

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 & HOME funding available to the City of Elmira, the Department of Community Development was able to successfully carry out its 2017-2018 Annual Action Plan. This represents the third year of the City's 2015-2019 Consolidate Strategic Plan. The City & its non-profit 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 resources. Highlights from the 2017-2018 Program Year include the following:

- The Department of Community Development was able to complete the rehabilitation of 21 owner-occupied housing units using CDBG & HOME funds.
- The City of Elmira (through its partnership with Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers counties and the First Time Homebuyer Program) was able to assist 8 income-eligible, new homebuyers with downpayment & closing costs utilizing HOME funds. The First Time Homebuyer Program has assisted a total of 451 families achieve homeownership since 1994, which is a significant accomplishment and highlights the need for this program.
- During the Program Year, the City of Elmira continued to provide CDBG funding to 3 organizations with the goal of providing enrichment opportunities and advocacy to youth (particularly at-risk youth) & families which are located in low to moderate income neighborhoods. These centers (Southside Community Center, Ernie Davis Community Center & Let Elmira Live Center) provide considerable services to the neighborhoods that they serve and are serving low to moderate income areas.
- CDBG funding was provided to Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers for public services related to low/mod housing benefit and the following were some of the outcomes: 29 homeowners received one-on-one mortgage foreclosure prevention and loss mitigation counseling; 58 households participated in group trainings about the First Time Homebuyers Program; 53 individuals participated in Homeowner Association meetings; 456 individuals were provided overnight shelter through Second Place East; Homelessness was prevented for 8,475 individuals through case management & access to services.
- The City of Elmira continued to work with the New York State Homes & Community Renewal and Housing Visions on their Chemung Crossing Neighborhood Revitalization Project for census tract 10 (South Main Street, West Henry Street & Harmon Street). Housing Visions is developing 45 units of quality, affordable rental housing.

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	8475		0	8475	
Alleviate and Prevent Homelessness	Homeless	CDBG: \$	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	400	1300	325.00%	425	456	107.29%
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	1767	176.70%	425	606	142.59%

Business Development	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$ / Downtown Revitalization Initiative: \$600000 / Restore NY Round 2: \$	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	5	2	40.00%	5	0	0.00%
Quality Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / Housing Trust Fund: \$1585452 / Tax Credits: \$752434 / Community Investment Fund: \$658108 / NYS HOME: \$258879 / New York Main Street: \$47000 / State Historic Tax Credits: \$641027	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	155		0	155	

Quality Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / Housing Trust Fund: \$1585452 / Tax Credits: \$752434 / Community Investment Fund: \$658108 / NYS HOME: \$258879 / New York Main Street: \$47000 / State Historic Tax Credits: \$641027	Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	20	0	0.00%	31	0	0.00%
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Quality Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / Housing Trust Fund: \$1585452 / Tax Credits: \$752434 / Community Investment Fund: \$658108 / NYS HOME: \$258879 / New York Main Street: \$47000 / State Historic Tax Credits: \$641027	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	30	0	0.00%	14	0	0.00%
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Quality Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / Housing Trust Fund: \$1585452 / Tax Credits: \$752434 / Community Investment Fund: \$658108 / NYS HOME: \$258879 / New York Main Street: \$47000 / State Historic Tax Credits: \$641027	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	2	0	0.00%			
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Quality Affordable Housing	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$ / HOME: \$ / Housing Trust Fund: \$1585452 / Tax Credits: \$752434 / Community Investment Fund: \$658108 / NYS HOME: \$258879 / New York Main Street: \$47000 / State Historic Tax Credits: \$641027	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	25	29	116.00%	9	8	88.89%
Revitalization of Downtown Core	Non-Housing Community Development Mixed-Income Housing	CDBG: \$ / Downtown Revitalization Initiative: \$9700000 / New York Main Street: \$	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation	Business	5	2	40.00%	0	1	

Revitalization of Downtown Core	Non-Housing Community Development Mixed-Income Housing	CDBG: \$ / Downtown Revitalization Initiative: \$9700000 / New York Main Street: \$	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	0	2		3	2	66.67%
Strengthening Elmira's Neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	13425		7500	3175	42.33%
Strengthening Elmira's Neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	1100	2679	243.55%	1290	1739	134.81%
Strengthening Elmira's Neighborhoods	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$	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 third year of its 2015-2019 Consolidated/Strategic Plan. The City's use of CDBG & HOME funds has proven effective in improving Elmira's existing housing stock with 21 owner-occupied properties improved during the program year. This brings the total to 75 over the first 3 years of the Consolidated Plan (75% of the 100 units expected to be rehabilitated). Significant progress was made in providing direct financial assistance to first-time homebuyers by enabling 8 new homebuyers to purchase homes within the City. This brings the total of First Time Homebuyers to 29 for program years 2015-2017, which is over the 25 that was expected in the Consolidated Plan.

