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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The 2020 Annual Action Plan (AAP) for the City of Kingston is the second action plan submitted under the city's 5-Year Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) for fiscal years 2019 through 2023. The allocation for fiscal year 2020 is to be seven hundred forty-eight thousand, six hundred sixty-eight dollars and zero cents (\$748,668.00). Staff of the city's Office of Economic & Community Development (OECD) organized and attended meetings with the Community Development Advisory Council, Kingston Common Council members, not-for-profit service providers, affordable housing advocates, local businesses and the general public to discuss the 2020 AAP. The Community Needs narratives were developed mostly from the input received at these meetings.

The OECD prepares its annual list of funding priorities based upon the following factors:

- Affordable Housing Assistance
- Housing Rehabilitation and Accessibility Improvements to Housing Units
- Reduction of Slum/Blight conditions in targeted neighborhoods
- Public Facilities and Infrastructure
- Youth and Community Public Service Programs
- Community Policing and Public Safety Initiatives
- Parks and Recreation Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
- Input from governmental agencies engaged in community development activities

Programs and activities described in this Plan are intended to primarily benefit low and moderate income residents within the boundaries of the City of Kingston, neighborhoods with high concentrations of low and moderate income residents, families, racial minorities, and individuals with special needs. The City will also use this AAP to coordinate with other federal and state grant and loan programs and County of Ulster initiatives.

This year, as in years past, the goals and objectives outlined within this plan focuses on these initiatives in the 2020 AAP. The City continues to assess the community's needs and priorities and develop successful mechanisms to address those needs.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

There were many objectives outlined in Kingston's 2019-2023 Con Plan. This 2020 AAP anticipates using this year's funding to focus mainly on the following objectives selected from the comprehensive list:

- Provide an adequate supply of safe, sanitary housing at price and rent levels appropriate to the varied financial capabilities of City of Kingston residents and provide for diversity in type, density and location of housing with special emphasis on maintaining and improving neighborhood stability.
- Facilitate development and retention of compatible housing for low- and moderate-income households throughout the community.
- Develop and maintain adequate public services and facilities to preserve, protect and enhance the overall quality of life in the City of Kingston.
- Promote and support technical workshops and education programs.
- Provide food assistance for low- and moderate-income households throughout the community.
- Implement facilities and infrastructure improvements.

As Kingston's community development needs are prioritized, the city strives to meet the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program's statutory goals and regulatory requirements including providing decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunities principally for extremely low, low and moderate income residents of the city.

These objectives and the outcomes expected through the implementation of the programs and completion of project planned for the 2020 CDBG funding are illustrated in Section AP-20, Annual Goals and Objectives.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

Each year, the City of Kingston prepares a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) which can identify areas that call for improvements to oversight over regulatory compliance, the need to better assess the capacity of sub-recipients to undertake CDBG-sponsored projects, and meeting projected housing goals established by the Con Plan. The City is working to make sure all efforts are made to properly administer the CDBG program by maintaining the timeliness of program expenditures which have been lacking, appropriately planning for project completion, sufficiently monitoring sub-recipients' use of CDBG funds and effectively targeting program dollars where they are most needed.

During the past year of the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan, the City managed approximately \$772,735 from FY2019 in addition to funding still awaiting to be drawn down from previous years' awards. These CDBG dollars were utilized to develop and improve affordable housing, address vital infrastructure needs, provide approximately 15% of each annual allocation for public service programs targeted to youth and at-risk individuals, and supported economic development programs working with our partner agencies.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

This AAP for FY 2020 is the product of public outreach, community meetings, public hearings, and consultations with housing, community and economic development providers providing housing and delivering services in the City of Kingston.

Planning for the AAP included a public hearing, several public meetings, and comment periods.

5. Summary of public comments

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

Public comments during the application process were primarily focused on supporting specific projects and programs located within the city's Midtown and Downtown areas. The strongest participation came from program coordinators, program participants and the public at large in support of applications made by Family of Woodstock/Kingston Cares, Parks & Rec partners in the Creating Opportunities for Youth application, the Center for Creative Education, People's Place, the Read & Write Program, Legal Services for the Hudson Valley and the Boys & Girls Club.

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

All comments and feedback were accepted. There were no negative, non-supportive or inappropriate comments given. Unfortunately, nearly a million dollars in requests for funds were submitted and only seven hundred forty-eight thousand, six hundred sixty-eight dollars and zero cents (\$748,668.00) were allocated for the city's 2020 Entitlement award. The City will be allocating an additional sixty-five thousand, eight hundred ninety-two dollars and zero cents (\$65,892.00) of program income (PI) for a total of eight thousand, fourteen thousand, five hundred sixty thousand dollars and zero cents (\$814,560.00) to fund the supported activities. The list of activities to be supported in 2020 is for those projects and sub-recipients that have demonstrated a past capacity to effectively undertake CDBG-funded projects who are implementing either significantly expanded or new activities whether running the program or activity themselves or are partnering with city departments to ensure the same effectiveness and for those that have the greatest impact in the community, particularly in the Midtown area and other low-income neighborhoods.

7. Summary

The City of Kingston has many needs that must be addressed to improve the quality of life for low- and moderate-income individuals and families, improve the long-term economic prospects of our residents and increase access to decent housing opportunities. While CDBG funds are one stream of funding available to address those needs, they cannot satisfy all of the problems and needs identified.

The city continues to search for creative ways of improving its residents' lives by creating improved economic and housing opportunities by seeking additional state, federal and private resources to supplement its own efforts and expenditures.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	KINGSTON	
CDBG Administrator	KINGSTON	Office of Economic & Community Development
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator		
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Kingston's Office of Economic & Community Development is responsible for the day-to-day administration of its awarded CDBG funds, for the preparation of all plans and reports required by HUD's CDBG program rules and regulations and for the oversight and administration of all CDBG-funded activities for the city and its sub-recipients.

