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2019-2020 CDBG Annual Plan

Department of Grants
CDBG Program
June 2019

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 2019-2020. 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 2019-2020, as a part of a community wide effort, St. Tammany Parish Government addressed the growing demand for homeless services. For the 2019-2020 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, and 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. 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 and in 2017, the count

decreased by 9.8% with 248 literally homeless persons. By 2018, the count decreased by 21.8% with 194 literally homeless person. The annual count was conducted during the week of January 22nd, 2018 wherein 21 partnering organizations surveyed individuals and families to identify those who are without permanent, stable housing on the night of January 22nd. In conjunction with the 2018 statewide Homeless Census in Louisiana, Region Nine (9) counted one hundred ninety-four (194) men, women, and children who are literally homeless. The total number of persons who were identified as literally homeless on the night of 2018 Homeless Census was a decrease of 21.8% from the 2017 count, with the greatest reduction reported for persons in households with at least one adult and one child (64.9%).

Although there was a decrease in the total amount of literally homeless in the region and in St. Tammany Parish, St. Tammany Parish continues to contain the highest population of homeless persons in the region. This could be explained by the higher concentration of services available and larger population of the parish compared to other parts of the region.

Despite the decrease in literally homeless, the conditions for unsheltered persons are increasing. In 2018, 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. This is a 48% increase in extreme homelessness situations since 2015 where only 60 reported. The number of unsheltered persons has increased by a total of 123% since 2011. For St. Tammany Parish, the total count of 132 is: 29 persons unsheltered, 27 in emergency shelter and 76 in transitional housing. As the most populated parish in the region, St. Tammany Parish accounted for 68% (132 persons) of the total unsheltered count compared to 58% of the total count in 2017. 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 in St. Tammany. 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.

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 in 2018 reveals 505,889 households—30 percent of the state’s total households—are **ALICE**. While St. Tammany ranks as one of the most affluent parishes, the population who are **ALICE** combined with those below **ALICE** equal 36% of St. Tammany Parish residents.

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.

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. Safe Haven is primarily focused on jail diversion and emergency room relief for the under and uninsured population. Safe Haven also focuses on behavior health with a concentration on the opioid abuse population.

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 handicap. Also, in the spirit of community volunteerism, the local home builders 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 homeowners 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 2018)

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
Individual Sewer Repairs	CDBG	\$195,000	STPG	Pump-Outs, Aerator replacements, minor maintenance repairs, and full system replacements for homeowners.	57 unduplicated residents received 100 units of home repair services.
Minor Home Repair	CDBG	\$90,000	STPG	Provided minor home repairs in collaboration with a summer youth program.	No accomplishments – program was put on hold to ensure compliance
Transit Vouchers	CDBG	\$20,000	STPG	Free transportation vouchers are distributed to local non-profit and government agencies who distribute the vouchers to their LMI clientele.	44 unduplicated residents received vouchers for free transportation.
Housing and Homeless Assistance Program	CDBG	\$76,000	STPG	Provided deposit assistance for rental units, rental assistance, deposit utility, and utility assistance for homeless households.	22 unduplicated clients were served with 92 services
Family Promise Emergency Shelter	CDBG	\$46,000	STPG	Provided homeless families with housing, transportation, and case management services	13 families were assisted with 1034 services.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The three branches of the Department of Grants, 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 will be included in Appendix A

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

* Meeting scheduled July 9th 2019 @3:30pm

7. Summary

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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 Project and Program Manager	ST. TAMMANY PARISH	Department of Grants

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

The Parish has appointed its Department of Grants as the lead agency to coordinate the Annual Action Plan preparation process. The Department of Grants, possesses extensive experience in social service delivery, project planning, grant administration, and community outreach and advocacy, is charged with creating and implementing programs which directly and indirectly improve the quality of life for Parish residents.

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

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(l))

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. 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 Department of Grants and its partners: The Northlake Homeless Coalition, Continuum of Care, Northshore Housing Initiative, and the Florida Parish Social Services Authority.

In 2016 and 2017, 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 that have been 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 Grants 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	Agency/Group/Organization	Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, and general community meetings, discussions centered on improving services and opportunities for homeownership.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	New Day Homeowner Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, general community meetings, telephone calls, and emails, discussions centered on improving services and opportunities for homeownership.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Northlake Homeless Coalition
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Continuum of Care

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	Volunteers Of America Greater New Orleans
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Homeless Services-Health Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	Northshore Food Bank
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	LMI Services
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Homeless prevention
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Christian Concern
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Covington
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	St. Tammany Community Health Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Health

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, and general community meetings, discussions centered on improving homeless needs and conditions, and anti-poverty programs.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	National Alliance on Mental Illness St. Tammany
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Mentally Ill
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	Catholic Charities Archdiocese Of New Orleans
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services – LMI
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	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	Agency/Group/Organization	Northshore Housing Initiative
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, general community meetings, telephone calls and emails, discussions centered on improving services and opportunities for homeownership.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	World Changers
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Affordable Housing

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
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.