The City of Elmira continued to utilize CDBG funds to support public service activities in the areas of housing counseling, providing enrichment opportunities to youth through 3 community centers, and homeless shelter & 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, and state assigned consultant team led by State and a Local Planning Committee on developing a \$10 million Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Strategic Investment Plan. 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. The project began construction in the summer of 2017 and is still in progress at this time.

A significant amount of CDBG funds continues to be obligated towards the City's Section 108 loan for the First Arena. The final payment on this loan is due August 1, 2019. The City's ability to address priorities & specific objectives identified in the Annual Action Plan and the Consolidated Plan will be hampered until this obligation is satisfied.

No new Economic Development loans were approved by Southern Tier Economic Growth during the Program Year.

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	7,058	7
Black or African American	1,472	3
Asian	48	0
American Indian or American Native	60	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	17	0
Total	8,655	10
Hispanic	608	0
Not Hispanic	8,047	10

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

Narrative

Figures for the CDBG portion of this section came from the Annual Reports from the Second Place East Emergency Shelter & Housing Counseling, along with the completed Owner Occupied Rehab projects. Figures for the HOME portion of this section came from the Owner Occupied Rehab projects and the First Time Homebuyers Program.

The Department of Community Development continues to expand outreach to all low-income families through the City of Elmira and efforts are made to specifically expand outreach to minorities. An identified need of minorities continues to be safe, affordable housing, which the City has been able to address through the Department's Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation program. The Housing Visions Chemung Crossing project will address the rental housing needs, once the project has completed construction. This project was funded mainly with HOME funds.

The Department of Community Development continues to search for minority contractors for participation on the Department's active contractor list and promote the M/WBE certification process, since there are very few minority contractors within the Southern Tier region.

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	1,179,611	1,357,251
HOME	HOME	258,879	413,426
HOPWA	HOPWA		
ESG	ESG		
Housing Trust Fund	Housing Trust Fund	1,585,452	14,924
Tax Credits	Tax Credits	752,434	
Other	Other	9,277,545	679,623

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

The chart above outlines anticipated sources of funds and the actual amount expended during the 2017 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 \$1,357,250.79 (\$1,094,687.80 in CDBG entitlement funds along with \$262,562.99 in CDBG program income) during program year 2017. A total of \$85,000.00 was paid for Public Services activities, \$198,312.80 was paid to the City for Street & ADA Sidewalk Improvements, along with Elmira Downtown Development's Operation Green Streets program and \$289,211.00 was paid for CDBG funded Owner-occupied home rehabilitation activities. Community Development also paid a total of \$363,811.25 toward the outstanding Section 108 loan for the First Arena. In addition to the CDBG funds, Community Development also paid \$22,620.22 in HOME administration funds and CHDO Reserved funds, along with \$19,386.00 in entitlement funds & reprogrammed funds for Owner-occupied Rehab activities during the program year. A total of \$80,000.00 was paid for the First Time Homebuyers program (\$59,680.00 in entitlement funds & \$20,320.00 in program income). A payment was made to Chemung Crossing, LLC in the amount of \$309,964.47 for their Housing Visions project (which consisted of \$18,544.64 in CDBG entitlement funds, \$257,423.00 in HOME entitlement funds & \$33,996.83 in HOME program income).

