Center for Community Progress, and data collection tools.

Economic Development, business growth, and workforce development continues to be an obstacle, however the City of Elmira and it's economic development partners both locally through Southern Tier Economic Growth and at the State, have been working to create opportunities within the Southern Tier Region. The City of Elmira participated in the development of the Southern Tier Regional Economic Development Council's Upstate Revitalization Initiative Plan which was selected as a winner of \$500 million in December 2015 for the next five years. The City of Elmira also worked with partners at the

State, regional, and local level to develop a Strategic Investment Plan for the \$10 million awarded in July 2016 under the Downtown Revitalization Initiative.

Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The Department of Community Development continues to take actions to reduce lead-based paint hazards by being diligent in inspecting homes where there are young children present. The City of Elmira does not receive funding to specifically address lead-based paint hazards although incorporates lead-hazard remediation through its Housing Rehabilitation Program. Contractors that perform work funded with CDBG or HOME funds must have proof that they have participated in a Lead Safe Work Practices and Lead Renovators training and that proof is kept on file. During the program year, the Department of Community Development arranged two EPA Renovator classes in September 2016. Both classes were held at the Steele Memorial Library and had a total of 39 participants. The Department of Community Development utilizes a Lead Safe Housing Requirements Screening Worksheet while inspecting properties. Community Development has maintained its partnership with the Chemung County Health Department to conduct risk assessments and lead clearance inspections on an as needed basis for a set fee. During the program year, three properties that were assisted through the CDBG/HOME funded Housing Rehabilitation Program required lead risk assessments and lead clearance inspections.

Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The Department of Community Development continues to assist low-income families make improvements to their properties to reduce the housing cost burden on them. The City continues to promote NYSERDA's EMPOWER New York Program for no-cost energy services to households that fall within HEAP's income guidelines. Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler is a CDBG and HOME sub-recipient and a key partner whose mission is aimed at reducing the number of persons below poverty by providing intensive case management, help for individuals and families accessing mainstream benefits, connecting people with job assistance, and offering housing counseling services.

A total of \$1,000,000 in funding was allocated to the City of Elmira in the 2016 New York State Budget under the Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative. The City of Elmira worked with a locally appointed task force and the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance and the New York State Department of State to develop a Poverty Reduction Plan which has been submitted to the Governor's Office for approval so that \$800,000 in implementation funding can be released. Southern Tier Economic Growth (STEG) served as the administering agency. This effort involved engaging persons and families in poverty to get their input and the following strategy recommendations were submitted as part of the plan:

1. Increase Accessibility to wrap-around services by utilizing a neighborhood hub model and local navigator system.
2. Revitalization of target neighborhoods within census tracts 6, 7, and 10 while increasing access to affordable rental housing and opportunities for home ownership and mixed-income neighborhoods.
3. Establish pathways to employment through coordinated engagement of secondary and post-secondary education, job training, and personalized career support services.

Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The Department of Community Development continues to participate in HUD Buffalo's monthly TA Thursday and Rehab Rap Technical Assistance calls to connect with other entitlement communities, subject-matter experts at HUD, and with New York State. This continues to be a helpful tool in learning about best practices and receiving clarification on federal regulations and reporting requirements. Sub-recipients are invited to participate in relevant sessions as well. Additionally, staff participated in several HUD-sponsored webinars through the program year. During the Program Year, the City of Elmira continued to work with consultants on a new Comprehensive Master Plan which was adopted November 28, 2016 and a Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Strategic Investment Plan which received funding from New York State. Another action taken to develop institutional structure included working in partnership with Chemung County to submit an application to New York State to create a Chemung County Land Bank Corporation that would initially focus on tax delinquent properties within the City of Elmira. The Land Bank was created and was awarded \$893,000 from the NYS Attorney General's Office. This will provide another tool to address vacant, tax delinquent properties and revitalize neighborhoods. Lastly, steps were taken to work more collaboratively with the City's Code Enforcement Department including obtaining a Zombie and Vacant Properties Grant to increase staffing capacity for code enforcement as well as provide technical expertise. Code Enforcement began taking over housing inspections for the Housing Rehabilitation and First-Time Homebuyer Programs. Lastly, the City applied for and was one of 18 New York cities awarded funding through the Cities Rise (Cities for Responsible Investment and Strategic Enforcement) Program through the NYS Attorney General's Office. The City will be working with Enterprise Community Partners and Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and through this program Elmira will receive a two-year subscription to a data platform (BuildingBlocks) designed to integrate and analyze data such as code enforcement records, tax liens, fire, and police data to help drive community revitalization.

Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

During the Program Year, the Department of Community Development took efforts to enhance

coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. Community Development staff participate in the Chemung County Housing Coalition, the Housing and Homeless Task Force, and the Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative Task Force (ESPRI) that provides opportunities to enhance coordination between community organizations. The City of Elmira continued to work with Housing Visions on the development of the Chemung Crossing Project which began construction in September 2017. The City also supported and began working with CDS Housing on their project which is in partnership with AIM Center for Independent Living on their project that will be breaking ground in fall 2017 within the City of Elmira. Additionally, Vecino Group is planning a 90-unit affordable housing project and has been working with the New York State Housing Finance Agency, Economic Opportunity Program (the City's community action agency), Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler, and the Veteran's Administration since there will be a veteran component. Through these planned projects, the City of Elmira has enhanced their coordination and communication with New York State Homes and Community Renewal.

Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

An action taken to overcome the effects of impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice was support of Housing Vision's Chemung Crossing project which include 45 units of quality, rental housing and received funding through New York State Homes and Community Renewal's 2015 Unified Funding Round. This neighborhood revitalization project will include 7 units that will be specifically geared towards individuals with disabilities including traumatic brain injury and two units that will be adapted for hearing and vision impairment. Additionally, the Chemung Crossing Project contains 8- 3-bedroom and 2- 4-bedroom units which will be suitable for larger households and expand fair housing choice. Fair Housing continues to be promoted by displaying posters received by the National Fair Housing Alliance at its offices as well as within community organizations, specifically Catholic Charities, Habitat for Humanity, and local community centers. Community Development staff participated in HUD CPD Conference Calls on fair housing as well as reviews training and information disseminated by HUD.

CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

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

Sub-grantees are monitored every three years, unless through the evaluation of their quarterly or annual reports a complaint or a concern arises. There is also continuous communication with our sub-grantees throughout the program year as well to ensure program compliance. During the program year, a more concerted effort was made to make site visits to the funded organizations especially the community centers. This year, the Department of Community Development completed detailed Sub-Grantee Monitoring using the HUD guidelines on the following programs: Catholic Charities Emergency Shelter, Catholic Charities Housing Services, and Elmira Downtown Development – Façade Program and Operation Green Streets. Although this is a lengthy and time consuming process, it is well worth the effort as it resulted in an improved working relationship between the City of Elmira and all of these sub-grantees and a better understanding of these programs. Strengths were recognized and needs were identified with plans for improvements suggested.

Near Westside Neighborhood Association, Inc., which is the City's Community Housing Development Organization, has finished their latest rental housing project at the beginning of 2016 and has been looking for additional projects. Through meetings, pay requests and reports being submitted by the agency, the City is able to monitor their activities in regards to HUD funded projects.

The Department of Community Development has been making efforts to reach out to and work with minority and women owned businesses, and ensure equal employment opportunities within its projects. There is a lack of MWBE general contractors in the Southern Tier Region who are also registered with New York State. The City has been trying to encourage contractors on its contractor list to learn about getting certified as MBEs or WBEs. Only one contractor showed interest in following through with the application process to get on the state approved list of general contractors as a WBE but the application with New York State is still pending.

Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)

Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to

comment on performance reports.

The Elmira City Council scheduled a public hearing for September 18, 2017 at their meeting held on September 5, 2017 and received no written or oral comments. A public notice for the public hearing appeared in the Star Gazette Legal Section on September 8, 2017 announcing the public hearing and a 15-day public comment period on the City of Elmira's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). A 15-day public comment period was observed from September 8, 2017- September 22, 2017. A draft of the CAPER as well as a one-page summary sheet was made available on the City of Elmira's website, to members of City Council, the Steele Memorial Library, and members of the Community Development Citizen Advisory Committee. There were no written received during the 15-day public comment period. City has recruited new community members to serve on its Citizen Advisory Committee. Meetings are planned quarterly to provide update on projects and the Department of Community Development will be seeking input from the members of this committee. The City of Elmira also makes available online, within the Department of Community Development, to members of City Committee, and the Citizen Advisory Committee, the Annual Community Assessment Report.

CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

The City of Elmira continues to focus CDBG and HOME funds towards improving the owner-occupied housing within the City and encouraging homeownership through the use of HOME funds for downpayment and closing cost with the City of Elmira- Catholic Charities First-Time Homebuyer Program. These important programs should be continued as they serve an important need within the community and the first-time homebuyer continues to see an increase in interest. A larger housing strategy is needed with additional funding sources to augment CDBG and HOME investment to address vacant and abandoned properties and the rental housing stock that composes 51.9% of the housing units within the City. During the Program Year and with assistance from the Director of Community Development, Chemung County was successful in getting a land bank created and funding approved through the New York State Office of the Attorney General. The Chemung County Land Bank will be initially focusing on the City of Elmira and has entered into an agreement with Arbor Housing and Development to manage it. This will be a tool that can be used to address vacant and abandoned residential properties and develop neighborhood revitalization strategies to further have an impact on improving the housing stock. Elmira was selected to participate in the Cities for Responsible Investment and Strategic Enforcement ("Cities RISE") being advanced by New York State Attorney General Schneiderman. This will provide the City with a two year subscription to a data platform designed to integrate and analyze data such as code enforcement records, tax liens, fire and police data, and census data. The City of Elmira will be able to utilize this tool to determine where community development resources should best be targeted and will influence future consolidated planning efforts. Also, with funding through the New York State Office of the Attorney General, the City received \$149,000 under the "Zombie" and Vacant Properties Grant which provided additional code enforcement capacity. The City will continue to work with local partners to identify areas where CDBG and HOME funds can complement these neighborhood revitalization efforts.

The City of Elmira also continued to work with Housing Visions and New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) on the environmental review and getting the Chemung Crossing Neighborhood Revitalization Project closed on their financing which occurred by August 31, 2017. This nearly \$15 million project will be starting construction in fall 2017.

Housing Counseling services and homelessness prevention continues to be consistent with the City of Elmira's program objectives and performance information indicates that these services are widely used within the community and should be continued.

During the program year, the City of Elmira continued to work collaboratively with local and regional partners to prioritize expanding economic opportunities (jobs) for low to moderate income residents. Although this effort did not result in a significant expenditure of CDBG funds, it did yield

momentum and additional state-wide resources as planning work continued under the \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI). Funding announcements under the DRI were made in July by the Lt. Governor and will include support for building renovations, a revolving loan for small business, and infrastructure improvements to name a few which reduces the need for limited CDBG resources in some of these areas.

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

No

[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

CR-50 - HOME 91.520(d)

Include the results of on-site inspections of affordable rental housing assisted under the program to determine compliance with housing codes and other applicable regulations

Please list those projects that should have been inspected on-site this program year based upon the schedule in §92.504(d). Indicate which of these were inspected and a summary of issues that were detected during the inspection. For those that were not inspected, please indicate the reason and how you will remedy the situation.

There were no projects scheduled to be inspected this program year. Next year, there will be on-site inspections of affordable rental housing assisted with the HOME Program.

Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 92.351(b)

Near Westside Neighborhood Association, Inc. and Catholic Charities of Chemung and Schuyler displays Fair Housing posters in their buildings that are distributed by the Department of Community Development and received annually from the National Fair Housing Alliance, and the fair housing logo is present on all their advertisements especially through Catholic Charities' First Time Homebuyer Program that provides affordable housing units using HOME funds as a downpayment assistance. Catholic Charities provides homebuyer education through the First-Time Homebuyer Program and discusses with potential homebuyers about the Fair Housing Act and protections afforded under federal law. Near Westside Neighborhood Association, Inc. uses the same logo to advertise its HOME-assisted rental units to income eligible renters. The City of Elmira will ensure that units available through Housing Vision's Chemung Crossing project as they are completed are affirmatively marketed as well.

Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects, including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics

During the program year, \$30,000 of HOME program income was drawn and utilized to fund three first-time homebuyers with direct financial assistance. The first-time homebuyers assisted were all female-head of households, two were white and one was African-American. In terms of incomes of the first-time homebuyers, one homeowner was within 50-60% of AMI and two were within 61-80% of AMI.

Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 91.220(k) (STATES ONLY: Including the coordination of LIHTC with the development of affordable housing). 91.320(j)

A significant action taken to foster affordable housing during the program year was the Department of Community Development prepared to leverage 2016 and 2017 HOME funding with New York State Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program and other funding available through New York State Homes and Community Renewal's 2015 Unified Funding Round with Housing Vision's Chemung Crossing project. Housing Vision's Chemung Crossing Neighborhood Revitalization was supported by the City of Elmira with a commitment of \$291, 419 in HOME funding (which includes 2016 and 2017 funding and re-programmed funds) to develop 45 units of quality, affordable housing in a distressed neighborhood within Census Tract 10. Housing Visions project was awarded over \$3.8 million through HCR's 2015 Unified Funding Round and construction began September 2017. The City also submitted CDS Housing's development of a 50-unit housing development geared towards the elderly and individuals with developmental disabilities.

