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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
MINOR AMENDMENT TO THE 2020-2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN, AND THE
PROGRAM YEAR 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

ES-05 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - 24 CFR 91.200(C), 91.220(B)

The City of Des Plaines received Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 allocations for the Office of Community Planning and Development's (CPD) formula programs, which provide funding for housing, community and economic development activities, and assistance for low- and moderate-income persons and special needs populations across the country. Public Law 116-94 was signed into law on December 20th, 2019, which includes FY 2020 funding for these programs.

Since issuing the original Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 allocations letters, the Office of Community Planning and Development (CPD) has discovered an error in the formula calculations for two CPD formula programs, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) programs. HUD informed the City that the correction to the formula has resulted in a decrease in the allocation for our community, an amount representing 99.98% of our total CDBG grant for FY 2020.

Des Plaines's original CDBG allocation was \$307,288. FY 2020's new allocation is 307,241. Des Plaines' difference is \$47.00, less than 0.99% of the original entitlement. The City will amend its PY2020 Annual Action Plan without a substantial amendment. Per the City of Des Plaines Public Participation Plan, a substantial change is defined as an elimination of a proposed program, addition of a new program not initially published, and/or a change in purpose, beneficiaries, or location(s) of a proposed activity. Only substantial amendments to the CDBG Consolidated and Action Plan must have a legal notice in the newspaper, a public comment period, or a public hearing and adoption by the City Council.

The \$47.00 will come out of Planning and Administration, reducing the fund from \$61,457 to \$61,410.

As soon as staff can coordinate with Cook County to enter the PY2020 Annual Action Plan Minor Amendment in the IDIS, staff will submit to HUD an Executive Summary of the proposed PY2020 Minor Amendment, updated SF424, SF425D, and necessary certifications with a new corrected amount of funding for approval.

The above-mentioned changes to the adopted 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and PY2020 Annual Action Plan affected pages: 43, 48, 55, 56, 57, and 69 as shown below (deletions, additions bolded and double-underlined).

SP-35 ANTICIPATED RESOURCES – 91.420(B), 215(A)(4), 91.220(C) (1,2)

Introduction

The City of Des Plaines expects to receive \$307,288 in CDBG Program Year 2020 funds. The City expects to receive a similar allocation for each following program year.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con. Plan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	Federal, HUD	Housing, Public Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Public Services, Planning and Admin	\$307,288 <u>\$307,241</u>	-	Approx. \$17,426	\$324,714 <u>\$324,667</u>	\$1,229,152 <u>\$1,228,964</u>	Assuming annual allocation remains similar, 4 years x \$307,288 <u>\$307,241</u> + prior year resources =Expected Remainder

Table 14 – Anticipated Resources

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

The City of Des Plaines does not anticipate using federal funds with a matching requirement, and the CDBG entitlement grant does not have a matching requirement.

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

Seminole Park discussed previously, is a publicly owned park in a low- and moderate-income, minority concentration area that needs revitalized public facilities that would increase the quality of life in the area. Finally, public streets, intersections, sidewalks, and alleys are also potential areas for infrastructure improvements.

Discussion

The City of Des Plaines has been allocated ~~\$307,288~~ \$307,241 CDBG funds for PY2020 and expects a similar allocation for the remaining program years covered by this Consolidated Plan. Additionally, Des Plaines has an amount of \$17,426 remaining from delayed projects from previous program years. The City plans to expend these funds for the additional home rehabilitation project in PY2020. For the next five-year period, if any, carryover funds will be allocated towards public facility or infrastructure projects.

SP-45 GOALS SUMMARY– 91.415, 91.215(A)(4)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Capital Improvements: Preserve Existing Housing Stock	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	City Wide Des Plaines	Ensure Housing is Affordable, Accessible & Sustainable	\$1,086,285	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated; Number of Household Housing Unit (40)
2	Capital Improvements: Improve Public Facilities and Public Infrastructure	2020	2024	Non-housing Community Development	Eligible Low Income Census Block Groups in Des Plaines	Improve Public Facilities and Public Infrastructures in low- and moderate-income areas	\$0.00-250,000 Backup project	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit Number of Persons Assisted with an Improved Neighborhood; (700)
3	Public Services: Financial Assistance for Housing Public Programs/Services	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs Risk of Homeless	City Wide Des Plaines	Ensure Housing is Affordable, Accessible & Sustainable Provide Public Services	\$171,500	Homelessness Prevention Number of Persons Assisted (1600)
4	Public Services: Financial Assistance for Non-Housing Public Programs/Services	2020	2024	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Risk of Homeless	City Wide Des Plaines	Provide Public Services	\$58,500	Public Service Activities Other Than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit Number of Persons Assisted (110)
5	Planning and Administration: Conduct Planning and Administration activities	2020	2024	Planning and Administration	City Wide Des Plaines	Conduct CDBG Planning and Administration Activities	\$307,285 <u>\$307,050</u>	–

Table 17 – Goals Summary

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AP-15 EXPECTED RESOURCES – 91.420(B), 91.220(C) (1,2)

Introduction

The resources tallied in the below table are up to date as of the submission of this Final Plan Document to the Des Plaines City Council on August 3, 2020.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	Federal, HUD	Housing, Public Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Public Services, Planning and Admin	307,288 <u>307,241</u>	N/A	Approx. \$17,426 additional /Entitlement Fund rollover from prior year	Approx. \$324,714 <u>\$324,667</u>	\$1,229,152 <u>\$1,228,964</u>	Assuming annual allocation remains similar, 4 years x \$307,288 <u>\$307,241</u> + prior year resources =Expected Remainder

Table 18 – Anticipated 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

The City of Des Plaines does not anticipate using federal funds with a matching requirement, and the CDBG entitlement grant does not have a matching requirement.

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

As mentioned earlier in the PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan the three publicly owned parks: Apache Park, Eaton Field Park, and Seminole Park are in the neighborhoods which contain a relatively high percentage of minority households, and the parks themselves require improved and new facilities. During the last five years, all three parks were improved through CDBG funding as backup projects. Although subject parks already received funding there is still room for further

Improvements in mentioned parks if funds will be available in the next five years. Finally, public Streets are also potential areas for infrastructure improvements as backup projects.

Discussion

The City of Des Plaines has been allocated ~~\$307,288~~ \$307,241 in CDBG funds for 2020. Des Plaines has a small number of funds (approximately \$17,426) remaining from the last program year. The City plans to spend all available ~~\$324,714~~ \$324,241 available for the PY2020.

AP-20 ANNUAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES– 91.420, 91.220(C)(3) AND (E)

2020 Goals Summary Information

	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Capital Improvements: Preserve Existing Housing Stock	2020	2021	Affordable Housing	City Limits of Des Plaines	Ensure Housing is Affordable, Accessible & Sustainable	\$217,257	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated- Number of /Household Housing Unit (8)
2	Public Services: Provide Financial Assistance for Housing Programs/Activities	2020	2021	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs Risk of Homeless	City Limits of Des Plaines	Ensure Housing is Affordable, Accessible & Sustainable Provide Public Services	\$34,300	Homelessness Prevention /Persons Assisted (320)
3	Public Services: Provide Financial Assistance for Non-Housing Service	2020	2021	Non-Homeless Special Needs Homeless	City Limits of Des Plaines	Provide Public Services	\$11,700	Public Service Activities Other than Low /Moderate Income Housing Benefit/Persons Assisted (22)
4	Planning and Administration: Conduct Planning and Administration Activities	2020	2021	Planning and Administration	City Limits of Des Plaines	Conduct CDBG Planning & Administration Activities	\$61,457 <u>\$61,410</u>	-

Table 19 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

Capital Improvements: Preserve Existing Housing Stock

Des Plaines will use CDBG funds to assist low- and moderate-income residents to reduce their housing cost burden by providing counseling, home repairs, and home modifications. City CDBG staff would like to provide affordable, accessible, sustainable housing for our growing elderly low- and moderate-income population. City CDBG staff will partner with the City’s Department of Health and Family Services, the Department of Buildings, and our sub-recipient social service

9	Project Name	Planning and Administration
	Target Area	City of Des Plaines
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration: Conduct CDBG Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Conduct CDBG Planning and Administration Activities
	Funding	\$61,457 <u>\$61,410</u>
	Description	Max. 20% of the CDBG annual allocation is used by the City to fund the administration of the whole program.
	Target Date	September 30, 2021
	Estimate the number/type of households that will benefit from the proposed activity	All households that benefit from CDBG activities are supported by Administration.
	Planned Activities (HUD Eligibility Activity Code)	Overall program administration, including (but not limited to) salaries, wages, and related costs of grantee staff or others engaged in program management, monitoring, and evaluation. (21A)

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INTRODUCTION

Overview

This five-year Consolidated Plan with the first one-year Action Plan follows the standardized format provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) via the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS) online reporting system. Like Des Plaines, all entitlement grantees must follow this format.

Chapters

The standardized chapters are Executive Summary, The Process, Needs Assessment, Housing Market Analysis, Strategic Plan, and Annual Action Plan.

Executive Summary: An overview of the contents of the Consolidated and Action Plans, including a Vision Statement plus and Goals and Objectives for the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program.

The Process: A review of the organizations that provided input into formulating the City's five-year Consolidated Plan, and the methodologies used during the public participation process.

Needs Assessment: An analysis of demographic data for Des Plaines. Most of this data was provided by the IDIS, with data sources including the 2013-2017 American Community Survey (ACS) five-year data, Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data, and Public and Indian Housing Information Center (PIC) data. Additional resources include the Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC), the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County, and www.usa.com. The City is participating in a Regional Assessment of Fair Housing, led by the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development. The final report will be available after the approval of this plan; therefore, it is being incorporated by reference. Should conclusions from the final report need to be incorporated into this Consolidated Plan, a substantial amendment will be pursued.

Housing Market Analysis: An analysis of Des Plaines's housing market. In addition to the data sources, additional sources include the City's Community and Economic Development Department and the Illinois Department of Public Health data.

Strategic Plan: A plan that illustrates the City's prioritized projects and activities over the next five years.

Action Plan: The implementation plan and application for funding for Program Year 2020 (also known as the City's 2021 Fiscal Year).

Tables

Many of the data tables in this document, most notably in the Needs Assessment and Housing Market Analysis, were provided by HUD. Also, the formats for the tables/matrices in the Strategic Plan and Action Plan were provided by HUD, but populated by City staff.

Images and Maps

The images and maps contained within this document were prepared by other sources, including the City's Geographic Information System (GIS) services. The keymaps are identified in the Table of Contents.

Narrative

The narrative is provided by City staff, including the Human and Health Services Division, and the Community and Economic Development Department.

Appendix

The Appendix has additional information that is not included in the basic template, including data, images, and maps.

Next Steps

Once approved, the five-year Consolidated Plan and one-year Action Plan will be submitted to HUD online. HUD staff will review the plans and may ask for points of clarification or technical adjustments before approving the plans and the release of the funding. Once the plan and funding approvals are received, City staff may proceed with any capital improvement projects and public service activities to support the low- and moderate-income residents of Des Plaines.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ES-05 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - 24 CFR 91.200(C), 91.220(B)

1. Introduction

The City of Des Plaines is in Cook County, approximately 19 miles northwest of downtown Chicago. Neighboring communities include Mount Prospect, Park Ridge, Elk Grove Village, and Chicago, as well as unincorporated lands to the northeast in Maine Township and the southwest in Elk Grove Township. According to the 2013-2017 American Community Survey (ACS), Des Plaines has a population of 58,805 and approximately 9,226 acres.

The Department of Community and Economic Development administers the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). As an entitlement community of over 50,000 people, Des Plaines receives its annual CDBG funding directly from the Federal Government in the form of a formula grant. The overall goal of the program is to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment, and economic opportunities, particularly for low- and moderate-income persons. CDBG is the only HUD program for which the City qualifies for direct funding.

The receipt of CDBG funding is dependent on the completion of, approval of, and adherence to a five-year Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan intends to assist communities in developing a collaborative process to establish a unified vision for housing and community development actions. It includes information on the community's needs, the housing market, goals and objectives, activity priorities, performance measures, and various public certifications. It also includes the City's first Annual Action Plan relative to the CDBG activities and other community development efforts for the 2020 Program Year (PY).

The City of Des Plaines Consolidated Plan for CDBG is a five-year plan for Program Years 2020-2024, commencing on October 1, 2020.

The functions of the Consolidated Plan are to create a planning document that builds upon a participatory process, to apply for federal funding under HUD's formula grant programs, to establish strategies to follow while implementing HUD-funded projects, and to create an Action Plan that provides the basis for annual assessments of the City's performance.

The most important function of the Consolidated Plan is to guide the City in the annual funding allocation process for the CDBG program. The Consolidated Plan contains six major components:

1. Executive Summary
2. The Process
3. Needs Assessment

4. Housing Market Analysis
5. Strategic Plan
6. Annual Action Plan

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

The Action Plan is designed to guide actions to be taken over one year, from October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2021. It is based on the identified needs in the areas of affordable housing, homelessness, other special needs, and non-housing community development needs. It is intended to address the three primary goals of the Housing and Community Development Act: provide decent housing, provide a suitable living environment, and expand economic opportunities.

Des Plaines' goals are to ensure housing is affordable, accessible, and sustainable; improve facilities; improve infrastructure; provide financial assistance for public programs and services; and conduct planning and administration activities. Program objectives include providing support to homeowners, organizations, and public entities. Program outcomes include improving facilities and providing services for a better quality of life for low- and moderate-income Des Plaines residents.

A one-page vision statement with goals and objectives was prepared to succinctly communicate the City's plan for the CDBG program from October 1, 2020, through September 30, 2025, and it is available as an attachment to this executive summary. Besides, maps for infrastructure and public facility projects are attached for reference for the review of AP-50 Geographic Distribution.

3. Evaluation of past performance

The City is in his final year of the existing PY2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. In the last five years, the City of Des Plaines has made progress that is appropriate with the expected pace of the vision, goals, and objectives of the Strategic Plan in the five-year Consolidated Plan.