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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 9th, 2019, a public hearing will be 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 will be presented. A discussion session is allowed for citizen input. Written, phone-in, and E-mailed comments also encouraged. Public hearings scheduled to be held in order to solicit community input:

- July 9th 2019 at the St. Tammany Parish Council Chambers

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

Input from the community will be contributed to the establishment of housing and community development goals. Parish staff will review public input and comments as they are submitted. Staff will weigh the priorities of Parish Administration in concurrence with citizen input, and then present 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 will be posted on the Parish's Website on June 26th, 2019. A 30-day comment period will run through July 27th, 2019. 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 Grants.

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 will be held at St. Tammany Parish Council Chambers.	TBD	TBD
2	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/ broad community	St. Tammany Farmer public notice	TBD	TBD
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.	TBD	TBD
4	Website	Non-targeted/ broad community	An announcement of the public Hearing and invitation to comment was posted on the St. Tammany Parish website.	TBD	TBD

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

St Tammany Parish staff in Environmental Services and Grants will continue to work on these projects using not only their staff but equipment personnel, and expertise. See additional resources in table below.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	1,131,706	0	0	1,131,706	4,526,824	The Parish anticipates receiving \$1,131,706 a year in CDBG entitlement funding from HUD each year for the next five years.
Continuum of Care	public - federal	Housing	124,764	0	0	124,764	480,000	The Northlake Homeless Coalition receives CoC funding from HUD and then disperses it to local agencies

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			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Emergency Solutions Grant Program	public - federal	Other	103,000	0	0	103,000		ESG funding comes to the Parish's Community Action Agency from the State of Louisiana.
Other	public - federal	Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing, Limited Clientele	0	0	0	16,224,916	0	HUD Disaster Recovery Funds
Other	public - federal	Other	4,634,221	85,000	4,520,717	4,719,221	4.7 million annually	Funding received from FTA, funded through LDOTD, for transportation.
Other	public - state	Acquisition Admin and Planning Housing	0	146,000	1,076,850	1,222,850	930,832	CDBG funds received from Louisiana Land Trust property sales in St. Tammany.
Other	public - state	Public Services	1,141,808	0	0	1,141,808	4,000,000	Utility assistance funding received from the State of Louisiana

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 funds matching requirements that need to be addressed. However, CDBG funds that are used to administer the STAR Transit voucher program will contribute to STAR Transit's FTA match requirements.

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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:

- 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

Discussion

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Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Residential Rehabilitation	2018	2022	Affordable Housing	Highway 190/433 Area Browns Village Road Area West 30's	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$155,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 11 Household Housing Unit
2	Individual Sewer Repair	2018	2022	Affordable Housing	Highway 190/433 Area Browns Village Road Area	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$100,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 20 Household Housing Unit
3	Homeless Prevention	2018	2022	Homeless Non-Housing Community Development	Highway 190/433 Area Browns Village Road Area West 30's	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$480,864	Homelessness Prevention: 10 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Public Service	2018	2022	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Highway 190/433 Area Browns Village Road Area West 30's	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$149,500	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 21 Households Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 48 Persons Assisted
5	Transit Voucher Program	2018	2022	Non-Housing Community Development	Highway 190/433 Area Browns Village Road Area West 30's	Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$20,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25 Households Assisted
6	Program Administration	2018	2022	Planning	Highway 190/433 Area Browns Village Road Area West 30's	Affordable Housing Infrastructure Improvements Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$226,341	Other: 1 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Residential Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Affordable Housing
2	Goal Name	Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	Infrastructure Improvements
3	Goal Name	Homeless Prevention
	Goal Description	Homeless Prevention, Non-Housing Community Development
4	Goal Name	Public Service
	Goal Description	Non-Housing Community Development
5	Goal Name	Transit Voucher Program
	Goal Description	Non-Housing Community Development
6	Goal Name	Program Administration
	Goal Description	Salaries for staff.

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The Parish will continue the successful programming undertaken in 2019-2020 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 2018-2019 will be extended into 2019-2020

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Homeless and Housing Assistance Program (HHAP)
2	Infrastructure Improvements
3	Safe Haven Crisis Response Intervention Rehabilitation
4	St. Tammany Parish Transit Voucher Program
5	NAMI St. Tammany Day Program
6	St Tammany Homeownership Center
7	Program Administration

Table 8 – Project Information

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

The Parish will continue the successful programming undertaken in 2018-2019 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 2018-2019 will be extended into 2019-2020.