Attachment

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PART I: SUMMARY OF CDBG RESOURCES

01 UNEXPENDED CDBG FUNDS AT END OF PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEAR	2,895,246.19
02 ENTITLEMENT GRANT	1,088,208.00
03 SURPLUS URBAN RENEWAL	0.00
04 SECTION 108 GUARANTEED LOAN FUNDS	0.00
05 CURRENT YEAR PROGRAM INCOME	155,723.66
05a CURRENT YEAR SECTION 108 PROGRAM INCOME (FOR S) TYPE	0.00
06 FUNDS RETURNED TO THE LINE-OF-CREDIT	0.00
06a FUNDS RETURNED TO THE LOCAL CDBG ACCOUNT	0.00
07 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL AVAILABLE	0.00
08 TOTAL AVAILABLE (SUM, LINES 01-07)	4,139,177.85

PART II: SUMMARY OF CDBG EXPENDITURES

09 DISBURSEMENTS OTHER THAN SECTION 108 REPAYMENTS AND PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	518,361.82
10 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL AMOUNT SUBJECT TO LOW/MOD BENEFIT	0.00
11 AMOUNT SUBJECT TO LOW/MOD BENEFIT (LINE 09 + LINE 10)	518,361.82
12 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	224,496.43
13 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR SECTION 108 REPAYMENTS	357,941.50
14 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0.00
15 TOTAL EXPENDITURES (SUM, LINES 11-14)	1,100,799.75
16 UNEXPENDED BALANCE (LINE 08 - LINE 15)	3,038,378.10

PART III: LOW/MOD BENEFIT THIS REPORTING PERIOD

17 EXPENDED FOR LOW/MOD HOUSING IN SPECIAL AREAS	0.00
18 EXPENDED FOR LOW/MOD MULTI-UNIT HOUSING	0.00
19 DISBURSED FOR OTHER LOW/MOD ACTIVITIES	516,163.45
20 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL LOW/MOD CREDIT	0.00
21 TOTAL LOW/MOD CREDIT (SUM, LINES 17-20)	516,163.45
22 PERCENT LOW/MOD CREDIT (LINE 21/LINE 11)	99.58%

LOW/MOD BENEFIT FOR MULTI-YEAR CERTIFICATIONS

23 PROGRAM YEARS (PY) COVERED IN CERTIFICATION	PY: PY: PY:
24 CUMULATIVE NET EXPENDITURES SUBJECT TO LOW/MOD BENEFIT CALCULATION	0.00
25 CUMULATIVE EXPENDITURES BENEFITING LOW/MOD PERSONS	0.00
26 PERCENT BENEFIT TO LOW/MOD PERSONS (LINE 25/LINE 24)	0.00%

PART IV: PUBLIC SERVICE (PS) CAP CALCULATIONS

27 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PUBLIC SERVICES	103,665.40
28 PS UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF CURRENT PROGRAM YEAR	0.00
29 PS UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEAR	0.00
30 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL PS OBLIGATIONS	0.00
31 TOTAL PS OBLIGATIONS (LINE 27 + LINE 28 - LINE 29 + LINE 30)	103,665.40
32 ENTITLEMENT GRANT	1,088,208.00
33 PRIOR YEAR PROGRAM INCOME	199,815.69
34 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL SUBJECT TO PS CAP	0.00
35 TOTAL SUBJECT TO PS CAP (SUM, LINES 32-34)	1,288,023.69
36 PERCENT FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PS ACTIVITIES (LINE 31/LINE 35)	8.05%

PART V: PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION (PA) CAP

37 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	224,496.43
38 PA UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF CURRENT PROGRAM YEAR	0.00
39 PA UNLIQUIDATED OBLIGATIONS AT END OF PREVIOUS PROGRAM YEAR	0.00
40 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL PA OBLIGATIONS	0.00
41 TOTAL PA OBLIGATIONS (LINE 37 + LINE 38 - LINE 39 + LINE 40)	224,496.43
42 ENTITLEMENT GRANT	1,088,208.00
43 CURRENT YEAR PROGRAM INCOME	155,723.66
44 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL SUBJECT TO PA CAP	0.00
45 TOTAL SUBJECT TO PA CAP (SUM, LINES 42-44)	1,243,931.66
46 PERCENT FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PA ACTIVITIES (LINE 41/LINE 45)	18.05%

LINE 17 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES TO CONSIDER IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT TO ENTER ON LINE 17

Report returned no data.

