



## 2017-2018 CDBG Annual Plan

Department of Health and Human Services  
CDBG Program  
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# Executive Summary

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

### 1. Introduction

St. Tammany Parish proposes to target its CDBG entitlement funds in areas to support on-going community development programs in PY 2017-2018. We will continue to partner with local non-profits and governmental partners to deliver the needed services to our residents. As well, we propose to invest CDBG funds in projects and activities that have a direct correlation to quality of life. Through our partnerships with other St. Tammany Parish Government departments, we will continue to address the concerns of our citizens in the areas of affordable housing, behavioral health and wellness, homelessness, neighborhood stabilization, self-sufficiency, transportation, and infrastructure improvements. Through our engagements with the public and partnerships with local non-profits, we are committed to an improved quality of life for our families and neighborhoods.

### 2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

Homeless: The Parish's Action Plan strategically targets initiatives to prevent, or ameliorate, the social and community factors attributing to homelessness and affordable housing. In program year 2016-2017, as a part of a community wide effort, St. Tammany Parish Government addressed the growing demand for homeless services. For the 2017-2018 CDBG program year, a few innovative programs will address the community concerns of homelessness and homelessness prevention.

The Homeless Census examines the housing and health conditions of those persons who are literally homeless. Sheltered counts include persons residing in Emergency Shelters, Transitional Housing, and Motels accepting vouchers. Unsheltered counts are places not intended for human habitation or where persons experiencing homelessness may access assistance such as abandoned buildings, retail parking lots, parks, under bridges, churches or "Soup" kitchens.

The information collected from the shelter count is useful for agencies and service providers to understand changes in homelessness within the community; adjust services available to better meet the needs of homeless persons; raise public awareness about the issue of homelessness; and measures community progress towards preventing and ending homelessness. The Northlake Homeless Coalition, as part of a nationwide effort, conducted its annual count of persons experiencing homelessness in the Northshore region. The annual count was conducted during the week of January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2017, wherein 21 partnering organizations surveyed individuals and families to identify those who are without permanent, stable housing on the

night of January 23rd. In conjunction with the 2017 statewide Homeless Census in Louisiana, Region Nine (9) counted two hundred forty eight (248) men, women, and children who are literally homeless. The total number of persons who were identified as literally homeless on the night of 2017 Homeless Census was a decrease of 9.8% from the 2016 count.

In 2011, the overall Region 9 literally homeless count was 281. Over the years the count showed a slight trend of decreasing to a low of 243 in 2015. In 2016, the count returned back up to 275. By 2017, the count decreased by 9.8% with 248 literally homeless persons. Although there was a decrease in the total amount of literally homeless in the region and in St. Tammany Parish, St. Tammany Parish continued to contain the highest population of homeless persons. This could be explained by the higher concentration of services available and larger population of the parish compared to other parts of the region.

However, the conditions for unsheltered persons are increasing: in 2017, a reported 48% increase in extreme homelessness situations from 60 in 2015. The number of unsheltered persons has increased by 123% since 2011. Approximately 89 persons were identified in the category of “unsheltered” which qualifies as living in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, and areas not fit for human habitation. Persons in this category include the chronically Homeless, Veterans, Adult Victims of Domestic Violence, Serious Mental Illness, Substance Abuse Disorder, and Persons with HIV/AIDS. For St. Tammany Parish, the total count of 145 is: 38 persons unsheltered, 27 in emergency shelter and 80 in transitional housing. As the most populated parish in the region, it accounted for 58% of the total count. A copy of the Point in Time Count - Region 9 is located in the Appendix B.

### Affordable and Workforce Housing

A recent Urban Land Institute Advisory Services Panel Report identified a deficiency in housing choices as a key area needing improvement. The vast majority of the housing constructed since 1990s is single family homes. As well, 19.3% of households experience the high cost burden of home ownership costs including mortgages, real estate taxes, insurance, utilities, fuels and other associated fees above the 35% threshold for measuring affordability. Renters are experiencing an even higher cost burden of 44.1%. The limited housing choices has resulted in a scarcity of rental housing. Consequently, LMI residents are most impacted by the few choices of affordable housing.

Few options are currently available to LMI households and CDBG program support reach only a small portion of the LMI households. The Northshore Housing Initiative and Habitat for Humanity have programs that subsidize home ownership. In an effort to be congruent with

HUD's Housing First Initiative, the Housing & Homeless Assistance Program, is a three month Rapid Rehousing program for families that are able to achieve self-sufficiency.

A recent report issued by the United Way of Southeast Louisiana addresses the concerns of working families struggling to survive. **ALICE** is an acronym for "**Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed**" and describes residents across Louisiana, including St. Tammany Parish, that are employed, yet challenged to achieve financial stability. The **ALICE** individual or family is employed at a low-paying job, little or no savings, and is one emergency from falling into poverty - usually called "the working poor". The United Way **ALICE** Report for Louisiana reveals 723,077 households—42 percent of the state's total—are **ALICE**. While St. Tammany ranks as one of the most affluent parishes, the population who are **ALICE** combined with those below **ALICE** equal 32% of St. Tammany Parish residents.

### Safe Haven

The Safe Haven campus will serve as a comprehensive multi-faceted program, utilizing the "single point of entry" concept into the behavioral health continuum of care for service providers: law enforcement, the judiciary and local area hospitals. The facility, designed as a collaborative healing environment, will create a high-quality, coordinated, sustainable and humane network of care anchored in St. Tammany Parish.

The Safe Haven Campus is the end product of many years of community and stakeholder planning and consultation in response to a growing behavioral health crisis. Beginning in 2007, St. Tammany Parish experienced a spike in suicides. As a result, Parish administration formed a suicide crisis committee. In 2011, utilizing St. Tammany Parish Public Health Millage funds, a VOA Crisis Response Team working with law enforcement was initiated to provide emergency response to persons experiencing mental health or behavioral crisis. In 2012, the 60 year old state run Southeast Louisiana Hospital closed as a result of cuts in Medicaid funding. A Behavioral Health Task Force organized in response to hospital closure and increased behavioral health demands. In 2015, the Task Force proposed a redevelopment plan for behavioral health system redesign to the Parish administrators and the community.

A combination of private and public funds have been identified for investments in the site. CDBG funds were used to demolish three Hurricane Katrina damaged buildings in the NAMI residential section. Additional funds are supporting the renovation of NAMI St Tammany Peer Run Drop in Facility for the chronically mentally handicapped. Also, in the spirit of community volunteerism, the local home builder's association has agreed to donate their services to construct the Family Promise of St Tammany Day Center, for homeless families.

### Infrastructure Improvements- Sewer & Water

Based on the findings of the **2014 Watershed Management Study**, St. Tammany Parish has developed multiple strategies to address the issue of water quality. Due to the acceleration of urban development, many of the streams and bayous are registered on EPA's 303(d) List of Impaired Waterbodies. The result is the introduction of many types of pollutants into our rivers and streams, ultimately flowing into Lake Pontchartrain. Currently, CBDG funds are available for home owners to repair or replace non-compliant residential wastewater systems in the Ozone Woods and Tammany Hills neighborhoods, and throughout unincorporated St. Tammany Parish. Plans and specification are underway for infrastructure improvements in Slidell Manor, Ben Thomas and Alton neighborhoods.

A partnership established with the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation (LPBF) implements the Decentralized Management Approach including the cleaning of thousands of individual septic plants in selected watersheds throughout the parish. LPBF, St. Tammany and other partners have identified key subdivisions in the Abita River, Ponchitolawa Creek, and Bayou Liberty watersheds that are lacking community treatment plants. In this new initiative, LPBF and St. Tammany Parish will partner to educate homeowners about their home wastewater plants, inspect home wastewater plants for compliance, counsel homeowners regarding the danger of untreated sewage and the need to bring their plant into compliance, and document the water quality improvements to ditches and streams.

Non-Homeless Special Needs Populations: The HUD definition of "special needs" includes the frail and non-frail elderly, persons with physical, mental, or behavioral disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, and persons with alcohol or drug addictions. According to the 2013 American Community Survey, 36,085 individuals, (or 15%) of the Parish's population are classified as having a disability. Many members of this population are primarily low-income, and are in need of services that include but are not limited to case management, supportive services, transportation, and affordable housing assistance. The Department of Health and Human Services maintains a directory of service providers for disabled families seeking assistance as does VIALINK 211.

Non-Housing Community Development: The non-housing community development needs of the Parish include but are not limited to infrastructure improvements, social and supportive services, and public facilities improvements.

### 3. Evaluation of past performance (Program Year 2016)

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

Name of Program	Funding Source	Funding Amount	Manager	Description	Program Accomplishments
STAR Vouchers Transit Program	CDBG	\$29,993.55	STPG	Free transportation vouchers are distributed to local non-profit and government agencies who distribute the vouchers to their LMI clientele.	970 daily and 135 unlimited monthly STAR vouchers were distributed during the reporting period
World Changers – Minor Home Repair	CDBG	\$29,979.33	STPG	Provided minor home repairs in collaboration with a summer youth program.	16 households served.
Individual Sewer Repairs – Minor Home Repair	CDBG	\$329,855	STPG	Pump-Outs, Aerator replacements, minor maintenance repairs, and full system replacements for homeowners.	150 unduplicated residents received 301 units of home repair services.
New Day Homeownership Services	CDBG	\$40,920	STPG	Homebuyer and money management services as well as pre purchase counseling. In addition New Day assistance 1 homebuyer received down payment assistance.	1,485 units of services were delivered to 46 clients/ unduplicated residents.
Project Homecoming	CDBG	\$114,147.19	STPG	Provided minor home repair.	9 clients received home repair services.
Housing and Homeless Assistance Program	CDBG	\$75,000	STPG	Provided deposit assistance for rental units, rental assistance, deposit utility, and utility assistance for homeless households.	22 clients served with 144 units of service.

#### **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

The three branches of the Department of Health and Human Services – CDBG, Public Health, and Community Action Agency (CAA) and St. Tammany Parish staff maintain consistent communication throughout the year with local organizations that have specific interests in on-going efforts to address the community's concerns regarding workforce, housing, neighborhood improvement, and economic opportunities. The data gathering process occurs throughout the year. In preparation of the Annual Action Plan, public hearings, emails, dialogues, formal and informal gatherings, and one-on-one meetings were utilized to generate discussions and comments which ultimately facilitated the development of the plan.

#### **5. Summary of public comments**

Minutes from the public hearing and written comments are included in Appendix B.

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

All comments were accepted.