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
BROWNFIELD OPPORTUNITY AREA	10	22	
BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT	25	34	
NEW YORK MAIN STREET TARGET AREA	10		

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. This year, an investment to the City's Section 108 Loan Guarantee for the First Arena (\$363,811.25) was also accounted for since it is located within the downtown; although, this is a commitment made in 1999. The final payment is scheduled to be paid in July 2019. Additional investment for the Chemung Crossing Neighborhood Revitalization Project is accounted for, since construction has started in the fall of 2017. One first-time homebuyer and two housing rehabilitation jobs 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 & 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 from the New York State Department of Transportation in the amount of \$929,233 along with \$181,857 from the state's PAVE NY program to leverage CDBG funding for street improvement projects. A total of \$979,184 was leverage from other sources (state/local funds/ private foundation funds and program income) during the program year by CDBG-funded public service recipients. Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuyler has a successful track record of leveraging additional funding for their programs. In addition to the \$36,000 in CDBG & HOME funding that Catholic Charities Housing Counseling Services received during the Program Year from the City of Elmira, they received a total of \$175,576 in additional leveraged funds from other sources (including Catholic Charities USA and the New York State Homeowner Protection Program through the New York State's Attorney General's office). \$25,000 was allocated & expended for the Second Place East Homeless Shelter and Prevention program. That was leveraged with a total of \$366,775 from souces such as the United Way of the Southern Tier, Chemung County, and the New York State Department of Corrections.

The City anticipates leveraging additional funding in 2018 with the 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. In addition, significant federal/state funded infrastructure are planned for the future.

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 begin-ning 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 \$
54,157	480	54,317	0	320

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	0	0	0			
Number	0	0	0			
Sub-Contracts						
Number	2	0	2			
Dollar Amount	19,386	0	19,386			

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	60	29
Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units	7	0
Total	67	29

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	31	0
Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units	27	21
Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units	9	1
Total	67	22

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

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

A total of 29 clients were assisted through the Home Repair program and the First Time Homebuyers program (19 CDBG rehab clients, 2 HOME rehab clients and 8 First Time Homebuyers funded with HOME funds). This program year, the Community Development department exceeded our goal for the number of units completed in the Home Repair program. It was expected that we would process 12 units, there were 21 units completed. Community Development was 1 short on the number of First Time Homebuyers (9 clients expected, 8 clients closed on their homes). Funds originally set aside for HOME

Owner-Occupied Rehab projects was re-allocated to the Housing Visions Chemung Crossing project. Additionally, Housing Visions' Chemung Crossing project experienced a delay in construction which reduced the number of homeless and special needs provided affordable housing units. These will be reported in future CAPER reports.

The City of Elmira's Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) had difficulty identifying a new property to purchase. However, they were able to buy a property in July 2018.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

Future annual action plans are impacted by outcomes, available financial resources (CDBG & 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. We are hopeful that with the increased budget, the 2018-2019 CHDO activity will create more new units. The Housing Visions project is currently under construction. It will involve 45 units of affordable housing which will include the rehabilitation of existing rental units and the production of new units. It is expected to serve the homeless, non-homeless and special needs populations.

Additionally, the Community Development department has been successful in the creation of the Chemung County Land Bank. Funding from the New York State Attorney General's office 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	4	1
Low-income	12	1
Moderate-income	3	1
Total	19	3

Table 13 – Number of Households Served

Narrative Information

The City of Elmira continued to provide grants to homeowners within the City whose incomes 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 the MFI. 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 MFI. The First-Time Homebuyers program continues to assist income eligible families with downpayment and closing cost assistance of up to \$8,000 in deferred grants based on need. Community Development assisted 8 families during the program year (1 family in the 51-60% category, and 7 in the 61-80% category). Catholic Charities of Chemung/Schuylers provided additional individuals with housing counseling services. A total of 155 were assisted through that program.

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 Wednesday, January 24, 2018 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. This Point-In-Time Study (PIT) was conducted in a five-county region in partnership with CARES, Inc. A Point-In-Time Study is a coordinated effort within a specific region to count the number of homeless persons during a specific one-day point in time. Catholic Charities' Staff also conducted interviews throughout the day at community organizations and public "warming" locations, for example, the bus station and public library, as well as local food pantries.

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 456 people were using the homeless shelter in this program year. 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. With full implementation of Additionally, this program year, HUD's Continuum of Care Coordinated Entry process, the Samaritan Center at Catholic Charities was designated as the Chemung County single point of access for homeless services. The Chemung County Homeless Housing Task Force is working to affirmatively market how to access homeless services which supports knowledge and awareness in the community. The Salvation Army is a primary referral source for victims of domestic violence.