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

1. Introduction

The development of the City of Kingston's 2019-2023 Con Plan that was accepted by HUD included exhaustive consultations and extensive outreach to service providers, government agencies, civic and business leaders and housing advocates, in addition to in-person interviews, focus groups and phone consultations that have been taken into consideration during the creation of this 2020 AAP in order to effectively allocate resources to address identified community needs.

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(l))

The OECD coordinates with the Kingston Housing Authority, RUPCO, Family of Woodstock, the Ulster County Health & Mental Health Departments, the Ulster County Continuum of Care (CoC) and the Ulster County Department of Social Services through the participation and reporting from their boards and commissions, in joint applications for funding and in the shared promotion of community development activities such as the annual Fair Housing Expo, Midtown Make a Difference Day and Clean Sweep, an annual community clean-up initiative. In addition, outreach is conducted by and between the Kingston Police Department, the Ulster County Department of Parole, the Kingston Consolidated School District, the Ulster County Department of Health & Mental Health, the Kingston Building Safety Division, the Kingston Local Development Corporation, the Ulster County Industrial Development Agency and the Ulster County Office of Economic Development. In the context of steeply and continually declining resources and with growing needs, the City of Kingston maintains its efforts to find opportunities to share resources and effectively enhance coordinated services through these partnerships to meet the needs of city residents.

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

An Official of the City of Kingston holds a seat on the Ulster County CoC advisory board and is a member of its ranking committee to prioritize projects submitted as part of the CoC's application to HUD and uses this opportunity to express the needs and concerns of the homeless within the city, as well as the county. As the county seat, the City of Kingston is home to nearly all of the homeless shelters for the county and is the headquarters' location for most not-for-profits and County agencies administering to the homeless population.

The CoC has recently updated its by-laws and put into place a Strategic Plan to help guide this year's and future applications for funding and local efforts. There are also new committees being formed to focus and make more efficient the work that the CoC is performing.

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

Ulster County receives more than \$1.1 million annually through HUD's CoC Program. As per the HEARTH Act, the CoC has formed a board that meets the current regulations and focuses its planning efforts on homeless issues and reducing homelessness. This board is led by Michael Berg of Family of Woodstock, CoC Board Director, and Kathy Germain of RUPCO as the Collaborative Applicant. As part of the annual submission, the CoC is required to rank or reject projects submits as part of its application. The Ulster County CoC has adopted a governance charter and has policies and procedures to rank, score and reject applications. An independent ranking committee is responsible to review, rank and score projects based upon a scoring matrix that is consistent with HUD's strategic goals as well as the County's prioritized needs. The ranking committee then makes a recommendation to the board that adopts the ranking of projects to be submitted with the County's annual application. A City of Kingston Official is a CoC board member, as well as a member of the ranking committee.

The administration of HMIS is not the responsibility of the City of Kingston, but rather that of CARES, Inc. which is a consultant to the CoC.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	RUPCO, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Community Development Financial Institution

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RUPCO works closely with the City of Kingston on many homeless- and housing-related issues. Technical assistance and data were provided to help in preparation of this report.
	Agency/Group/Organization	Family of Woodstock, Inc.
2	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Family of Woodstock Executive Director, Michael Berg, directs this agency that is the principal provider of services for homeless persons in the City and co-Chairs the Ulster County CoC. He continues to provide support and input on evaluating needs and priorities for AAPs and fair housing in the City of Kingston. The city continues to work closely with Family of Woodstock to address the needs of homeless and low-income residents of our community.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Kingston Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Kingston Housing Authority manages the Housing Choice Vouchers for the City of Kingston and all public housing properties located within the City. Ongoing coordination will continue with OECD to address City infrastructure issues adjacent to public housing and public safety concerns and access to public housing opportunities in the City.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Ulster County Department of Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Ulster County Department of Health & Mental Health provides lead testing and lead-safe practices training, among other services and educational opportunities. It works to remediate hazardous conditions after lead poisonings have been identified and provide lead clearance for the OECD's housing rehabilitation projects. The City of Kingston coordinates with the Department of Health & Mental Health through participation in block-by-block housing inspections for code violations with the City's Building & Safety Department and will provide technical assistance and referrals for the future collaboration in a Lead Based Paint Hazard Control and Prevention Program.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	City Of Kingston, Building and Safety Division
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Building & Safety Division of the City of Kingston conducts residential housing safety inspections, organizes and conducts "Block-by-Block" targeted neighborhood inspections and maintains the landlord registry for the City. Continued coordination occurs with this department to address lead based paint and other health and safety hazards, evaluate housing units and promote fair housing efforts.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Ulster County Office of Employment & Training
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Services-Employment Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consultation to discuss current programs and initiatives to address employment and training needs in the city. Continued collaboration will occur to ensure employment and training opportunities are being disseminated to the youth of the community and the varied populations of unemployed residents of the city.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Ulster County Community Action
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Ulster County Community Action Committee is Ulster County's CDBG service arm and administers the Head Start and Weatherization programs and several food pantries located in Kingston. Coordination is established between OECD's Housing Rehabilitation Program and the Weatherization Program, services for low-income, pre-K youth in the City's Rondout/Downtown neighborhood and collaboration on joint funding applications to enhance programs and services for low to moderate income families.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Kingston Planning Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Planning organization Grantee Department

What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Lead-based Paint Strategy
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Kingston Planning Department is a valuable resource for several initiatives and efforts including infrastructure improvements, community needs for housing and other redevelopment efforts, understanding barriers to affordable housing, information and data collection for grant applications and much more. OECD works with the Planning Department on a daily basis.

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

No organizations were excluded from the consultation process, however, it would be beyond the capacity of the OECD to consult with each and every City of Kingston not-for-profit in developing its Annual Action Plans.