#### **7. Summary**

All comments were accepted.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Program Manager	ST. TAMMANY PARISH	Department of Health and Human Services
CDBG Project Manager	ST. TAMMANY PARISH	Department of Grants

*Table 1 – Responsible Agencies*

The Parish has appointed its Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) as the lead agency to coordinate the Annual Action Plan preparation process. The three branches of DHHS, possessing extensive experience in social service delivery, project planning, grant administration, and community outreach and advocacy, are charged with creating and implementing programs which directly and indirectly improve the quality of life for Parish residents. DHHS has managed CDBG entitlement funds since the Parish was designated an entitlement community in 2008. DHHS has also received the Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) from HUD through the Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC) since 1990.

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## **AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)**

### **1. Introduction**

St. Tammany Parish staff members have extended the public input process to many local organizations that would typically have an interest in the Annual Action Plan's statutory goals of providing decent housing, neighborhood improvement, and economic opportunities. This process took place through a series of public hearings, emails, conversations, requests for information and comments received during the time of plan development.

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

St. Tammany Parish employees continue to participate in coalitions organized to address the needs of underserved populations and are struggling to fulfill their daily requirements. Two groups, "St. Tammany Behavioral Health Task Force" and the "St. Tammany Housing and Homeless Alliance" have become excellent planning tools and resource agents for service coordination for mental health, homelessness, and housing needs in St. Tammany. For the regional perspective, staff regularly attend meetings and events at the United Way, Volunteers of America, the Workforce Investment Board, hospital and town administrations, and the Commission on Families to gain a comprehensive understanding of the unmet needs in the metropolitan area. Populations challenged with mental and behavioral health issues, as well as the lack of decent, affordable housing and homelessness are three of the most important and most visible needs of our community. The interaction with community groups play a significant role to ensure that service gaps are identified, and that efforts made to address those gaps are non-duplicative and coordinated. The result is enhanced communications and coordination between DHHS and its partners: The Northlake Homeless Coalition, Continuum of Care, Northshore Housing Initiative, and the Florida Parish Social Services Authority.

In 2016, a consultant was retained to develop a Community Needs Assessment. Focus groups, email surveys, and community meetings were utilized to capture the public's opinions regarding needed improvements and future investments in housing and social services. Deep information and analysis obtained from these outreach activities will be used by the Parish to direct future community serve programs and will provide up to date statistics to complete the upcoming HUD studies: 5 year Consolidated Plan and an Analysis of Fair Housing.

**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.**

Staff members attend both Northlake Homeless Coalition (NHC) monthly meetings and meetings with the NHC co-chairs. Through discussion at the NHC meetings, the specific needs of the homeless community are evaluated by the NHC for future program planning. The NHC collects and maintains data that provides the Parish with the best available evaluation of the needs of the homeless in our region, the demographics of that population, and how the available services are able or unable to meet those needs.

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

Aside from administering the CDBG program and the Parish Public Health millage, the Department of Health and Human Services manages and supports the Community Action Agency (CAA). CAA is responsible for administering ESG funds received from the Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC). In 2017, CAA applied for ESG funding, which is determined by LHC and is measured by Homeless counts.

CAA staffers play a key role with the Northlake Homeless Coalition (NHC). The two organizations readily share information, and coordinate services and program development. NHC Board is responsible for the Continuum of Care that participates in HMIS and develops performance standards and outcomes, policies and procedures, and identifies funding availability.

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

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, and general community meetings, discussions centered on improving services and opportunities for homeownership.
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	New Day Homeowner Services
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Needs Assessment
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, general community meetings, telephone calls, and emails, discussions centered on improving services and opportunities for homeownership.
3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Northlake Homeless Coalition
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Continuum of Care
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, general community meetings, telephone calls, and emails, discussions centered on improving services to prevent homelessness and addressing the needs of homeless populations.

4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Volunteers Of America Greater New Orleans
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Homeless Services-Health Services-Education
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Needs Assessment
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, and general community meetings, discussions centered on improving sustainability of housing rehabilitation, and addressing the needs of and services for homeless populations.
5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Northshore Food Bank
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	LMI Services
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Anti-poverty Strategy Homeless prevention
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, general community meetings, telephone calls, and emails, discussions centered on improving services to prevent homelessness, addressing the needs of homeless populations and anti-poverty programs.
6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Community Christian Concern
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, general community meetings, telephone calls, and emails, discussions centered on improving services to prevent homelessness and addressing the needs of homeless populations, and anti-poverty programs.
7	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	City of Covington
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government - Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, and general community meetings, discussions centered on improving economic conditions, sustainability of housing rehabilitation and anti-poverty programs.
8	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	St. Tammany Community Health Center
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Health
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, and general community meetings, discussions centered on improving homeless needs and conditions, and anti-poverty programs.
9	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	National Alliance on Mental Illness St. Tammany
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Mentally Ill

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, and general community meetings, discussions centered on improving homeless conditions, services for the homeless and mentally ill, and anti-poverty programs.
10	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Catholic Charities Archdiocese Of New Orleans
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services – LMI
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, and general community meetings, discussions centered on improving homeless conditions, services for the homeless and anti-poverty programs.
11	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Northshore Housing Initiative
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, general community meetings, telephone calls and emails, discussions centered on improving services and opportunities for homeownership.
12	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	World Changers
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Affordable Housing

	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, general community meetings, telephone calls and emails, discussions centered on improving the sustainability of housing rehabilitation.
13	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	New Orleans Mission “Giving Hope Retreat”
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-homeless
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Needs – Veterans Anti-poverty
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, and general community meetings, telephone calls and emails, discussions centered on improving homeless conditions, services for the homeless and anti-poverty programs.

*Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated*

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

Parish staff made an effort to alert all local agencies and organizations about our public hearings and the availability of needs surveys. We have developed an extensive email list to utilize advertise public meetings and notices. No one was prohibited from submitting a public comment or survey to the Parish in regards to this Annual Action Plan.

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

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
Continuum of Care	Northlake Homeless Coalition	Plans created to identify gaps in services for the homeless and present projects, partnerships, and initiatives that may help to address those gaps.
Future Directions for St. Tammany Parish	St. Tammany Economic Development Foundation	The Parish anticipates utilizing CDBG funds to assist in its economic development initiatives by providing support for affordable housing in an effort to stabilize the workforce.
St. Tammany Parish Housing and Homeless Coalition	St. Tammany Parish	Coalition meeting attended by more than 35 stakeholders and representatives of agencies that have a invested interest in addressing the issues of housing, homelessness and quality of life in the Parish.

Behavioral Health Task Force	St. Tammany Parish	Ongoing discussions related to the mental and emotional health of Parish residents.
Community Assessment Steering Committee	St. Tammany Parish	Community meeting attended by more than 40 stakeholders and representatives of agencies that have a invested interest in addressing the issues of housing, homelessness and quality of life in the Parish with the goal of creating a Community Needs Assessment.
Urban Land Institute Advisory Panel	St. Tammany Parish	A five day intensive study of one on one interviews and community meetings generated an understanding of the development strategies and opportunities for growth facing St. Tammany Parish.
Hazard Mitigation Plan	St. Tammany Parish	This hazard mitigation plan is a comprehensive plan for disaster resiliency in St Tammany Parish. Produced by LSU, with participate from all municipalities and parish administration, this plan identified the natural hazards that threaten communities and the likely impacts of those hazards.
Safe Haven Campus Master Plan and Implementation Strategy	St. Tammany Parish	Parish hires a consultant to develop a master plan and implementation strategy to accommodate a comprehensive, multi- pronged behavioral health facility with defined services.

*Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts*

The Parish publicized the date and time of the public hearings to encourage representatives from local governments to attend. Notice regarding the hearing was run in the local newspaper, on the Parish’s Website, and through E-mails distributed by partner agencies and contacts.



## **AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)**

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

The Parish of St. Tammany adopted a Citizen Participation Plan in 2008. On July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017, a public hearing was held to provide opportunities for public input into the Annual Planning process. An overview of St. Tammany Parish's CDBG program and a summary of the Annual Action planning process was presented. A discussion session allowed for citizen input. Written, phone-in, and E-mailed comments were also encouraged. Public hearings were held in order to solicit community input:

- July 11<sup>th</sup> 2017 at the St. Tammany Parish Council Chambers
- December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the St. Tammany Parish Council Chambers

In accordance with the planning process, public hearings were held during the Plan development and evaluation stages. Meeting notices for the public hearings were publicized in the ***St. Tammany Farmer*** (the official St. Tammany Parish journal) and on the Parish's website. E-mails were also distributed to local government agencies and nonprofit organizations to alert them of the hearings as well. An additional 30-day public review process was provided for the public to review and comment upon the Annual Action Plan document before it was sent to HUD.

Input from the community contributed to the establishment of housing and community development goals. Parish staff reviewed public input and comments as they were submitted. Staff weighed the priorities of Parish Administration in concurrence with citizen input, and then presented a proposed project plan to Parish Administration for consideration and approval. A draft of the Annual Action Plan and the projects proposed for the Annual Action Plan were posted on the Parish's Website on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017. A 30-day comment period ran through July 27, 2017. Citizens, public agencies, or other interested parties wishing to comment on the plans can do so by E-mail, or by mail to the Department of Health and Human Services.

## Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons
1	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ broad community	A public hearing was held at St. Tammany Parish Council Chambers.	No Comments received	No comments
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/ broad community	St. Tammany Farmer public notice	No Comments received	No comments
3	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/ broad community	An E-mail invitation was sent out to 72 representatives from local nonprofits alerting them to the public hearings and the Annual Action Plan process.	No Comments received	No comments
4	Website	Non-targeted/ broad community	An announcement of the public Hearing and invitation to comment was posted on the St. Tammany Parish website.	No comments received	No comments

*Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach*

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

<b>Program</b>	<b>Source of Funds</b>	<b>Uses of Funds</b>	<b>Expected Amount Available Year 5</b>	<b>Expected Amount Available Remainder of Con Plan \$</b>
Community Development Block Grant	HUD	Home Rehabilitation, public improvements, administration, public services	980,322 YR 5	0 .00
Supportive Housing Program	HUD	Housing and additional support for homeless families with children	121,404 YR 5	121,404 YR 5
Community Services Block Grant	Louisiana Workforce Commission	Utility, rent or mortgage, tuition and employment assistance for low income families	429,884 YR 5	0
Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program	Louisiana Housing Corporation	Energy assistance	875,000 YR 5	754,152 YR 4
Emergency Solutions Grant Program	Louisiana Housing Corporation	Assistance for homeless shelters and homeless individuals	103,000 YR 5	0
Northlake Homeless Coalition/ Continuum of Care	HUD	HMIS, Permanent Supportive Housing, Transitional Housing	2.29 million YR 3 2.17 million	4.46 million YR 3
STAR – St. Tammany Area Transportation	FTA	Transportation services and facilities	2.2 million	2.22 million
Northshore Housing Initiative	LA Office of Community Development Disaster Recovery Unit	Land trust/homebuyer assistance	879,669.57 YR 4	0 YR 4
Hurricane Isaac Recovery	HUD-DRU	Program management, infrastructure improvements and homeless day center	10,914,916.00 YR 5	0.00

*Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table*

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

There are currently no entitlement fund matching requirements to be addressed. However, CDBG funds have been used to administer the St. Tammany Transit (formerly go STAT) voucher program and contribute to the program’s FTA match requirements.