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 is the lead agency for homeless services within the City of Elmira and Chemung County; this organization is 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 program year, steps were taken to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing. During the year, the City of Elmira continued its prior year 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. It is estimated that this will be completed by February 2019. The City of Elmira's Zoning Board had previously approved a special use permit to Housing Visions for the Chemung Crossing Project which allows for higher density along South Main Street. Also, the City adopted a new Comprehensive Master Plan (2016-2026) 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. Additionally, the City is working in conjunction with and in support of the Chemung County Land Bank to help address Zombie and Abandoned properties throughout the City of Elmira; this will also help identify policies which might exist as barriers. In the upcoming year, through the New York State Downtown Revitalization Initiative, new zoning and ordinances will be reviewed and developed for the Downtown area, which will help identify new existing barriers to affordable housing.

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 last program year, the City supported and worked with Housing Visions 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 is serving 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 its 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 and the Department of Community Development participated and continue to work with the Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative

(ESPRI) to identify and address causes of poverty in the community. 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. 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, one property applicant was assisted through the CDBG/HOME funded Housing Rehabilitation Program required lead risk assessments and lead clearance inspections. Also, Department of Community Development staff work with community leaders and serve on the Chemung County Lead Coalition to continually identify strategies that will help the community reduce lead-based paint hazards.

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 NYSEDA'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.

Additionally, the City and Department of Community Development continued to implement and act upon the the finds from the New York State Empire State Poverty Reduction Initiative. 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) serves 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 the 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. 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 also worked with Enterprise Community Partners and Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and through this program Elmira received 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. The data platform has helped code enforcement better analyze and evaluate the condition of homes.

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

During the current Program Year, the Department of Community Development took efforts to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. In 2017-2018, 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 and is estimated to be completed by February 2019. The City also supported and worked with CDS Housing on their project which is in partnership with AIM Center for Independent Living on their project that broke ground on October 2017 within the City of Elmira. Additionally, Vecino Group began construction on 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. The project will have 20-units reserved for homeless veterans. 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)

A recent and ongoing 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 be completed February 2019, and it 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: Ernie Davis Community Center, Let Elmira Live and Southside Community Center, Catholic Charities Emergency Shelter, Catholic Charities Housing Services, and Elmira Downtown Development – 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.

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 17, 2018 at their meeting held on September 4, 2018. A public notice for the public hearing appeared in the Star Gazette Legal Section on September 6, 2018 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 7, 2018- September 21, 2018. 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. The City has recruited new community members to serve on its Citizen Advisory

Committee. Meetings are planned quarterly to provide update on projects the Department of Community Development will be seeking input from the members of this committee. The City of Elmira will also make available online and in the Department of Community Development to the public and Elmira City Council the Annual Community Assessment Report produced once HUD reviews the City's CAPER.

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 approximately 52% of the housing units within the City. During the current and the prior Program Year, 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 is currently focusing on the City of Elmira and has entered into an agreement with Arbor Housing and Development to manage it. The land bank is a tool being used to address vacant and abandoned residential properties and develop neighborhood revitalization strategies to further have an impact on improving the housing stock.

Additionally, 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 provided 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 is using this tool to help 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.

During the Program Year, 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, August 2017, and the project is estimated to be completed by Spring 2019. This nearly \$15 million project started 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.

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 from the DRI included support for building renovations, a revolving loan for small business, and infrastructure improvements, which helped reduce 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, since the Housing Vision's Chemung Crossing should be completed in Spring 2019.

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 are affirmatively marketed as well; this project, Housing Visions Chemung Crossing, will be completed early Spring 2019.

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, \$54,316 was used in HOME program income with \$20,350 supporting the First-Time Homebuyers program and the remaining \$33,966 supported the Housing Vision's Chemung Crossing project. For the First Time Homebuyers program \$30,320 was drawn, \$20,320 was used from program income and \$10,000 came from entitlement funds. So a total of \$30,320 of HOME funds were utilized to fund eight first-time homebuyers with direct financial assistance. The First-Time Homebuyer program assisted a total of eight individuals, six were White and two were African-American. Five females (four single and one female head of household with dependants) and three males (one single and two head of household with dependants) were assisted. In terms of incomes of the first-time

homebuyers, one homeowner was within 50-60% of AMI and seven 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)

To foster affordable housing during the program year 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. This will be completed in February 2019. 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	1,075,611.00
03 SURPLUS URBAN RENEWAL	0.00
04 SECTION 108 GUARANTEED LOAN FUNDS	0.00
05 CURRENT YEAR PROGRAM INCOME	120,837.29
05a CURRENT YEAR SECTION 108 PROGRAM INCOME (FOR SI 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)	4,091,694.48

