

Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government
Department of Housing and Human Services
Community Development Division
2016 Annual Action Plan



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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government receives federal entitlement funding from two programs, the Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. It is anticipated that in 2016 these two grant programs combined will bring \$1,080,883.00 into the Parish to support affordable housing, homeless, and community development programs and projects. An additional estimated \$60,000.00 in program income from CDBG and HOME projects brings the total new resources for the second year of the five year Consolidated Plan to \$1,140,883.00.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

The Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government Department of Housing & Human Services' specific objectives and outcomes to address identified needs include:

To ensure sustainability of decent affordable housing for low-income homeowners;

To provide affordability and increase availability of decent rental housing;

To provide availability and increase accessibility to economic opportunities; and

To continue to collaborate with homeless providers to supply a continuum of services.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

Over the last 30 years, the Housing Rehabilitation Program has successfully brought hundreds of owner occupied homes that were substandard up to Terrebonne Parish Code through either rehabilitation or replacement. This program has at least 500 hundred applicants on its waiting list and was again identified as a high priority in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The Beautiful Beginnings Center, Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Head Start and CHDO Housing Development Programs have also met the "high

priority needs” indentified in the current and past Consolidated Plans by providing emergency shelter, permanent housing, child care centers, economic opportunities and affordable rental housing to needy low income persons in Terrebonne Parish. Details of past performance can be found in Terrebonne’s Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPERs).

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Department of Housing and Human Services began the citizen participation process in October of 2015. A public notice was published in the Houma Courier, which is the official journal of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, announcing that the draft 2016 Annual Action Plan was available for review and public comment for a thirty (30) day period. The review and comment period began on Monday, October 19, 2015 and concluded with a Public Hearing from 5:00pm to 5:30pm on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at the following location of the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government:

Department of Housing and Human Services

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The document was available for review Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and was also available on the Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government website http://www.tpcg.org/index.php?f=community_development&p=index

5. Summary of public comments

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

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

7. Summary

This Annual Action Plan was developed to address the needs of Terrebonne Parish's low-income community as a result of citizen's views and the experience of agencies that serve Terrebonne's low-income, elderly, homeless and disabled residents, as well as the needs expressed during 5-Year Consolidated Plan process.

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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
Lead Agency	Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government	
CDBG Administrator	Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government	Department of Housing and Human Services
HOME Administrator	Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government	Department of Housing and Human Services

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The lead agency in coordinating the consolidated planning process is the Terrebonne Parish Department of Housing and Human Services. This institutional structure provides a suitable model for coordination of this strategy, since all federal and state programs that benefit low-income residents must in some way coordinate with the Housing and Human Services Department.

An important strength in the local system is that one primary Parish agency, the Department of Housing and Human Services, administers the funding for all HUD entitlement programs. ESG and HOPWA are not formula grants for Terrebonne Parish, but are obtained through competitive applications.

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

1. Introduction

The Terrebonne Department of Housing and Human Services collaborates with public and private non-profit agencies on a continual basis to identify and address housing, homeless and public service needs.

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

The Terrebonne Parish Department of Housing and Human Services coordinates all Section 8, Family Self-Sufficiency, Community Development Block Grant Entitlement, HOME Entitlement, Head Start, Community Services Block Grant, Low Income Home Energy Assistance and Louisiana ESGP activity. Through a long lasting partnership with the Houma-Terrebonne Housing Authority and many other private non-profit housing agencies in Terrebonne Parish that serve low-income and homeless citizens, coordination of services and referrals are made regularly. A relationship is maintained with mental health and homeless providers through the local Continuum of the Care, the Louisiana Coastal Homeless Coalition.

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.

Department staff coordinates services with Start Corporation, the lead Continuum of Care agency and other member service providers that assist the homeless and at-risk of homeless populations on a regular basis. Department staff also participates in monthly Continuum of Care meetings and homeless point in time surveys. Community Development Block Grant public service dollars are allocated on an annual basis to supplement Louisiana ESGP funds for the operation of the Beautiful Beginnings Center; Terrebonne Parish’s homeless facility for families with children. In addition, HOME funds are used to support a Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program that provides rental subsidies for up to 24 months to persons successfully exiting a homeless shelter and are working at least 30 hours per week.

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

The Department of Housing and Human Services participates in the development of the Continuum of Care's allocation of funds, performance standards, outcomes and HMIS policy and procedures by attending regularly scheduled and grant planning meetings.