In 2016-2017, the Parish worked in conjunction with Federal Home Bank of Dallas to administer the Special Needs Assistance Program to complete home repair. For 2017-2018, we will continue to leverage funds to assist homeowners with home repairs.

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

The Parish is currently pursuing various grant opportunities for public facilities improvement projects that will take place on Parish-owned property. This includes improvements to public recreational facilities

- Acquisition of the former Southeast Louisiana Hospital site, renamed Safe Haven
- Accessibility improvements for the Trace
- Expansion of an agricultural facility in Covington
- Development of St. Tammany Advanced Campus
- Public Right of Ways for Infrastructure Improvements for sewer/water upgrades
- Development of Cultural Arts Center

## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

#### Goals Summary Information (Preliminary estimates pending STPG approval)

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Residential Rehabilitation	2013	2018	Affordable Housing	Highway 190/433 Area; Browns Village Road Area; West 30's	Affordable Housing	\$360,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: Household & sewer repairs & administration
2	Homeless and Housing Assistance Program	2013	2018	Homeless Prevention	Parish Wide	Non-Housing Community Development	\$100,000	Households will receive rental/ utility assistance
2	Homeless and Housing Assistance Program	2013	2018	Homeless Prevention	Parish Wide	Non-Housing Community Development	\$22,000	Emergency Shelter Operations
3	Transit Voucher Program	2013	2018	Homeless Prevention	Highway 190/433 Area; Browns Village Road Area; West 30's	Non-Housing Community Development	\$20,000	Transit vouchers for LMI population
4	Infrastructure Improvements	2013	2018	Affordable Housing	Highway 190/433 Area	Infrastructure Improvements	\$235,257.60	Infrastructure
5	Northshore Housing Initiative	2013	2018	Affordable Housing	Parish Wide	Affordable Housing	\$47,000	Affordable housing for LMI clientele.
6	Program Administration	2013	2018	Administration & Planning	Parish Wide	Planning	\$196,064.40	Administration

*Table 6 – Goals Summary*

## Goal Descriptions

<b>1</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Residential Rehabilitation
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Affordable housing
<b>2</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Homeless Prevention
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Non-Housing Community Development
<b>3</b>	<b>Goal Name</b>	Infrastructure Improvements
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Infrastructure Improvements

*Table 7 – Goal Descriptions*

**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 91.215(b):**

At this time, the Parish is not a recipient of HOME funds. CDBG funds will be used for rehabilitation of low to moderate income owner occupied residences and homeless facilities.

## AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

### Introduction

This year the Parish’s Action Plan will take a more strategic and targeted approach to preventing or ameliorating the social and community factors attributing to homelessness.

#	Project Name
1	Residential Rehabilitation
2	Infrastructure Improvements
3	Northshore Housing Initiative - Infrastructure
4	2017-2018 Program Administration
5	Homeless and Housing Assistance Program
6	Transit Vouchers
7	Family Promise Emergency Shelter

*Table 8 – Project Information*

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

The Parish will extend the successful programming undertaken in 2016-2017 addressing the issues of homelessness, transitional assistance, life skills training, and homelessness prevention; affordable housing including home rehabilitation for low to moderate income families; public infrastructure improvements; and program planning and administrative oversight. Multi-year infrastructure improvements initiated in 2016-2017 will be extended into 2017-2018.

Home rehabilitation addresses the challenges of sustainability, affordability, and substandard housing issues that affect low to moderate income homeowners. St. Tammany Parish will contract with local non-profits to deliver housing solutions. Investments in infrastructure improvement, specifically in the area of sewer/water rehabilitation and replacement, will target water quality improvements throughout the parish. For the third year, funding will be provided to Community Action Agency (CAA) to enhance the existing homelessness programs to create a pathway out of poverty by achieving self-sufficiency, and ultimately housing stability. These activities will also increase sustainability of affordable housing.

With an 80% home ownership rate, the Parish has historically attracted buyers who are above average income. As a result, local builders respond to the demand for homes with higher price points. This scenario presents several obstacles to affordable housing such as a limited stock of affordable rental and single family homes which make home buying out of reach for some first time home buyers. As well, the high cost of developable land can be an inhibitor for potential LMI buyers. Furthermore, residential areas which abut water bodies or bayous and streams are subject to experience high flood insurance premiums which add significantly to the monthly mortgage and insurance payment. The



affordability of rental units is also impacted as landlords pass on the rising cost of insurance to the monthly rent. Total, these examples of burdensome costs make home ownership beyond the reach of LMI buyers.

<b>AP-38 Projects Summary Information</b>	
<b>1. Project Name</b>	<b>Residential Rehabilitation</b>
<b>Target Area</b>	Highway 190/433 Area
	Browns Village Road Area
	West 30's
<b>Goals Supported</b>	Residential Rehabilitation
<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing
<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$360,000
<b>Description</b>	LMI owner-occupied housing units will receive home repairs
<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2018
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	46 households will receive assistance (6 house repairs & 40 sewer repairs).
<b>Location Description</b>	LMI households will be scattered across St. Tammany Parish
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide health and safety repairs to homes; repair or replace non-compliant septic systems.
<b>2. Project Name</b>	<b>Infrastructure Improvements</b>
<b>Target Area</b>	Highway 190/433 Area
<b>Goals Supported</b>	Infrastructure Improvements
<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Infrastructure Improvements
<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$235,257.60
<b>Description</b>	Sewer and water improvements for LMI Areas
<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2018
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Based on Census Tracts, at least 7,000 LMI individuals will be positively affected by the infrastructure improvements in their neighborhoods.
<b>Location Description</b>	HWY 190/433
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Infrastructure improvements for sewer and water for LMI residents.
<b>3. Project Name</b>	<b>Northshore Housing Initiative</b>
<b>Target Area</b>	Parish wide
<b>Goals Supported</b>	Northshore Housing Initiative
<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing
<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$47,000

<b>Description</b>	Funds will be used to subsidize infrastructure construction of affordable homes for LMI residents; reducing the cost of overall construction and allowing eligible residents to afford homeownership.
<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2018
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	4 LMI individuals/families will benefit from subsidized construction costs.
<b>Location Description</b>	Tammany Hills
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Infrastructure (well, sewage treatment, and improved drainage) costs associated with building four homes for LMI families.
<b>4. Project Name</b>	<b>2017-2018 Program Administration</b>
<b>Target Area</b>	Parish wide
<b>Goals Supported</b>	Planning and Administration
<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Affordable Housing Infrastructure Improvements Non-Housing Community Development
<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$196,064.40
<b>Description</b>	Funds used to support program staff and administration of CDBG programs.
<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2018
<b>Location Description</b>	St. Tammany Parish Government, PO Box 628, Covington, LA 70434
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Salaries and benefits for CDBG staff
<b>5. Project Name</b>	<b>Homeless and Housing Assistance Program</b>
<b>Target Area</b>	Parish wide
<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homeless Prevention
<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Non-Housing Community Development
<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$100,000
<b>Description</b>	Case management and rent/mortgage/utility assistance payments will be provided to recently homeless or near-homeless families. The rent/mortgage/utility assistance payments will be provided directly to the applicable vendor and for a period of no more than 3 consecutive months.
<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2018
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	At least 15 LMI families will receive case management services and up to 3 consecutive months of rent/mortgage/utility assistance.
<b>Location Description</b>	The program will be administered by the Parish's Community Action Agency offices located at 520 Old Spanish Trail, Slidell, LA 70458.
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Funding support for rapid re-housing program.

<b>6. Project Name</b>	<b>St. Tammany Parish Transit Voucher Program</b>
<b>Target Area</b>	Highway 190/433 Area
	Browns Village Road Area
	West 30's
<b>Goals Supported</b>	Transportation
<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Non-Housing Community Development
<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$20,000
<b>Description</b>	100 LMI individuals will receive vouchers to ride STAR Transit, the Parish's public transportation system, at no cost.
<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2018
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	At least 100 LMI individuals will receive vouchers to ride STAR TRANSIT.
<b>Location Description</b>	Transportation is provided throughout St. Tammany Parish.
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Free demand-response transportation services will be provided to eligible LMI individuals.
<b>7. Project Name</b>	<b>Family Promise Emergency Shelter</b>
<b>Target Area</b>	Parish Wide
<b>Goals Supported</b>	Homeless Prevention
<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Non-Housing Community Development
<b>Funding</b>	\$22,000
<b>Description</b>	Operating costs for Family Promise Homeless Shelter including case management for homeless families.
<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2018
<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	At least 20 low to moderate income individuals or households will receive shelter and case management services.
<b>Location Description</b>	Slidell, LA
<b>Planned Activities</b>	Emergency shelter for homeless families and case management to assist families with finding permanent housing and self-sufficiency.

*Table 9 – Project Summary*

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

Parish-Wide: 100%

**Geographic Distribution**

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Hwy 190/Hwy 433	31%

*Table 10 - Geographic Distribution*

**Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

CDBG funds have been invested in planning, engineering and design of infrastructure improvements in Hwy 11 area. St. Tammany identified two neighborhoods requiring upgrades to sewer and water systems. In the Ben Thomas neighborhood, master planning and design work for sub surface drainage are in process. “Shovel ready plans” for a community treatment plant were completed and the project will be constructed in phases, pending availability of funds. A waterline redundancy study is complete for Ben Thomas and Alton communities.

St. Tammany Parish has signed a contract with the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation to study the Hwy 433/Thompson Road for the purposes of improving the water quality. CDBG funds are currently allocated for replacement of outdated and non-compliant septic systems, and the repair non – functioning aerator treatment units and pump out of exiting tanks.