Other local/regional/state/federal planning efforts considered when preparing the Plan

Continuum of Care	RUPCO/Family of Woodstock	The shared goals of providing safe, quality, affordable housing choices for low income individuals and families.
Kingston 2025	City of Kingston Planning Department	Kingston 2025, a comprehensive planning study and revision of the City's 1961 Master Plan, was completed and approved in April 2016, including all of the public input received through the process. An update of the zoning code for the City is underway to support the recommendations in the Kingston 2025 plan.
Heritage Area Plan	City of Kingston	The Heritage Area Plan includes areas for revitalization as well as regulatory requirements for parcels located within the Heritage Area zone, additionally providing a rich catalog of historic City assets.
Parks & Rec Master Plan	City of Kingston Parks & Rec Department	The Parks & Rec Master Plan identifies many areas of capital need and effectively catalogs each of the major park spaces and community centers in the city. Free and low-cost recreational opportunities were identified as a significant need during consultations.

Equitable Development Next Steps Memo	City of Kingston/US EPA	The US Environmental Protection Agency awarded Kingston a technical assistance grant through its Building Blocks program. The workshops with local stakeholders resulted in a memo that will guide the city in considering "approaches for creating communities...where residents of all incomes, races, ages and ethnicities participate in and benefit from decisions that shape the places where they live" when developing local projects.
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Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

Public comment was actively solicited at all public meetings, advertised in the local daily newspaper and through requests on the City's website and Facebook page for submissions to the OECD. In general, public participation included comments to favor specific projects that residents and organizations would like to see supported, rather than more general goals for the program. These program goals were arrived at through the numerous public outreach efforts, including paid and earned media, website and Facebook communication, door-to-door and internet surveys, focus groups and public meetings that were held during the Con Plan process, but also through the development of the update comprehensive plan, Kingston 2025, and the Equitable Development Community Workshops through the US EPA Building Blocks Technical Assistance efforts. Both traditional and grassroots outreach strategies were employed to foster a comprehensive citizen participation process generating a greater awareness of the process and programs funded by CDBG dollars.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)

1	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Seven public informational meetings were held on October 9, 2019, October 17, 2019, October 21, 2019 (afternoon), October 21, 2019 (evening), October 29, 2019, November 6, 2019 and November 14, 2019, all of which were held at various times and locations throughout the city. In addition, a public hearing was held on January 28, 2020, there were two Community Development Advisory Council meetings held February 25, 2020 and a **Virtual** meeting on March 24, 2020, and one **Virtual** Kingston Common Council Community Development Committee meeting on April 28, 2020 and one **Virtual** full Common Council meeting on May 5, 2020, each of which had a public comment session included.	Comments were primarily focused on supporting specific projects and programs located within the city's Midtown and Downtown areas. The most need was identified there. The strongest participation came from program coordinators, program participants and the public at large in support of applications made by Family of Woodstock/Kingston Cares, Parks & Rec partners in the Creating Opportunities for Youth application, the Center for Creative Education, People's Place, the Read & Write Program, Legal Services for the Hudson Valley and the Boys & Girls Club.	All comments were accepted.	
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	All public meetings and program plans were advertised in the Kingston Daily Freeman, the City of Kingston's official newspaper.	No comments were submitted directly to the OECD due to the newspaper notices, however comments received at public meetings were due to the public being made aware of the meetings through the newspaper.	N/A	
4	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	All public meetings and program plans were advertised on the City of Kingston website homepage, Facebook page and the OECD webpage on the city's site.	No comments were submitted online, but the comments received at the public meetings were due to the public notices issued on the city's website.	N/A	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	748,668	65,892	0	814,560	0	A total of \$748,668 in CDBG FY2020 Entitlement funding and \$65,892 CDBG PI will be available for eligible activities
Section 108	public - federal	Public Improvements	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	public - federal	Housing	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	public - state	Housing	0	0	0	0	0	

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Other	public - local	Economic Development	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

Community partners, like Family of Woodstock/Kingston Cares and the Ulster County Department of Health & Mental Health, have offered in-kind resources with staff time and technical support. Homeownership assistance is matched by local lending institutions, RUPCO's first-time homebuyer club funds and NY State resources to leverage all possible streams of income. Sub-recipients are now required to provide a 25% match for their projects

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

Discussion

The city had recently been awarded more than \$540,000.00 in NY State Department of Health grant funds through the Lead Service Line Replacement Program to address lead water lines that may be connected from houses to the main water line and the OECD has designed a focused effort to identify and replace these affected lines in the Franklin Street neighborhood in addition to other low- moderate income neighborhoods. These funds, along with CDBG housing rehabilitation funds, will help the city with a holistic neighborhood revitalization strategy.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Affordable Housing Assistance	2019	2023	Affordable Housing Homeless	Downtown/Waterfront MIDTOWN Citywide Midtown Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area	Decent Housing Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ Expand Economic Opportunity Homelessness	CDBG: \$25,000	Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 2 Households for First Time Homebuyers
2	Housing Rehabilitation/Accessibility Enhancements	2019	2023	Affordable Housing	Downtown/Waterfront MIDTOWN Citywide Midtown Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area	Increase Supply of Decent Housing Expand Economic Opportunity Homelessness Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ	CDBG: \$225,000	Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: Housing Rehabilitated: up to 8 Households; and \$25,000 used towards Emergency Repairs
4	Youth & Community Services	2019	2023	Non-Housing Community Development			CDBG: \$122,184	

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
8	Improvements to Public Facilities & Infrastructure	2019	2023	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development			292,692	