PART II: SUMMARY OF CDBG EXPENDITURES

09 DISBURSEMENTS OTHER THAN SECTION 108 REPAYMENTS AND PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	771,773.62
10 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL AMOUNT SUBJECT TO LOW/MOD BENEFIT	0.00
11 AMOUNT SUBJECT TO LOW/MOD BENEFIT (LINE 09 + LINE 10)	771,773.62
12 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	221,665.92
13 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR SECTION 108 REPAYMENTS	363,811.25
14 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL EXPENDITURES	0.00
15 TOTAL EXPENDITURES (SUM, LINES 11-14)	1,357,250.79
16 UNEXPENDED BALANCE (LINE 08 - LINE 15)	2,734,443.69

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	18,544.64
19 DISBURSED FOR OTHER LOW/MOD ACTIVITIES	744,927.35
20 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL LOW/MOD CREDIT	0.00
21 TOTAL LOW/MOD CREDIT (SUM, LINES 17-20)	763,471.99
22 PERCENT LOW/MOD CREDIT (LINE 21/LINE 11)	98.92%

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	85,000.00
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)	85,000.00
32 ENTITLEMENT GRANT	1,075,611.00
33 PRIOR YEAR PROGRAM INCOME	155,723.66
34 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL SUBJECT TO PS CAP	0.00
35 TOTAL SUBJECT TO PS CAP (SUM, LINES 32-34)	1,231,334.66
36 PERCENT FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PS ACTIVITIES (LINE 31/LINE 35)	6.90%

PART V: PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION (PA) CAP

37 DISBURSED IN IDIS FOR PLANNING/ADMINISTRATION	221,665.92
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)	221,665.92
42 ENTITLEMENT GRANT	1,075,611.00
43 CURRENT YEAR PROGRAM INCOME	120,837.29
44 ADJUSTMENT TO COMPUTE TOTAL SUBJECT TO PA CAP	0.00
45 TOTAL SUBJECT TO PA CAP (SUM, LINES 42-44)	1,196,448.29
46 PERCENT FUNDS OBLIGATED FOR PA ACTIVITIES (LINE 41/LINE 45)	18.53%



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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

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Activity Name	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount
2016	21	2176	Housing Visions- Chemung Crossing	14B	LMH	\$18,544.64
				14B	Matrix Code	\$18,544.64
Total						\$18,544.64

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

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount
2016	5	2155	6095152	Street Improvements & ADA Sidewalk Improvements	03K	LMA	\$20,562.03
2016	5	2155	6109641	Street Improvements & ADA Sidewalk Improvements	03K	LMA	\$21,385.22
2017	5	2198	6109644	Street & ADA Sidewalk Improvements	03K	LMA	\$114,868.26
2017	5	2198	6128655	Street & ADA Sidewalk Improvements	03K	LMA	\$15,000.00
2017	5	2198	6178681	Street & ADA Sidewalk Improvements	03K	LMA	\$20,131.74
					03K	Matrix Code	\$191,947.25
2016	12	2163	6068931	Elmira Downtown Development- Operation Green Streets	03L	LMA	\$3,857.40
2016	12	2163	6079889	Elmira Downtown Development- Operation Green Streets	03L	LMA	\$368.96
2016	12	2163	6105810	Elmira Downtown Development- Operation Green Streets	03L	LMA	\$308.91
2017	11	2211	6105812	Elmira Downtown Development- Operation Green Streets	03L	LMA	\$1,830.28
					03L	Matrix Code	\$6,365.55
2017	8	2205	6113852	Second Place East Emergency Shelter	03T	LMC	\$6,250.00
2017	8	2205	6124296	Second Place East Emergency Shelter	03T	LMC	\$6,250.00
2017	8	2205	6165238	Second Place East Emergency Shelter	03T	LMC	\$6,250.00
2017	8	2205	6178683	Second Place East Emergency Shelter	03T	LMC	\$6,250.00
					03T	Matrix Code	\$25,000.00
2017	7	2204	6113850	Catholic Charities Housing Counseling Services	05U	LMC	\$5,000.00
2017	7	2204	6124355	Catholic Charities Housing Counseling Services	05U	LMC	\$5,000.00
2017	7	2204	6168334	Catholic Charities Housing Counseling Services	05U	LMC	\$5,000.00
2017	7	2204	6176537	Catholic Charities Housing Counseling Services	05U	LMC	\$5,000.00
					05U	Matrix Code	\$20,000.00
2017	9	2206	6113853	Southside Community Center	05Z	LMA	\$5,000.00
2017	9	2206	6124357	Southside Community Center	05Z	LMA	\$5,000.00
2017	9	2206	6165239	Southside Community Center	05Z	LMA	\$5,000.00
2017	9	2206	6176903	Southside Community Center	05Z	LMA	\$5,000.00
2017	10	2207	6113855	Ernie Davis Community Center	05Z	LMA	\$2,500.00
2017	10	2207	6128652	Ernie Davis Community Center	05Z	LMA	\$2,500.00
2017	10	2207	6165240	Ernie Davis Community Center	05Z	LMA	\$2,500.00
2017	10	2207	6177918	Ernie Davis Community Center	05Z	LMA	\$2,500.00
2017	12	2209	6113856	Let Elmira Live Center	05Z	LMA	\$2,500.00
2017	12	2209	6128653	Let Elmira Live Center	05Z	LMA	\$2,500.00
2017	12	2209	6168332	Let Elmira Live Center	05Z	LMA	\$2,500.00
2017	12	2209	6176901	Let Elmira Live Center	05Z	LMA	\$2,500.00
					05Z	Matrix Code	\$40,000.00
2017	3	2180	6077152	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$10,150.00
2017	3	2181	6079105	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$1,424.00
2017	3	2181	6081023	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$9,445.00
2017	3	2181	6084361	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$9,511.00
2017	3	2183	6131764	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$11,600.00
2017	3	2185	6152220	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$4,980.00
2017	3	2185	6162741	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$6,736.00
2017	3	2186	6088801	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$8,920.00