LINE 18 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES TO CONSIDER IN DETERMINING THE AMOUNT TO ENTER ON LINE 18
Report returned no data.

LINE 19 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 19

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher #	Activity Name	Matrix Code	Fiscal Year	Drawn Amount
2015	6	2118	5954123	Park Improvements	03F	LMA	\$684.52
2015	6	2118	5954124	Park Improvements	03F	LMA	\$15.24
2015	6	2118	5959915	Park Improvements	03F	LMA	\$265.00
2015	6	2118	5959916	Park Improvements	03F	LMA	\$75.85
2015	6	2118	6002711	Park Improvements	03F	LMA	\$1,275.20
2015	6	2118	6027615	Park Improvements	03F	LMA	\$500.00
2015	6	2118	6046875	Park Improvements	03F	LMA	\$516.54
							\$3,332.36
2015	5	2110	6007881	Street Improvements/ADA Sidewalk Improvements	03K	LMA	\$10,693.69
2016	5	2155	5971369	Street Improvements & ADA Sidewalk Improvements	03K	LMA	\$15,000.00
2016	5	2155	5990669	Street Improvements & ADA Sidewalk Improvements	03K	LMA	\$17,418.20
2016	5	2155	6064837	Street Improvements & ADA Sidewalk Improvements	03K	LMA	\$72,134.55
							\$115,246.44
2015	14	2117	5971367	Elmira Downtown Development-Operation Green Streets	03L	LMA	\$2,315.22
2015	14	2117	6002051	Elmira Downtown Development-Operation Green Streets	03L	LMA	\$1,093.34
2016	12	2163	6002052	Elmira Downtown Development- Operation Green Streets	03L	LMA	\$464.73
							\$3,873.29
2016	15	2169	6007802	Glove House	03Q	LMC	\$10,000.00
							\$10,000.00
2016	8	2159	6009469	Second Place East Emergency Shelter	03T	LMC	\$6,250.00
2016	8	2159	6027623	Second Place East Emergency Shelter	03T	LMC	\$6,250.00
2016	8	2159	6046880	Second Place East Emergency Shelter	03T	LMC	\$6,250.00
2016	8	2159	6059027	Second Place East Emergency Shelter	03T	LMC	\$6,250.00
							\$25,000.00
2016	9	2160	6009465	Southside Community Center	05	LMA	\$6,250.00
2016	9	2160	6027619	Southside Community Center	05	LMA	\$6,250.00
2016	9	2160	6046876	Southside Community Center	05	LMA	\$6,250.00
2016	9	2160	6059028	Southside Community Center	05	LMA	\$6,250.00
2016	10	2161	6009468	Ernie Davis Community Center	05	LMA	\$3,750.00
2016	10	2161	6027621	Ernie Davis Community Center	05	LMA	\$3,750.00
2016	10	2161	6046881	Ernie Davis Community Center	05	LMA	\$3,750.00
2016	10	2161	6059029	Ernie Davis Community Center	05	LMA	\$3,750.00
2016	11	2162	6009467	Habitat For Humanity Healthy Homes	05	LMCSV	\$1,250.00
2016	11	2162	6027620	Habitat For Humanity Healthy Homes	05	LMCSV	\$1,250.00
2016	11	2162	6046878	Habitat For Humanity Healthy Homes	05	LMCSV	\$1,250.00
2016	11	2162	6059030	Habitat For Humanity Healthy Homes	05	LMCSV	\$1,250.00
							\$45,000.00
2015	22	2108	6046879	Surveillance Cameras	05I	LMA	\$8,665.40
							\$8,665.40
2016	7	2158	6009462	Catholic Charities Housing Counseling Services	05U	LMC	\$6,250.00
2016	7	2158	6027622	Catholic Charities Housing Counseling Services	05U	LMC	\$6,250.00
2016	7	2158	6046884	Catholic Charities Housing Counseling Services	05U	LMC	\$6,250.00
2016	7	2158	6059024	Catholic Charities Housing Counseling Services	05U	LMC	\$6,250.00
							\$25,000.00
2015	3	2139	5949305	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$4,707.00
2015	3	2141	5952351	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$7,030.00
2015	3	2141	5960099	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$1,500.00
2015	3	2141	5960524	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$2,100.00
2016	3	2146	5957649	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$4,850.00
2016	3	2146	5959027	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$11,500.00
2016	3	2147	5964958	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$7,205.00
2016	3	2166	5982288	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$10,240.00
2016	3	2166	5986305	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$9,644.00
2016	3	2166	5998354	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$3,968.00
2016	3	2166	6002729	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$1,148.00
2016	3	2170	6003305	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$14,200.00
2016	3	2170	6007413	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$5,800.00
2016	3	2170	6010395	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$250.00
2016	3	2171	6023965	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$7,000.00
2016	3	2172	6028855	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$1,000.00