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Affordable Housing Assistance
	Goal Description	Affordable housing assistance include assistance for first time homebuyers.
2	Goal Name	Housing Rehabilitation/Accessibility Enhancements
	Goal Description	The housing rehabilitation program provides grants and loans for single family and multifamily home repair for income eligible homeowners. Repairs may include weatherization activities such as replacement of windows or siding, and handicap accessibility features such as installation of ramps or bathroom conversions. The program may also include emergency repairs.
4	Goal Name	Youth & Community Services
	Goal Description	Youth and community services activities focus on providing safe outlets and opportunities for the City's youth including afterschool and summer programming at the City's community centers, high school, and other institutions that provide essential services for youth. When feasible, other community services, especially as they relate to housing, will be sought out and funded. Year 2020 funding also includes legal services for residents facing eviction, a critical program that helps reduce homelessness and provides housing stability.
8	Goal Name	Improvements to Public Facilities & Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Improvements to Public Facilities & Infrastructure activities include upgrades to several of the City's recreational and community facilities.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The Office of Economic & Community Development prepares its annual list of funding priorities based upon factors including previously documented need, funding requests from the community, the need to create employment opportunities, public facility needs, ongoing assessment of the overall needs of both the community and its residents, input from public service providers and input from governmental agencies engaged in community development activities. A strong focus on youth services, supporting community-based public facilities and emphasis on housing rehabilitation to improve the quality of neighborhoods is the primary focus of funding in the 2020 CDBG allocations process.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	AJ Williams-Myers Library - Reading & Literacy Program
2	Boys & Girls Club – Teen Supreme
3	Center for Creative Education – After School & Summer Arts & Technology Program
4	Parks & Rec – After School Programs and Summer Parks
5	Family of Woodstock - Programs & Operations @ Everett Hodge Center
6	Kingston Library – Tech Workshops for Seniors
7	Kingston Mid Town Arts District – DRAW Summer Children’s Art Program
8	Legal Services of the Hudson Valley - Eviction Prevention Program
9	People’s Place – Bag Holiday Hunger
10	Read & Write – Read & Write Program
11	Ulster Literacy – English for Parents
12	YMCA – Bicycle Safety
13	Arts Society of Kingston – Façade and entrance renovation and upgrade
14	Boys & Girls Club – Window Replacement
15	Children’s Home of Kingston – Whitehurst Room Divider
16	Parks & Recreation – Infrastructure Improvements at Rondout Neighborhood Center
17	Family of Woodstock – Walk In Cooler

#	Project Name
18	Kingston Midtown Rising – Community Basketball Renovation
19	People’s Place – Safe Entry
20	RUPCO – The Metro
21	TransArt – ADA Site Work
22	YMCA – The Y Park
23	OCD – Housing Rehabilitation and First Time Home Buyer
24	OCD - Program Administration

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The City prepares its annual list of funding priorities based upon the following factors:

- Previously documented need
- Funding requests from the community
- The need to create employment opportunities
- Public facility improvements needs
- Ongoing assessment of the overall needs of the city and its residents
- Input from public service providers
- Input from governmental agencies engaged in community development activities

The City’s funding priorities were shaped by public participation, in consultation with service providers, businesses focusing on the initiatives within the 2020 AAP. The primary obstacle addressing underserved needs is the dwindling resources.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

Project Name	The Library at the AJ Williams-Myers African Roots Community Center
Target Area	Downtown
Goals Supported	Youth & Community Services
Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ Expand Economic Opportunity Homelessness
Funding	\$11,000
Description	The focus of this activity will include summer reading and after-school programs. Funding will primarily help pay for a coordinator, literacy mentors, fringe benefits, library assistant, and other expenses as outlined in the budget.
Target Date	6/30/2021
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 1200 individuals who are, or belong to families who are, of low to moderate income.
Location Description	AJ Williams- Myers Library is located at 43 Gill St., Kingston, NY 12401
Planned Activities	The focus of this activity will include summer reading and after-school programs. Funding will primarily help pay for a coordinator, literacy mentors, fringe benefits, library assistant, and other expenses as outlined in the budget
Project Name	Boys & Girls Club Teen Supreme
Target Area	MIDTOWN
Goals Supported	Youth & Community Services
Needs Addressed	Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ Expand Economic Opportunity

Funding	\$7,000
Description	Programming for to develop the skills, habits and attitudes need to grow into productive citizens and positive adults including career exploration and job readiness training
Target Date	6/30/2021
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 youth who are, or belong to families who are, of low to moderate income.
Location Description	Boys & Girls Club is located at 139 Greenkill Ave., Kingston, NY 12401.
Planned Activities	The principal objectives of this activity will be to assist in defraying the cost of the Teen Director and Education Director to help over 100 youth, twelve to eighteen years of age, to develop the skills, habits and attitudes needed to grow into productive citizens and positive adults including career exploration and job readiness training
Project Name	Center For Creative Education After School & Summer Arts & Technology Program
Target Area	MIDTOWN
Goals Supported	Youth & Community Services
Needs Addressed	Expand Economic Opportunity Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ
Funding	\$8,500
Description	To offer innovative, high-quality classes in dance, music, fitness and computer arts technology after school in a safe and nurturing environment.
Target Date	6/30/2021

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 200+ low to moderate income youth will benefit from this program.
Location Description	Center For Creative Education is located at 30 Cedar St., in Kingston
Planned Activities	To offer innovative, high-quality classes in dance, music, fitness and computer arts technology after school in a safe and nurturing environment.
Project Name	Parks & Recreation After School & Summer Parks Programs
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Youth & Community Services
Needs Addressed	Expand Economic Opportunity Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ
Funding	\$18,000
Description	The Kingston Department of Parks and Recreation will continue its after school youth programming at the Rondout Center. The program includes academic assistance, supervised recreation, nutritious meals, and specialized club activities. During the summer, the Department operates youth programs at Hasbrouck Park and Hutton Park.
Target Date	6/30/2021
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	475
Location Description	Parks & Recreation Dept. / Rondout Neighborhood Center, is located at 105 Broadway in Kingston

Planned Activities	Funding will be used for salaries, transportation and supplies.
Project Name	Family of Woodstock Programs & Operations at the Everett Hodge Center
Target Area	MIDTOWN
Goals Supported	Youth & Community Services
Needs Addressed	Expand Economic Opportunity Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ
Funding	\$27,000
Description	Family of Woodstock will provide youth and family services, including: crisis intervention and de-escalation counseling; emergency food and shelter services; support in accessing eligible entitlements and other benefits; life skills, vocational training and employment assistance; educational advocacy and assistance; and family counseling and reconciliation.
Target Date	6/30/2021
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed activities will benefit an estimated 250 youth.
Location Description	Family of Woodstock, is located at 21 Franklin St., in Kingston
Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support operations of the after school program; activities include salaries, materials and supplies, equipment, and operating costs.
Project Name	Kingston Library Tech Workshops for Seniors
Target Area	MIDTOWN
Goals Supported	Youth & Community Services
Needs Addressed	Expand Economic Opportunity Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ

Funding	\$3,000
Description	This program is designed to help Seniors with computer technology
Target Date	6/30/2021
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed activity will benefit 25 Seniors
Location Description	Kingston Library, is located at 55 Franklin St. in Kingston
Planned Activities	Funding to be used for salaries, materials & supplies
Project Name	Kingston Midtown Arts District DRAW Summer Children's Arts Program
Target Area	MIDTOWN
Goals Supported	Youth & Community Services
Needs Addressed	Expand Economic Opportunity Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ
Funding	\$4,000
Description	MAD will work with camp students on the following programming: Starfish Camp: six-week arts integration project Youth Art Lab: three week-long visual/media arts workshops Celebration of the Arts Expo: a free community-building event that highlights the many gifted artists, of all genres, who live and work in Kingston
Target Date	6/30/2021

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The proposed activities will benefit an estimated 105 youth for the programming and an additional to 300 +/- community members for the expo
Location Description	507 Broadway in Kingston
Planned Activities	Funding will be used to cover Teaching Artists fees and interns
Project Name	Legal Services of the Hudson Valley Eviction Prevention Program
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Affordable Housing Assistance Youth & Community Services
Needs Addressed	Increase Supply of Decent Housing Expand Economic Opportunity Homelessness Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ
Funding	\$15,000
Description	Through the Eviction Prevention Project, a Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) housing attorney will be present in Kingston City Eviction Court once a week to offer on-site legal assistance to Kingston residents facing imminent eviction and homelessness. LSHV staff members will conduct intake and assessment for Kingston residents requesting assistance to determine eligibility, provide legal information, assist in completing forms and offer advice. After assessment, LSHV may provide advocacy in the form of negotiating settlements within the litigation or direct representation at court, all at no cost to the client.
Target Date	6/30/2021

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	56 Households – 140 Household members of low-moderate income will benefit from this activity.
Location Description	Legal Services of the Hudson Valley Office, is located at 550 Aaron Ct. in Kingston
Planned Activities	Funding to be used for staff salaries
Project Name	People's Place Bag Holiday Hunger
Target Area	MIDTOWN - Local Target area Citywide - Other
Goals Supported	Youth & Community Services
Needs Addressed	Expand Economic Opportunity Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ
Funding	\$6,184
Description	The People's Place Bag Hunger programing is a service we sffer to families with children age 18 and under. These families will be offered a reusable grocery bag that has breakfast foods, such as cereal, oatmeal, pancake mix, eggs and juices and lunch items, such as cold cuts, cheese, ravioli, and soup, plus milk. In addition to these items, healthy snack foods like granola bars, fruits, and crackers will be distributed in the bag
Target Date	6/30/2021
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	300 low-moderate income families benefit from the proposed activity.
Location Description	People's Place, is located at 17 St. James St. in Kingston

Planned Activities	To supply children 18 years of age and under with healthy foods and snacks during the Holiday and Spring breaks
Project Name	Read & Write Program
Target Area	MIDTOWN - Local Target area Midtown Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area - Strategy area
Goals Supported	Youth & Community Services
Needs Addressed	Expand Economic Opportunity Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ
Funding	\$9,500
Description	Children attending the after-school programming at the Hodge Center and Rondout Neighborhood Center will have the opportunity to attend the Read & Write Program as part of a comprehensive academic enrichment program.
Target Date	6/30/2021
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	195 youth predominately from low-moderate income households
Location Description	Everette Hodge Center at 21 Franklin St. & Rondout Neighborhood Center at 105 Broadway, both located in Kingston
Planned Activities	Tutorial activities, with workbooks and materials provided, for teaching or improving participants' reading, writing, and comprehension skills.
Project Name	Ulster Literacy English for Parents
Target Area	Citywide
Goals Supported	Youth & Community Services

Needs Addressed	Expand Economic Opportunity Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ
Funding	\$4,000
Description	To provide English classes to parents
Target Date	6/30/2021
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	80 people predominately of low-moderate income will benefit from this activity
Location Description	Ulster Literacy Association, Inc. is located at 480 Aaron Ct. in Kingston
Planned Activities	To provide English classes to parents. Funding to be used for salaries, materials & supplies
Project Name	YMCA Bicycle Safety
Target Area	MIDTOWN - Citywide
Goals Supported	Youth & Community Services
Needs Addressed	Expand Economic Opportunity Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ
Funding	\$9,000
Description	To provide bicycle safety and repair education, physical activity and life skills development
Target Date	6/30/2021

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	500 low or moderate income individuals are expected to benefit from this activity.
Location Description	YMCA, is located at 507 Broadway in Kingston
Planned Activities	Bicycle safety and education. Funding to be used towards salaries and supplies.
Project Name	Arts Society of Kingston Façade and Entrance Renovations and Upgrades
Target Area	Downtown - Citywide
Goals Supported	Improvements to Public Facilities & Infrastructure
Needs Addressed	Expand Economic Opportunity Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ
Funding	\$28,500
Description	Renovations on the building at 97 Broadway – Phase I Façade and Entrance Renovation and Upgrade to make ADA Compliant
Target Date	6/30/2021
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5,000
Location Description	Arts Society of Kingston, is located at 97 Broadway in Kingston
Planned Activities	Façade and Entrance Renovation and Upgrade to make ADA Compliant