In the third quarter of PY2014, there was a change of staff within the CED department, which resulted in the discovery of unspent funds from previous years. The new staff created a five-year Consolidated Plan (PY2015-2019) and planned to moderately increase spending of funds during the next five years to draw down the unspent funds. High priority needs accomplished included affordable housing, homelessness prevention, other special housing/non-homeless needs, and public service needs. Public facilities and public infrastructure were identified as medium priority needs. These plans included increasing funds for home rehabilitation programs, the Public Facility Program, and the Public Infrastructure Improvement Program. As a new introduction to the City's Consolidated Plan, backup projects were identified in many areas to ensure the ability to draw down enough funds on an annual basis. With the mentioned changes, staff successfully spent all

accumulated unspent funds (an amount of over \$600,000) from previous years and have a remaining balance of only \$24,670 for the PY2019.

Capital Improvements: Preserve Affordable, Accessible, and Sustainable Housing

The City of Des Plaines focused the CDBG program towards providing decent housing by preserving the existing housing stock and improving the overall quality of the community's low-and moderate-income neighborhoods. To that end, the PY2015-19 Consolidated Plan allocated close to 35% of its annual CDBG budget to fund three home repair programs designed to address the affordable housing needs of low-and moderate-income residents. These programs have been identified as a high priority need in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. Staff will continue allocating funds towards the Home Repair Program (HRP) program.

- *The Home Repair Program (HRP)*, carried out by the Northwest Housing Partnership, has been the central activity of the City's CDBG Program. During the last few years, the Annual Action Plans increased the HRP allocation based on the trend of previous program years. This approach had initially shown success by creating the opportunity to serve low-and moderate-income areas (LMA) with specific home repair projects. However, later obstacles resulted in some projects not being completed causing funds to accumulate from the previous years. In the last couple of years, staff put additional effort to better promote the HRP program, which resulted in an increase in HRP applicants and a waiting list. Additionally, staff investigated ways to modify program requirements to ensure that it would be easier for households to comply and complete the projects in the program year. The aforementioned efforts resulted in the repair of 27 households through HRP with CDBG funds for the last five years.
- *The Minor Repair Program (MRP)*, also carried out by the Northwest Housing Partnership, was introduced in PY2015 as a pilot program primarily targeting seniors in need of minor home repairs and the opportunity to live-and-age in the comfort of their own homes. Unfortunately, in PY2017 no households qualified for the program. To improve participation, in the PY2017 staff reduced the time that properties have a lien placed on them. Instead of placing a lien on a property for ten years, it has been reduced to three years. These changes resulted in qualifying and repairing only three households for the last five years. Staff will continue allocating funds towards the MRP program.
- *The Emergency Repair Program (ERP)* has proven to be effective in maintaining decent housing by assisting low-and moderate-income households during emergencies. Typical housing activities include temporary repairs to a leaking roof and plumbing/heating issues. Often, the maximum grant amount (\$2,500) was not enough, and staff increased funding starting with PY2017 to \$3,000. In the last five years, three households needed help and

were repaired through this program. Staff will continue allocating funds towards the ERP program and use it as needed.

Provide Public Service:

The City of Des Plaines collaborated with several public service not-for-profit agencies to assist the needs of the homeless, persons at-risk, and transitional housing persons, as well as leading them towards more permanent independent living solutions.

The City coordinated with Northwest Compass and the Center of Concern to provide homelessness prevention (at-risk) services through the CDBG Counseling Housing and Homeless Prevention Program, respectively. Some of the services provided to low-and moderate-income residents include one-on-one counseling, advice for landlord-tenant mediation, fair housing information, employment, Medicare insurance, legal and financing counseling, emergency rent, mortgage aid, housing location assistance, and security deposit loans. These programs have met or exceeded their five-year program goals, assisting a combined 1771 persons. Unfortunately, public service CDBG programs are capped by HUD, only 15% of Des Plaines total CDBG annual allocation can be used to fund public services. This will make it difficult to expand the work done in this sphere.

Des Plaines continues to support programs that provide special services, transitional housing, and counseling towards permanent and independent living. Both The Harbour and Women In Need Growing Stronger (WINGS) are nonprofit housing and social service agencies that provide emergency and transitional housing for runaway youth and abused women as limited clientele/presumed benefits. During occupancy, participants are presented with a wide range of counseling to improve their transition towards permanent housing. Aftercare and alternative agency resources are also provided. In the last five years, The Harbour and WINGS assisted 31 and 48 persons respectively.

Capital Improvements: Improve Public Facilities

The Des Plaines Strategic Plan identified the use of CDBG funds to improve park facilities in high-density LMA residential neighborhoods as backup projects: The Apache Park Neighborhood Project, completed in PY2015, received \$200,000. The Seminole Public Park Rehabilitation project was completed in PY2016 of \$102,149. Additionally, the Seminole Park Playground Improvement Project was completed in PY2017 of \$75,000.

The City was successful in spending down previously accumulated funds through PY2017 completing above listed backup projects and did not allocate CDBG funds toward a public facility improvement in low-and moderate-income areas for PY2018 and PY2019 as originally planned in the Consolidated Plan.

Capital Improvements: Improve Public Infrastructure

These projects encompass a wide range of eligible activities that include infrastructure construction and rehabilitation to assist primarily residential LMA as backup projects. In recent years, the City was able to improve the conditions of public sidewalks and alleys in low-and moderate-income areas in an efficient manner. In PY2017, four existing intersection sidewalks were improved to comply with ADA requirements at Scott Street and Nimitz Drive; Scott Street and Sunset Drive; Craig Drive and Pratt Avenue; and Plainfield Drive and Everett Avenue. Furthermore, new street lights were installed on existing light poles throughout the Apache Park Neighborhood. All the above-listed backup projects were in low-and moderate-income areas of the City and used a total of \$253,940 CDBG funds.

As mentioned earlier, the City was successful in spending down these funds through PY2017. The City did not allocate CDBG funds toward public infrastructure backup projects in low- and moderate-income areas for PY2018 and PY2019 as originally planned in the Consolidated Plan.

City staff has performed a rigorous analysis of past CDBG practices to prepare this Consolidated Plan, which will guide the next five years of activities. A review of past performance, by consultation with our sub-recipient service providers and an assessment of needs performed by this Consolidated Plan, has highlighted successful programs that the City staff feels it should continue to allocate CDBG funds towards. With a strong commitment and a renewed sense of energy, the City of Des Plaines plans to run an efficient and effective CDBG program, responsive to a changing set of challenges, that will make Des Plaines a more livable community.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some of the home rehabilitation projects from PY2019 are delayed and may be completed after September 30, 2020, as additional time is needed to ensure the projects are done correctly, maximizing the impact of CDBG funds, but the most of the PY2019 activities will be completed by September 30, 2020.

4. Summary of the citizen participation process and consultation process

Citizen participation and input is an important part of the process to develop the PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. The City conducted a virtual focus group meeting, prepared two online surveys, and held a total of two public hearings during the preparation of the five-year Consolidated Plan and the first one-year Action Plan development process.

The City of Des Plaines conducted an on-line public survey to consult with its citizens as to their understanding of the City's needs and opportunities. The invitation to partake in the survey was published on the City's website www.desplaines.org. Over one month, 430 responses were recorded.

Besides, the City engaged in extensive consultation with local and regional social service agencies and providers to understand the needs of the populations they serve and ways to implement

effective programming to meet these needs. This consultation occurred through email, phone conversations, one on one, and focus group meetings.

The Des Plaines PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and PY2020 Annual Action Plan had been published in draft form and made available to the public via the City website (desplaines.org/cdbg). The City of Des Plaines PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and PY2020 Annual Action Plan public comment period began on Friday, June 19, 2020, and ended on Monday, July 20, 2020. Notification of this period was published in the *Des Plaines Journal & Topics* newspaper on Wednesday, June 3, 2020, and uploaded to the City's website on June 19, 2020. During this time, citizens were invited to submit written comments or recommendations on the Des Plaines PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and PY2020 Annual Action Plan. The first public hearing was held during the adoption of the PY2018 CAPER on December 16, 2019, and the second public hearing was held on the last day of the public comment period for the PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and PY2020 Annual Action Plan. The Public Hearing was held on July 20, 2020, at the Virtual City Council meeting to allow the public to present any questions or comments about the Consolidated and Annual Action Plan. Community Development staff gave a brief review of the CDBG Program and the purpose of the Consolidated and Annual Action Plan. The public comment period closed on July 20, 2020. There were no comments on this Consolidated Plan and Action Plan by City or the public. The final Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan was adopted on August 3, 2020, City Council meeting.

5. Summary of public comments

The staff did not receive any inquiries or suggestions on the final PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and PY2020 Annual Action Plan.

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

N/A

7. Summary

According to www.hudexchange.info, the CDBG entitlement program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled communities such as the City of Des Plaines to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing, providing a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons.

The City of Des Plaines chooses to focus its CDBG funding on the first two national objectives, providing decent housing and providing a suitable living environment. The third objective, expanding economic opportunities, will be primarily addressed by the City's Economic Development staff with other funding sources.

VISION STATEMENT

Des Plaines' CDBG program will provide a better quality of life for low- and moderate-income residents through "brick and mortar" projects and public service activities.

GOALS AND NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

Capital Improvements:

Preserve Existing Housing Stock

The Benefit to Low and Moderate Income Persons or Households: Low Mod Housing Activities (LMH)

The City will use CDBG funds to assist low- and moderate-income residents to reduce their housing cost burden by providing counseling, home repairs, and home modifications. The City CDBG staff will partner with the City's Department of Health and Family Services, the Building Department, and the sub-recipient social service agencies to reassess the need for modified or new housing-related programming in future years.

Improve Public Facilities and Public Infrastructure

The Benefit to Low and Moderate Income Persons or Households: Low Moderate Area Benefit (LMA)

The City will use CDBG funds to improve parks, recreational facilities, and landscaping in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods as backup projects. City CDBG staff will partner with the Department of Public Works and the Des Plaines Park District, as well as other potential local agencies, to assess future project viability in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods as we prepare future annual action plans.

The City will use CDBG funds to make intersections ADA compliance, alleys, street lighting, and sidewalk improvements lighting improvements in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods as backup projects. City CDBG staff will partner with the Department of Public Works, as well as other potential city agencies, to assess new future project viability in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods as we prepare future annual action plans. These additional programs can include ADA compliance intersections, sidewalks, pedestrian safety devices, lighting, alleys, sewers, and other infrastructure improvements.

Public Services:

A maximum of 15% of CDBG funds will be provided to public services for low- and moderate-income residents and special needs populations. City CDBG staff will partner with the City's Department of Health and Family Services, the Police Department Social Worker, and our sub-

recipient social service agencies to reassess the need for modified and new public services in future years as we prepare our annual action plans.

Provide Financial Assistance for Housing Programs/Services

The Benefit to Low and Moderate Income Persons or Households: Low Moderate Limited Clientele (LMC)

Provide Financial Assistance to support social service agencies that provide housing counseling, supportive, and referral services; child and youth services; senior services that enabled them to “age in place”; special needs services; health care services; financial, career, and employment counseling services; interpretation services with multi-lingual staff; and housing-related services by addressing issues such as homelessness prevention and helping the homeless.

Provide Financial Assistance for Non-Housing Programs/Services

The Benefit to Low and Moderate Income Persons or Households: Low Moderate Limited Clientele (LMC)/Presume Benefits

Provide Financial Assistance to support social service agencies that provide Non-Housing Programs and Public Services including but not limited to the counseling, emergency and transitional housing for runaway youth and abused spouses as limited clientele/presumed benefits.

Planning and Administration:

Conduct Planning and Administration Activities

Prepare the five-year Consolidated Plan, the one-year Action Plan, Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), and administer the CDBG program daily.

THE PROCESS

PR-05 LEAD & RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES - 91.200(B)

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

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for the administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	DES PLAINES	Community and Economic Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The Community and Economic Development Department of the City of Des Plaines is responsible for the preparation of this Consolidated Plan and is the agency responsible for administering the City's CDBG programs.

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PR-10 CONSULTATION - 91.100, 91.200(B), 91.300(B), 91.215(L) AND 91.315(L)

1. Introduction

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 City consulted with individuals, residents, government departments, non-profit organizations, social service agencies, affordable housing providers, and others concerning the development of the Consolidated Plan. The City maintains constant contact with the public and assisted housing providers and governmental health, mental health, and service agencies. Also, a virtual focus group meeting with community service providers contributed to the planning process as a means of sharing ideas and shaping the focus of this Plan.

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 relies on the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County, which is the Continuum of Care coordinator for suburban Cook County, to provide data and expertise regarding the needs of homeless persons and persons at risk of homelessness. The Alliance's most recently adopted strategic plan (A Strategic Plan Forward to End Homelessness: 2019-2022 Strategic Plan, April 2019) was consulted to shape the policies of this Consolidated Plan regarding homelessness.

The City also receives input from local social service providers to form the City's strategy that addresses the needs of the homeless and reduced the risk of future homelessness.

Finally, the Department of Community and Economic Development works with City agencies such as the Department of Health and Human Services and the Police Department to implement its programming that addresses homeless.

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

The City does not receive Emergency Solutions Grant funds, but the Department works with public service sub-recipients to develop policies and evaluate outcomes of the City's homelessness prevention efforts.