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Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount	
2017	3	2186	6090746	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$3,500.00	
2017	3	2186	6090748	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$7,212.00	
2017	3	2186	6092620	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$4,518.00	
2017	3	2187	6079103	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$11,400.00	
2017	3	2188	6085123	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$9,120.00	
2017	3	2188	6088799	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$14,080.00	
2017	3	2189	6088349	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$5,200.00	
2017	3	2189	6094366	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$11,000.00	
2017	3	2190	6104496	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$2,295.00	
2017	3	2191	6110389	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$1,367.00	
2017	3	2192	6095258	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$5,710.00	
2017	3	2193	6100393	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$3,620.00	
2017	3	2194	6084364	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$8,000.00	
2017	3	2194	6088020	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$6,960.00	
2017	3	2194	6100391	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$1,850.00	
2017	3	2194	6100392	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$3,272.00	
2017	3	2194	6104767	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$3,118.00	
2017	3	2201	6103480	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$6,676.00	
2017	3	2202	6104487	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$5,440.00	
2017	3	2202	6112040	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$10,208.00	
2017	3	2202	6128551	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$5,402.00	
2017	3	2202	6164797	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$540.00	
2017	3	2203	6104491	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$17,241.00	
2017	3	2203	6108252	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$7,758.00	
2017	3	2208	6109814	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$7,040.00	
2017	3	2208	6112039	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$6,768.00	
2017	3	2210	6113806	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$10,720.00	
2017	3	2210	6119744	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$8,030.00	
2017	3	2212	6130535	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$12,480.00	
2017	3	2212	6161434	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$7,720.00	
2017	3	2213	6133262	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$9,040.00	
2017	3	2213	6139085	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$7,328.00	
2017	3	2213	6139408	Owner Occupied Rehab	14A	LMH	\$2,732.00	
							14A Matrix Code	\$289,211.00
2015	15	2116	6105763	Elmira Downtown Development- Facade Improvement	14E	LMA	\$10,000.00	
2016	13	2164	6105766	Elmira Downtown Development- Facade Improvements	14E	LMA	\$835.45	
2016	13	2164	6139596	Elmira Downtown Development- Facade Improvements	14E	LMA	\$3,500.00	
							14E Matrix Code	\$14,335.45
2016	2	2151	6095153	Rehab Administration	14H	LMH	\$23,772.54	
2016	2	2151	6109650	Rehab Administration	14H	LMH	\$14,242.37	
2017	2	2196	6120328	Rehab Administration	14H	LMH	\$20,819.89	
2017	2	2196	6131769	Rehab Administration	14H	LMH	\$7.52	
2017	2	2196	6168672	Rehab Administration	14H	LMH	\$19,621.90	
2017	2	2196	6168673	Rehab Administration	14H	LMH	\$25,853.88	
							14H Matrix Code	\$104,318.10
2016	22	2177	6149297	Finger Lakes House, LLC	18A	LMJ	\$53,750.00	
							18A Matrix Code	\$53,750.00
Total							\$744,927.35	