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

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Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	OPTIONS FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness 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?	This agency attended a Consolidated Plan and Community Partners Needs Assessment meeting.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	START CORPORATION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness 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?	This agency attended a Consolidated Plan and Community Partners Needs Assessment meeting.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	Bunkhouse Inn
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness 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?	This agency attended a Consolidated Plan and Community Partners Needs Assessment meeting.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Terrebonne Parish Head Start
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans 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?	This agency attended a Consolidated Plan and Community Partners Needs Assessment meeting.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Terrebonne Parish Section 8 Program
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Other government - Local

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness 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?	This agency attended a Consolidated Plan and Community Partners Needs Assessment meeting.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Terrebonne Parish Human Development Division
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness 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?	This agency attended a Consolidated Plan and Community Partners Needs Assessment meeting.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Terrebonne Readiness and Assistance Coalition
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Education Disaster Recovery

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness 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?	This agency attended a Consolidated Plan and Community Partners Needs Assessment meeting.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Houma Terrebonne Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness 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?	This agency attended a Consolidated Plan and Community Partners Needs Assessment meeting.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Gospel Assembly Church of Houma
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Church

What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness 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?	This agency attended a Consolidated Plan and Community Partners Needs Assessment meeting.

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

No specific agency types were intentionally left out of the public participation process.

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	Start Corporation	The strategic plan provides for a set of goals for addressing homelessness, which are supported by the Louisiana Coastal Homeless Coalition and its participating agencies.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government works closely with the Houma Terrebonne Housing Authority and other departments within the local government in the provision of programs to address local issues covered by the Consolidated Plan. The Community Development Division is part of the Housing and Human Services Department, which coordinates unduplicated services with the Section 8, Head Start and Human Development divisions.

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

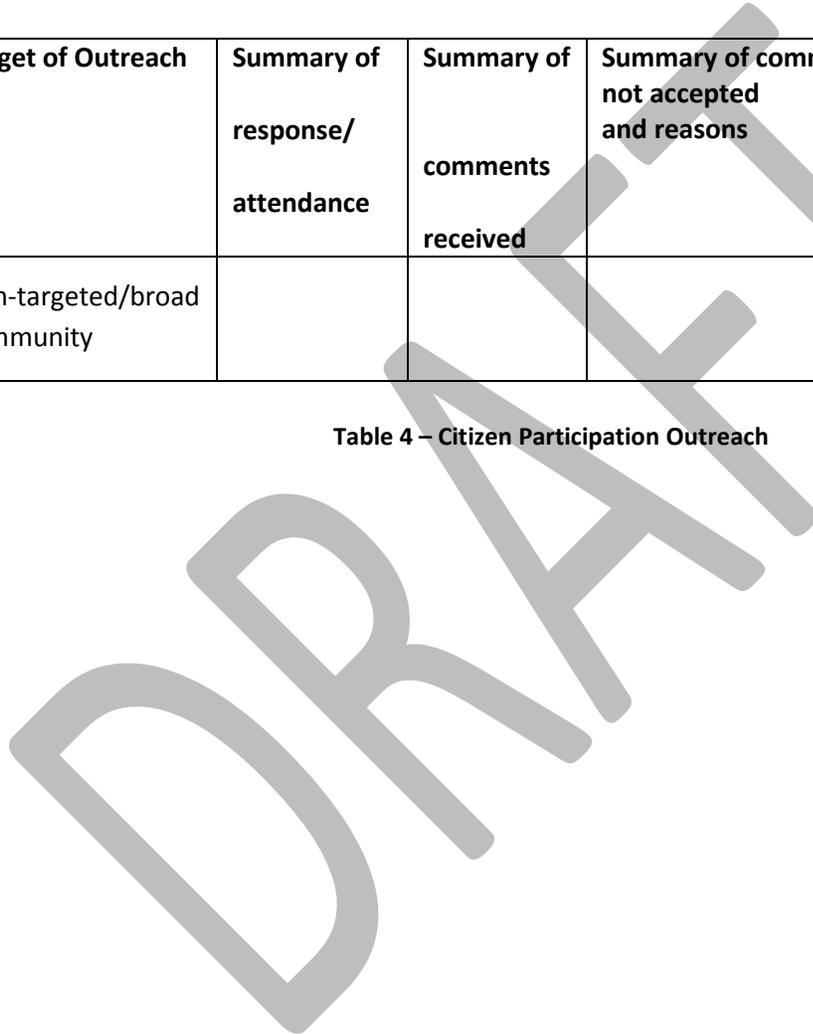
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Goal setting was based on the needs (request for assistance) of Terrebonne Parish's low-income community, the experience of agencies that serve Terrebonne's low-income, elderly, homeless and disabled residents, as well as the needs expressed during the Annual Action Plan and 5-Year Consolidated Plan process.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community				http://publicnoticeads.com/LA/search/view.asp?T=PN&id=384/10142015_22856967.htm

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach



Expected Resources

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

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Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder 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	858,352	30,000	0	888,352	0	See Goal Descriptions under AP-20

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	222,531	30,000	0	252,531	0	See Goal Descriptions under AP-20

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

CDBG funds will leverage Head Start dollars by funding the cost of two classrooms and supplementing program delivery. These funds will also leverage State Emergency Solutions Grant dollars that fund the operation of Terrebonne's homeless facility for families with children.