- 2. Describe Agencies, groups, organizations, and others who participated in the process and describe the jurisdictions consultations with housing, social service agencies, and other entities**

See information on the following page

Agency, Group, or Organization	Mode of Contact	Topics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Human Services Staff • Code Enforcement Officers • Police Department, Chief of Police • Police Department, Social Worker • Northwest Compass, Inc. • The Center of Concern • Cook County Department of Public Health-HIV Surveillance • The Harbor, Inc. • North West Housing Partnership • Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County • Cook County Bureau of Economic Development • Housing Authority of Cook County • Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning • Maine West High School District 207 • Willows Academy • Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce • Des Plaines Park District • Mount Prospect Park District • The Center for Enriched Living • Catholic Charities • Children’s Advocacy Center of North and Northwest Cook County • Connections for the Homeless, Inc. • Dental Lifeline • Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission • Life Span • Metropolitan Family Services • Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault (Northwest CASA) • Services for Adults Staying in Their Homes • Social Security Administration • United Way North-Northwest • WINGS Program • U.S. Senator Richard Durbin • Alexian Brothers Northwest Mental Health Center • Housing Opportunity Development Corporation • Elk Grove Township • Maine Township • Wheeling Township • Northwest Municipal Conference • Little City Foundation • NAMI Northwest Suburban • North & Northwest Taskforce for Supportive Housing for the Mentally Ill • Resources for Community Living • Vital Bridges • Search Inc. • Fellowship Housing Corporation • Home of the Sparrow Inc. • Northwest Suburban Council – Boy Scouts • The Volunteer Center • Cook County Department of Planning and Development • Illinois Health Department – IL Lead Program • Kenneth Young • PADS: The Journey Home • Journeys-The Road Home • The Village of Arlington Heights • The Village of Skokie 	E-mail notice of an online needs’ assessment survey	All

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Village of Mount Prospect • Advocate Lutheran General Hospital, Older Adult Services • Alliance for Immigrant Neighbors • Avenue to Independence • Bessie's Table-FUMC • Clean-Up-Give Back • Community Back Pack Project • Des Plaines Community Foundation • Feed My Sheep Des Plaines, Inc. • Fish of Park Ridge • Trinity Lutheran Church: Five Loaves and Two Fish Ministry • Hands-on Suburban Chicago • KAN-WIN • Main Community Youth Assistance Foundation • Main -Niles Association of Special Recreation • Maryville Academy • National Alliance on Mental Illness-(CCNS) • North Shore Senior Center • Northwest Center Against Sexual Assault (Northwest CASA) • Northwest Suburban Day Care Center • Open Communities • Rainbow Hospice and Palliative Care-Good Mourning Program • Self-Help Closet & Pantry of Des Plaines • Shelter, Inc. • St. Mary's Services • Suburban Primary Health Care • The Bridge Youth & Family Services • The Josselyn Center • The Salvation Army: Des Plaines • The Salvation Army Metro, Division-PAI Program 	Email notice of an online needs' assessment survey	Needs Assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Des Plaines Health and Human Services • Des Plaines Police Department of Social Services • Northwest Housing Partnership • Northwest Compass • Center of Concern • WINGS (Women in Need Growing Stronger) • The Harbour 	Focus Group Meeting, Email, Phone Calls	Needs Assessment, Strategic Plan, Annual Action Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Housing Authority of Cook County ▪ Cook County Department of Planning and Development ▪ Illinois Health Department – IL Lead Program ▪ Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County ▪ Kenneth Young ▪ PADS: The Journey Home 	Email, Phone Calls	Needs Assessment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The Village of Arlington Heights ▪ The Village of Mount Prospect ▪ The Village of Skokie 	Email, Phone Calls, In-Person Meetings	Consolidated Plan Advice

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

Identify any Agency Type not consulted and provide for not consulting

N/A

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?
Draft Regional Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH)	Cook County Bureau of Economic Development (lead entitlement agency) with Enterprise Community Partners	The Regional Assessment of Fair Housing is a collaboration among CDBG entitlement communities, public housing authorities, and not-for-profit organizations, tasked with the analysis and recommendations to further fair housing in Cook County.
ON TO 2050	Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP)	The ON TO 2050 Plan addresses regional issues in the Chicago area such as linking residents to jobs, encouraging economic development, creating a less auto-dependent County, increasing affordable housing opportunities, maintaining the existing housing stock, increasing job opportunities, and supporting safety net programs, which are also addressed in Des Plaines' Consolidated Plan.
Planning for Progress, Cook County's Consolidated Plan and Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy, 2015-19	Cook County and CMAP	As a municipality within Greater Cook County, the broad objectives and methods outlined support more localized objectives for the City of Des Plaines.
City of Des Plaines Comprehensive Plan March 5, 2019	City of Des Plaines	This plan called for the use of CDBG funds to support housing rehab, assist renters, and create housing counseling programs.
A Strategic Plan to End Homelessness 2019-2022 Strategic Plan April 2019	Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County	The Alliance is a primary resource on homelessness issues in the county, and their goals to lower the risk of homelessness underpin strategies of this Plan.
Seminole Park Neighborhood Plan	Des Plaines and CMAP	This plan addresses the goal of reinvigorating one of Des Plaines' lowest-income areas with the highest concentration of ethnic minorities.
The Maturing of Illinois: Getting Communities on Track for an Aging Population, Des Plaines IL	Age Options and Frisbie Senior Center	This plan includes several suggestions on how to best accommodate Des Plaines' growing elderly population.

Table 3 – Other local/regional/federal planning efforts

Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(I))

The City maintains regular contact with the other CDBG entitlement communities in the northwest suburbs of Chicago and consulted with them to develop this Consolidated Plan. These communities include the Village of Arlington Heights, Village of Mount Prospect, Village of Palatine, Village of Schaumburg, and the Village of Hoffman Estates. These communities have similar needs and CDBG programming, and often even fund the same sub-recipients to provide services within their separate jurisdictions.

The City coordinated with Cook County, in particular by joining their HOME Consortium in 2015, securing additional funding for housing-related issues in Des Plaines and/or neighboring Cook County municipalities in future years.

Des Plaines staff have been participating in the Regional Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) for Cook County activities since 2018. If fair housing goals, objectives, and next steps from the final Regional AFH document (the final report is anticipated for release in late 2020) are not adequately addressed in Des Plaines's five-year Consolidated Plan, a future substantial amendment will occur.

Narrative (optional)

PR-15 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION - 91.105, 91.115, 91.200 (C) AND 91.300 (C)

1. Summary of the citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

Des Plaines' CDBG Citizen Participation Plan outlines the procedures the City follows to solicit public participation in CDBG planning. A full copy of the City of Des Plaines' Citizen Participation Plan is available upon request from the City. The City conducted a virtual focus group meeting, prepared two online surveys, and held a total of two public hearings during the preparation of the five-year Consolidated Plan and the first one-year Action Plan development process.

There were 430 individual responses recorded by our online survey that was conducted from April 9 to May 9, 2020. The survey measured public opinion on which populations the City's CDBG funds should serve and which type of activities and services we should focus on. The opportunity to participate in this survey was broadcast via the City website, Facebook, and local newspapers. A summary of these responses can be found in the appendix.

The City of Des Plaines PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and PY2020 Annual Action Plan public comment period began on Friday, June 19, 2020, and ended on Monday, July 20, 2020. Notification of this period was published in the *Des Plaines Journal & Topics Newspaper* on June 3, 2020, and on the City's website on June 19, 2020. During this time, citizens were invited to submit written comments or recommendations to the City.

The first public hearing was held during the adoption of the PY2018 CAPER on December 16, 2019, and the second public hearing was held on the last day of the public comment period for the PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and PY2020 Annual Action Plan. Because of COVID-19 the second public hearing was virtual and held on Monday, July 20, 2020, during the City Council meeting to allow the public to ask any questions or present comments on the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. The Community and Economic Development Director provided an overview of the CDBG Program and the purpose of the Consolidated and Annual Action Plan. No comments, questions, or concerns were received during the public period. Adoption of the final PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and PY2020 Annual Action Plan was adopted on August 3, 2020, by City Council.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
Online Survey	General Citizenry	430 responses	The public emphasized assisting low income and homeless families, seniors and children	Some comments concerning the desire for non-eligible CDBG activities	https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NNFLHPR
Public Comment Period June 19, 2020, until July 20, 2020	General Citizenry	No comments, questions, or concerns were received during the public period	No comments, questions, or concerns were received during the public period	No comments, questions, or concerns were received during the public period	desplaines.org/cdbg
Public Hearing was on July 20, 2020	General Citizenry, City Council	No comments, questions, or concerns were received at the public hearing	Staff will update information after Public Hearing	No comments, questions, or concerns were received at the public hearing	PublicComments@desplaines.org

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

NEEDS ASSESSMENT

NA-05 OVERVIEW

Needs Assessment Overview

This Needs Assessment highlights demographic trends identified by the US Census, Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS), and American Community Survey (ACS) data for the City of Des Plaines from the years 2000 to 2017. For a few categories where the Census could not provide data, alternative sources of information were sought. Also, issues brought to staff's attention by public input via surveys and meetings with sub-recipient social service agencies are included in this assessment.

NA-50 NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS – 91.215 (F)

Describe the jurisdiction’s need for Public Facilities:

Des Plaines' public facilities need focus on improvements to public facilities of various City parks in low- and moderate-income areas including Eaton Field Park, Apache Park, and Seminole Park. The City CDBG staff works closely with the Des Plaines Park District to help improve park facilities in low- and moderate-income areas.

How were these needs determined?

All three mentioned parks are in the neighborhoods which contain a relatively high percentage of minority households, and the parks themselves require improved and new facilities. During the last five years, all three parks were improved through CDBG funding as backup projects. Although subject parks already received funding there is still room for further improvements in mentioned parks.

Describe the jurisdiction’s need for Public Infrastructure Improvements:

Des Plaines Department of Public Works and Engineering maintains a list of needed public improvements as part of a five-year Capital Improvement Program. These programs cover ADA compliance intersections, street, sidewalk, alley, gutter, sewer, and flood and drainage improvements to repair deteriorated infrastructure. Also included are streetscaping, sound insulation along highways, and lighting, as well as improvements to increase pedestrian safety and walkability.

How were these needs determined?

The Des Plaines Department of Public Works and Engineering maintains a list of needed public improvements as part of a five-year Capital Improvement Program and confers with CED staff to determine projects that are eligible for CDBG funds based on presence in a predominately low- and moderate-income area. Also, the public participation online survey responses indicated that flood and drainage improvements, sidewalk and pedestrian improvements, street lighting infrastructure to improve public safety were a few of the public’s highest priorities.

The City CDBG staff will continue to allocate CDBG funds toward the public facility and infrastructure improvements as backup projects in low- and moderate-income areas in the next five years whenever will be significant funds leftover from previous years.

Describe the jurisdiction’s need for Public Services:

Public services are in high demand in Des Plaines and will continue to be an important component of the City’s CDBG program. The City will continue to allocate the maximum 15% of our grant towards various public services on an as-needed basis.

How were these needs determined?

Public services are determined by consulting with sub-recipient agencies and other non-profits that help us assess the needs of populations served as well as public input obtained from our online survey. Finally, the demographic analysis performed in this need's assessment is a crucial factor in determining public service needs. Almost all applicants provide services that are not only eligible for CDBG funds, but the costs that they incur providing services to Des Plaines residents are many times over the City's CDBG contribution.

MARKET ANALYSIS

MA-05 OVERVIEW

Housing Market Analysis Overview:

Des Plaines is participating in the Regional Assessment of Fair Housing (AFH) lead by the Cook County Bureau of Economic Development. Although the report will be complete after the commencement of Des Plaines' PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and PY2020 Action Plan, this analysis incorporates data and analyses to-date. Should significant changes be identified in the final AFH, a substantial amendment will address the changes later in 2020.

The City of Des Plaines is an "a built-out", a mature suburb with little available vacant land for development. Yet, reinvestment and redevelopment within the downtown and in other areas of the City over the last decade have raised redevelopment pressures on residential properties.

According to the 2013-17 ACS (provided via CPD Maps in the Econ Planning Suite), there are 23,072 housing units in Des Plaines, 4% of which are vacant. 73% of these units are owner-occupied with a median value of \$242,600 and 22% are renter-occupied with a median rent of \$1,103. Most of the housing stock is single-family, with 13,636 or 59.1% of units consisting of single-unit detached and 1,305 or 5.7% single unit attached. Multifamily units comprise a smaller percentage of the housing stock, with 4,550 units (19.7%) existing in 20 plus unit buildings as well as a smaller number of 2-4 units (4.8%) and 5-19 (8.1%) unit buildings.

According to the 2000 US Census, the housing market has shifted slightly in the last decade. While there are 221 more housing units present than in 2000 (22,851 units), the total number of occupied households has dropped from 22,362 to 22,105. There are slightly more renters than in 2000, with 5,103 renters in 2017 compared to 4,623 in 2000 (or, 20.7% of occupied units in 2000 were rented, versus 23.1% in 2017). The average size of a household has increased, however, from 2.58 to 3. This jump in household size is particularly evident in rented households, where the figure jumped from 2.13 to 3.

According to the 2013-17 ACS, most of the housing (81%) in Des Plaines was built before 1980. Therefore, it is increasingly like that CDBG housing activities in Des Plaines must comply with HUD's Lead Housing Rule (24 CFR Part 35) that whenever Federal funds, such as CDBG, are used to assist housing built before 1978, steps must be taken to address lead hazards. Also, aging housing stock and the potential deteriorating condition of low-and moderate-income families' homes are the focus of Des Plaines' CDBG programming.

One of the largest challenges facing the housing market in Des Plaines is the drastic rise in median home values and rents since 2000. The median value of homes in Des Plaines rose 39% since 2000

and median rents rose 55%. This rise in the cost of housing has led to a rise in the number of cost-burdened households in the City.

Unemployment, underemployment, and the high cost of living are factors that contribute to the struggles of low/moderate-income residents.

MA-45 NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ASSETS – 91.410, 91.210 (F)

Introduction

Des Plaines is fortunate to feature a diverse array of non-housing community development assets, particularly with regards to its varied economic sectors, with no over-reliance on a single industry.