In May 2015, St. Tammany Parish acquired the site of the Southeast Louisiana Hospital, located near Hwy 190 in Mandeville. The Hospital was formerly operated by the State of Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals which served as a respite and rehabilitation facility for the mentally ill. CDBG funds were reprogrammed from residential rehabilitation to fund the demolition and clearing of four Hurricane Katrina damaged buildings on Martin Drive within the Hospital site. A section of the Hospital campus is operated by the National Alliance of Mental Illness-St. Tammany for sheltering severely disabled and chronic, behaviorally ill patients. As part of the Parish’s long term investment in the Hospital campus and a commitment to support behaviorally or mentally disabled persons, CDBG funds will be used to rehabilitate a building for use as a homeless center for persons recently released from parish prison with addiction or mental illness.

The remaining funds will be spent on LMI residents across the Parish. When appropriate, the needs of the disabled, special needs and elderly populations will receive priority in obtaining services.

## Affordable Housing TBD

### AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

<b>One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported</b>	
Homeless	5
Non-Homeless	40
Special-Needs	0
Total	45

*Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement*

<b>One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through</b>	
Rental Assistance	15
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	20
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	35

*Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type*

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

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

To address the needs of public housing residents, the Parish will:

- Contact housing authority staff about the applicable events or services that may be helpful to their residents
- The St. Tammany Housing and Homeless Alliance meetings of which housing authority staff are invited members

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

The Parish will distribute information about homeownership assistance programs and services to the housing authority staff so that they may be distributed to residents.

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

Not applicable.

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

### **Introduction**

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

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

#### Homeless and Housing Assistance Program

The Homeless and Housing Assistance Program (HHAP) is a rapid re-housing program designed to assist homeless families and individuals of St Tammany Parish to become stably housed. Clients must be within CDBG income limits and meet HUD's definition of literally homeless. The ultimate goal of the program is housing stability. Families confronted with homelessness will be able to participate in the program and receive assistance such as deposits, rent, utilities, life skills education, and money management. The HHAP program will leverage the existing CAA programs by augmenting the total funding available to provide services. The Homeless and Housing program will continue its third year of CDBG funding with great success in meeting goals in homeless prevention.

The current Supportive Housing Program and the Emergency Solutions Grants strive to deliver homeless solutions working in conjunction with the local Continuum of Care (Northlake Homeless Coalition) to provide resources of available programs within the Parish. Clients entered into the program will work to achieve and create collaborative self-sufficiency goals. These goals will include life skills classes, job search, and gainful employment for every working-age member of the family provided they are not disabled. Identifying additional resources will be tapped with the goal of increasing household income by determining eligibility for SSI, SSA, Medicaid, and/or unemployment. The case manager will be also responsible for communicating and interfacing with the local school system to make sure each school age child is enrolled and attending regularly. Finally, clients will be assessed for eligibility in Section 8 and other income-based housing programs. Case management data will be gathered and used as the basis of a development strategy to be incorporated into the Community Needs Assessment study.

#### Family Promise Affiliate - A Sheltering System for Families

As a sheltering system for families, this program provides shelter, case management, life skills education, and transportation assistance for homeless families. The program is designed to ensure children attend school, families stay together, and assistance is provided so that these families can again become self-sufficient. The initial start-up activities were provided through the Parish and the

State of Louisiana Office of Community Development.

Attend NHC and STHHA Meetings

DHHS and CDBG staff continues to attend monthly meetings of the Northlake Homeless Coalition and the St. Tammany Housing and Homeless Alliance. These meetings help the Parish stay current with the issues that are affecting the homeless population and the organizations that serve them.

Provide Information and Referral

DHHS will continue to provide resource and referral information to citizens and organizations who contact the office looking for resources. This information is posted on the Parish's website and is regularly updated.

St. Tammany Parish Transit Service

CDBG funds will continue to fund the transit program in conjunction with Council on Aging, STARC, and other partners. The Transit Service will continue to provide income-eligible individuals with vouchers so that they can ride the Parish's transit system at no cost. An operational transit program may assist the homeless population in accessing available services. St. Tammany Parish Transit Service funded by CDBG commenced in May 2011 and continues through CDBG Program Year 2017-2018.

**Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

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#### Support for Homeownership Center

Residents successfully completing the Homeless and Housing Assistance Program will be directed to the Homeownership Center (HOC) as part of the pathway from homelessness to self-sustainability and home ownership. The HOC will provide homebuyer training and Individual Development Account (IDA) information to families seeking to stabilize their housing situation and aid in the prevention of homelessness. These services include pre-purchase counseling, credit repair, money management classes, and homebuyer training classes.

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

## **homeless again**

### Homeless and Housing Assistance Program

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The current Supportive Housing Program and the Emergency Solutions Grants strive to deliver the homeless prevention solutions. Goals will include life skills classes, money management, job search, and gainful employment for every working-age member of the family provided they are not disabled. Identifying additional resources will be tapped with the goal of increasing household income by determining eligibility for SSI, SSA, Medicaid, and/ or unemployment. The case manager will be also responsible for communicating and interfacing with the local school system to make sure each school age child is enrolled and attending regularly. Finally, clients will be assessed for eligibility in Section 8 and other income-based housing programs. Case management data will be gathered and used as the basis of a development strategy to be incorporated into needs assessment study.

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### Family Promise Affiliate - A Sheltering System for Families

As a sheltering system for families, this program provides shelter, case management, life skills education, and transportation assistance for homeless families. The program is designed to ensure children attend school, families stay together, and assistance is provided so that these families can again become self-sufficient. The initial start-up activities are funded through the Parish and the State

of Louisiana Office of Community Development.

#### Community Land Trust

The State Office of Community Development- Disaster Recovery Unit is providing CDBG –DR funds to St. Tammany Parish to underwrite the local land trust, the Northshore Housing Initiative (NHI). This organization makes affordable housing opportunities available to income-eligible clients. NHI has received a HOME grant to develop affordable housing in a mixed income neighborhood.

#### Attend NHC and STHHA Meetings

DHHS and CDBG staff will continue to attend monthly meetings of the Northlake Homeless Coalition and the St. Tammany Housing and Homeless Alliance.

#### Provide Information and Referral

DHHS will continue to provide resource and referral information to citizens and organizations who contact the office looking for resources. A new referral directory is now available on the DHHS website.

#### St. Tammany Parish Transit Service

CDBG funds will continue to fund the transit program in conjunction with Council on Aging, STARC, and other partners. The Transit Service will continue to provide income-eligible individuals with vouchers so that they can ride the Parish’s transit system at no cost. An operational transit program may assist the homeless population in accessing available services. St. Tammany Parish Transit Service funded by CDBG commenced in May 2011 and continues through CDBG Program Year 2017-2018.

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

#### Infrastructure Improvements- Sewer & Water

St. Tammany Parish targeted infrastructure improvement in 2013-2014’s CDBG program year during which a watershed study was commissioned to evaluate the most needed projects. Once the study was completed in June 2014, an internal review was implemented to identify LMI neighborhoods where infrastructure improvements were needed. The LMI neighborhoods of Bayou Liberty, Ben Thomas, and Slidell Manor were selected for improvements.

#### Homeless and Housing Assistance Program

The Homeless and Housing Assistance Program is a rapid re-housing program designed to assist homeless families and individuals of St Tammany Parish to become stably housed. Clients must be

within CDBG income limits and meet HUD's definition of literally homeless. The ultimate goal of the program is housing stability. Families confronted with homelessness will be able to participate in the program and receive assistance such as deposits, rent, utilities, life skills education, and money management. The HHAP program will leverage the existing CAA programs by augmenting the total funding available to provide services, thereby enabling more residents to receive assistance and increase the leveraging of Parish and community resources.

The current Supportive Housing Programs and the Emergency Solutions Grants strive to deliver homeless prevention solutions. Clients will progress to achieve and create collaborative self-sufficiency goals. These goals will include life skills classes, money management, job search, and gainful employment for every working-age member of the family provided they are not disabled. Identifying additional resources will be tapped with the goal of increasing household income by determining eligibility for SSI, SSA, Medicaid, and/ or unemployment. The case manager will be responsible for communicating and interfacing with the local school system to make sure each school age child is enrolled and attending regularly. Finally, clients will be assessed for eligibility in Section 8 and other income-based housing programs. Case management data will be gathered and used as the basis of a development strategy to be incorporated into needs assessment study. The program will enhance CAA's ability to respond to the needs of the homeless with St. Tammany Parish and its revitalization areas and targeted census tracts.

#### Family Promise Affiliate - A Sheltering System for Families

The St. Tammany Housing and Homeless Alliance is developing a local affiliate of the national "Family Promise" organization. As a sheltering system for families, this program would provide shelter, case management, life skills education, and transportation assistance for homeless families. The program is designed to ensure that children can attend school that families can stay together, and that assistance is provided so that these families can again become self-sufficient. The initial start-up activities were funded through the Parish and the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development.

#### Provide Home Repair Assistance

The Parish will continue to fund minor home repair targeting LMI households, which can receive necessary repairs that make their homes physically and financially more sustainable. The Parish will collaborate with local non-profit & for profit organizations to perform health and safety related repairs. CDBG funds will also pay for the salaries of the construction team to supervise LHC's Home Repair Program and Weatherization Program.

For the second year, CDBG funds will also be used for the repair and replacement of non-compliant septic systems. This health and safety improvement is very needed for the overall water quality of

Parish residents.

Attend NHC and STHHA Meetings

CDBG staff will continue to attend monthly meetings of the Northlake Homeless Coalition and the St. Tammany Housing and Homeless Alliance.

Provide Information and Referral

DHHS will continue to provide resource and referral information to citizens and organizations who contact the office looking for resources. A new referral directory is now available on the DHHS website.

St. Tammany Parish Transit Service

CDBG funds will continue to fund the transit program in conjunction with Council on Aging, STARC, and other partners. The Transit Service will continue to provide income-eligible individuals with vouchers so that they can ride the Parish’s transit system at no cost. An operational transit program may assist the homeless population in accessing available services. St. Tammany Parish Transit Service funded by CDBG commenced in May 2011 and continues through CDBG Program Year 2017-2018.

<b>One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:</b>
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family: 0
Tenant-based rental assistance: 0
Units provided in housing facilities (transitional or permanent) that are being developed, leased, or operated: 0
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds: 0
Total: 0

St. Tammany Parish does not received HOPWA funds.