2016	3	2175	6027574	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMI	\$7,200.00
					14A	Matrix Code	\$99,342.00
2015	2	2102	5964550	Rehab Administration	14H	LMI	\$25,057.23
2016	2	2151	6027618	Rehab Administration	14H	LMI	\$10,529.27
2016	2	2151	6057266	Rehab Administration	14H	LMI	\$85,798.50
2016	2	2151	6057267	Rehab Administration	14H	LMI	\$21,089.54
2016	2	2151	6061235	Rehab Administration	14H	LMI	\$21,229.42
					14H	Matrix Code	\$134,703.96
2011	13	1849	5986559	Economic Development (General)	17D	LMA	\$9,109.69
2014	17	2057	5986560	Economic Development- General	17D	LMA	\$6,890.31
					17D	Matrix Code	\$16,000.00
2016	14	2173	6046882	STEG Business Recruitment	18B	LMA	\$15,000.00
2016	14	2173	6064839	STEG Business Recruitment	18B	LMA	\$15,000.00
					18B	Matrix Code	\$30,000.00
Total							\$516,163.45

LINE 27 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 27

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	YOUNG CENTER	Activity Name	PRIORITY	FUNCTIONAL OBJECTIVE	Drawn Amount
2016	8	2159	6009469	Second Place East Emergency Shelter	03T	LAC	\$6,250.00
2016	8	2159	6027623	Second Place East Emergency Shelter	03T	LAC	\$6,250.00
2016	8	2159	6046880	Second Place East Emergency Shelter	03T	LAC	\$6,250.00
2016	8	2159	6059027	Second Place East Emergency Shelter	03T	LAC	\$6,250.00
					03T	Matrix Code	\$25,000.00
2016	9	2160	6005465	Southside Community Center	05	LMA	\$6,250.00
2016	9	2160	6027619	Southside Community Center	05	LMA	\$6,250.00
2016	9	2160	6046876	Southside Community Center	05	LMA	\$6,250.00
2016	9	2160	6056028	Southside Community Center	05	LMA	\$6,250.00
2016	10	2161	6005468	Ernie Davis Community Center	05	LMA	\$3,750.00
2016	10	2161	6027621	Ernie Davis Community Center	05	LMA	\$3,750.00
2016	10	2161	6046881	Ernie Davis Community Center	05	LMA	\$3,750.00
2016	10	2161	6056029	Ernie Davis Community Center	05	LMA	\$3,750.00
2016	11	2162	6005467	Habitat For Humanity Healthy Homes	05	LACSV	\$1,250.00
2016	11	2162	6027620	Habitat For Humanity Healthy Homes	05	LACSV	\$1,250.00
2016	11	2162	6046878	Habitat For Humanity Healthy Homes	05	LACSV	\$1,250.00
2016	11	2162	6056030	Habitat For Humanity Healthy Homes	05	LACSV	\$1,250.00
					05	Matrix Code	\$45,000.00
2015	22	2108	6046879	Surveillance Cameras	05I	LMA	\$8,665.40
					05I	Matrix Code	\$8,665.40
2016	7	2158	6009462	Catholic Charities Housing Counseling Services	05U	LAC	\$6,250.00
2016	7	2158	6027622	Catholic Charities Housing Counseling Services	05U	LAC	\$6,250.00
2016	7	2158	6046884	Catholic Charities Housing Counseling Services	05U	LAC	\$6,250.00
2016	7	2158	6059024	Catholic Charities Housing Counseling Services	05U	LAC	\$6,250.00
					05U	Matrix Code	\$25,000.00
Total							\$103,665.40

LINE 37 DETAIL: ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN THE COMPUTATION OF LINE 37