Economic Development Market Analysis

Business Activity

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs fewer workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	18	0	0	0	0
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	2,985	3,789	10	9	-1
Construction	1,126	1,555	4	4	0
Education and Health Care Services	4,892	5,971	17	15	-2
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	2,156	3,003	7	7	0
Information	566	786	2	2	0
Manufacturing	3,284	5,620	11	14	2
Other Services	1,193	1,324	4	3	-1
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	3,579	5,238	12	13	1
Public Administration	0	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	3,288	2,721	11	7	-5
Transportation and Warehousing	1,433	3,264	5	8	3
Wholesale Trade	2,060	4,980	7	12	5
Total	26,580	38,251	--	--	--

Table 5 – Business Activity

Data Source: 011-2015 ACS (Workers), 2015 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs)

Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	32,415
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	30,345
Unemployment Rate	6.44
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	18.10
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	4.93

Table 6 – Labor Force

Data Source: 011-2015 ACS

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	7,665
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	1,465
Service	2,625
Sales and office	8,020
Construction, extraction, maintenance, and repair	2,170
Production, transportation and material moving	1,715

Table 7 – Occupations by Sector

Data Source: 011-2015 ACS

Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	15,860	55%
30-59 Minutes	10,010	35%
60 or More Minutes	2,724	10%
Total	28,594	100%

Table 8 – Travel Time

Data Source: 011-2015 ACS

Education

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 25 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Less than high school graduate	2,280	135	885
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	4,885	420	1,650
Some college or Associate's degree	7,575	465	1,330
Bachelor's degree or higher	10,910	565	1,320

Table 9 – Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Data Source: 011-2015 ACS

Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18–24 yrs.	25–34 yrs.	35–44 yrs.	45–65 yrs.	65+ yrs.
Less than 9th grade	0	200	360	1,190	960
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	613	338	365	840	950
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	1,085	1,390	1,388	4,180	3,690
Some college, no degree	1,525	1,600	1,250	3,637	1,905
Associate's degree	145	735	640	1,555	412
Bachelor's degree	745	2,795	2,274	3,830	1,540
Graduate or professional degree	40	1,110	1,030	1,745	970

Table 10 – Educational Attainment by Age

Data Source: 011-2015 ACS

Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	80,176
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	114,938
Some college or Associate's degree	123,322
Bachelor's degree	167,408
Graduate or professional degree	180,716

Table 11 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Data Source: 011-2015 ACS

Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?

Des Plaines boasts a wide variety of business activities with diversification into various industries and no over-reliance on a particular sector. While the education and the health-care sector employ the largest percentage of Des Plaines workers at 17%, the professional, management, and scientific services; the manufacturing sector; the retail trade sector; and arts, entertainment, and accommodations sector, each employ at least 10% of Des Plaines workers. Des Plaines has a sizeable contingent employed in all sectors except for Agriculture, Mining, Oil and Gas Extraction; and Public Administration. Des Plaines has leveraged its advantageous location in proximity to a variety of transportation services (rail, interstate highways, and O’Hare airport) to accommodate a variety of economic activities.

Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

The City has emphasized major developments in this area, such as streetscape projects surrounding the downtown Metra station, and the major development projects such as the renovation of the Des Plaines Theatre and the construction of the Ellison Apartments. The City

continues to attract business to the area through its Business Assistance Program, a grant program that reimburses businesses for façade and signage expenses, as well as interior build-out and outdoor dining area, work for restaurants.

Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period. Describe any needs for workforce development, business support, or infrastructure these changes may create.

A new 120-acre TIF District, along with the request to construct a Metra station at the intersection of Oakton Street and the North Central Service Line to improve the future of this area by spurring new development and job creation opportunities. The new TIF District passed City Council last year and Metra is evaluating the City’s request for this new Metra station. If the new Metra station is approved, then the goal would be to build a support network around this area to encourage further business and workforce development. Additionally, the TIF District can assist with improving this area with infrastructure improvements.

How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?

The education and skill level of Des Plaines is varied, with most residents having at least a high school education, and many with higher-level degrees. As there is a wide variety of employment sectors present in Des Plaines, and good transportation links to neighboring municipalities with their economic activities, it is fair to state that there should be work opportunities for Des Plaines residents at all skill and education levels.

Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges, and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.

The primary provider of workforce training in the area is Oakton Community College. There are several specialized programs that Oakton Community College offers to assist surrounding businesses such as ESL and GED equivalency classes. They even have mobile workforce training classes to assist employers with their training needs. Additionally, the Des Plaines Chamber of Commerce set up a Veteran’s Back to Work Bootcamp that specifically targets veterans returning to the local workforce. This program is open up to Des Plaines residents and the selected candidates receive specialized workforce training and other benefits to help find them jobs. Many local Des Plaines businesses and organizations have hired the candidates that have completed the program.

Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?

Des Plaines does not participate in CEDS.

If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.

Discussion

The City of Des Plaines does not anticipate allocating CDBG funds toward economic development activities.

MA-50 NEEDS AND MARKET ANALYSIS DISCUSSION

Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

Using CPD's mapping tool, which relies on 2013-17 ACS and CHAS data, there is no obvious concentration of areas of Des Plaines where multiple housing problems are concentrated.

Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

According to the 2013-2017 ACS, there are a few block groups within Des Plaines in which the number of racial or ethnic minority households within the block group is at least double the percentage of the corresponding minority's households are present throughout the municipality. For instance, the Hispanic population of 12,887 is 21.91% of Des Plaines' total population. A block group can be said to have a concentration of Hispanic households if 35.4% of households are Hispanic. According to this definition, there are two census block groups in Des Plaines that boast a Hispanic household concentration (770602 at 36.03%, and 806501 at 37.64%).

There are also some concentrations of low-income households in Des Plaines. Des Plaines categorized a concentration of low-income areas as 50% of the median household income in Des Plaines which is \$68,696/yr. Des Plaines has the following block groups median household income fall below \$34,348/yr. (8051114, 8062021).

However, HUD does not use 'concentration' to define an area as low income. Rather, in Des Plaines, an Exception Grantee, any census block group with at least 41.26% of households that are low or moderate-income is considered a low- and moderate-income area (<https://www.hudexchange.info/manage-a-program/acs-low-mod-summary-data-exception-grantees/>) for purposes of establishing area-wide benefit for projects. Multiple blocks in Des Plaines meet these criteria.

What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?

The rate of owner-occupied homes in the 806501 block group is 70.19%. Approximately 30% of renters pay a median contract rent of \$772, well below the City median of \$1,103.

Consulting housing sales records in this area from the last three years via redfin.com shows only a few properties sold for a price above the Des Plaines median home price of \$242,600. Other census tracts saw many times the number of homes sold that exceeded that price.

Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?

Apache Park is a large park in tract 806501, which along with other assets such as schools, churches, and retail, could serve to revitalize this distressed neighborhood. A plan, developed in

conjunction with CMAP, is in place to bring about this revitalization.

<https://apacheparkneighborhoodplan.wordpress.com/documents/>

- Eaton Park and Seminole Park are other parks in a nearby low- and moderate-income area that were revitalized to better the surrounding community.
- **Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?**
- The redevelopment of Seminole Park and the surrounding neighborhood is a backup project. Des Plaines will continue to monitor, by working with the Park District, other parks in need that are located in low- and moderate-income areas as an opportunity to focus its CDBG activities as backup projects.

MA-60 BROADBAND NEEDS OF HOUSING OCCUPIED BY LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS-91.210(A)(4), 91.310(A)(2)

Describe the need for broadband wiring and connections for households, including low- and moderate-income households and neighborhoods.

There continues to be a need for broadband wiring and connections for households, including low- and moderate-income households and neighborhoods. It provides faster access to learning, employment, and business opportunities, which may assist with improving the socioeconomic status of households with broadband access.

Des Plaines is an ethnically diverse area with nearly 31.8 % of the population being born outside the United States. They rely on their internet services to connect with family and friends in their country of origin and to pursue educational and career goals. Unlike many other locations, fiber optics are quite accessible in the area. The types of infrastructure available in Des Plaines:

- DSL provides internet service via phone cables and is up to 10 times faster than dial-up service.
- Cable provides internet speeds faster than DSL through the same cables used for cable TV.
- Satellite internet is widely available but offers slower speeds due to a far-traveling signal.
- Fiber relies on glass strands to relay digital code and is much faster than both DSL and cable.

Describe the need for increased competition by having more than one broadband Internet service provider serve the jurisdiction.

According to *CONSUMER BRANDS INMYAREA, LLC*, Des Plaines is connected by thirty residential, business, and mobile internet providers, but only has three primary internet service providers: *Xfinity*, *WOW!* and *AT&T*. One additional fixed wireless and two satellite internet providers offer internet service too. The fastest reported residential download speed in 60016 available is 1000 Mbps. *AT&T* and *Xfinity* are the best providers when looking for speed and availability for most people; therefore, there is competition:

- *AT&T* (DSL & Fiber – 1000 Mbps) available in both zip codes (60016 & 60018)
- *Xfinity* (Cable – 1000 Mbps) available in both zip codes (60016 & 60018)
- *WOW!* (Cable – 1000 Mbps) available in both zip codes (60016 & 60018)
- *ViaSat* (Satellite – 25 Mbps) available in both zip codes (60016 & 60018)
- *Hughes Net* (Satellite – 25 Mbps) available in both zip codes (60016 & 60018)
- *E-divergent* (Fixed Wireless – 25 Mbps) available only in 60016 zip code
- *EarthLink* (Fiber – 1000 Mbps) available in both zip codes (60016 & 60018)
- *Rise Broadband* (Fixed Wireless – 25 Mbps) available only in 60016 zip code
- *Foresite Wireless LLC* (Fixed Wireless – 6 Mbps) available in both zip codes (60016 & 60018)
- *Urbancom.net* (Fixed Wireless – 10 Mbps) available only in 60018 zip code

MA-65 HAZARD MITIGATION – 91.210(A)(5), 91.310(A)(3)

Describe the jurisdiction’s increased natural hazard risks associated with climate change.

Des Plaines’ increased natural hazard risks associated with climate change will primarily come from stormwater management from large storm events, most notably riverine over-banking, sewer back-ups, and wind damage.

Describe the vulnerability to these risks of housing occupied by low- and moderate-income households based on an analysis of data, findings, and methods.

Des Plaines’ public infrastructure was primarily built-out in the 1950s. The City continues to make improvements to this aging infrastructure. Sewer lateral infrastructure installed post World War II is aging and deteriorates. The need for replacements and repairs will continue to increase. Home Improvement Program funds have been used for sewer lateral and roof repair/replacement activities, and are expected to continue.

STRATEGIC PLAN

SP-05 OVERVIEW

Strategic Plan Overview

This Strategic Plan presents the priority needs and goals of the CDBG program as discussed through consultation with the general public, service providers, and City staff. This portion of the Consolidated Plan will detail the City of Des Plaines' strategy for approaching the community development needs of the City.

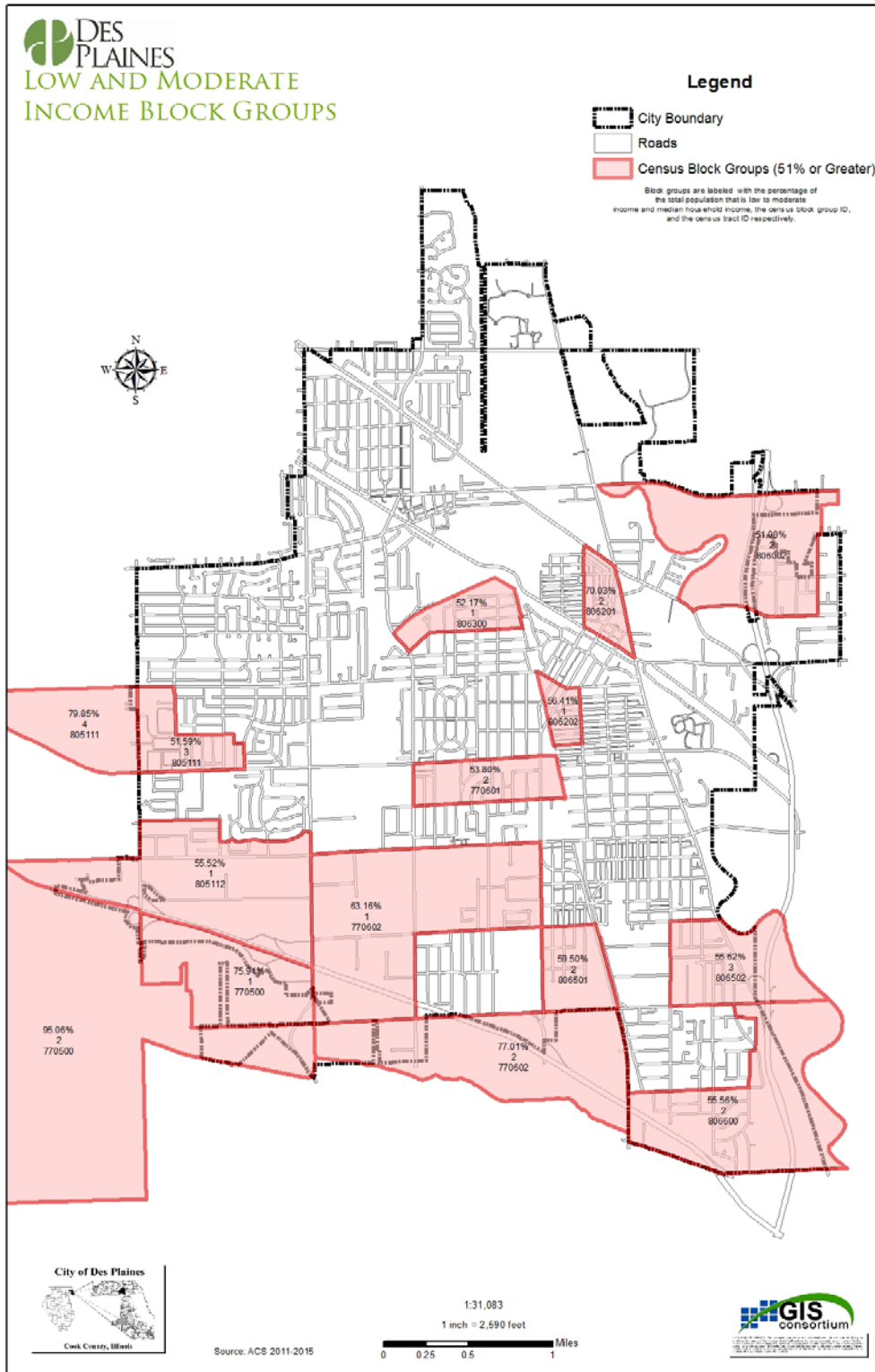
Affordable housing, public infrastructure, facilities, and public services will be discussed on the pages that follow, including the geographic distribution of these activities and projects. These projects will be carried out by municipal departments or social service agencies overseen by the City and subsidized with CDBG funds.

