CITY OF KINGSTON, NY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The FY2023 Annual Action Plan (AAP) for the City of Kingston is the fifth and final action plan submitted under the city's 5-Year Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) for fiscal years 2019 through 2023. The allocation for fiscal year 2023 is to be six hundred eighty three thousand, eight hundred twenty two dollars and zero cents (\$683,822). Staff of the city's Office of Community Development (OCD) organized and attended meetings with the Community Development Advisory Board, Kingston Common Council members, not-for-profit service providers, affordable housing advocates, local businesses and the general public to discuss the 2023 AAP. The Community Needs narratives were developed mostly from the input received at these meetings.

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

- Parks and Recreation Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
- Input from governmental agencies engaged in community development activities
- Housing Rehabilitation First Time Homebuyer Program
- Reduction of Slum/Blight conditions in targeted neighborhoods
- Public Facilities and Infrastructure
- Youth and Community Public Service Programs

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 2023 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 FY2023 AAP anticipates using this year's funding to focus mainly on the following objectives selected from the comprehensive list:

- Provide First Time Homebuyer Assistance to qualified LMI City of Kingston residents.
- Provide Youth and Community Public Service Programs
- Develop and maintain adequate public services and facilities to preserve, protect and enhance the overall quality of life in the City of Kingston.
- Implement and repair the City's infrastructures and public facilities.
- Implement and repair the City's Parks and Recreation infrastructures and public facilities.

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 FY2023 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 continues to put forth the I efforts to properly administer the CDBG program by maintaining the timeliness of program expenditures, 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 four years of the 2019-2023 Consolidated Plan, the City managed both the regular CDBG awards and the CARES Act awards in addition to funding still awaiting to be drawn down from previous years' awards. These CDBG dollars were utilized to assist residents with a first time homebuyer program to aid in affordable housing, residential housing rehabilitation, 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 2023 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, 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 Boy's & Girl's Club, Center for Creative Education, Read & Write, Ulster Immigrant Defense Network, City of Kingston Parks & Recreation, and YMCA.

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. The list of activities to be supported in FY2023 are to be for those activities and subrecipients that have demonstrated a past capacity to effectively undertake CDBG-funded projects 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, NY		
CDBG Administrator	Kingston, NY	Office of Community Development	

Table 1 - Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of Kingston's Office 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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Annual Action Plan

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 2023 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(I))

The City 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.

The City works with the committee who 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 updated their by-laws and put into place a Strategic Plan to help guide future applications for funding and local efforts.

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 \$1M 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 legislators, community leaders and business leaders. 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. 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 - Housing
		Service-Fair Housing
		Community Development Financial Institution
	What section of the Plan was addressed by	Housing Need Assessment
	Consultation?	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	RUPCO works closely with the City of Kingston on many homeless- and housing-
	Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What	related issues. Technical assistance and data were provided to help in preparation
	are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or	of this report.
	areas for improved coordination?	

2	Agency/Group/Organization	Family of Woodstock, Inc.
	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	Housing Need Assessment
	Consultation?	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. 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 Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?			
	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 OCD 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	Housing Need Assessment
	Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
		Anti-poverty Strategy
		Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the	The Ulster County Department of Health & Mental Health provides lead testing
	Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What	and lead-safe practices training, among other services and educational
	are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or	opportunities. It works to remediate hazardous conditions after lead poisonings
	areas for improved coordination?	have been identified and provide lead clearance for all housing rehabilitation
	·	projects within the City. 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 Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?			
	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	Housing Need Assessment		
	Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy		
		Lead-based Paint Strategy		
	Briefly describe how the	Ulster County Community Action Committee is Ulster County's service arm and		
	Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What	administers the Head Start and Weatherization programs and several food		
	are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or	pantries located in Kingston. Coordination is established between OCD's Housing		
	areas for improved coordination?	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	Housing Need Assessment		
	Consultation?	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
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. OCD 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 OCD 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

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

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 OCD. 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. 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.