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	YOUNG CENTER	Activity Name	PRIORITY	FUNCTIONAL OBJECTIVE	Drawn Amount
2015	1	2101	6002709	General Administration	21A		\$3,803.30
2015	1	2101	6026833	General Administration	21A		\$63,577.04
2015	1	2150	6057264	General Administration	21A		\$33,121.30
2016	1	2150	6057265	General Administration	21A		\$34,368.56
2016	1	2150	6061234	General Administration	21A		\$40,826.21
					21A	Matrix Code	\$224,496.43
Total							\$224,496.43

Citizen Participation

Citizen Participation Documents

September 5, 2017

RESOLUTION NO. 2017- 219

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMENTS
ON THE CITY OF ELMIRA'S 2016- 2017 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND
EVALUATION REPORT

Councilmember DUFFY

WHEREAS, the City of Elmira is required to submit a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by September 29, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the CAPER is to evaluate the performance of activities funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership funds completed between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017; and

WHEREAS, as part of the citizen participation requirements governing the CDBG program, the City of Elmira is required to hold a public hearing to solicit comments from the public on program performance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing be scheduled for September 18, 2017 for the purpose of receiving written and oral comments from the public regarding the City of Elmira's 2016-2017 CAPER.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Community Development is hereby directed to publish a public notice in the official newspaper of the City of Elmira notifying the public that a public hearing will be held on September 18, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Second Floor, Elmira, New York.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE

AYES		NAYS
ABSENT	Councilmember Sterner	
X	Councilmember Moss	
ABSENT	Councilmember Massey	
X	Councilmember Blandford	
X	Councilmember Waters	
X	Councilmember Duffy	
X	Mayor Mandell	
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The City of Elmira has prepared the Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER) for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. This report outlines the activities funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership funds for the period of July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. A public comment period on the CAPER will be held from September 8, 2017 through Monday, September 18, 2017. A public hearing will be held on the draft on the second floor of the City Council Chambers, Second Floor, Those interested in viewing the draft should visit the City's website at www.cityofelmira.net/community-development. A copy of the draft is also available for review at the City of Elmira, Community Development Office, 101 East Church Street, Elmira, NY. Both locations are handicapped accessible. Homebound persons can request a copy of the report through the City Center at 1-800-662-1220. Written comments received until September 22, 2017 and should be mailed to: Tracy Miller, Director of Community Development, 101 East Church Street, Elmira, NY 14901.

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September 18, 2017

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING held this 18th day of September, 2017, for the purpose of receiving written and oral comments from the public on the City of Elmira's 2016-2017 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

APPEARANCES:

In Favor Of: None

Opened: 5:53 PM

Closed: 5:54 PM

Opposed: None

No Written Submissions



City of Elmira FY 2016- 2017 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, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017. 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 \$1,249,145 was expended during the Program Year. This amount reflects \$ 368,686 for a Section 108 loan obtained in 1999 for the First Arena. This summary demonstrates some of the City's overall housing, community development, economic development, and public service accomplishments and activities.

\$246,300 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 continue to be a key priority for the City of Elmira. During the Program Year, 15 owner-occupied housing units were rehabilitated and completed using \$166,300 in CDBG and HOME funds. Additionally, \$10,000 in funding was provided to Glove House to assist with capital improvements at 460 W. Church Street.

7 new First-Time Homebuyer closings took place and homebuyers benefited from a total of \$70,000 in down payment and closing cost assistance and pre-counseling. Within the City, 158 households received Housing Counseling services from Catholic Charities and 20 households received Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Services. Second Place East provided shelter for 458 individuals.

Funds for Public Services and Non-Profits

A total of \$95,000 was provided to assist 5 non-profit organizations to provide services, programs, and projects aimed at benefiting low to moderate income Elmira residents. Services provided included funding for community centers, Habitat for Humanity, Catholic Charities housing counseling services and homeless prevention. These services benefit more than 1,186 City of Elmira residents.

Revitalization Efforts

Community Development staff invested significant time working with Housing Visions on their Chemung Crossing project as the project begins construction in September 2017. The Chemung Crossing project will substantially rehabilitate 2 existing buildings and construct 6 new buildings, creating 45 new housing units affordable to individuals and families earning between 30%-60% of the Area Median Income.

The Chemung Crossing Project complements the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI), Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative ESPRI, and larger-scale neighborhood revitalization plans. Staff was successful in obtaining a "Zombie" and Vacant Properties grant, selection as one of 18 New York cities to participate in the Cities Rise Program, and efforts to create a Chemung County Land Bank. These initiatives will enhance the impact that current and future CDBG and HOME investments will have on the City of Elmira, especially low to moderate income residents.