The responses submitted via the online citizen survey indicate low- and moderate-income families face the greatest challenges to securing affordable, safe, decent, and sanitary housing, followed by seniors and homeless families. Besides, the respondents' votes for high-priority issues to be addressed over the next five years are unsafe/poorly maintained neighborhoods, followed by a lack of affordable housing. The respondents' high priority were also homelessness and homeless prevention services.

The potential resources and distribution of funding highlighted the City's approach to accomplishing its goals and objectives.

SP-10 GEOGRAPHIC PRIORITIES – 91.415, 91.215 (A)(1)

Geographic Area



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General Allocation Priorities

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the state

The above map was prepared using the guidelines provided by August 6, 2014, HUD notice titled “Additional Guidance on New Low/Moderate Income Summary Data Based on the 2006-2010 American Community Survey.” (<https://www.hudexchange.info/news/additional-guidance-on-new-lowmoderate-income-summary-data-based-on-2006-2010-american-community-survey/>) This notice provided links to data that estimates the number of low to moderate-income individuals in every block group in the State of Illinois.

At least 41.26% of the households in the census block groups highlighted in the above map are moderate or lower-income (below the \$74,800 household AMFI of the Chicago Joliet Naperville metro area). The threshold of 41.26% of households is a figure determined by HUD that reflects Des Plaines status as an exception grantee (<https://www.hudexchange.info/manage-a-program/acs-low-mod-summary-data-exception-grantees/>) and is lower than the standard threshold of 51%. The City of Des Plaines consults the above map when determining eligible sites for public facilities and public improvements which have an area benefit. These benefits must serve primarily low-income populations and are therefore concentrated in these low- and moderate-income areas.

SP-25 PRIORITY NEEDS – 91.415, 91.215(A)(2)

Priority Needs

1	Priority Need Name	Ensure Housing is Affordable, Accessible, and Sustainable
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Income Level: Extremely Low Income Level: Low Income Level: Moderate Family Types: Large Families Family Types: Families with Children Family Types: Frail Elderly Family Types: Public Housing Residents Non-Homeless Special Needs: Elderly and Frail Elderly Non-Homeless Special Needs: Persons with Mental Disabilities Non-Homeless Special Needs: Persons with Physical Disabilities Non-Homeless Special Needs: Persons with Developmental Disabilities Victims of Domestic Violence
	Geographic Area Affected	Citywide
	Associated Goals	Capital Improvement: Preserve Existing Single-Family Stock Public Service: Financial assistance to housing services and programs
	Description	The City aims to maintain and improve the community’s existing housing stock and reduce the housing cost burden suffered by low- and moderate-income households.
	The Basis for Relative Priority	The most prevalent housing problem experienced in Des Plaines is a high housing cost burden. Affordable housing must then be a high priority need of the City. Additionally, consultation with our sub-recipient agencies resulted in unanimous consent that this is the number one priority need for Des Plaines and the region.

2	Priority Need Name	Provide Public Services
	Priority Level	High
	Population	<p>Income Level: Extremely Low Income Level: Low Income Level: Moderate Family Types: Large Families Family Types: Families with Children Family Types: Elderly Family Types: Public Housing Residents Homeless: Rural Homeless: Chronic Homelessness Homeless: Individuals Homeless: Families with Children Homeless: Mentally Ill Homeless: Chronic Substance Abuse Homeless: Veterans Homeless: Persons with HIV/AIDS Non-Homeless: Elderly Non-Homeless: Frail Elderly Non-Homeless: Persons with Mental Disabilities Non-Homeless: Persons with Physical Disabilities Non-Homeless: Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Non-Homeless: Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families</p>
	Geographic Area Affected	City-wide, Greater Region
	Associated Goals	<p>Public Services: Financial Assistance for Housing Programs/Services</p> <p>Public Services: Financial Assistance for Non-Housing Programs/Services</p>
	Description	There exist a need and demand for a wide variety of public services performed by the City and its sub-recipient agencies. These services will aim to address the needs of low-income populations with assistance in housing counseling, employment, housing, and elderly services. The City also hopes to address the needs of the homeless, and hopefully will help them transition towards permanent housing through access to shelters and counseling services. The City also hopes to prevent those at risk of homelessness from becoming homeless.
	The basis for Relative Priority	The consultation with our sub-recipient agencies that manage these programs reiterated the demand and need for public services which will support housing counseling, provide services for the seniors, battered and abused spouses, as well as a runaway, locked-out homeless teenagers and young people.

3	Priority Need Name	Improve Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Priority Level	Low
	Population	<p>Income Level: Extremely Low Income Level: Low Income Level: Moderate Income Level: Middle Family Types: Large Families Family Types: Families with Children Family Types: Elderly Family Types: Public Housing Residents Non-Homeless Special Needs: Elderly and Frail Elderly Non-Homeless Special Needs: Persons with Mental and Physical Disabilities Non-Homeless Special Needs: Persons with Developmental Disabilities Non-Homeless Special Needs: Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Non-Homeless Special Needs: Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Non-Homeless Special Needs: Victims of Domestic Violence Non-Homeless Special Needs: Non-Housing Community Development</p>
	Geographic Area Affected	Low- and moderate-income Census Block Groups
	Associated Goals	Capital Improvements: Improve Public Facilities and Public Infrastructure
	Description	The City hopes to improve the public facilities and infrastructure in low- and moderate-income areas of Des Plaines. Providing recreational activities to people with these facilities will contribute to the quality of life and aim to prevent crime through environmental design and are administered by the Des Plaines Park District. The public infrastructure projects take the form of improvements and repairs to streets, sidewalks, sewage, and lighting in low- and moderate-income areas, and are administered by the Department of Public Works and Engineering.
	The basis for Relative Priority	Public facilities and infrastructure improvements in general make neighborhoods more functional and safer.

4	Priority Need Name	Provide Planning and Administration Activities
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Other: Plan for all CDBG-based income levels, family types, and homeless and non-homeless special needs populations.
	Geographic Area Affected	Des Plaines-City-Wide
	Associated Goals	Planning and Administration
	Description	There is a great need to help low- and moderate-income individuals, households, and neighborhoods with a better quality of life. Under Planning & Administration, the City seeks to ensure that the strategies, goals, and projects of the entire CDBG program solve the City's priority needs, are well designed and managed, and are coordinated with other social service agencies for the most effective and efficient delivery of services.
	The basis for Relative Priority	The CDBG program requires the technical assistance of local program administrators to ensure the goals and objectives of the program are met, and the rules and regulations are followed. Also, the program requires the technical assistance of regional CPD representatives to ensure the local efforts meet program requirements.

Table 13 – Priority Needs Summary

Narrative (Optional)

The priority needs presented above represent the greatest needs that should be addressed by the CDBG program. Through the public participation process, the priority needs were recognized and the steps to address those needs were identified.

The priority needs to be established within this section will serve as the framework for how the City will allocate CDBG funding over the next five years.

SP-35 ANTICIPATED RESOURCES – 91.420(B), 215(A)(4), 91.220(C) (1,2)

Introduction

The City of Des Plaines expects to receive \$307,288 in CDBG Program Year 2020 funds. The City expects to receive a similar allocation for each following program year.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con. Plan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	Federal, HUD	Housing, Public Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Public Services, Planning and Admin	\$307,241	-	Approx. \$17,426	\$324,667	\$1,228,964	Assuming annual allocation remains similar, 4 years x \$307,241 + prior year resources =Expected Remainder

Table 14 – Anticipated Resources

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

The City of Des Plaines does not anticipate using federal funds with a matching requirement, and the CDBG entitlement grant does not have a matching requirement.

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

Seminole Park discussed previously, is a publicly owned park in a low income, minority concentration area that needs revitalized public facilities that would increase the quality of life in the area. Finally, public streets, intersections, sidewalks, and alleys are also potential areas for infrastructure improvements.

Discussion

The City of Des Plaines has been allocated \$307,241 CDBG funds for PY2020 and expects a similar allocation for the remaining program years covered by this Consolidated Plan. Additionally, Des Plaines has an amount of \$17,426 remaining from delayed projects from previous program years.

The City plans to expend these funds for the additional home rehabilitation project in PY2020. For the next five-year period, if any, carryover funds will be allocated towards public facility or infrastructure projects.

SP-40 INSTITUTIONAL DELIVERY STRUCTURE – 91.415, 91.215(K)

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
City of Des Plaines	Government	Economic Development Non-homeless special needs, Community Development: Neighborhood improvements Public facilities Public services Planning and Administration Neighborhood improvements Public facilities Public services	Municipal
Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County	Continuum of Care	Homelessness	Regional
Housing Authority of Cook County	Public Housing Authority	Public Housing	Regional
Sub-Recipients		Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Home Ownership Home Rental Neighborhood improvements Public facilities Public services	Regional

Table 15 – Institutional Delivery Structure

Assess Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

The strength of the institutional delivery system is the wide variety of social service available, if not within the Des Plaines borders, at least in nearby municipalities and certainly in the City of Chicago. Des Plaines offers public transport links to reach these municipalities.

However, the weakness of the institutional delivery system is a reduced capacity to deliver services due to funding cuts and closings, which are being met with increased demand.

Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Homelessness Prevention Services			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	
Legal Assistance	X	X	
Mortgage Assistance	X		
Rental Assistance	X	X	
Utility Assistance	X	X	
Street Outreach Services			
Law Enforcement	X	X	
Mobile Clinics	X		
Other Street Outreach Services	X		
Supportive Services			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X	X	
Child Care	X	X	
Education	X	X	
Employment and Employment Training	X	X	
Healthcare	X	X	
HIV/AIDS			
Life Skills	X	X	
Mental Health Counseling	X	X	
Transportation	X		
Other			
Other	X	X	

Table 16 – Homeless Prevention Services Summary

Describe the extent to which services targeted to a homeless person and persons with HIV and mainstream services, such as health, mental health, and employment services are made available to and used by homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families and unaccompanied youth) and persons with HIV within the jurisdiction:

The chief strength of the service delivery system with regards to homelessness is the cohesive regional approach that the Continuum of Care, the Alliance to End Homelessness in Suburban Cook County provides. The Alliance can better coordinate and collaborate with the local actors through multiple municipalities that provide homeless services in a variety of manners.

The City of Des Plaines is located within the Alliance’s North Community Based Service Area, one of three Community Based Service Areas throughout Cook County. This Service Area oversees multiple non-profit agencies in the area such as the Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health,

Catholic Charities, Journeys: The Road Home, The Center of Concern, The Harbour Inc., Northwest Compass Inc., and WINGS, who provide direct services for homeless persons. Some of these agencies are sub-recipients of the City of Des Plaines' CDBG program as well. Some of these agencies have specialized groups that they serve, such as chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, or unaccompanied youth.

Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above

However, as discussed previously, there are capacity issues, particularly within the realm of sheltering the homeless. The primary homeless shelter in Des Plaines is only open one night a week and only from October to April. Other nights of the week the homeless must relocate to different facilities in other municipalities that are also only open one night a week. These issues that occur within the North Community Service Area surely also occur throughout the county, a large area that includes over 2.5 million people within the suburbs alone.

Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs

Based on conversations with our sub-recipient social service agencies, particularly the Center of Concern, the long-term strategy to overcome gaps in the institutional structure is to place a greater emphasis on technology to deliver services to at-risk individuals and households. A recognition that funding is dwindling to fund public service agencies and their staff (as evidenced by the recent closing of local mental health provider The Maine Center) is leading service agencies to use technology to gather data, inform needs, and serve a wider range of people.

SP-45 GOALS SUMMARY– 91.415, 91.215(A)(4)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Capital Improvements: Preserve Existing Housing Stock	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	City Wide Des Plaines	Ensure Housing is Affordable, Accessible & Sustainable	\$1,086,285	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated; Number of Household Housing Unit (40)
2	Capital Improvements: Improve Public Facilities and Public Infrastructure	2020	2024	Non-housing Community Development	Eligible Low Income Census Block Groups in Des Plaines	Improve Public Facilities and Public Infrastructures in low- and moderate-income areas	\$0.00-250,000 Backup project	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit Number of Persons Assisted with an Improved Neighborhood; (700)
3	Public Services: Financial Assistance for Housing Public Programs/Services	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs Risk of Homeless	City Wide Des Plaines	Ensure Housing is Affordable, Accessible & Sustainable Provide Public Services	\$171,500	Homelessness Prevention Number of Persons Assisted (1600)
4	Public Services: Financial Assistance for Non-Housing Public Programs/Services	2020	2024	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Risk of Homeless	City Wide Des Plaines	Provide Public Services	\$58,500	Public Service Activities Other Than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit Number of Persons Assisted (110)
5	Planning and Administration: Conduct Planning and Administration activities	2020	2024	Planning and Administration	City Wide Des Plaines	Conduct CDBG Planning and Administration Activities	\$307,050	–

Table 17 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

Capital Improvements: Preserve Existing Housing Stock

Des Plaines will use CDBG funds to assist low-income residents to reduce their housing cost burden by providing counseling, home repairs, and home modifications. City CDBG staff would like to provide affordable, accessible, sustainable housing for our growing elderly low- and moderate-income population. City CDBG staff will partner with the City's Department of Health and Family Services, the Department of Buildings, and our sub-recipient social service agencies to reassess the need for modified and new housing-related programming in future years as we prepare our annual action plans.

Capital Improvements: Improve Public Facilities and Public Infrastructure

Des Plaines will use CDBG to improve park facilities, landscaping, and lighting in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. City CDBG staff will partner with the Department of Public Works and the Des Plaines Park District, as well as other potential city agencies, to assess new future project viability in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods as we prepare future annual action plans. Besides, Des Plaines will use CDBG funds to make sidewalk and lighting improvements in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods. City CDBG staff will partner with the Department of Public Works, as well as other potential city agencies, to assess new future project viability in low- and moderate-income neighborhoods as we prepare future annual action plans. These additional programs can include streets, alleys, sewers, and other infrastructure improvements. All the above projects will be completed only as backup projects in case of accumulated unexpended CDBG funds from previous years.