Sort Or der	Mode of Outr each	Target of Outr each	Summary of response/attend ance	Summary of comments rece ived	Summary of com ments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Community Development Advisory Board Meetings	Non- targeted/broa d community	OCD CDBG Advisory Board Meetings were held on September 27, 2022; October 25, 2022; November 22,	All meetings are open to the public. Comments were primarily focused on supporting specific	No comments were received by the Office of Community Development or the City of Kingston	https://kingston-ny.gov

Sort Or der	Mode of Outr each	Target of Outr each	Summary of response/attend ance	Summary of comments rece ived	Summary of com ments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
			2022; December	projects and		
			22, 2022;	programs		
			January 24, 2023	located within		
			and February 28,	the city's		
			2023	Midtown and		
				Downtown		
				areas. The most		
				need was		
				identified		
				there. During		
				meetings		
				applicants,		
				program		
				participants		
				and the public		
				at large were		
				able to speak		
				to their		
				programs, ask		
				and answer		
				questions		
				regarding their		
				applications.		
		Non-	A public hearing	No comments	No comments	
2	Public Hearing	targeted/broa	was held on	were received	were received by	
		d community	October 18, 2022	by the Office of	the Office of	

Sort Or der	Mode of Outr each	Target of Outr each	Summary of response/attend ance	Summary of comments rece ived	Summary of com ments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
			to solicit public input in an effort to help form the FY2023 AAP followed by a 30 day public comment period.	Community Development or the City of Kingston	Community Development or the City of Kingston	
3	Public Meeting	Non- targeted/broa d community	Three public informational meetings were held on October 25, 2022, November 3, 2022, November 21, 2022 all of which were held at various times.	No comments were received by the Office of Community Development or the City of Kingston	No comments were received by the Office of Community Development or the City of Kingston	
4	Newspaper Ad	Non- targeted/broa d community	Public Notices were placed in the Daily Freeman announcing the availability of the FY2023 applications, public hearing,	No comments were received by the Office of Community Development or the City of Kingston	No comments were received by the Office of Community Development or the City of Kingston	

Sort Or der	Mode of Outr each	Target of Outr each	Summary of response/attend ance	Summary of comments rece ived	Summary of com ments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
			public comment periods, informational meetings, Advisory Board meetings, availability of CAPER from prior year and current years AAP.			
5	Internet Outreach	Non- targeted/broa d community	The City of Kingston's website and Face Book page announced the availability of the FY2023 applications, public hearing, public comment periods, informational meetings, Advisory Board meetings, availability of	No comments were received by the Office of Community Development or the City of Kingston	No comments were received by the Office of Community Development or the City of Kingston	https://kingston-ny.gov/ AND https://www.facebook.com/Kingst onNYgov/

Sort Or der	Mode of Outr each	Target of Outr each	Summary of response/attend ance	Summary of comments rece ived	Summary of com ments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
			CAPER from prior			
			year and current			
			years AAP.			

Citizen Participation Outreach

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of	Uses of Funds	Expe	cted Amoun	t Available Yea	ar 1	Expected	Narrative Description
	Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	
CDBG	public -	Acquisition						A total of \$683,822 in CDBG
	federal	Admin and						Entitlement funding will be
		Planning						available for eligible activities
		Economic						
		Development						
		Housing						
		Public						
		Improvements						
		Public Services	683,822	0	0	683,822	0	
Section	public -	Public						
108	federal	Improvements	0	0	0	0	0	

Program	Source of	Uses of Funds	Expe	cted Amoun	t Available Yea	nr 1	Expected	Narrative Description
	Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	
Other	public -	Admin and					-	
	federal	Planning						
		Housing						
		Public						
		Improvements						
		Public Services						
		Other	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	public -	Housing						
	federal		0	0	0	0	0	
Other	public -	Economic						
	state	Development	0	0	0	0	0	
Other	public -	Economic						
	local	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 inkind resources with staff time and technical support. Homeownership assistance through the first time homebuyer program and matched funds by local lending institutions, RUPCO's first-time homebuyer club funds and NY State resources to leverage all possible streams of income. And 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