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

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount
2017	8	2205	6113852	Second Place East Emergency Shelter	03T	LMC	\$6,250.00
2017	8	2205	6124296	Second Place East Emergency Shelter	03T	LMC	\$6,250.00
2017	8	2205	6165238	Second Place East Emergency Shelter	03T	LMC	\$6,250.00



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Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount
2017	8	2205	6178683	Second Place East Emergency Shelter	03T	LMC	\$6,250.00
					03T	Matrix Code	\$25,000.00
2017	7	2204	6113850	Catholic Charities Housing Counseling Services	05U	LMC	\$5,000.00
2017	7	2204	6124355	Catholic Charities Housing Counseling Services	05U	LMC	\$5,000.00
2017	7	2204	6168334	Catholic Charities Housing Counseling Services	05U	LMC	\$5,000.00
2017	7	2204	6176537	Catholic Charities Housing Counseling Services	05U	LMC	\$5,000.00
					05U	Matrix Code	\$20,000.00
2017	9	2206	6113853	Southside Community Center	05Z	LMA	\$5,000.00
2017	9	2206	6124357	Southside Community Center	05Z	LMA	\$5,000.00
2017	9	2206	6165239	Southside Community Center	05Z	LMA	\$5,000.00
2017	9	2206	6176903	Southside Community Center	05Z	LMA	\$5,000.00
2017	10	2207	6113855	Ernie Davis Community Center	05Z	LMA	\$2,500.00
2017	10	2207	6128652	Ernie Davis Community Center	05Z	LMA	\$2,500.00
2017	10	2207	6165240	Ernie Davis Community Center	05Z	LMA	\$2,500.00
2017	10	2207	6177918	Ernie Davis Community Center	05Z	LMA	\$2,500.00
2017	12	2209	6113856	Let Elmira Live Center	05Z	LMA	\$2,500.00
2017	12	2209	6128653	Let Elmira Live Center	05Z	LMA	\$2,500.00
2017	12	2209	6168332	Let Elmira Live Center	05Z	LMA	\$2,500.00
2017	12	2209	6176901	Let Elmira Live Center	05Z	LMA	\$2,500.00
					05Z	Matrix Code	\$40,000.00
Total							\$85,000.00

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

Plan Year	IDIS Project	IDIS Activity	Voucher Number	Activity Name	Matrix Code	National Objective	Drawn Amount
2016	1	2150	6103928	General Administration	21A		\$46,120.15
2016	1	2150	6109648	General Administration	21A		\$33,763.76
2017	1	2195	6131771	General Administration	21A		\$42,780.79
2017	1	2195	6168670	General Administration	21A		\$49,374.63
2017	1	2195	6168671	General Administration	21A		\$49,626.59
					21A	Matrix Code	\$221,665.92
Total							\$221,665.92

Program Year and Citizen Participation Schedule

Start of Program Year	July 1st
Notice of Funding Availability of CDBG and HOME Funds (Published in Star Gazette and Electronically Distributed)	1 st week of January
Community Workshops (Day and Evening Session held in an accessible location to be announced)	2 nd week of January
Public Service Applications Due	3 rd Monday of February
Review of Public Service Applications By Citizen Advisory Committee	1 st week of March
Annual Action Plan Public Hearing (7:00p.m. in City Council Chambers)	End of February- Beginning of March
Annual Action Plan 30- Day Public Comment Period	April 1 st – May 1 st
City Council Vote Authorizing Submission of Consolidated Plan/ Annual Action Plan	1 st Council Meeting in May
Annual Action Plan (or Five Year Consolidated Plan) Submission Deadline	May 15 th
End of Program Year	June 30 th
CAPER Available in Draft Form for Citizen Review and Comment	1 st week of September
Public Hearing on Program Performance (7:00p.m. in City Council Chambers)	Mid- September
CAPER Submission to HUD Deadline	September 29 th

Citizen Participation

Citizen Participation Documents

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September 4, 2018

RESOLUTION NO.