Public Services: Provide Financial Assistance for Housing Programs/Services

Provide Financial Assistance to support social service agencies that provide housing counseling, supportive, and referral services; home-sharing, child and youth services; senior services that enabled them to "age in place"; special needs services; health care services; financial, career, and employment counseling services; interpretation services with multilingual staff; and housing-related services by addressing issues such as homelessness prevention and helping homelessness.

Public Services: Provide Financial Assistance for Non-Housing Programs and Services

Provide Financial Assistance to support social service agencies that provide Non-Housing Programs and public services including but not limited to the counseling, emergency and transitional housing for runaway girls and abused spouses as limited clientele/presumed benefits

Planning and Administration: Conduct Planning and Administration

Des Plaines will use 20% of its CDBG funds to conduct, administer, and plan its programming. Prepare the five-year Consolidated Plan, the one-year Action Plan, and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), and administer the CDBG program daily.

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2)

Over the next five years, Des Plaines will preserve affordable housing to approximately 23 low- and moderate-income homeowners by providing various levels of home rehabilitation to enable these householders to remain in their home and assist 20 low- and moderate-income homeowners through fair housing counseling.

SP-65 LEAD-BASED PAINT HAZARDS – 91.415, 91.215(I)

Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards

According to the data provided by the Illinois Department of Health and their Illinois Lead Program mentioned in the Housing Market Analysis (MA-20), lead levels in the blood of Des Plaines children are lower than that of the surrounding region. Therefore, it can be said that lead-based paint hazards are lower in Des Plaines than in nearby municipalities.

However, the dangers of LBP hazards are still a serious concern despite the data suggesting that lead-based paint is not prevalent in Des Plaines. Therefore, a lead inspection is a required prerequisite of the City's use of CDBG funds towards housing-related projects. Also, the Illinois Department of Health will continue to monitor the blood levels of area children and will be a resource for City staff that wish to check whether there have been any changes in the lower level of a lead trend in Des Plaines youth. Finally, the Des Plaines Department of Health and Human Services stocks literature on the risks of LBP that it distributes to interested parties as part of an awareness campaign.

How are the actions listed above related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards?

The City's Health Department believes the actions listed above are adequate to address the extent of LBP hazards in Des Plaines.

How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?

The City's actions to address LBP hazards are integrated into housing policies and procedures to ensure a high level of quality of health for City residents. The City's CDBG-funded home rehabilitation programs are instrumental in helping to reduce LBP hazards. Low- and moderate-income homeowners can apply for grants to repair their homes, and if LBP hazards are found, they do remediation or are appropriately removed as part of the program activities.

SP-70 ANTI-POVERTY STRATEGY – 91.415, 91.215(J)

Jurisdiction Goals, Programs, and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families

The number of Des Plaines families below the poverty line is 608, for a percentage of 4.0% (2007-11 ACS), which is well below the rate for the County (13.1%) and State (10.3%). While this total is lower than many of our nearby municipalities, these families still face a need greater than the City's limited resources can fully address.

The needs assessment performed in this Plan indicates that low- and moderate-income individuals and families are likely to suffer from housing cost burdens. For this reason, the City will allocate a large portion of CDBG funds to make housing more affordable and therefore help to reduce the number of poverty-stricken families. The City also allocates CDBG funds towards low- and moderate-income families in need of child care.

Many of the programs that aim to relieve poverty-level families are federal programs administered at a level higher than local municipalities, such as food stamps, Medicaid and Medicare, and public housing. The City's procedure is to refer poverty-level families in need of help to these resources, sometimes via the counseling expertise of local and regional social service agencies (that also perform some of our CDBG programs). Interactions with these agencies can also lead to employment training and educational opportunities that may also benefit low income and poverty-level families.

How are the Jurisdiction poverty-reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan?

The City's poverty-reducing goals, programs, and policies will support at-risk individuals and families. The Consolidated Plan will serve as the framework for the City and service providers to address the needs of the Des Plaines residents. The approach to addressing the poverty-reducing needs of the community and coordinating it with the affordable housing plan will be accomplished through referencing the Consolidated Plan and working with CDBG Staff.

SP-80 MONITORING – 91.230

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

Monitoring is a vital process in determining that Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds are being used in a manner that complies with the rules and regulations of the CDBG program and all other applicable federal law.

1. To determine if a sub-recipient is carrying out its community development program, and its activities, as described in the application for CDBG assistance and the Sub-recipient Agreement.
2. To determine if a sub-recipient is carrying out its activities promptly, following the schedule included in the Agreement.
3. To determine if a sub-recipient is charging costs to the project that are eligible under applicable laws and CDBG regulations, and reasonable considering the services or products delivered.
4. To determine if a sub-recipient is conducting its activities with adequate control over the program and financial performance and in a way that minimizes opportunities for waste, mismanagement, fraud, and abuse.
5. To assess if the sub-recipient has a continuing capacity to carry out the approved project, as well as future grants for which it may apply.
6. To identify potential problem areas and to assist the sub-recipient in complying with applicable laws and regulations.
7. To assist sub-recipients in resolving compliance problems through discussion, negotiation, and the provision of technical assistance and training.
8. To provide adequate follow-up measures to ensure that performance and compliance deficiencies are corrected by sub-recipients, and not repeated.
9. To comply with the Federal monitoring requirements of 24 CFR 570.50 I(b) and with 24 CFR 84.51 and 85.40, as applicable.
10. To determine if any conflicts of interest exist in the operation of the CDBG program, per 24 CER 570.611.
11. To ensure that required records are maintained to demonstrate compliance with applicable regulations.

The City of Des Plaines will execute a Grant Agreement with every sub-recipient to receive CDBG funding through the City. The Agreement will outline the procedures necessary for the sub-recipient to meet all compliance provisions required under the CDBG program. The sub-recipient will be monitored based on specific objectives, performance measures, and expectations as stipulated in the Agreement. The City will utilize two primary methods to monitor its CDBG sub-recipients: the receipt of quarterly reports detailing client benefit, demographic and income information, and an annual on-site monitoring visit to review various aspects of the program depending on a risk factor analysis. Such risk factors may include, but are not limited to: sub-recipients new to the CDBG program, sub-recipients that have experienced key staff changes, sub-recipients with previous compliance or performance issues, and sub-recipients carrying out high-risk or multiple activities. Additionally, the City will provide technical assistance and training to sub-recipients as needed to ensure that the federal and local government requirements are being met.

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

AP-15 EXPECTED RESOURCES – 91.420(B), 91.220(C) (1,2)

Introduction

The resources tallied in the below table are up to date as of the submission of this Final Plan Document to the Des Plaines City Council on August 3, 2020.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	Federal, HUD	Housing, Public Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Public Services, Planning and Admin	307,241	N/A	Approx. \$17,426 additional /Entitlement Fund rollover from prior year	Approx. \$324,667	\$1,228,964	Assuming annual allocation remains similar, 4 years x \$307,241 + prior year resources =Expected Remainder

Table 18 – Anticipated 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

The City of Des Plaines does not anticipate using federal funds with a matching requirement, and the CDBG entitlement grant does not have a matching requirement.

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

As mentioned earlier in the PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan the three publicly owned parks: Apache Park, Eaton Field Park, and Seminole Park are in the neighborhoods which contain a relatively high percentage of minority households, and the parks themselves require improved and new facilities. During the last five years, all three parks were improved through CDBG funding as backup projects. Although subject parks already received funding there is still room for further

improvements in mentioned parks if funds will be available in the next five years. Finally, public streets are also potential areas for infrastructure improvements as backup projects.

Discussion

The City of Des Plaines has been allocated \$307,241 in CDBG funds for 2020. Des Plaines has a small number of funds (approximately \$17,426) remaining from the last program year. The City plans to spend all available \$324,667 available for the PY2020.

AP-20 ANNUAL GOALS AND OBJECTIVES– 91.420, 91.220(C)(3) AND (E)

2020 Goals Summary Information

Goal ID	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Capital Improvements: Preserve Existing Housing Stock	2020	2021	Affordable Housing	City Limits of Des Plaines	Ensure Housing is Affordable, Accessible & Sustainable	\$217,257	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated-Number of /Household Housing Unit (8)
2	Public Services: Provide Financial Assistance for Housing Programs/Activities	2020	2021	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs Risk of Homeless	City Limits of Des Plaines	Ensure Housing is Affordable, Accessible & Sustainable Provide Public Services	\$34,300	Homelessness Prevention /Persons Assisted (320)
3	Public Services: Provide Financial Assistance for Non-Housing Service	2020	2021	Non-Homeless Special Needs Homeless	City Limits of Des Plaines	Provide Public Services	\$11,700	Public Service Activities Other than Low /Moderate Income Housing Benefit/Persons Assisted (22)
4	Planning and Administration: Conduct Planning and Administration Activities	2020	2021	Planning and Administration	City Limits of Des Plaines	Conduct CDBG Planning & Administration Activities	\$61,410	-

Table 19 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

Capital Improvements: Preserve Existing Housing Stock

Des Plaines will use CDBG funds to assist low- and moderate-income residents to reduce their housing cost burden by providing counseling, home repairs, and home modifications. City CDBG staff would like to provide affordable, accessible, sustainable housing for our growing elderly low- and moderate-income population. City CDBG staff will partner with the City’s Department of Health and Family Services, the Department of Buildings, and our sub-recipient social service

agencies to reassess the need for modified and new housing-related programming in future years as we prepare our annual action plans.

Public Services: Provide Financial Assistance for Housing Programs/Services

Provide Financial Assistance to support social service agencies that provide housing counseling, supportive, and referral services; home-sharing, child and youth services; senior services that enabled them to “age in place”; special needs services; health care services; financial, career, and employment counseling services; interpretation services with multilingual staff; and housing-related services by addressing issues such as homelessness prevention and helping homelessness.

Public Services: Provide Financial Assistance for Non-Housing Programs/Services

Provide Financial Assistance to support social service agencies that provide Non-Housing Programs and public services including but not limited to the counseling, emergency and transitional housing for runaway youth and abused spouses as limited clientele/presumed benefits.

Planning and Administration: Conduct Planning and Administration

Des Plaines will use 20% of its CDBG funds to conduct, administer, and plan its programming. Prepare the five-year Consolidated Plan, the one-year Action Plan, and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), and administer the CDBG program daily.

AP-35 PROJECTS – 91.420, 91.220(D)

Introduction

The City has found that many of the following projects, introduced via previous Consolidated Plans, still serve an unmet need in our low- and moderate-income communities, and should be continued with the start of our CDBG 2020 Program Year on October 1, 2020. Besides, the City would like to continue to allocate CDBG funds toward new public facility improvements of public parks in low to moderate-income areas as backup projects. Finally, the new 2020-24 Consolidated Plan has identified new areas of need that CDBG funds can be used to address. The City will be pursuing relationships with current sub-recipients to implement programs that address the needs of the Consolidated Plan.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	North West Housing Partnership: Home Repair Program
2	North West Housing Partnership: Minor Repair (and Home Accessibility Modification Program)
3	City of Des Plaines, CED: Emergency Repair Program
4	Northwest Compass: Housing Counseling Program
5	WINGS, Safe House and Community Based Services Program
6	Center of Concern, Housing Counseling, Resources, and Home Sharing Program
7	Center of Concern, Senior Housing, and Supportive Services Program
8	The Harbour, Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing for Homeless Youth Program
9	City of Des Plaines, CED: Planning and Administration

Table 20 – Project Information

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

The above programs receive an allocation relative to its rudimentary cost and benefit to the community. For instance, public facilities and infrastructure have quite a high cost compared to other projects, due to the nature of the work being done. However, these projects benefit entire neighborhoods of households, not just households that directly participate in a program. Our housing-related programming receives a relatively high allocation due to the preservation of affordable housing and reducing housing cost burdens being such a fundamental goal of CDBG activity, nationwide and within the Des Plaines Community. The City’s public service programs, unfortunately, face an obstacle in that their funding allocation can only add up to 15% of the 2020 Annual CDBG Allocation (\$307,288), which means Des Plaines CDBG public service programs can receive a maximum \$46,093 in 2020.

AP-38 PROJECT SUMMARY

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Northwest Housing Partnership: Home Repair Program
	Target Area	Low- and moderate-income households throughout Des Plaines
	Goals Supported	Capital Improvements: Preserve Existing Housing Stock
	Needs Addressed	Ensure Housing is Affordable, Accessible & Sustainable
	Funding	\$189,982 (including 15% is NWHP admin costs, the bulk are granted for Low- and Moderate-Income households)
	Description	<p>The City provides single-family homeowner residences with 0% interest, deferred, forgivable loans to correct code violations, and perform large-scale home repairs. Low- and moderate-income homeowners are eligible for 100% of repair costs up to \$24,000.</p> <p>Following the completion of the rehabilitation work, a lien is placed on the property for the total cost of the work; if the homeowner does not transfer the title of the home within ten years of obtaining the loan, the lien lapses. If the title is transferred within ten years, the homeowner is required to repay the loan principal in one lump sum payment. No interest is charged.</p> <p>A lead inspection is carried out before the performance of any work and is included in this budget as part of the delivery cost. HUD requires all homes receiving federal funds for housing rehabilitation assistance to undergo a lead paint inspection and risk assessment. Properties that are determined to have significant lead-based paint hazards may also be required to undergo a clearance inspection following completion of the rehabilitation work.</p>
	Target Date	September 30, 2021
	Estimate the number/type of households that will benefit from the proposed activity	Six (6) low- and moderate-income homeowners will benefit from this activity. However, if the initial households do not require the maximum grant amount to complete this activity, more households can participate in this program. Also, additional households can participate if prior and current year money is not spent on infrastructure Improvement backup projects.
	Planned Activities (HUD Eligibility Activity Code)	Rehabilitation of privately owned, single-unit homes, Rehab-Administration. (14A & 14H)