A few years ago the city had 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 had designed a focused effort to identify and replace these affected lines. There still remains a very small amount of funding that will be completely used during FY2023 to close out the grant.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Order		Year	Year					
1	Affordable	2019	2023	Affordable	Downtown/Waterfront	Increase Supply of	CDBG:	Public service activities
	Housing			Housing	MIDTOWN	Decent Housing	\$122,500	for Low/Moderate
	Assistance			Homeless	Citywide	Expand Economic		Income Housing
						Opportunity		Benefit: 4 Households
						Homelessness		Assisted
						Neighborhood		Homeowner Housing
						Stabilization/Suitable		Added: 0 Household
						Living Environ		Housing Unit
2	Youth &	2019	2023	Non-Housing	MIDTOWN	Expand Economic	CDBG:	Public service activities
	Community			Community	Citywide	Opportunity	\$102,573	other than
	Services			Development	Midtown Neighborhood	Neighborhood		Low/Moderate Income
					Revitalization Strategy	Stabilization/Suitable		Housing Benefit: 1564
					Area	Living Environ		Persons Assisted
3	Parks Master	2019	2023	Non-Housing	Downtown/Waterfront	Neighborhood	CDBG:	Public service activities
	Plan			Community	MIDTOWN	Stabilization/Suitable	\$321,985	other than
	Improvements			Development	Citywide	Living Environ		Low/Moderate Income
					Midtown Neighborhood			Housing Benefit:
					Revitalization Strategy			20000 Persons
					Area			Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Affordable Housing Assistance			
	Goal	Through the help of RUPCO, the City continues to offer funding for a first time homebuyer assistance program.			
	Description	Homeownership assistance as cited at 24 CFR 570.201(n) of the Entitlement CDBG regulations, and the list of activities is found at Section 105(a)(25) of the Housing and Community Development Act (HCDA) of 1974, as amended.			
	The program will help to subsidize interest rates and mortgage principal amounts; finance the acquisition of hoccupied by the homebuyers; acquier guarantees of mortgage financing obtained by homeowners from private (but not directly guaranteeing the mortgage); provide up to 50 percent of the required downpayment; and pareasonable closing costs.				
2	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 seniors and to housing, will be sought out and funded.			
3 Goal Name Parks Master Plan Improvements		Parks Master Plan Improvements			
	Goal Description	As another phase of the Parks & Recreation infrastructure plan, the City develop two greenspaces at the intersection of Broadway and Prince to create a welcoming place for residents and visitors to do many recreational activities.			

Projects

AP-35 Projects - 91.220(d)

Introduction

The Office 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 first time homebuyer assistance to improve the quality of life and neighborhoods is the primary focus of funding in the FY2023 CDBG allocations process.

Projects

Sort*	Project Title
1	Boys & Girls Club of Ulster County - Connecting to Careers
2	Center for Creative Education - Find the Fun
3	Circle of Friends for the Dying - Jim & Lisa's Home
4	CoK Parks & Rec - After-School and Summer Parks Program
5	UIDN - Food Assistance for Immigrants
6	YMCA - Midtown Mechanics and Lend-A-Wheel Programs
7	YMCA - Strength Training for Seniors
8	CoK Parks & Rec/Health & Wellness -Parks Facilities Infrastructure
9	RUPCO - First Time Homebuyer Assistance Program
10	OCD Administration & Planning

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 FY2023 AAP. The primary obstacle addressing underserved needs is the dwindling resources.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