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

### **Introduction**

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

### The Biggert-Waters Act (BWA)

St. Tammany is a recipient of Hazard Mitigation and Severe Repetitive Loss funds from FEMA. The Parish uses these funds to assist homeowners in elevating their homes to the appropriate level as indicated by FEMA. Ideally, this will help prevent certain homes from becoming unaffordable due to the new BWA laws. Parish leaders, including representatives from St. Tammany Parish, have been active with other regional leaders in addressing these issues with Congress so that they do not negatively impact the residents of south Louisiana.

### Impact Fees

CDBG staff will evaluate affordability issues that arise with LMI homebuyers due to Parish impact fees. After further assessment, Parish staff may approach the issue with Parish officials to see if the fees may be waived for individuals who earn up to 80% of the area median income.

### NIMBYISM

Many of the Parish's elected officials see a need for affordable workforce housing in our community. CDBG staff has worked with local officials and the Northshore Housing Initiative in presenting an informational campaign to the public that teaches the community about the benefits and needs of workforce housing.

### High Cost of Land

The Parish is collaborating with the local land trust, the Northshore Housing Initiative, by providing them with non-entitlement CDBG funds received from the State Office of Community Development. These funds will assist NHI's Community Land Trust Program which will provide assistance to qualified homebuyers for the purchase of homes by covering the cost of and retaining ownership of the land on which the home resides. This effort decreases the purchase price for the homebuyer and makes the home more affordable to future buyers.

## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction**

#### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

##### Provide Information and Referral

DHHS will continue to provide resource and referral information to citizens and organizations who contact the office looking for resources such as job training, education, and employment assistance. A new referral directory is available on through DHHS Website.

##### Attend NHC and STHHA Meetings

CDBG staff will continue to attend monthly meetings of the Northlake Homeless Coalition and the St. Tammany Housing and Homeless Alliance. These meetings help the Parish stay current with the issues that are affecting the homeless population and the organizations that serve them. This will also allow the Parish to play a role in the NHC's development of a single point-of-entry system and the STHHA's plan to develop a faith-based sheltering system for families.

##### Meeting Attendance and Information Coordination

Parish staff will continue to play an active role in the planning and development of our community's delivery system. By attending meetings and staying in constant communication with local service providers, Parish government can assist in addressing the most urgent and current needs of our citizens.

##### Provide Home Repair Assistance

The Parish will continue to fund minor home repair targeting LMI households, which can receive necessary repairs that make their homes physically and financially more sustainable. The Parish will collaborate with local non- profit & for profit organizations to perform health and safety related repairs.

For the fourth year, CDBG funds will also be used for the repair and replacement of non-compliant septic systems. This health and safety improvement is very needed for the overall water quality of Parish residents.

#### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

##### Attend NHC and STHHA Meetings

CDBG staff will continue to attend monthly meetings of the Northlake Homeless Coalition and the St. Tammany Housing and Homeless Alliance. These meetings help the Parish stay current with the issues that are affecting the homeless population and the organizations that serve them. This will also allow the Parish to play a role in the NHC's development of a single point-of-entry system and the STHHA's

plan to develop a faith-based sheltering system for families.

#### Provide Information and Referral

DHHS will continue to provide resource and referral information, including contact information to local affordable housing providers, to citizens and organizations who contact the office looking for resources. This information will also be distributed through the Parish's Website.

#### Support Local Organizations that Provide Affordable Housing

The Parish is collaborating with the local land trust, the Northshore Housing Initiative, by providing them with non-entitlement CDBG funds received from the State Office of Community Development. These funds will assist NHI's Community Land Trust Program, which will assist qualified homebuyers for the purchase of homes by covering the cost of and retaining ownership of the land on which the home resides. This effort decreases the purchase price for the homebuyer, making the home more affordable to future buyers and for families who are at risk of homelessness. The Parish will also continue to work with homebuyer counseling organizations in St. Tammany, as a means to provide affordable housing opportunities to residents as well.

#### Provide Home Repair Assistance

The Parish will continue to fund minor home repair programs targeting LMI households, which can receive necessary repairs and make their homes physically and financially more sustainable. The Parish is again funding local non-profit organizations to perform health and safety related repairs. In previous years the Parish has successfully partnered with Volunteers of America, Northshore Disaster Recovery Initiatives, World Changers and Habitat for Humanity St Tammany West.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

#### Provide LBP Educational Information to the Public

The Parish will display LBP posters in its DHHS and CAA offices and will have that information available for distribution to organizations and interested parties. Recipients of the Parish-funded minor home repair program(s) will also receive LBP educational materials. The Parish will inform local organizations that serve LMI populations know that LBP educational materials can be accessed from the DHHS.

#### Provide Affordable Housing Program Information to Affected Households

Households that are affected by LBP are able to contact the Parish for information regarding affordable housing opportunities for homes without LBP hazards. The Parish maintains a current list of affordable housing options in St. Tammany that can be distributed to interested parties. The Parish will let local organizations that serve LMI populations know that affordable housing information can be accessed



from the DHHS.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

#### Provide Information and Referral

DHHS will continue to provide resource and referral information to citizens and organizations who contact the office looking for resources such as job training, education, and employment assistance. This information will also be distributed through the Parish's Website and monthly electronic newsletter.

#### Development of the St. Tammany Advanced Campus

On Hwy 434 in North Lacombe, Parish government, with the use of CDBG-DR funds, has planned the St. Tammany Advanced Campus to provide educational, employment, and job training opportunities to residents of St. Tammany and the surrounding areas. Ideally, the creation of the center and business park will lead to a more educated and skilled workforce and the creation of new jobs as well. This will help individuals become more qualified to earn better wages and gradually increase their household income so that they are no longer considered to be poverty-level.

#### Provide Home Repair Assistance

The Parish will continue to fund minor home repair targeting LMI households, which can receive necessary repairs that make their homes physically and financially more sustainable. The Parish will collaborate with local non-profit & for profit organizations to perform health and safety related repairs.

For the fourth year, CDBG funds will also be used for the repair and replacement of non-compliant septic systems. This health and safety improvement is very needed for the overall water quality of Parish residents.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

#### Development of Single Point of Entry System

The NHC created a single point of entry system for homeless housing and service providers. The system gives providers access to the information for homeless persons to receive expedited assistance and information when accessing services.

#### Family Promise Affiliate- Sheltering System for Families

A local affiliate of the national "Family Promise" organization has been operational since April 2015. As a sheltering system for families, this program provides shelter, case management, life skills education, and transportation assistance for homeless families. The program is designed to ensure that children can attend school, families can stay together, and assistance is provided so that these families can

again become self-sufficient. The initial start-up activities are funded through the Parish's CDBG-DR funds and the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development. A permanent day center is planned for the Safe Haven campus in Mandeville, LA. The local homebuilders association has agreed to donate their services to construct the Family Promise of St. Tammany Day Center, for homeless families.

#### Meeting Attendance and Information Coordination

Parish staff will continue to play an active role in the planning and development of our community's delivery system. By attending meetings and staying in constant communication with local service providers, Parish government can assist in addressing the most urgent and current needs of our citizens.

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

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A \$3 million Public Health Millage is collected annually. Several social services agencies were supported through this funding in the past. National Alliance for Mental Illness-St. Tammany received funds to provide training, educational, and support services to individuals with mental illness and their families; a mental health case manager servicing the Behavioral Health Court clients of 22nd JDC, and support for a Group Home (operations and maintenance) for transitional housing and access to services for individuals with severe behavioral health issues. Louisiana Public Health Institute maintains a "Dashboard" with up to date behavioral health information accessible to the public. Access Health supports two full time Licensed Clinical Social Workers and a part time Psychiatrist, who provide counseling services to uninsured individuals at a Medicaid cost. Youth Service Bureau supports case plans, drug screens and counseling for at-risk youth who are receiving behavioral health services at the Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany. STOPS provides support to groups and services to families of suicide victims. VOA - Crisis Response provides support to law enforcement by providing mental health assessments and support to individuals in crisis along with their families. As of now, these services will not be funded due to funding shortages as a result of a failed tax renewal. DHHS plans to assist these agencies with finding possible funding to continue their services to the parish.

In 2008, two coalitions were formed to address the predominant social issues: "St. Tammany Behavioral Health Task Force" and "St. Tammany Housing and Homeless Alliance." These two groups have become excellent planning tools for service coordination for mental health, homelessness, and housing needs in St. Tammany. Mental health and housing/homelessness have become the most

important and visible needs of our community; the Alliance and Task Forces have played a role in ensuring that service gaps are identified and that efforts made to address those gaps are non-duplicative and coordinated. The Behavioral Health Task force has been redesigned and restructured into the Safe Haven Advisory Board.

Members of the Safe Haven Advisory Board include representatives from the following organizations: National Alliance on Mental Illness – St. Tammany, the Florida Parishes Human Service Authority, Catholic Charities – Northshore, St. Tammany Outreach for the Prevention of Suicide (STOPS), the St. Tammany Parish Coroner’s Office, the St. Tammany Community Health Center, St. Tammany Parish Hospital, Volunteers of America Greater New Orleans, St. Tammany Parish Sheriff’s Office, Northlake Behavioral Health System, Slidell Memorial Hospital and the St. Tammany Parish Dept. of Health and Human Services.

Members of the St. Tammany Housing and Homeless Alliance include representatives from the following organizations: the Northlake Homeless Coalition, Volunteers of America Greater New Orleans, Catholic Charities – Northshore, the Samaritan Center, Covington Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West, Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany East, the Covington Housing Authority, St. Tammany Community Action Agency, Slidell Housing Authority, Northshore Community Foundation, the City of Covington, Community Christian Concern, and the St. Tammany Parish Dept. of Health and Human Services.

## Program Specific Requirements

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

#### Introduction

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

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

#### Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

# Appendix B

**Public Hearing for Annual Plan**

**ST. TAMMANY PARISH – ANNUAL PLAN CDBG PUBLIC MEETING**

**DATE OF MEETING:** Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017      **TIME:** 4:00 pm

**LOCATION:** Council Chambers, Mandeville, La.

**MEETING ATTENDEES:** See attached attendance sheet

**Minutes of meeting:**

Jacquelyn Landry, a member of the St. Tammany Parish CDBG Staff, opened the meeting, allowed audience members and Parish staff to introduce themselves (4 persons in attendance), and then made a short presentation about the Parish's CDBG program and provided material summarizing the types of activities and projects that the Parish will be providing with CDBG funds (see attached hand-outs). Mrs. Landry stated the amount of funding for the FY 2017-2018 year will be \$980,322. The National Objectives were also summarized.