2	Project Name	North West Housing Partnership: Minor Repair (and Home Accessibility Modification) Program
	Target Area	Low- and moderate-income households throughout Des Plaines
	Goals Supported	Capital Improvements: Preserve Existing Housing Stock
	Needs Addressed	Ensure Housing is Affordable, Accessible & Sustainable
	Funding	\$21,275 (including 15% of the funding allocation will be given to Northwest Housing Partnership to cover administration costs)
	Description	<p>The Minor Repair Program offers low- and moderate-income households up to \$8,000 to address minor repair issues in the home that do not cause immediate public safety concerns and therefore would not qualify for the Emergency Repair Program. Also, this program will be marked towards the Low- and Moderate-Income elderly population as well as Low- and Moderate-Income disabled populations of Des Plaines to perform accessibility modifications in these households to support “aging in place.”</p> <p>Following the completion of the rehabilitation work, a lien is placed on the property for the total cost of the work; if the homeowner does not transfer the title to the home within three (3) years of obtaining the loan, the lien lapses. If the title transfers within three (3) years, the homeowner is required to repay the loan principal in one lump sum payment. No interest is charged.</p> <p>In some instances, a lead inspection will be performed before work is performed and it is included in this budget as a delivery cost.</p>
	Target Date	September 30, 2021
	Estimate the number/type of households that will benefit from the proposed activity	Des Plaines plans to serve at least two (2) low- and moderate-income households with the proposed activity. These households may consist of elderly and disabled persons, but CDBG income eligibility verification procedures will be required. Also, if the initial households do not require the maximum \$8,000 grant to complete this activity, more households can participate in this program.
	Planned Activities (HUD Eligibility Activity Code)	Rehabilitation of privately owned, single-family homes and Rehab-Administration. An emphasis will be placed on accessibility modifications, such as ramps and grab bars. (14A& 14H)

3	Project Name	City of Des Plaines, CED: Emergency Repair Program (as needed)
	Target Area	Low- and moderate-income households throughout Des Plaines
	Goals Supported	Capital Improvements: Preserve Existing Housing Stock
	Needs Addressed	Ensure Housing is Affordable, Accessible & Sustainable
	Funding	\$6,000
	Description	The Emergency Repair Program will provide grants of up to \$2,500 to eligible low- and moderate-income City of Des Plaines homeowners for emergency repairs. This must be an emergency situation requiring immediate work (therefore circumventing the HUD requirement that three contractor bids be proposed, as in most CDBG housing rehab projects). Assistance will be provided in the form of a grant with no repayment required.
	Target Date	September 30, 2021
	Estimate the number/type of households that will benefit from the proposed activity	Two (2) low- and moderate-income households will benefit from the proposed activity if needed. However, if the initial households do not require the maximum \$3,000 grant to complete this activity, more households can participate in this program.
	Planned Activities (HUD Eligibility Activity Code)	Provides minor emergency home repairs. An emergency is defined as “Actions immediately necessary to safeguard against imminent danger to human life, health or safety, or to protect property from further structural damage (such as when a property has been damaged by a natural disaster, fire, or structural collapse)”. This program is administered by the City of Des Plaines. (14A)

4	Project Name	Northwest Compass, Inc.: Housing Counseling Program
	Target Area	Low- and moderate-income households throughout Des Plaines
	Goals Supported	Public Services: Financial Assistance for Housing Public Programs/Services
	Needs Addressed	Ensure Housing is Affordable, Accessible & Sustainable Provide Public Services
	Funding	\$14,900
	Description	The Housing Counseling Program provides services geared towards housing counseling, homelessness diversion and prevention, housing navigation, rapid re-housing, and immediate short-term rent assistance to prevent individuals and families at risk of becoming homeless for the first time and/or to assist them to exit homelessness as quickly as possible. The program also facilitates Transitional Living and Permanent Supportive Housing Program components.
	Target Date	September 30, 2021
	Estimate the number/type of households that will benefit from the proposed activity	200 low- and moderate-income Des Plaines residents will benefit from this activity.
	Planned Activities (HUD Eligibility Activity Code)	<p><i>Community Crisis Intervention:</i> Provides timely and comprehensive screening, assesses the clients' current situation, accesses internal and external on-going support and linkage to additional services striving to assist people going through a crisis, and connects them to programs and/or services that best meet their needs.</p> <p><i>Community Housing Counseling and Assistance:</i> Helps to stabilize a family's current housing situation, and provides individual counseling and assistance for a variety of circumstances to prevent homelessness and help them secure stable housing.</p> <p><i>Rapid Re-Housing:</i> Connects families and individuals experiencing homelessness to permanent housing through a tailored package of assistance that may include the use of time-limited financial assistance and targeted supportive services. The services include housing relocation and stabilization services and short-and/or medium-term rental assistance as necessary to help individuals or families living in shelters or places not meant for human habitation move as quickly as possible into permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing.</p> <p>(05U)</p>

5	Project Name	Women in Need Growing Stronger (WINGS): Safe House Emergency Shelter (Domestic Violence) Program
	Target Area	Low- and moderate-income households throughout Des Plaines
	Goals Supported	Public Service: Financial Assistance for Non-Housing Public Programs/Services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	\$ 6,700
	Description	The goal of the Safe House Emergency Shelter Program is to reduce homelessness by assisting victims, and their children, of domestic violence. Victims and their children who seek shelter through the Safe House are fleeing violence in their homes and are therefore homeless. To participate, the family must currently be homeless or at immediate risk of homelessness and must agree to adhere to the goals and requirements of the program.
	Target Date	September 30, 2021
	Estimate the number/type of households that will benefit from the proposed activity	20 Des Plaines women or women and children at risk of homelessness will benefit from this activity.
Planned Activities (HUD Eligibility Activity Code)	<p><i>Safe House:</i> Provides up to 90 days of emergency shelter combined with supportive services that include, but are not limited to: daily needs (food, clothing), case management, advocacy for employment, education, and legal, therapeutic counseling (group, family, individual, child).</p> <p><i>Community-Based Services:</i> Provides counseling, safety planning, advocacy to individuals in the community who are not prepared to leave their domestic violence situation but require assistance in collecting the resources and information so they may leave as easily as possible. These services are delivered within community centers so the victim may seek assistance without drawing attention to themselves by their abuser.</p> <p>(05G)</p>	

6	Project Name	Center of Concern: Homeless Prevention, Housing Counseling, Home Sharing, and Resources Program
	Target Area	Low- and moderate-income households throughout Des Plaines.
	Goals Supported	Public Services: Financial Assistance for Housing Public Programs/Services
	Needs Addressed	Ensure Housing is Affordable, Accessible & Sustainable Provide Public Services
	Funding	\$8,700
	Description	The Center of Concern’s Homeless Prevention, Housing Counseling, Home Sharing, and Resources Program offers financial counseling assistance, housing crisis intervention counseling to avoid eviction and foreclosure, counseling for affordable housing solutions and/or prevents utility disconnection, referrals, and information for Mental Health services, counseling to residents, and households in imminent danger of eviction.
	Target Date	September 30, 2021
	Estimate the number/type of households that will benefit from the proposed activity	50 Des Plaines residents at risk of homelessness will benefit from this activity
	Planned Activities (HUD Eligibility Activity Code)	<p><i>Case Management:</i> Provided by social workers who do assessments to evaluate needs, arrange for services to meet those needs, and monitor situations.</p> <p><i>Home Sharing:</i> Matches homeowners seeking to share their homes with individuals needing low-cost housing.</p> <p><i>Homelessness Prevention:</i> Provides financial assistance (rent/utility) and counseling to families who are homeless or facing eviction.</p> <p><i>Legal Counseling:</i> Assists with powers of attorney, wills, estates and give general legal advice.</p> <p><i>Employment Assistance:</i> Assists job seekers (develop resumes, improve interviewing skills, and job search techniques, etc.).</p> <p><i>Financial and Money Management Counseling:</i> Provides money counseling addresses financial concerns, helps with debt, and develops a plan for maintaining financial independence.</p> <p><i>Income Tax Assistance:</i> Prepare basic tax returns.</p> <p><i>Information and Referral to Mental Health services:</i> Answers inquiries about available community resources.</p> <p>(05U)</p>

7	Project Name	Center of Concern: Senior Housing and Supporting Services Program
	Target Area	Homeless or those at risk of homelessness throughout Des Plaines
	Goals Supported	Public Services: Financial Assistance for Housing Public Programs/Services
	Needs Addressed	Ensure Housing is Affordable, Accessible & Sustainable Provide Public Services
	Funding	\$10,700
	Description	Housing options and counseling, home-sharing, homelessness prevention, and housing supportive services (friendly visits, telephone reassurance, and geriatric counseling) with an emphasis placed on assisting seniors, but not limited to seniors.
	Target Date	September 30, 2021
	Estimate the number/type of households that will benefit from the proposed activity	70 Des Plaines low- and moderate-income senior residents at risk of homelessness will benefit from this activity.
	Planned Activities (HUD Eligibility Activity Code)	<p><i>Case Management:</i> Licensed social workers and case managers provide in-home assessments to identify older adult housing needs, arrange for services to meet those needs, and monitor their situations.</p> <p><i>Memory Café:</i> Individuals living with dementia and their care partners participate in a variety of activities centered on education, dance, and music therapy. Individuals develop new friendships and support through their participation in the program.</p> <p><i>Friendly Visitors:</i> Regular home visits to lonely/isolated older adults to improve their well-being.</p> <p><i>Senior Housekeeping:</i> Assistance with light household cleaning and maintenance projects.</p> <p><i>Senior Lunch:</i> Provides daily lunches on weekdays to promote the health and well-being of older adults in the community with a nutritional meal, informative, and educational programs.</p> <p><i>Shopping Service:</i> Helps for the homebound and disabled with grocery /pharmacy shopping.</p>

	<p><i>Telephone Reassurance:</i> Telephone calls every day at specified times to assure those older adults are safe and well.</p> <p><i>Home Sharing:</i> Matches homeowners seeking to share their homes with individuals needing low-cost housing.</p> <p><i>Homelessness Prevention:</i> Financial assistance (rent/utility) and counseling to families who are homeless or facing eviction.</p> <p><i>Legal Counseling:</i> Help with powers of attorney, wills, estates, and general legal advice.</p> <p><i>Employment Assistance:</i> Assistance to job seekers (develop resumes, improve interviewing skills, and job search techniques, etc.).</p> <p><i>Financial and Money Management Counseling:</i> Assistance with and money counseling, address financial concerns, and develop a plan for maintaining financial independence.</p> <p><i>Income Tax Assistance:</i> Preparation of basic tax returns.</p> <p><i>Information and Referral to Mental Health Services:</i> Answers inquiries about available community resources.</p> <p>(05A & 05U)</p>
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8	Project Name	The Harbour, Inc: Emergency Shelter & Transitional Housing for Homeless Youth Program
	Target Area	Homeless youth or youth at risk of homelessness throughout Des Plaines
	Goals Supported	Provide Public Service: Financial Assistance for Non-Housing Public Programs/Services
	Needs Addressed	Provide Public Services
	Funding	\$5,000
	Description	The program provides comprehensive services to homeless youth ages 12-23 in the north and northwest suburbs of Cook County. Services include 24-hour crisis response, shelter, supervised and scattered-site transitional housing, comprehensive case management, educational support, employment skills development, financial literacy curriculum, early literacy services, therapeutic recreation, training around effective parenting skills, and referrals to other critical resources in the community.
	Target Date	September 30, 2021
	Estimate the number/type of households that will benefit from the proposed activity	10 Des Plaines youth at risk of homelessness will benefit from this activity.
	Planned Activities (HUD Eligibility Activity Code)	<p><i>The Safe Harbour Emergency Shelter:</i> Intervenes at the start of homelessness and provides short-term housing, crisis intervention, and case management for homeless and runaway female and transgender youth ages 12-21. The goal of this program is to ensure that homeless youth are safe, can continue their education, and are discharged to a safe and stable environment, preferably home.</p> <p><i>The Youth in Transition:</i> Provides up to 18 months of transitional housing to youth ages 16-23 via both supervised groups living and scattered-site apartments with a declining rent subsidy.</p> <p><i>The Harbour's Successful Teens/Effective Parents (STEPs):</i> Provides up to 18 months of transitional housing via scattered-site apartments with a declining rent subsidy to pregnant and parenting youth.</p> <p>(05D)</p>

9	Project Name	Planning and Administration
	Target Area	City of Des Plaines
	Goals Supported	Planning and Administration: Conduct CDBG Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	Conduct CDBG Planning and Administration Activities
	Funding	\$61,410
	Description	Max. 20% of the CDBG annual allocation is used by the City to fund the administration of the whole program.
	Target Date	September 30, 2021
	Estimate the number/type of households that will benefit from the proposed activity	All households that benefit from CDBG activities are supported by Administration.
Planned Activities (HUD Eligibility Activity Code)	Overall program administration, including (but not limited to) salaries, wages, and related costs of grantee staff or others engaged in program management, monitoring, and evaluation. (21A)	