Project Name	Boys & Girls Club Window Replacement
Target Area	MIDTOWN
Goals Supported	Improvements to Public Facilities & Infrastructure
Needs Addressed	Expand Economic Opportunity Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ
Funding	\$23,884
Description	Replacement of windows 30+ years old
Target Date	6/30/2021
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	400+ youth predominately from Low- moderate income families will benefit from this activity.
Location Description	Boys & Girls Club, is located at 139 Greenkill Ave. in Kingston
Planned Activities	To replace dated and broken windows to provide a safe environment.
Project Name	Children's Home of Kingston Whitehurst Divider (phase III)
Target Area	Downtown
Goals Supported	Improvements to Public Facilities & Infrastructure
Needs Addressed	Expand Economic Opportunity Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ
Funding	\$12,444
Description	Creation of a kitchen to allow staff to use the area as a learning tool to teach elementary cooking as part of independent living skills training.
Target Date	6/30/2021

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	127 youth predominately from low-moderate income households will benefit from this activity.
Location Description	Children's Home of Kingston, is located at 26 Grove St. in Kingston
Planned Activities	Funding to be used for fixtures, kitchen appliances, cabinetry, plumbing and electrical supplies and labor
Project Name	Parks & Recreation Facilities Improvements at Rondout Neighborhood Center
Target Area	Downtown - Citywide
Goals Supported	Improvements to Public Facilities & Infrastructure
Needs Addressed	Expand Economic Opportunity Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ
Funding	\$30,000
Description	Replacement of lower roof at RNC and upgrade to HVAC
Target Date	6/30/2021
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4828 people from surrounding census tracts, predominately low-moderate households will benefit from this activity.
Location Description	Parks & Recreation Rondout Neighborhood Center is located at 103 Broadway in Kingston
Planned Activities	Replacement of lower roof and upgrade to HVAC System
Project Name	Family of Woodstock Walk-In Cooler

Target Area	Downtown - Citywide
Goals Supported	Improvements to Public Facilities & Infrastructure
Needs Addressed	Expand Economic Opportunity Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ
Funding	\$14,718
Description	To purchase and install a walk-in cooler/freezer to be located at the Darmstadt Shelter. It will provide cold storage for the Farm to Food Pantry collaborative.
Target Date	6/30/2021
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	450 low-moderate income individuals will benefit from this activity.
Location Description	Darmstadt Shelter, 40 Thomas St. is located in Kingston
Planned Activities	To purchase and install walk-in cooler/freezer
Project Name	Kingston MidTown Rising Basketball Court Renovation
Target Area	MIDTOWN
Goals Supported	Improvements to Public Facilities & Infrastructure
Needs Addressed	Expand Economic Opportunity Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ
Funding	\$32,400
Description	To renovate the existing basketball court at the community center
Target Date	6/30/2021

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	500 individuals predominately from low=moderate income households will benefit from this activity.
Location Description	MidTown Rising, Inc is located at 122 Clinton Ave. in Kingston
Planned Activities	Restoration and finishing of floors, purchase and installation of basketball hoops and safety wall padding
Project Name	People's Place Safe Entry
Target Area	MIDTOWN
Goals Supported	Improvements to Public Facilities & Infrastructure
Needs Addressed	Expand Economic Opportunity Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ
Funding	\$2,696
Description	Replacement of main entry door
Target Date	6/30/2021
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Over 10,000 low-moderate income individuals will benefit from this activity.
Location Description	People's Place, is located at 17 St. James St. in Kingston
Planned Activities	To replace the main entry door
Project Name	RUPCO The Metro

Target Area	MIDTOWN - Citywide
Goals Supported	Improvements to Public Facilities & Infrastructure
Needs Addressed	Expand Economic Opportunity Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ
Funding	\$44,500
Description	Rehabilitate a historic building and reactivate it for community services and local small business use; Create living wage jobs and facilitate career training opportunities; Employ green operating practices and sustainable design for the building's infrastructure and operations; and promote community stakeholder involvement.
Target Date	6/30/2021
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5,000+ individuals could potentially benefit from this project
Location Description	The Metro, is located at 2 South Prospect St. in Kingston
Planned Activities	To aid in the purchase and installation of an HVAC system with a hydronic loop serving individual electric heat pumps
Project Name	TransArt ADA Site Work
Target Area	MIDTOWN
Goals Supported	Improvements to Public Facilities & Infrastructure
Needs Addressed	Expand Economic Opportunity Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ
Funding	\$48,500
Description	ADA Site work for Burger-Mathews Restoration
Target Date	6/30/2021

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5,000+ individuals could potentially benefit from this project
Location Description	The Burger-Mathews House is located at the corner Henry and Furnace Streets In Kingston
Planned Activities	Preparation of the site and installation of ADA compliant ramps and entrances and provide for parking at the historic Burger Matthews House.
Project Name	YMCA The Y Park
Target Area	MIDTOWN
Goals Supported	Improvements to Public Facilities & Infrastructure
Needs Addressed	Expand Economic Opportunity Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ
Funding	\$55,000
Description	an all-ages playground focusing on youthful play while also including adult exercise amenities, flexible outdoor space for performances and learning experiences, and a container kitchen for the Kingston YMCA Farm Project
Target Date	6/30/2021
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 2,800 individuals would benefit from this activity in this 51% low-moderate income neighborhood.
Location Description	The YMCA, is located at 507 Broadway in Kingston
Planned Activities	Funding to be used towards infrastructure, doors, windows, appliances, park furniture, playground equipment

Project Name	OCD Housing Rehabilitation
Target Area	MIDTOWN - Citywide
Goals Supported	Affordable Housing Assistance Housing Rehabilitation/Accessibility Enhancements
Needs Addressed	Homelessness Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ
Funding	\$250,000
Description	Proposed activities will serve up to 8 households for housing rehabilitation and up to 2 first time homebuyers.
Target Date	6/30/2021
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 low-moderate income households will benefit from the proposed activities
Location Description	TBD
Planned Activities	To serve up to 8 households for housing rehabilitation and up to 2 first time homebuyers.
Project Name	OCD Program Administration
Target Area	MIDTOWN - Citywide
Goals Supported	Affordable Housing Assistance Housing Rehabilitation/Accessibility Enhancements Improvements to Public Facilities & Infrastructure Youth & Community Services

Needs Addressed	Increase Supply of Decent Housing Expand Economic Opportunity Homelessness Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ
Funding	\$149,734
Description	General management, oversight and coordination for local CDBG program projects.
Target Date	6/30/2021
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
Location Description	OCD, is located at 420 Broadway in Kingston
Planned Activities	Program Administration

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

The core of the Midtown Target area is the mixed-use, commercial Broadway corridor from Thomas Street to Albany Avenue and the bordering residential blocks from Clinton Avenue on one side to Smith Avenue on the other. Included in this area are several community facilities that primarily serve low- to moderate-income clientele, two homeless shelters and several not-for-profits and private businesses identified as economic targets for growth in the business, education, arts and technology sectors. More than fifty-eight percent of this year's Entitlement funding is allocated to programs and projects within this target area.