Mrs. Landry then summarized the investment of funds by category that the Parish will implement in 2017-2018. This includes general administration, parish-wide residential rehabilitation, public service projects (at no more than 15% of the annual budget), infrastructure improvements, homeless prevention, and transit vouchers.

Attendees were also encouraged to send any written comments into the Community Development office and to look on the Parish's website for the Annual Plan.

The meeting adjourned at 5 pm.

# AGENDA

## CDBG 2017-2018 Annual Plan

Public Hearing in Council Chambers on Koop Dr.

July 11, 2017 4PM – 5PM

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- Department Introductions
- Brief Summary of Proposed Activities in Annual Plan
  - Comments and Questions from Public

# Priority Needs/Goals from CDBG Consolidated Plan (Years 2013-2018)

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## Affordable Housing

Rehabilitation of owner-occupied units and homeownership assistance

## Infrastructure Improvements

Improvements to water and sewer systems in LMI areas

## Non-Housing Community Development

Public Services and Transportation

## PY 2018 Proposed Activities

Affordable Housing	Infrastructure Improvements	Non-Housing Community Development
Residential Rehabilitation	Infrastructure Projects	Family Promise Emergency Shelter
NHI - Infrastructure		STAR Vouchers
		S.T.O.P.S.
		HHAP

Total Allocation: **\$980,322.00**

<b>20%</b> <i>(20% CAP)</i>	<u>Administration</u>	\$ 196,064.40
<b>14%</b> <i>(15% CAP)</i>	<u>Public Services</u>	\$ 142,000.00
	<u>Home/Sewer Repair Admin</u>	\$ 120,000.00
	<u>Home Repair</u>	\$ 90,000.00
	<u>Sewer Repair</u>	\$ 150,000.00
	<u>NHI - Infrastructure</u>	\$ 47,000.00
	<u>Infrastructure</u>	\$ 235,257.60
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 980,322.00</b>

## Public Services Funded

STAR	\$ 20,000.00
Family Promise	\$ 22,000.00
S.T.O.P.S.	\$ 25,000.00
HHAP	\$ 75,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$142,000.00</b>





**ST. TAMMANY PARISH GOVERNMENT**  
**Community Development Block Grant**  
**2017-2018 Annual Plan**  
**Public Hearing – Parish Council Chambers**  
**Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017**  
**4:00 – 5:00 pm**



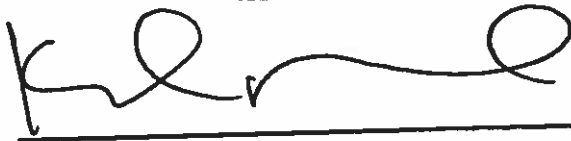
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St. Tammany Parish  
Department of  
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P. O. Box 628  
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985-898-3074;  
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**2017-2018 Community Development Block Grant Program**  
**Annual Action Plan**

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# Appendix C

Point in Time (Draft) from Northlake Homeless Collation for 2017



Northlake Homeless Coalition

**Highlights of 2017  
Louisiana Homeless  
Census  
Point-in-Time Count**

Region 9: Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany,  
Tangipahoa, and Washington Parishes

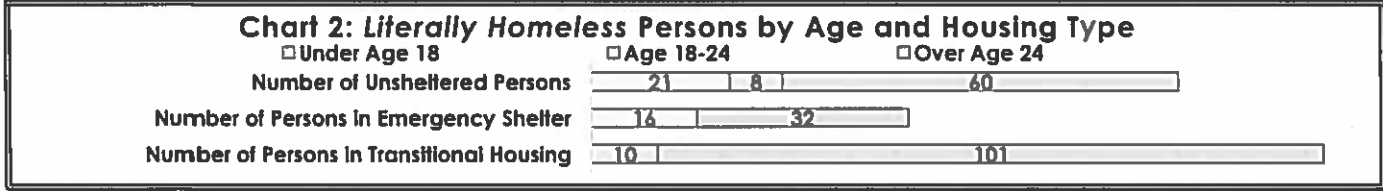
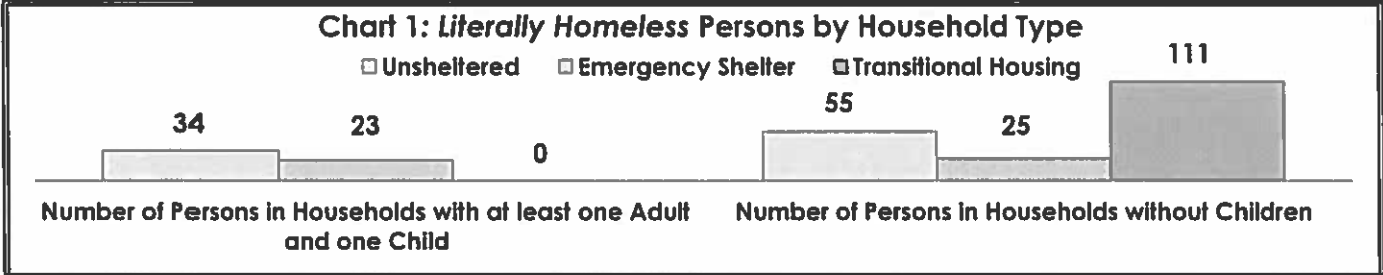
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## Highlights of 2017 Louisiana Homeless Census Point-in-Time Count Region 9 - Northlake Homeless Coalition

An annual count of the number of persons experiencing homelessness was conducted during the week of January 23rd, 2017, wherein twenty-one partnering organizations of the Northlake Homeless Coalition surveyed persons within our community to identify those who are without permanent, stable housing on the night of Monday, January 23rd. In conjunction with the 2017 statewide Homeless Census in Louisiana, Region 9 counted two hundred forty-eight (248) men, women, and children who were *literally homeless* in the parishes of Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines a person as literally homeless only when he/she resides in:

- A place not meant for human habitation, such as cars, parks, sidewalks, abandoned buildings, etc.
- An emergency shelter,
- Or a transitional housing program for persons who were unsheltered or residing in an emergency shelter prior to entering the program.

<b>Table 1: 2017 Region 9 Homeless Census: Summary of Literally Homeless Adults and Children</b>				
Household Type	Unsheltered <sup>1</sup>	In Emergency Shelter <sup>2</sup>	In Transitional Housing <sup>3</sup>	Total Count
Number of Households with at least One Adult and One Child	11	6	0	17 [8.8% of households]
<b>Total Persons in Households</b>	34	23	0	<b>57 [23.0% of persons]</b>
Number of Households without Children	41	25	111	177 [91.2% of households]
<b>Total Persons in Households</b>	55	25	111	<b>191 [77.0% of persons]</b>
<b>Total Number of Households</b>	<b>52 [26.8%]</b>	<b>31 [16.0%]</b>	<b>111 [57.2%]</b>	<b>194 [100.0% of households]</b>
<b>Total Persons in Households</b>	<b>89 [35.9%]</b>	<b>48 [19.3%]</b>	<b>111 [44.8%]</b>	<b>248 [100.0% of persons]</b>



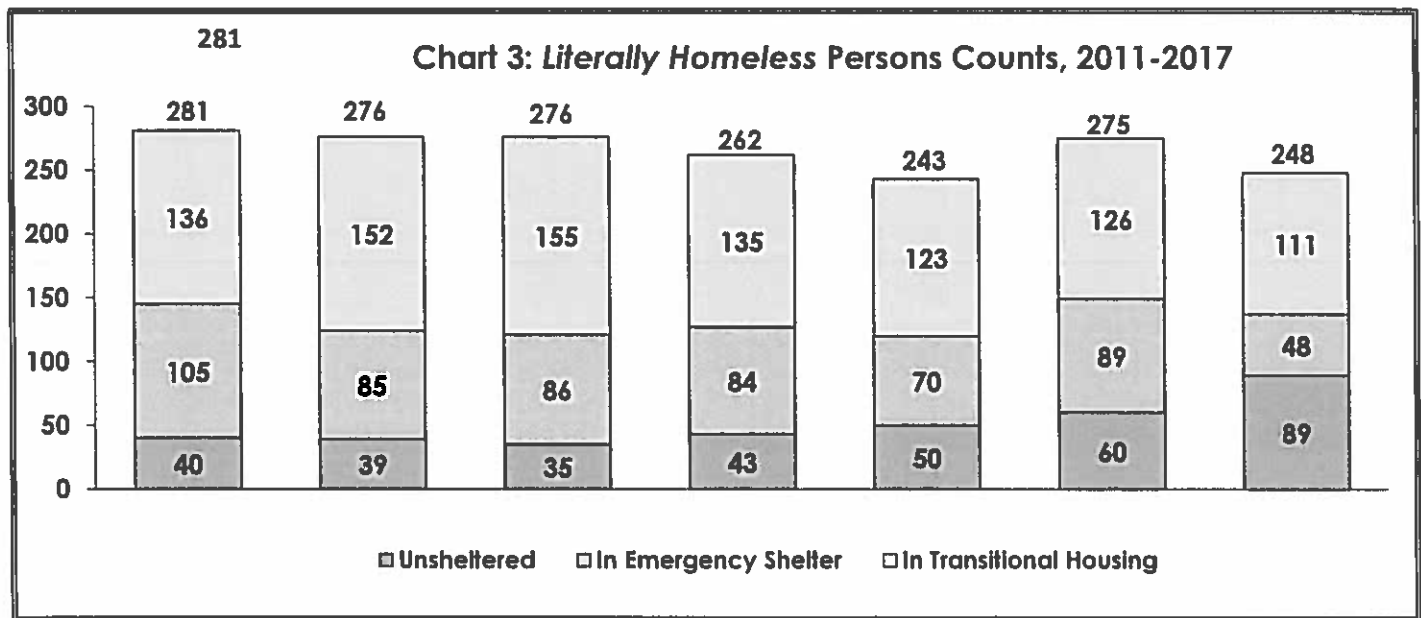
<sup>1</sup> Describes any location where a person may be residing that is not intended for human habitation, includes automobiles, wooded areas, sidewalks, abandoned buildings, barns, under bridges, etc.

<sup>2</sup> Emergency shelters provide a temporary places to stay for newcomers, travelers, people who are in crisis, or homeless individuals in the community.

<sup>3</sup> Transitional Housing for formerly homeless persons provide extended shelter stays and supportive services for homeless individuals and/or families with the goal of helping them live independently and transition into permanent housing; stays are generally longer than two weeks but typically 60 days or more and, in many cases, up to two years or more; may be configured for specialized groups within the homeless population such as people with substance abuse problems, homeless mentally ill, homeless domestic violence victims, veterans, or homeless people with AIDS/HIV.