Residential 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 energy efficient home improvements. Individual sewer repair will continue to provide relief for LMI households with replacement and repairs to non-compliant systems. Investments in infrastructure improvement, specifically in the area of sewer/water rehabilitation and replacement, will target water quality improvements throughout the parish. These activities will also increase sustainability of affordable housing. The other portion of infrastructure improvements will

focus on the Safe Haven Campus Build Out of Essential Buildings. The Safe Haven campus will address our every growing behavioral health cases and homeless prevention within the parish.

With a 77% 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.

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AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Residential Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Highway 190/433 Area Browns Village Road Area West 30's
	Goals Supported	Residential Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$155,000
	Description	LMI owner-occupied housing units will receive home repairs
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	11 households will receive assistance.
	Location Description	LMI households will be scattered across St. Tammany Parish
	Planned Activities	Provide repairs to homes targeting energy efficiency, and health and safety.
2	Project Name	Individual Sewer Repair
	Target Area	Highway 190/433 Area Browns Village Road Area
	Goals Supported	Individual Sewer Repair
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	LMI owner-occupied housing units will receive individual sewer system repairs
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 households will receive assistance.
	Location Description	LMI households will be scattered across St. Tammany Parish

	Planned Activities	Provide services to repair or replace non-compliant septic systems.
3	Project Name	Safe Haven Crisis Response Intervention Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Highway 190/433 Area
	Goals Supported	Homeless Prevention
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$480,865
	Description	Rehabilitation to mental health facility
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Ten (10) persons recently discharged from a parish correctional institution with addiction disorders, mental illness or co-occurring disorders will be housed in a residential facility.
	Location Description	Hwy 190, Mandeville, LA 70448
	Planned Activities	Rehabilitation of a currently vacant building to be used as a transitional housing facility and mental health treatment center
4	Project Name	St. Tammany Parish Transit Voucher Program
	Target Area	Highway 190/433 Area Browns Village Road Area West 30's
	Goals Supported	Public Service Transit Voucher Program
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	25 LMI individuals will receive vouchers to ride STAR Transit, the Parish's public transportation system, at no cost.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 25 LMI individuals will receive vouchers to ride STAR TRANSIT.
	Location Description	Transportation is provided throughout St. Tammany Parish.

	Planned Activities	Free demand-response transportation services will be provided to eligible LMI individuals.
5	Project Name	Family Promise After Care Program
	Target Area	Highway 190/433 Area Browns Village Road Area West 30's
	Goals Supported	Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$49,500
	Description	Case management services to assist homeless families and families in poverty with connecting with other agencies/services that would provide financial fitness, job training, and other services advancing their path to self-sustainability.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 48 LMI families will receive case management services.
	Location Description	513 Michigan Avenue, Slidell, LA 70458
	Planned Activities	Funding support for rapid re-housing program.
6	Project Name	NAMI St. Tammany Day Program
	Target Area	Highway 190/433 Area Browns Village Road Area West 30's
	Goals Supported	Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000
	Description	Support services and case management for LMI individuals with severe permeant mental illness.
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 75 low to moderate income individual will receive case management and support services for severe permeant mental illness.

	Location Description	63069 Humming Bird Ln., Mandeville, LA 70448
	Planned Activities	Emergency shelter for homeless families and case management to assist families with finding permanent housing and self-sufficiency.
7	Project Name	St Tammany Homeownership Center
	Target Area	West 30's
	Goals Supported	Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	Households will receive homeownership counseling
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	21 households will receive homeownership counseling.
	Location Description	1400 North Lane in office space at the Habitat for Humanity St Tammany West Restore.
	Planned Activities	Homeownership Counseling and Financial Education will be provided to LMI clients to assist them with successfully achieving homeownership.
8	Project Name	Program Administration
	Target Area	Highway 190/433 Area Browns Village Road Area West 30's
	Goals Supported	Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Infrastructure Improvements Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$226,341
	Description	Funds used to support program staff
	Target Date	12/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	No goal needed, planning and administration funds.

	Location Description	St. Tammany Parish Government, PO Box 628, Covington, LA 70434
	Planned Activities	Salaries and benefits for CDBG staff

Table 9 - Project Summary Information

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AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

Parish-Wide: 100%**Geographic Distribution**

Anticipated funds for activities designated specifically to targeted geographic areas are in the following percentages:

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Highway 190/433 Area	36%
Browns Village Road Area	15%
West 30's	9%

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.

Discussion

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Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	120
Non-Homeless	31
Special-Needs	35
Total	186

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	31
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	31

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

Discussion

Affordable housing will be promoted through the use of our residential rehabilitation projects to rehabilitate existing structures. Home repairs will be provided to at least 11 LMI households, and individual sewer repairs will be provided to at least 20 LMI households.