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Welcome to Community Development



Office Information

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[Email Community Development](#)

The Department of Community Development administers the federal Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Grant for the City of Elmira. An annual entitlement of Community Development Block Grant and HOME funds are received to promote development in City neighborhoods, which include programs that address housing, economic and human service needs of low and moderate income residents and neighborhoods.

The City of Elmira envisions a Community Development Program that provides residents with a high quality of life in neighborhoods which are safe, clean and friendly. The focus of the Department is on providing a healthy supply of affordable, accessible and decent housing for low and moderate income homeowners and renters. The City's vision also includes investing in community and economic development projects that will revitalize and enhance our local commercial and industrial economy. The Department works with many agencies and operates several programs to accomplish this goal.

The City of Elmira's Community Development Office is committed to prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or familial status under the Federal Fair Housing Act. In addition to the classifications covered under federal law, the City recognizes the following protected classes which are also covered under New York State Human Rights Law: age, sexual orientation, marital status, military status, domestic violence victim status, arrest or conviction record, or predisposing genetic characteristics. Hearing impaired persons can reach this office through the New York Relay Center at 1-800-662-1220.

Community Development Staff Directory

Jennifer Miller - Director
 Richard Shank - Finance Director
 Suzanne Rundell- Grant Administrator
 John McCracken- Inspector
 Linda Sowers - Administrative Assistant

Current Information

2016 Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER) Public Comment Period

The City of Elmira is preparing its 2016 Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER) for submission to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development by

<http://www.cityofelmira.net/community-development>

9/25/2017

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[2016 Program Overview](#)
[2016 CAPER Draft](#)

City of Elmira 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan

- [Low-Moderate Income Map](#)
- [2017 Annual Action Plan](#)
- [2016 Annual Action Plan Amended](#)
- [2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2015 Annual Action Plan](#)

Owner-Occupied Housing Grant/Loan Programs

Subject to funding availability, the City of Elmira offers low to moderate income individuals or families grants and loans to make home improvements. Funding for the City's housing programs is provided through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME programs and through New York State Homes and Community Renewal. The City of Elmira is particularly interested in making homes lead safe and energy efficient. For more information about these programs and to make an appointment, please call the Department of Community Development at (607) 737-5695.



Family Size	Income Limit
1	\$16,200
2	\$41,400
3	\$46,590
4	\$51,700
5	\$55,890
6	\$60,000
7	\$64,150
8	\$68,250

*Income Limits are set annually by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. These limits are effective April 19, 2017.

- [Home Repair Program Procedure](#)
- [Home Repair Program Application](#)

Outreach to Minority and Women-Owned Businesses

The City of Elmira encourages the use of minority and women owned businesses (MWBEs). The Department of Community Development is always looking to add certified and insured MWBEs to our list of contractors which is provided to homeowners who participate in our housing rehabilitation programs.

For more information on how to obtain certification as a MWBE, please visit the New York State Division of Minority & Women Owned Business Development website at <http://www.ny.gov/division-of-minority-women-owned-business-development>

First Time Homebuyer Program

This program is designed to assist income eligible, low to moderate income individuals or families with down payment and closing cost assistance in purchasing their first home in the City of Elmira by offering a grant in the amount of \$8,000 that is forgiven after five years. The City of Elmira contracts with Catholic Charities to administer this program. For more information contact Catholic Charities at (607)734-9784 x2132. [Link to Catholic Charities](#)



Economic Development

The City of Elmira contracts with Southern Tier Economic Growth (STEG) to administer a Commercial Loan Program and to concentrate on business recruitment and retention. New or expanding businesses are encouraged to call STEG at (607) 733-6513. [STEG Website](#)

Elmira Downtown is a not-for-profit corporation whose mission is the administration of the city's 52-block Business Improvement District (BID). EDD's main objectives are to provide the downtown business area with the resources to develop strong marketing campaigns, increase public awareness of downtown Elmira through special events, and beautification projects in partnership with the City of Elmira and the downtown community. [EDD Website](#)

Public Service Programs

Community Development Block Grant funds help support the operations of public service activities such as youth programs, public safety, programs for senior citizens, homeless persons, and fair housing initiatives to name a few. Every January, the City of Elmira seeks CDBG funding applications from non-profit organizations.

Community Development Links & Resources

- [HUD Website](#)
- [ECA Website about lead](#)
- [NYSERDA Home Energy Programs](#)

<http://www.cityofelmira.net/community-development>

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