**Why the Homeless Census Matters:** Data derived from the Homeless Census provides the community partners of the Northlake Homeless Coalition with a critical "snapshot" of homelessness and the services that are in place to respond. This information is imperative to better understand how homelessness is changing, to inform the public at large, and to measure our progress towards preventing and ending homelessness. Single points in time also allow for communities to concentrate efforts for consistent data collection and integration from all service providers within the catchment area.

**I. Populations Data:** The total number of persons who were identified as literally homeless on the night of the 2017 Homeless Census was a decrease of approximately ten percent (9.8%) from the 2016 count. Since 2011, we have seen a 12% decrease in the number of persons identified as experiencing literal homelessness. Of note, the reductions are visible in the number of persons in sheltered conditions, specifically with an 18% reduction in the number of persons in Transitional Housing for homeless persons and a 54% reduction in the number of persons in Emergency Shelters. It is also important to recognize that the number of persons who were identified as residing in unsheltered conditions has increased by 123% since 2011.



**II. Subpopulations Data:** In addition to identifying the total number of persons who were experiencing literal homelessness on the night of January 23rd, survey participants were asked questions that allowed for identifying the number of persons that can be defined as members of special populations, or sub-populations, as stated by HUD. Areas of interest include certain long-term disabling health conditions, chronic homelessness, Veterans of the United States Military, and persons fleeing domestic violence. Specific findings of interest include,

- Persons identified as experiencing chronic homelessness comprised approximately twelve percent (12.4%) of the adult population, which is slightly higher than the 10% identified during the 2016 Census.
- The largest number of veterans since 2011 were counted in the 2017 census, wherein approximately one out of four adults (23.6%) self-identified as a military veteran. Also, four of those persons were identified as chronically homeless.
- Almost twelve percent (11.8%) of adult participants identified as having experienced episodes of domestic violence, which is a decrease of nine percentage points since 2016.
- Thirteen adults and children were residing in Youth Only Households, wherein everyone in the household is under the age of 25. This includes unaccompanied young adults (18-24) and parenting youth. They comprised approximately five (5.2%) of the total population.

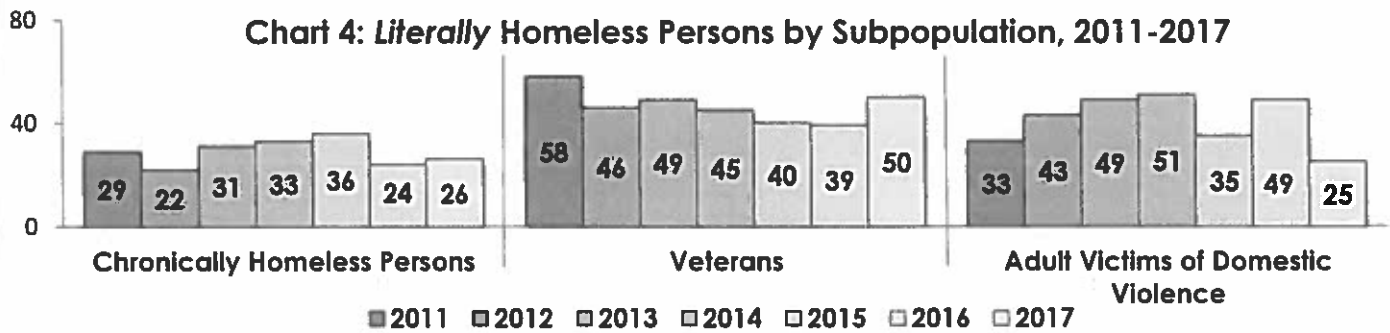


- Approximately one out of five (21.3%) participants self-identified as having a severe and persistent mental health condition.
- Approximately one out of ten (10.9%) self-identified as having a substance use disorder.

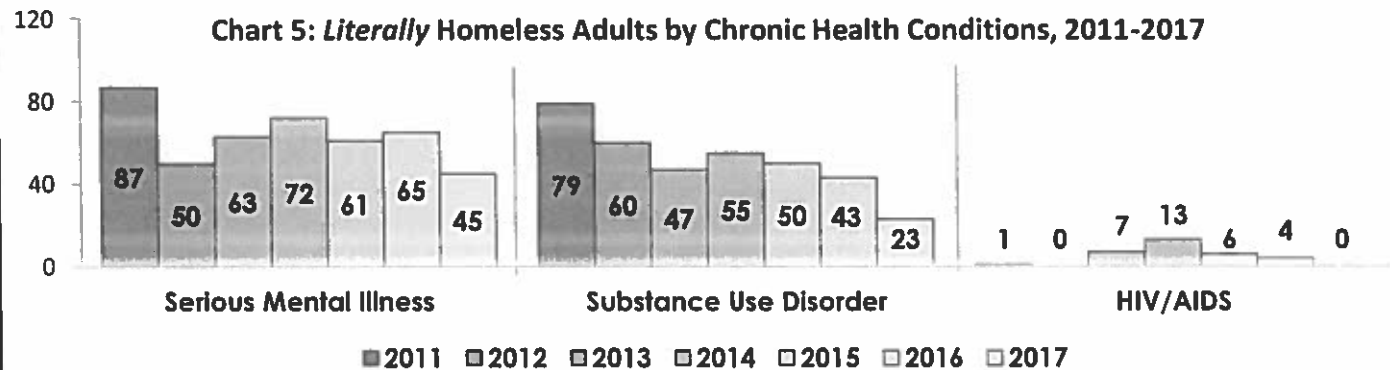
**Table 2: Counts of Literally Homeless Adults by Subpopulations - 2017**

Subpopulation	Unsheltered	Sheltered	Subpopulation Count	Total Population	Percentage of Total Population
Chronically Homeless (CH) Households without Children <sup>4</sup>	22	4	26	211 Adults	12%
Chronically Homeless (CH) Households with at least one Adult and one Child	0	0	0	17 Households	0%
Veterans in Households without Children	10	40	50	211 Adults	24%
Veterans in Households with at least one Adult and one Child	0	0	0	0 Households	0%
Chronically Homeless Veterans	4	0	4	26 CH Adults	15%
Victims of Domestic Violence	14	11	25	211 Adults	12%
<b>Persons with Long-term Disabilities/Chronic Health Conditions</b>					
Adults with a Serious Mental Illness	17	28	45	211 Adults	21%
Adults with a Substance Use Disorder	8	15	23	211 Adults	11%
Adults with HIV/AIDS	0	0	0	211 Adults	0%

**Chart 4: Literally Homeless Persons by Subpopulation, 2011-2017**



**Chart 5: Literally Homeless Adults by Chronic Health Conditions, 2011-2017**



<sup>4</sup> An individual or adult family member who has a long-term disabling condition and has been homeless in an emergency shelter or place not meant for human habitation for more than one year or at least four times in the past three years.

**III. Participating Organizations:** Twenty-one human service agencies participated in the 2017 census by directly surveying persons seeking/accessing their assistance, or welcoming volunteers to conduct interviews with their consumers, during the week of the count. These service providers included emergency shelters, transitional housing programs, feeding programs, motel voucher programs, and Permanent Supportive Housing programs.

**Table 3: 2017 Homeless Census Participating Organizations**

Organization Name and Location	Parish of Survey Respondent/Volunteer Surveyor				
	Livingston	St. Helena	St. Tammany	Tangipahoa	Washington
Caring Center of Slidell			X		
Family Promise of St. Tammany, Slidell			X		
Freedom Worship Ministry, Slidell			X		
Fully Committed Ministries					X
Habitat for Humanity - STW, Covington			X		
House of Serenity, Ponchatoula				X	
Miramonte Center (CCC), Slidell			X		
Mount Olive Feeding Ministry, Slidell			X		
NAMI St. Tammany			X		
New Orleans Mission Project Hope, Lacombe			X		
Northlake Homeless Coalition, Multiple	X	X	X	X	X
Quad VETS, Hammond				X	
Safe Harbor, Mandeville			X		
SAFE, Hammond	X			X	X
Southeastern Louisiana University, Hammond	X	X	X	X	X
St. Tammany Parish Government, Slidell			X		
Tangipahoa Parish Government, Amite				X	
Trumpet of Truth, Slidell			X		
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Multiple	X		X	X	
Volunteers of America GNO, Multiple			X	X	X

**IV. Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing Utilization on Night of Homeless Census:** A component of the Homeless Census is the enumeration of Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing stock by provider and the number of beds being utilized on the night of January 23rd, 2017. The following table details the number of beds and units of Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing that comprise the housing inventory for the region, as of the Census date, and the respective rates of occupancy.

**Table 4: 2017 Housing Inventory of Emergency Shelter and Transitional Housing Beds**

Housing/Program Type	Parishes Served/ Location of Services	Populations Served / Eligible Subpopulations	Households with Children		Households without Children # of Beds	Total # of Beds	# of Beds Occupied	Utilization Rate
			# of Units	# of Beds				
<b>Emergency Shelter Beds and Units: Total</b>			<b>7</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>66%</b>
Caring Center of Slidell	ST	W, W+C	1	3	10	13	8	62%
Family Promise St. Tammany	ST	FAM	1	14	0	14	7	50%
House of Serenity	T	W, M, FAM	1	4	8	12	12	100%
Fully Committed Ministry	W	W, M	0	0	4	4	4	100%
SAFE (formerly SSAP)—Emergency Shelter for DV	L, SH,T, W	W+C / DV	1	5	0	5	5	100%
Safe Harbor – Emergency Shelter for DV	ST	W, W+C / DV	3	18	2	20	7	35%
Timothy Trumpet of Truth	ST	M / SA	0	0	5	5	5	100%
<b>Transitional Housing Beds &amp; Units: Total</b>			<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>90%</b>
Miramonte Center – Community Christian Concern	ST	M	0	0	12	12	10	83%
Freedom Worship Ministry	ST	M	0	0	7	7	4	57%
New Orleans Mission Project Hope	ST	M	0	0	71	71	66	93%
Quad Area CAA--Dorm- Quad VETS	T	M / VET	0	0	27	27	26	96%
Quad Area CAA--House - Quad VETS	T	M / VET	0	0	7	7	5	71%
<b>Grand Total of All Beds &amp; Units</b>			<b>7</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>159</b>	<b>81%</b>

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**V. Counts by Parish:** The following series of charts exhibits the number of persons identified as literally homeless, with the counts organized by the parishes where respondents resided during the night of the 2017 Homeless Census. The five parishes that comprise the NHC's Continuum of Care are Livingston, St. Helena, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, and Washington.