No.	Project	Goals Supported	Geographic Areas	Needs Addressed	Funding					
	Boys & Girls Club of Ulster County - Connecting to Careers	Youth & Community Services	MIDTOWN - Local Target area	Expand Economic Opportunity	CDBG: \$18,990					
			Citywide - Other							
	Description	Boys and Girls Club will focus on helping individuals (youth) research careers they may have interest in and helping them to gain experience in thier field of interest.								
	Target Date for Completion	06/30/2024	06/30/2024							
1	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)	It is anticipated 100 youth will benefit for	is anticipated 100 youth will benefit from the propsed activity.							
	Location Description (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)	The proposed activity will be based at th	he proposed activity will be based at the Boys and Girls Club 139 Greenkill Ave., Kingston, NY							
	Planned Activities (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)	Coonect current worforce development	programs to the proper career path.							
	Center for Creative Education - Find the Fun	Youth & Community Services	MIDTOWN - Local Target area Citywide - Other	Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ	CDBG: \$24,192					
	Description	CCE offers education support and enrich	ing opportunities emphasizing teamwork, social-en	notional well-being, academic courses and enjoyment.						
	Target Date for Completion	06/30/2024								
2	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)	It is estimated 80 youth will benefit from this activity.								
	Location Description (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)	Center for Creative Education is located at 16 Cedar St., Kingston, NY								
	Planned Activities (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)	Dance, music, technology, educational of	names, other activities that foster physical, intellect	ual, social and emotional development.						
			MIDTOWN - Local Target area							
	Circle of Friends for the Dying - Jim & Lisa's Home	Youth & Community Services	Citywide - Other Downtown/Waterfront - Local Target area	Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ	CDBG: \$10,000					
	Description	Jim & LisaâÂċÂċS Circle Home is for pe home health aide, and who need a home	ople of most ages (young ones are usually not resid	dents) and backgrounds who have no one to care for them, wh	no can not afford a					
	Target Date for Completion	06/30/2024								
3	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)	It is estimated 30 individuals will benefit from this activity								
	Location Description (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)									
	Planned Activities (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)	Circle of Friends for the Dying is creating a safe, comfortable home-like space where individuals, with a prognosis of three months or less to live, can dwell in an atmosphere of peace and tranquility at their end of life. Since this is a home, rather then an institution or facility, there will be two residents at a time living in the home.								

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	CoK Parks & Rec - After-School and Summer Parks Program	Youth & Community Services	Citywide - Other Downtown/Waterfront - Local Target area	Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ	CDBG: \$16,675				
	Description	The after school program at the Rondout Center is fully underway. The after school program at the Rondout Center continues to provide a home away from home for hundreds of school age youth. The summer parks program runs from July through August.							
	Target Date for Completion	06/30/2024							
4	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)	It is estimated 100 youth will benefit from this activity.							
	Location Description (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)	The CoK Parks & Rec Dept is located a	it 467 Broadway, Kingston, NY 12401						
	Planned Activities (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)			ous meals, and specialized club activities to engage young peop or local youth in two of the City's parks (Hasbrouck and Hutton					
	UIDN - Food Assistance for Immigrants	Youth & Community Services	MIDTOWN - Local Target area Citywide - Other	Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ	CDBG: \$20,000				
	Description	Food assistance for low income, under	rserved immigrants in the City of Kingston						
	Target Date for Completion	06/30/2024							
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)	It is estimated 483 households will benefit from this activity and UIDN is estimating 1669 individuals							
	Location Description (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)	UIDN is located at 30 Pine Grove Ave., Kingston, NY							
	Planned Activities (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)	To continue to provide weekly 4 days 50 weeks from July 1, 2023 – June 30		ouseholds with a total of 1669 members with emergency food	assistance as needed f				
	YMCA - Midtown Mechanics and Lend-A-Wheel Programs	Youth & Community Services	MIDTOWN - Local Target area Citywide - Other	Expand Economic Opportunity Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ	CDBG: \$10,287				
	Description	The Midtown Mechanics Program trains low-income young people in bike mechanic skills to prepare them for jobs in the local bicycle industry. The Lend-A-Wheel Program repairs used bicycles that are donated and ensures that they are safe to ride.							
	Target Date for Completion	06/30/2024							
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)	It estimated 160 individuals will benefit from this activity.							
	Location Description (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)	The YMCA is located at 507 Broadway, Kingston, NY							
	Planned Activities (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)	To provide bicycle repair training and affordable transportation for at least 160 low or moderate income (LMI) residents. The project has two components: bicycle mechanic skills training through the Midtown Mechanics Program and repair of bicycles for low and moderate income residents who are job-ready through the Lend-A-Wheel Program.							