The remaining 2020 CDBG-funded projects will be located in the Downtown area of Kingston, Census tract 9517, which holds the next largest portion of the City's residents in most need of assistance and support.

Although the Housing Rehabilitation program is available city-wide to income-eligible applicants, 60% of the applicants come from Midtown neighborhoods.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
	86%

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Census tracts 9520 and 9521 in Midtown and 9517 in Rondout/Downtown hold neighborhoods marked by poverty, very high unemployment and aging infrastructure. These two sections of the City have the highest concentrations of very low/low/moderate income persons and the highest percentage of the City's racial and ethnic minorities. Slum and blight conditions and an overall environment of neighborhood disinvestment are coupled with higher incidences of crime relative to the rest of the city. Past investment in Downtown helped to drive private investment in and creation of a successful business district along the waterfront. The hope is that a continued strategic investment in Midtown will mirror the success

of the other areas of the city, as well.

Discussion

In Kingston, there is a consensus that the continued health of the more economically robust Uptown and Downtown business districts depends on the improved health of Midtown. As the main thoroughfare of the City and the entry-point from the interstate highway for visitors, the Midtown section of the City is a vital neighborhood. Residents have also identified the concept of encroachment of the more profound public safety problems found in Midtown into more stable neighborhoods surrounding. Relative to the rest of the city, residents of Midtown have the most indicators of distress with high unemployment, low incomes, a low percentage of owner-occupied housing units, a high percentage of housing units in need of rehabilitation and low levels of educational attainment.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

There are no large-scale affordable housing developments that will be directly assisted with 2020 CDBG funding, however, the City will maintain its funding to assist in rehabilitation of up to eight units of owner-occupied housing through its existing Housing Rehabilitation program to increase the availability of decent and affordable housing opportunities in the City.

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

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	
The Production of New Units	
Rehab of Existing Units	8
Acquisition of Existing Units	
Total	8

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The City of Kingston does not have the capacity to undertake large-scale housing rehabilitation or large-scale construction of affordable housing, but continues to work closely with long-time community partners including RUPCO and Family of Woodstock and private developers to address the need for more affordable housing.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Kingston Housing Authority (KHA) is organized independently of the City government. KHA was created by an Act of the New York State Legislature as an authority of the State of New York that was created to own and operate public housing for the benefit of the residents of the City of Kingston. Its Board is comprised of five members appointed by the Mayor of the City of Kingston. The day-to-day operations are supervised by an Executive Director selected by the Board. The KHA's annual operating budget is approximately \$2 million.

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

Although there are no projects planned with 2020 CDBG funding that directly benefit the KHA, improved public service programs are planned and significant facility improvements are underway for the Rondout Neighborhood Center that serves the residents and youth from KHA's Rondout Gardens and Spring Brook Village, a private low-income housing complex across the street from Rondout Gardens.

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

The City of Kingston, working in collaboration with RUPCO, administered and recently closed out a NYS Department of Homes and Community Renewal-funded promoting homeownership program with the assistance of its second round of HOME grant funds. The program called for outreach to public housing residents to participate in the program to create more homeownership opportunities for residents of the City. Targeted outreach occurred at the KHA properties among other locations in Midtown and Downtown.

In addition, a new KHA resident group was established to educate and engage residents in participating in the decision-making regarding activities at the housing authority properties and has been very active in the past year in addressing issues and concerns of the residents.

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

KHA is not designated as troubled.

Discussion

KHA residents have been active in discussing both infrastructure and public service needs during citizen participation processes. A resident of

Rondout Gardens was appointed last year and continues to serve on the Community Development Advisory Council, as well.

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

Introduction

The City of Kingston continues its participation in the CoC and has once again set aside funds to provide for access to homelessness prevention and other services provided by Family of Woodstock/Kingston Cares at the Everette Hodge Community Center. The primary mechanism for assisting homeless and individuals with special needs is through the provision of public service funds aimed at prevention

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

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

The CoC is primarily responsible for outreach and needs assessment of homeless in the City and, through its participation on the CoC Board and project ranking committee, the City will continue its support of those efforts. Additionally, the City will continue its support of homelessness prevention and homeless support services offered by Family of Woodstock/Kingston Cares and seek additional opportunities to partner with organizations that address the obstacles faced by the homeless and special needs residents of its communities.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

As stated above, the City will continue coordination with CoC and Family of Woodstock. The City depends on these partnerships to sustain the capacity to address the needs of its residents.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

The City is not directly funding homeless public service programs with 2020 CDBG funds other than that received by Family of Woodstock/Kingston Cares. However, it will continue to focus on at-risk youth programs aimed at prevention.

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

agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

The City continues its investment in several public service programs in the Midtown area including those at the Boys & Girls Club, the Everette Hodge Community Center and the Center for Creative Education that will assist at-risk youth, including those experiencing homelessness. OECD and other City departments continue to refer residents to Legal Services of the Hudson Valley's (LSHV's) eviction prevention assistance and this organization will receive FY2020 funding for outreach at local community centers. Through this work, LSHV provides access to a housing attorney to offer legal assistance to tenants facing eviction. This program offers help at a critical time for households who are trying to preserve their rights in Housing Court by offering them free, high-quality, specialized legal assistance. Having legal assistance at this juncture in the proceedings prevents illegal evictions, thereby preventing homelessness.