Household Type	Unsheltered	In Emergency Shelter	In Transitional Housing	Total Count
Number of Households with at least One Adult and One Child	0	0	0	0
Total Persons in Households	0	0	0	0
Number of Households without Children	6	0	0	6
Total Persons in Households	7	0	0	7
Total Number of Households	6	0	0	6
Total Persons in Households	7	0	0	7

Household Type	Unsheltered	In Emergency Shelter	In Transitional Housing	Total Count
Number of Households with at least One Adult and One Child	0	0	0	0
Total Persons in Households	0	0	0	0
Number of Households without Children	1	0	0	1
Total Persons in Households	5	0	0	5
Total Number of Households	1	0	0	1
Total Persons in Households	5	0	0	5

Household Type	Unsheltered	In Emergency Shelter	In Transitional Housing	Total Count
Number of Households with at least One Adult and One Child	4	4	0	8
Total Persons in Households	11	14	0	25
Number of Households without Children	20	13	80	113
Total Persons in Households	27	13	80	120
Total Number of Households	24	17	80	121
Total Persons in Households	38	27	80	145

Household Type	Unsheltered	In Emergency Shelter	In Transitional Housing	Total Count
Number of Households with at least One Adult and One Child	7	2	0	9
Total Persons in Households	23	9	0	32
Number of Households without Children	12	8	31	51
Total Persons in Households	13	8	31	52
Total Number of Households	20	10	31	60
Total Persons in Households	36	17	31	84

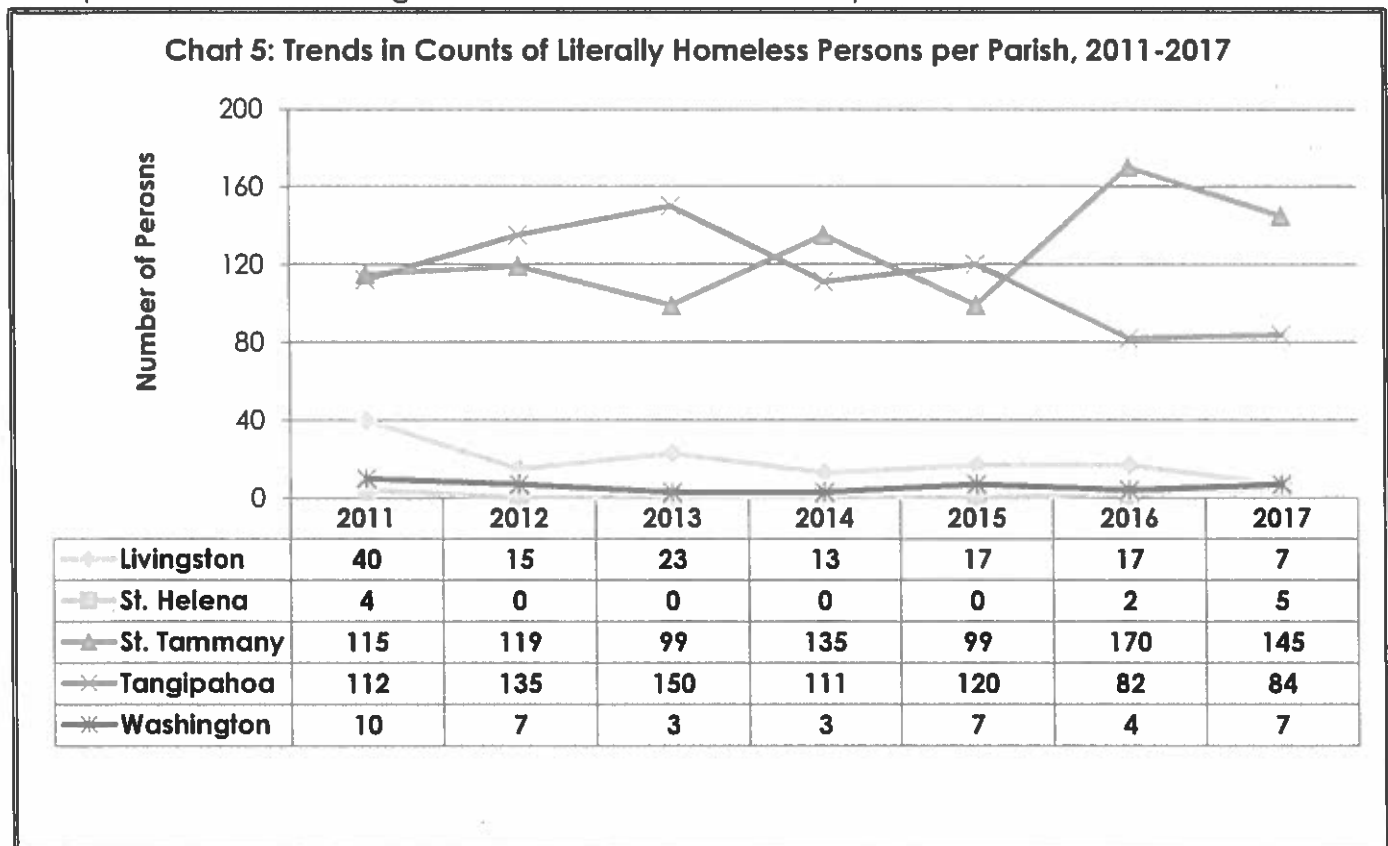
Household Type	Unsheltered	In Emergency Shelter	In Transitional Housing	Total Count
Number of Households with at least One Adult and One Child	0	0	0	0
Total Persons in Households	0	0	0	0
Number of Households without Children	2	4	0	6
Total Persons in Households	3	4	0	7
Total Number of Households	2	4	0	6
Total Persons in Households	3	4	0	7

The majority of persons identified as experiencing literal homelessness were in St. Tammany Parish, with more than half (58.5%). Of note, there was a fifteen percent (14.7%) decrease in the number of persons identified in St. Tammany parish than those identified during the previous count. This can be primarily attributed to the

reconfiguration of a transitional housing project that is now operating as Permanent Supportive Housing, and the reduction of emergency shelter beds that had been serving men. Other findings from the 2017 census include,

- In Livingston Parish, all of the seven persons identified were residing in unsheltered conditions.
- In St. Helena Parish, one household comprised of five adults was residing in a shed not intended for human habitation.
- In Tangipahoa Parish, the number of persons experiencing homelessness increased by two persons (2), even with the reduction of emergency shelter beds. There were more than three times the number of unsheltered persons identified in 2017, in comparison to 2016, thirty-six to eleven respectively.
- In Washington Parish, a ministry began providing emergency shelter beds for four persons (4) , and additional three (3) persons were identified as residing in unsheltered conditions.

Chart 5 provides a temporal comparison of total population counts residing in unsheltered and sheltered conditions for 2011-2017. In looking at the number of persons identified as experiencing literal homelessness per parish, persons were identified in all 5 parishes. As with all previous counts, the largest counts of persons were residing in St. Tammany and Tangipahoa parishes. Geographically-speaking, these parishes also have the greatest concentration of service providers.



**VI. Permanent Housing Data Comparison:** In addition to identifying persons who are experiencing literal homelessness, during the same data collection period, 434 persons were identified as living in Permanent Housing (PH); persons enrolled in PH are no longer identified as experiencing literal homelessness. Of these men, women, and children, sixty-seven (67) persons were residing in Rapid Rehousing projects (PH-RRH), and three hundred sixty-seven (367) persons were in Permanent Supportive Housing (PH-PSH) for persons with long-term disabling conditions. Overall, this is a decrease of fifty-six (56) persons, or an eleven percent (11.4%), residing in Permanent Housing in comparison to the previous census. The reduction is primarily reflective of two Rapid Rehousing projects that were awaiting funding for providing housing assistance.

**Table 6: 2017 Housing Inventory of Permanent Housing Beds**

Housing/Program Type	Parishes Served/ Location of Services	Populations Served / Eligible Persons	Households with Children		Households without Children # of Beds	Total # of Beds	# of Beds Occupied	Utilization Rate
			# of Units	# of Beds				
<b>PH-RRH Beds and Units: Total</b>			<b>18</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>100%</b>
HOPE Center SSVF	ST, T, W	W, M, FAM/VET	2	7	1	8	8	100%
Northlake Homeless Coalition	L, SH, ST, T, W	FAM	1	3	0	3	3	100%
St. Tammany Parish CAA - CoC	ST	FAM	10	37	0	37	37	100%
St. Tammany Parish CAA - ESG	ST	W, M, FAM	4	12	5	17	17	100%
Tangipahoa Parish Sect 8 - ESG	SH,T,W	W, M, FAM	1	2	0	2	2	100%
<b>PH-PSH Housing Beds &amp; Units: Total</b>			<b>50</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>201</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>95%</b>
Covington PHA - VASH	ST	W, M, FAM/VET	5	22	4	26	26	100%
Hammond PHA - VASH	T	W, M, FAM/VET	1	6	9	15	15	100%
LA Housing Corp	L, SH, ST, T, W	W, M, FAM	7	26	55	81	81	100%
NAMI — HB Apts	ST	W, M / SMI	0	0	10	10	9	90%
NAMI —HB GH	ST	W, M / SMI	0	0	8	8	8	100%
NAMI —WW GH	ST	W, M / SMI	0	0	12	12	12	100%
Slidell PHA – VASH	ST	W, M, FAM/VET	6	25	11	36	36	100%
Tangipahoa PHA – VASH	T	W, M, FAM/VET	3	9	9	18	18	100%
VOAGNO—6040	L, SH, ST, T, W	W, M, FAM	6	27	14	41	36	88%
VOAGNO —7000	L, SH, ST, T, W	W, M, FAM/ SMI	3	13	12	25	25	100%
VOAGNO—7050	L, SH, ST, T, W	W, M, FAM/ SMI	1	2	15	17	17	100%
VOAGNO—7060	L, SH, ST, T, W	W, M, FAM/ CH	8	24	7	31	16	52%
VOAGNO —7150	L, SH, ST, T, W	W, M, FAM	5	12	31	43	43	100%
VOAGNO —7170	L, SH, ST, T, W	W, M, FAM/ VET	1	7	0	7	7	100%
VOAGNO —7190	L, SH, ST, T, W	W, M, FAM / CH	4	14	4	18	18	100%
<b>Grand Total All PH Beds &amp; Units</b>			<b>68</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>95%</b>

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