	VMCA - Strongth Training for Soniors	Youth & Community Consises	MIDTOWN - Local Target area	Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ	CDBC + #2 420				
	YMCA - Strength Training for Seniors	Youth & Community Services	Citywide - Other Downtown/Waterfront - Local Target area	Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ	CDBG: \$2,429				
	Description	Senior strength training program for Seniors to help improve health and enable appropriately socail distanced interaction.							
	Target Date for Completion	Senior strength training program for Seniors to help improve health and enable appropriately social distanced interaction. 06/30/2024							
	3 .	00/30/2024							
7	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)	It is estimated 25 individuals will benefit from this activity.							
(Location Description (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)								
	Planned Activities (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)	There will be three, one hour sessions fro period of 12 weeks. Improve functional movements using body weight, weights, balance and stamina.							
Ī			MIDTOWN - Local Target area						
	CoK Parks & Rec/Health & Wellness -Parks Facilities Infrastructure	Parks Master Plan Improvements	Citywide - Other	Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ	CDBG: \$321,985				
		•	Downtown/Waterfront - Local Target area						
	Description	Implement Broadway and Prince St. La	andscape Design						
	Target Date for Completion	06/30/2024							
8	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)	This is a citywide project anticiapted to benefit 24,000 invidivuals							
	Location Description (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)	Dept. of Health & Wellness is located at 17 Hoffman St., Kingston, NY							
	Planned Activities (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)	To develop two greenspaces at the intersection of Broadway and Prince St. There will be broad health benefits to the whole community through the creation of these greenspaces. These spaces will provide opportunities for many types of recreation including physical activity, community events, a rest stop along the Greenline, a place to eat lunch from nearby take-out restaurants, and to connect with nature in a highly urbanized location							
	RUPCO - First Time Homebuyer Assistance Program	Affordable Housing Assistance	MIDTOWN - Local Target area Citywide - Other Downtown/Waterfront - Local Target area	Expand Economic Opportunity Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ	CDBG: \$122,500				
	Description	Using a FTHB program the activities will be subsidizing interest rates and mortgage principal amounts; financing the acquisition of housing occupied by the homebuyers; acquiring guarantees of mortgage financing obtained by homeowners from private lenders (but not directly guaranteeing the mortgage); providing up to 50 percent of the required downpayment; and paying reasonable closing costs.							
	Target Date for Completion	06/30/2024							
9	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)	It is estimated 2-3 families will benefit from this activity							
	Location Description (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)	RUPCO is located at 289 Fair St., Kingston, NY 12401							
	Planned Activities (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)	Using a FTHB program the activities will be subsidizing interest rates and mortgage principal amounts; financing the acquisition of housing occupied by the homebuyers; acquiring guarantees of mortgage financing obtained by homeowners from private lenders (but not directly guaranteeing the mortgage); providing up to 50 percent of the required downpayment; and paying reasonable closing costs.							

	OCD Administration & Planning	Affordable Housing Assistance Youth & Community Services Parks Master Plan Improvements	MIDTOWN - Local Target area Citywide - Other Downtown/Waterfront - Local Target area	Increase Supply of Decent Housing Expand Economic Opportunity Neighborhood Stabilization/Suitable Living Environ	CDBG: \$136,764
	Description	Administration of CDBG program			
	Target Date for Completion	06/30/2024			
10	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)				
	Location Description (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen)	OCD is located at 420 Broadway, Kingston, NY 12401			
Planned Activities (additional information for this discussion may be available on the AP-36 Project Detail screen) Aministration of CDBG Program					

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. Fifty percent of more of this year's Entitlement funding is allocated to programs and projects within this target area with the FTHB program being used throughout the City of Kingston for qualified LMI persons or families.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Downtown/Waterfront	13
MIDTOWN	62
Citywide	25
Midtown Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area	

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 and assisting FTHB will help citizens of Kingston to own their own home.

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 FY2023 CDBG funding, however, the City will continue to fund a FTHB program to assist qualified LMI individuals or families direct homeownership assistance.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to	be Supported
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	0
Special-Needs	0
Total	0

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	3
Total	3

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

Discussion

The City of Kingston 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 and is working with RUPCO who is administering the FTHB program on behalf of the City of Kingston.

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 FY2023 CDBG funding that directly benefit the KHA, improved public service programs are planned and significant facility improvements are underway for the City's Parks and Recreation Facilities and Infrastructure that serve 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 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 City residents. Targeted outreach occurred at the KHA properties among other locations in Midtown and Downtown.

In addition, a 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 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 ties with 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 FY2023 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.

Discussion

The City of Kingston has little 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 several 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 ongoing planned developments within the City of Kingston.

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

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 FY2023 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.

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 FY2023 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 FY20223 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(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next	
program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	C
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.	C
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	C
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	C
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 Appual Action Plan.	nn %