Discussion

The City of Kingston has a small role in direct services and support for the homeless population as these are provided by several Ulster County agencies and the CoC members. The City lacks the staffing and resources to undertake the primary responsibility for homeless services in the community.

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

Introduction:

Local and State governments and regional agencies regulate residential development and home building through rules and regulations designed to protect current residents, the environment and the safety and health of homebuyers and renters. Regulatory barriers are public statutes, ordinances, regulations, fees, processes and procedures that can significantly restrict the development of affordable housing. Ulster County, like many other jurisdictions, is hampered by a lack of sufficient capacity for comprehensive local municipal planning. Only a very limited number of the County's municipalities have a paid planner on staff. Municipalities charge and utilized development fees to fund most planning activities at the municipal level. This system tends to pay for per project plan review rather than comprehensive planning or code development.

The City of Kingston is fortunate that in the past funding was acquired, a respected consultant hired, and the City's paid Planner and her staff have gathered a staggering amount of public input and completely revamped the City's Comprehensive Master Plan to address the necessary comprehensive planning for the revitalization of the City's neighborhoods and communities. This plan, Kingston 2025, was approved by the Kingston Common Council in 2016 and implementation has begun. Subsequent to the completion and acceptance of Kingston 2025, the City has created a Zoning Review Committee to address zoning changes recommended in the plan, including provisions for the creation of additional affordable housing and inclusionary zoning. This zoning revision is ongoing.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

The City of Kingston has removed most barriers to affordable housing. In previous years, the City has amended its zoning code to provide for two Family of Woodstock homeless shelters, added inclusionary zoning code provisions that call for a twenty percent affordable and workforce housing set-aside on certain developments. The City has successfully lobbied for the amendment of the Ulster County Safety Net funding provision. The Safety Net Assistance Program is a State-mandated program that provides assistance to single adults, childless couples and other individuals and families who do not qualify for Family Assistance or other Federally-funded Temporary Assistance programs. New York State law requires that Safety Net Assistance be funded through a State share and a local share. Traditionally, the State and local share have been fifty percent each. Since 1946, New York State required towns and cities to fund the local share of the Safety Net Assistance Program unless the county legislature adopted a resolution directing that all or part of the cost be charged to the county. Until recently, Ulster County was the only county in the state that had not taken over the Safety Net Program. Beginning January 1, 2011, the State of New York increased the local share of the program to seventy-one percent. This increase caused significant fiscal stress on the towns and the City of Kingston in Ulster County and fostered

an environment that was not favorable toward low-income and affordable housing development because local taxpayers have feared an increase in local property taxes.

The City continues to support the development of affordable housing as is evident in the support of RUPCO's two newest planned developments, the creation of a mixed-use facility including commercial and affordable housing at 20 Cedar Street in the Midtown section of Kingston which has recently been completed and the development of senior and transitional housing in a recently purchased historic building that used to be the County Alms House. The Cedar Street project has been completed and includes six studios, forty-eight one-bedrooms, four two-bedrooms and three three-bedrooms along with civic, cultural and commercial businesses that may include a food hub, children's programming and event spaces.

Discussion:

The City takes seriously its commitment to providing affordable housing opportunities and fostering an environment of fair housing. Many proactive steps have been taken to reduce the barriers to the development of affordable housing. The City's local laws including Nuisance Abatement, Block-by-Block, required recreation fees on housing developments that include four or more units and high taxes have been cited as potential barriers to affordable housing, but the City must balance the need for affordable housing with protecting the health and safety of its residents and preserving their quality of life.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City of Kingston plays a supporting role in the delivery of service and housing programs for the homeless and special needs populations as much of this work is coordinated through county agencies and not-for-profits. Key priorities of the City are to foster a sustainable living environment, increase economic opportunities and continue stakeholder collaboration to produce and maintain decent and affordable housing.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The Kingston 2025 comprehensive planning process and other recent plans provide a compelling roadmap for development and growth that is comprehensively detailed and that facilitates the process of seeking new resources and partners.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City uses a portion of its CDBG funding to provide closing cost and down-payment assistance to income-eligible, first-time homebuyers purchasing homes within the City as well as partners with RUPCO to deliver similar assistance through its NYS DHCR HOME program funding to help foster and maintain affordable housing.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City continues to work closely with the Ulster County Department of Health and Mental Health's Lead Poisoning Prevention and Awareness program and will continue to seek additional funding for the improvements to health and safety hazards, such as lead, in the city's housing stock.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The key initiatives for reducing the number of poverty-level families in 2020 will be to continue to seek funding for the Midtown plans and other initiatives that look to support investments made in human capital there, and to support several key economic development projects including the development of medical village by the Health Alliance of the Hudson Valley at the Broadway hospital campus.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City will continue to provide technical assistance where requested, support existing and seek increased public-private partnerships to promote

the initiatives mentioned above and will explore more training opportunities that enhance the skills of community stakeholders.

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

The City continues coordination with the CoC, RUPCO, Family of Woodstock, Ulster County Community Action and other community stakeholders to identify areas where it can be of assistance in meeting the identified needs of under-served persons. The value of serving in this supporting role remains that the City is perceived to be a "fair broker" in a highly competitive funding environment. To the extent that the City can continue to support 2020 initiatives that bring multiple agencies and partners together, services will continue to be better coordinated because lines of communication and understanding are improved.

Discussion:

The programs and project identified in the City of Kingston's 2020 Annual Action Plan comprehensively address the three priorities of the program: developing a viable urban community by providing decent housing, fostering a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for low and moderate income persons.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

Projects planned with all CDBG funds expected to be available during the year are identified in the Projects Table. The following identifies program income that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out.

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan.	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	86.00%