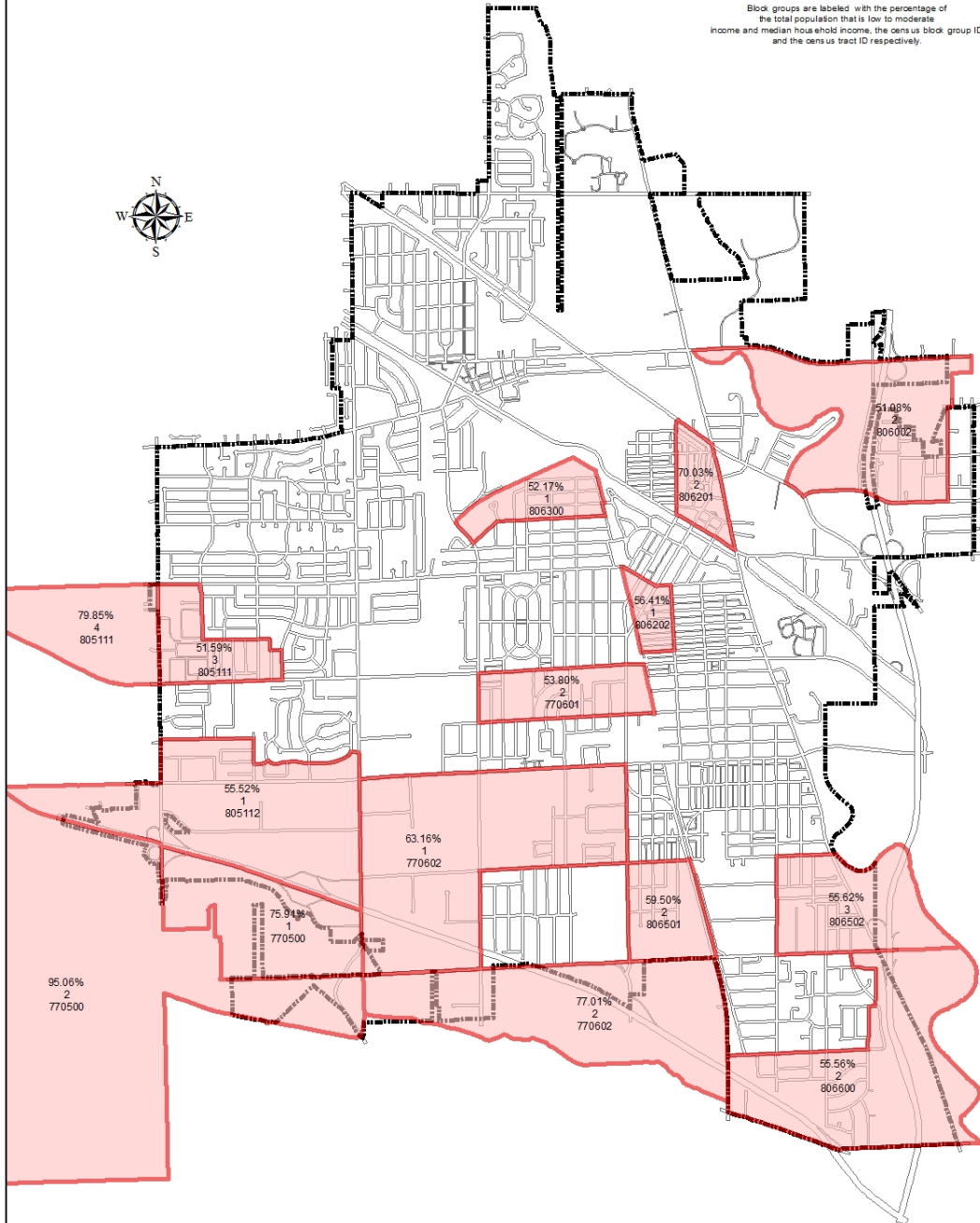
AP-50 GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION – 91.420, 91.220(F)

DES PLAINES LOW AND MODERATE INCOME BLOCK GROUPS

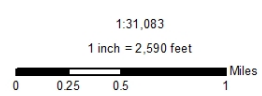
Legend

-  City Boundary
-  Roads
-  Census Block Groups (51% or Greater)

Block groups are labeled with the percentage of the total population that is low to moderate income and median household income, the census block group ID, and the census tract ID respectively.



Source: ACS 2011-2015



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

Historically, the City of Des Plaines used CDBG dollars to fund Public Facility and Public Infrastructure Improvements, which were distributed on a geographic basis. Specifically, the Seminole Playground Improvement, the Infrastructure Improvement Program-Apache Neighborhood Street Lighting, and ADA Sidewalk Compliance Intersections Re-Construction Project benefited a more immediate geographical area, as opposed to the public service and homeless programs the Des Plaines CDBG program runs, which operate on a case-by-case basis.

The aforementioned geographical areas can be seen on the above map with the Facility or Infrastructure Improvement Program projects were taking place within any of the 13 low- and moderate-income areas (Census Block Groups filled in red), based on discussions of need between the City CDBG staff and the Department of Public Works and Engineering.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds (Current funding)
City of Des Plaines/Citywide	100% (\$307,288)
The City of Des Plaines/low- and moderate-income Census Block Groups	Historically used additional funds leftover from previous years for backup projects

Table 21 - Geographic Distribution

The rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Target Area	Percentage of Funds (Total 2020 CDBG balance)
Home rehab projects and public services will be served low- and moderate-income residents City Wide	100% (\$324,714)

Table 22 – Rationale for priorities for allocating investments geographically

Discussion

All Des Plaines Public Facility and Public Infrastructure CDBG projects take place within a census

block that contains at least 41.26% low- and moderate-income households. These census blocks are referred to as 'Low- and moderate-income Areas.' Therefore, the physical improvement will benefit many low- and moderate-income individuals that live nearby. For PY2020, the staff is not planning to have significant funding left and will not fund any of the public facilities or infrastructure as a backup project for this period.

AP-85 OTHER ACTIONS – 91.420, 91.220(K)

Introduction

The following are actions that will be undertaken by the City of Des Plaines to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing, reduce lead-based hazards, reduce the number of poverty-level families, develop institutional structure, and enhance the coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The primary obstacle to addressing underserved needs is insufficient funding. HUD allows entitlement communities to use a maximum of 15% of CDBG Entitlement funds, plus 15% of the previous year's program income, for public service programs. Currently, the City uses close to the maximum amount allowed. The sub-recipients provide invaluable services and activities for the low- and moderate-income residents of Des Plaines. Therefore, the City will continue to monitor sub-recipients to ensure that CDBG funds are used efficiently and effectively to meet the underserved needs of the City of Des Plaines community.

An obstacle to meeting underserved needs is the limited amount of developable land, rental units, and affordable housing for low- and moderate-income residents. The City's CDBG Home Repair Program, Minor Home Program, and Emergency Repair Program alleviate some of the obstacles to affordable housing by providing financial assistance to eligible low- and moderate-income residents of Des Plaines to rehabilitate and fix their homes.

Another obstacle to the delivery of services is the identification of populations and individuals who might be in need and eligible for assistance, such as the Home Repair Program, Minor Repair Program, or Emergency Repair Program. The City's Human Services Department will continue to provide information to residents and businesses to ensure the population is aware of all services available by the City, other units of government, and social service organizations.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

During the program year, the City will take the following actions to foster and maintain affordable housing, to remove barriers to affordable housing, and to encourage public housing improvements and resident initiatives:

- Home Repair Program
- Minor Repair (and Home Accessibility Modification) Program
- Emergency Repair Program
- Housing Counseling Program

- Homeless Prevention, Housing Counseling, Recourses, and Home Sharing Program
- Seniors Housing and Supportive Services Program
- Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing for Homeless Youth Program
- Safe House and Community Based Services (Domestic Violence) Program

Community and Economic Development staff will continue to research and investigate alternative sources of funding to replace dwindling State and Federal funds for housing assistance and other affordable housing programs.

The City will continue to promote and enforce the goals and policies from the Comprehensive Plan relating to preserving the existing housing stock, encouraging a wide variety of housing types within the City, utilizing good housing redevelopment concepts, maintaining a good housing balance, preventing housing deterioration, and providing housing for the young, single and elderly.

Code enforcement staff will continue to uncover unsafe and unsanitary conditions. The Home Repair Program, Minor Repair Program, and Emergency Repair Program will be available to income-eligible households to improve their properties.

The Community and Development Department and Health and Human Services staff will work throughout the community to improve housing and living environments.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City is aware of the health risks, especially to children, that exists in its older homes due to the presence of lead-based paint. The City and North West Housing Partnership (who is the sub-recipient for the Home Repair Program and Minor Repair Program), comply with HUD’s lead-based paint regulations concerning housing programs. The required notifications, lead-hazard testing, and lead hazard treatment protocols are followed.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City will continue to coordinate efforts and assist households with income below the poverty line with other agencies providing services to this population. The City will provide CDBG funding for programs that assist poverty-level families.

The public services partially funded by the City of Des Plaines CDBG will reduce the number of poverty-level families by providing counseling, financial support, and referral services to families in need.

Actions planned to develop an institutional structure

A key benefit of joining the Cook County HOME Consortium is strengthening institutional

cooperation between the County and the City of Des Plaines.

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

The City of Des Plaines CDBG staff learned a great deal about our situation in the City from the focus group meeting that involved City Departments and sub-recipient social service agencies. This year, the City held one focus group meeting, with the City's current sub-recipients. The meeting was held on May 15, 2020. Discussions and conclusions at the meeting aforementioned were used as the base planning funding of programs for PY2020.

Also, these partner Departments and agencies are available for one-on-one consultation as needed to help strengthen the actions the City takes to alleviate low- and moderate-income household challenges.

During the PY2020, the City will enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies through the Citizen Participation Plan that encourages all interested parties to share in the planning Annual Action Plan process. The City will continue to work with nonprofit service providers, other private institutions, public housing and assisted housing providers, and community organizations to discuss community needs and opportunities.

Discussion

The City recognizes that enhancing the institutional structure provides efficiencies in service that are a benefit to its residents. The various departments of the City will seek to maximize coordination with public and private housing and service providers to meet the needs of the community.

The City of Des Plaines has the primary responsibility monitoring activities under the City's Annual Action Plan. The Community Development staff will maintain records on the progress toward meeting the goals of the Annual Action Plan and compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements. Annual accomplishments will be compared to annual goals and will be reported in the PY2020 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report.

On February 18, 2016, the network of northwest suburban entitlement grantees (i.e. Arlington Heights, Des Plaines, Mount Prospect, Palatine, Schaumburg, and Skokie) organized and presented a sub-recipient training workshop for their collective sub-recipients. These communities also developed a common CDBG grant application and monitoring form for public services. They also met together with HUD on March 17, 2016, to receive training and strengthen their CDBG program. These tools were already used during PY2017, PY2018, PY2019 and will be used when monitoring sub-recipients in the future for PY2020.

PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

AP-90 PROGRAM SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS – 91.420, 91.220(L) (1,2,4)

Introduction:

CDBG staff is responsible for ensuring compliance with all program-specific requirements, as well as for program monitoring and reporting. Also, the staff ensures that federal cross-cutting requirements, including the OMNI Circular, Davis-Bacon and Related Acts, Uniform Relocation Act, and Section 3, are met.

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 information identifies program income over \$25,000 that is available for use that is included in projects to be carried out if applicable.

1. The total amount of program income that will have received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	\$0.00
2. The number of proceedings 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	\$0.00
3. The number of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	\$0.00
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	\$0.00
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	\$0.00
Total Program Income:	\$0.00

Other CDBG Requirements

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| 1. The amount of urgent needs for activities. | \$0.00 |
| 2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low- and moderate-income | %100.00 |

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 Action Plan.

Discussion:

The City is planning to use 100% of CDBG funds for activities that benefit persons of low- and moderate-income.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX-A

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION AND EXECUTED COUNCIL RESOLUTION

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF COOK)

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE


I, JENNIFER L. TSALAPATANIS, do hereby certify that I am the qualified and acting MUNICIPAL CLERK* of the City of Des Plaines, Cook County, Illinois, and that as such, I am the officer duly designated by law to keep the minutes, ordinances, resolutions and proceedings of the City Council of the City of Des Plaines.

I further certify that the attached and foregoing copy of Resolution R-137-20, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF DES PLAINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR PROGRAM YEARS 2020-2024 AND PROGRAM YEAR 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN is a true and correct COPY OF THE RECORDS of the City of Des Plaines.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my signature and impress hereon the corporate seal of the said City of Des Plaines, Cook County, Illinois, this 10th day of August, 2020.



JENNIFER L. TSALAPATANIS, City Clerk

By: 

Laura Fast, Deputy City Clerk
City of Des Plaines, County of Cook

*Per the provisions of 65 ILCS 5/3.1-20-5
Of the Illinois Compiled Statutes (2006)

CITY OF DES PLAINES

RESOLUTION R - 137 - 20

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE CITY OF DES PLAINES COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR PROGRAM YEARS 2020-2024 AND PROGRAM YEAR 2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN.

WHEREAS, the City is a designated entitlement community under the Community Development Block Grant program ("**CDBG**") administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development ("**HUD**") and is eligible to receive CDBG funds ("**CDBG Funds**"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with certain requirements set forth in Title 24, Subtitle A, Part 91, of the Code of Federal Regulations, the City must obtain HUD approval of a "Consolidated Plan" every five years and an "Action Plan" every year prior to the disbursement of CDBG Funds to the City by HUD; and

WHEREAS, among other requirements, the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan must be developed in accordance with a "Citizen Participation Plan" that encourages low- and moderate-income persons to participate in the development of the Consolidated Plan and Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with applicable federal regulations and the City's Citizen Participation Plan, the City Department of Community and Economic Development has developed a City Consolidated Plan for CDBG program years 2020-2024 and a City Action Plan for CDBG program year 2020 ("**PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and PY2020 Action Plan**"); and

WHEREAS, notice was published on June 3, 2020 in the *Journal & Topics*, which notice: (i) invited public comment on the proposed PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and PY2020 Action Plan; and (ii) announced a public hearing to be held on July 20, 2015, on the proposed PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and PY2020 Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, during the public comment period beginning on June 19, 2020 and ending on July 20, 2020, the proposed PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and PY2020 Action Plan were available to the public at the offices of the City Department of Community and Economic Development, the Des Plaines Public Library, and on the City website; and

WHEREAS, on July 20, 2020, the City Council conducted a public hearing on the proposed PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and PY2020 Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that it is in the best interest of the City to approve the PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and PY2020 Action Plan for submittal to HUD;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Des Plaines, Cook County, Illinois, in the exercise of its home rule powers, as follows:

SECTION 1: RECITALS. The foregoing recitals are incorporated into, and made a part of, this Resolution as the findings of the City Council.

SECTION 2: APPROVAL OF PY2020-2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND PY2020 ACTION PLAN. The City Council hereby approves the PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and PY2020 Action Plan in the form attached to this Resolution as **Exhibit A**.

SECTION 3: AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT PY2020-2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND PY2020 ACTION PLAN. The City Council hereby authorizes and directs the City Manager to take any and all action necessary to submit the PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and PY2020 Action Plan to HUD for approval and to implement the approved PY2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and PY2020 Action Plan upon receipt of CDBG Funds from HUD.

SECTION 4: EFFECTIVE DATE. This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval according to the law.

PASSED this 3rd day of August, 2020.

APPROVED this 3rd day of August, 2020.

VOTE: AYES 8 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0



MAYOR

ATTEST:

Laura Jast
CITY CLERK, Deputy

Approved as to form:

Peter M. Friedman
Peter M. Friedman, General Counsel