2018 - 212

RESOLUTION SCHEDULING A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMENTS ON THE CITY OF ELMIRA'S 2017- 2018 CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT

By Mayor Mandell:

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 28, 2018; 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, 2017 and June 30, 2018; 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 17, 2018 for the purpose of receiving written and oral comments from the public regarding the City of Elmira's 2017-2018 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 17, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Second Floor, Elmira, New York.

ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

AYES		NAYS
X	Councilmember Sterner	
X	Councilmember Moss	
X	Councilmember Massey	
X	Councilmember Blandford	
X	Councilmember Waters	
X	Councilmember Duffy	
X	Mayor Mandell	
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September 17, 2018

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING held this 17th day of September, 2018, for the purpose of receiving written and oral comments from the public on the City of Elmira's 2017-2018 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

APPEARANCES:

Opened: 5:35 P.M.

In Favor Of: None

Opposed: None

No Written Submissions

Closed: 5:36 P.M.

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Text of Ad:

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 time period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. A public comment period on the draft CAPER will be held from September 7, 2018 through September 21, 2018. A public hearing will be held on Monday, September 17, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, City Council Chambers, Second Floor. Those interested in viewing the draft should visit the City's website at www.cityofelmira.ny.us/community-development. A copy of the draft is also available for review at the Steele Memorial Library, 101 East Church Street, Elmira, NY or the City of Elmira Community Development office, 317 East Church Street, third floor, Elmira, NY. Both locations are handicap accessible. Homebound persons can contact City of Elmira, Community Development at (607) 712-5607 to request a copy of the report. Hearing impaired persons can reach this office through New York State Relay Center at 1-800-662-1220. Written comments may be received until September 21, 2018 and should be mailed: Allen Emma Moran, Director of Community Development, 317 E. Church Street, Elmira, NY 14901.

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City of Elmira FY 2017- 2018 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, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018. 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 \$1,770,676.84 was expended during the Program Year. This amount reflects \$ 363,811 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.

\$698,561 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, 21 owner-occupied housing units were rehabilitated and completed using \$308,597 in CDBG and HOME funds. Additionally, \$309,964 in funding was provided to Housing Visions for the Chemung Crossing project. 8 new First-Time Homebuyer closings took place and homebuyers benefited from a total of \$80,000 in down payment and closing cost assistance and pre-counseling. Within the City, 155 households received Housing Counseling services from Catholic Charities and 29 households received Mortgage Foreclosure Prevention Services. Second Place East provided shelter for 456 individuals.

Funds for Public Services and Non-Profits

A total of \$85,000 was provided to assist 6 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, Catholic Charities housing counseling services and homeless prevention.

Revitalization Efforts

The Housing Visions - Chemung Crossing project remains a major accomplishment for the Department. Construction for the project started September 2017 and will be completed by early Spring 2018. The Chemung Crossing project is substantially rehabilitating 2 existing buildings and constructing 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 created a Chemung County Land Bank. These initiatives enhance the impact that current and future CDBG and HOME investments have on the City of Elmira, especially low to moderate income residents.





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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 allotment 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 maintains 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

- Yanna Miran - Director
- Richard Shook - Finance Director
- Suzanna Rondelli - Grant Administrator
- John McCracken - Inspector
- Linda Nowak - Administrative Assistant

Current Information

2017 Consolidated Annual Performance Report (CAPER) Public Comment Period

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[2017-2018 CAPER Program Overview](#)
[2017 CAPER Draft](#)

[City of Elmira 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan](#)

[Low-Moderate Income Map](#)

[2018 Annual Action Plan](#)

[2017 Annual Action Plan](#)

[2016 Annual Action Plan Amendment](#)

[2014-2019 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	\$19,300
2	\$45,450
3	\$51,150
4	\$56,300
5	\$61,350
6	\$65,900
7	\$70,450
8	\$75,000

*Income Limits are set annually by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. These limits are effective June 1, 2018.

[Home Repair Program Brochure](#)

[Home Repair Program Application](#)

Outreach to Minority and Women-Owned Businesses

The City of Elmira encourages the use of minority and women owned businesses (M/WBE). The Department of Community Development is always looking to add certified and licensed M/WBEs 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 M/WBE, please visit the New York State Division of Minority & Women Owned Business Development website at <http://www.nylnvesting.com/MWBE.html>.

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 \$5,000 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 cooperate on business recruitment and retention. New or expanding businesses are encouraged to call STEG at (607) 733-6613. [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 top 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 job training initiatives to name a few. Every January, the City of Elmira seeks CDBG funding applications from non-profit organizations.