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.

Discussion

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

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 Meetings

Department of Grants and CDBG staff continue to attend monthly meetings of the Northlake Homeless Coalition. 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

Department of Grants 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 2019-2020.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Family Promise Affiliate - A Sheltering System for Families

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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.

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.

Attend NHC Meetings.

Department of Grants and CDBG staff will continue to attend monthly meetings of the Northlake Homeless Coalition.

Provide Information and Referral

Department of Grants 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 2019-2020.

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

Support for Homeownership Center

Residents successfully completing the Homeless and Housing Assistance Program will be directed to the Homeownership Centers (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.

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 Meetings

Department of Grants and CDBG staff will continue to attend monthly meetings of the Northlake Homeless Coalition.

Provide Information and Referral

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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 2019-2020.

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.

Family Promise Affiliate - A Sheltering System for Families

The St. Tammany Housing and Homeless Alliance developed a local affiliate of the national "Family Promise" organization. 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 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 and promote energy efficient modifications to homes.

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.

Attend NHC Meetings

CDBG staff will continue to attend monthly meetings of the Northlake Homeless Coalition.

Provide Information and Referral

Department of Grants 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 Parish's 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 2019-2020.

Discussion

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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

Barriers to affordable housing include:

The Biggert-Waters Act (BWA)

Congress passed (2012), amended (2014) and reauthorized (2017) the Biggert-Waters Act which authorizes the flood insurance program. The law required changes be made to flood hazard mapping, grants, flood insurance, and the management of floodplains, and the adoption of new FEMA flood maps in 2012 and 2014. The new flood maps increase the base flood elevation in many areas. For a lot of households, this means that 1.) The height to which they previously raised their home may no longer be sufficient, and 2.) If their home is not elevated the appropriate amount, their flood premiums may increase significantly.

Impact Fees

In 2005, the St. Tammany Parish Council adopted the policy of imposing mandatory impact fees. These fees are paid by developers when new subdivisions, strip malls, big box stores, or other new residential and commercial development are built. The purpose of the fee is to offset the strain that the new growth puts on Parish roads and drainage. While some individuals can be granted a waiver of the impact fees if they can demonstrate an income level of “Very Low Income” based on HUD criteria, these fees may be seen as a deterrent from building to individuals who are above the “very low income” level but under the “moderate-income” level.

NIMBYISM

There have been issues with NIMBYISM in the past when it comes to constructing affordable housing in the parish.

High Cost of Land

According to a 2015 study by W. Larson of the Bureau of Economic Analysis, the average cost of land per acre in Louisiana was \$12,908, the 23rd highest in the nation. In St. Tammany Parish, the study estimates land per acre to range from \$20,000-\$38,000, depending on clearance, population density, zoning, and intended land use. High cost of land affects the real estate

pricing for new and established residential developments, and can be a barrier to affordable housing.

Strategy to Remove or Ameliorate the Barriers to Affordable Housing

The Biggert-Waters Act (BWA)

As a recipient of FEMA Hazard Mitigation and Severe Repetitive Loss funds, St. Tammany Parish has been assisting approved homeowners in elevating their homes to at least one foot above the highest base flood elevation mapped. However, this alone will not alleviate the risk for neighborhoods in higher risk flood zones where flood insurance and prevention maintenance will add to the cost of ownership.

Impact Fees

In working with homebuyer programs in the parish, staff evaluate any opportunity to work with Parish officials to waive the fees for households at the 80 percent of median, or “moderate-income” level.

NIMBYISM

Parish staff have worked with local officials and the Northshore Housing Initiative to work on outreach and education to the community about the benefits and needs of affordable housing.

High Cost of Land

The Parish supports Northshore Housing Initiative, and Habitat for Humanity East and West to identify potential eligible clients for their homebuyer programs. Each organization subsidizes the cost of a house to lower the purchase price for the client, reducing the mortgage payment. Northshore Housing Initiative purchases and retains ownership of the land as part of the Community Land Trust program so that the home stays affordable to low- to moderate-income buyers in the future. Policies and programs to encourage affordable housing developments, such as LIHTC, are needed to continue the efforts made by these organizations to help offset the increasing cost of land.

Discussion:

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Provide Information and Referral

Department of Grants 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 Meetings

CDBG staff will continue to attend monthly meetings of the Northlake Homeless Coalition. 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.

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 and promote energy efficient modifications to homes.

For the sixth 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 Meetings

CDBG staff will continue to attend monthly meetings of the Northlake Homeless Coalition. 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.

Provide Information and Referral

Department of Grants 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 Department of Grants.

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 and promote energy efficient modifications to homes.

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

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.

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.

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

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

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income	100%

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