HOME match requirements will be satisfied with local general fund dollars.

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

Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government will continue to donate adjudicated property to non-profit developers for the development of affordable housing.

Discussion

Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government has allocated 1.1 million in CDBG and HOME funds for the FY 2015 program year. These funds will be used to provide housing and public service programs as described under AP-20 Goal Descriptions.

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Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Parishwide	Affordable Owner Housing	CDBG: \$559,682 HOME: \$126,898	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 25 Household Housing Unit
2	Head Start Operations	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Parishwide	Head Start/Child Care Centers	CDBG: \$12,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons Assisted
3	Homeless Shelter Operations	2015	2019	Homeless	Parishwide	Emergency Shelter Homeless Supportive Services	CDBG: \$115,000	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 70 Persons Assisted
4	Tenant Based Rental Assistance	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Public Housing	Parishwide	Affordable Rental Housing	HOME: \$40,000	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 10 Households Assisted
5	Community Development Housing Organizations	2014	2019	Affordable Housing	Parishwide	Affordable Rental Housing	HOME: \$33,380	Rental units constructed: 1 Household Housing Unit

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Housing rehabilitation, emergency repair, modifications for disabled homeowners and replacement to improve sustainability and affordability of owner occupied housing.
2	Goal Name	Head Start Operations
	Goal Description	Childcare development activities are an important component in securing self-sufficiency for low-income families. CDBG funds will supplement the cost of service delivery and afford the lease of two classrooms, which will benefit 200 low income families.
3	Goal Name	Homeless Shelter Operations
	Goal Description	Provision of temporary housing and supportive services that promote self-sufficiency for families with children. CDBG will provide matching funds to leverage competitive Emergency Solutions Grant funding for the operation of the Beautiful Beginnings Center.
4	Goal Name	Tenant Based Rental Assistance
	Goal Description	Provision of rental subsidies to families successfully exiting temporary shelter for up to twenty-four months to ease the burden of rent while attempting to become self-sufficient.
5	Goal Name	Community Development Housing Organizations
	Goal Description	Allocation of at least 15% of annual Home Investment Partnerships Program funds to certified Community Development Housing Organizations as required by HUD for the provision of affordable housing.

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):

It is anticipated that 7 low-income, 16 very-low income and 8 extremely low-income households will be provided with an affordable housing service.

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AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The following projects have been assigned for 2016 to address priority needs. Needs are based on demand, consultation from non-profit service providers and community input.

#	Project Name
1	CDBG ADMINISTRATION
2	Housing Rehabilitation/Reconstruction
4	HOMELESS ASSISTANCE SERVICES
5	HEAD START OPERATIONS
6	HOME ADMINISTRATION
8	Tenant Based Rental Assistance
10	CHDO Housing Development

Table 8 – Project Information

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

The projects listed above were selected in accordance with their consistency with the priorities established through the Consolidated Plan public meetings, demand for services and agency surveys. These projects meet needs enumerated in the needs assessment and prioritization process to the extent that funding is available.

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	CDBG ADMINISTRATION
	Target Area	Parishwide
	Goals Supported	Head Start Operations Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Homeless Shelter Operations
	Needs Addressed	Head Start/Child Care Centers Emergency Shelter Affordable Owner Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$171,670
	Description	Management, oversight and coordination of the Community Development Block Grant Program.
	Target Date	12/31/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A to Administration
	Location Description	809 Barrow Street, Houma

	Planned Activities	Management, Oversight, and Coordination of Community Development Block Grant Program.
2	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation/Reconstruction
	Target Area	Parishwide
	Goals Supported	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Owner Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$126,898
	Description	Rehabilitation of owner occupied single family units to meet code. Individual applications are taken to determine eligibility. CDBG National Objective Eligibility 570.208(a)(3) Activities benefiting low- and moderate income persons/Housing activities Home Investment Partnership Program Eligibility 92.205 (a)(1) and (4)
	Target Date	12/31/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 25 low income households will benefit.
	Location Description	Parish Wide
	Planned Activities	Rehabilitation of owner occupied single family units to meet code.
3	Project Name	HOMELESS ASSISTANCE SERVICES
	Target Area	Parishwide
	Goals Supported	Homeless Shelter Operations
	Needs Addressed	Emergency Shelter Homeless Supportive Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$115,000
	Description	Local match for the State Emergency Solutions Grant that finances the operation of the Beautiful Beginnings homeless shelter for families.CDBG National Objective Eligibility 570.208(a)(2)(i)(A) Activities benefiting low- and moderate income person/Presumed low-income/homeless persons

	Target Date	12/31/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 70 homeless persons will benefit.
	Location Description	300 Bond Street, Houma
	Planned Activities	Emergency Shelter and supportive services that promote self-sufficiency.
4	Project Name	HEAD START OPERATIONS
	Target Area	Parishwide
	Goals Supported	Head Start Operations
	Needs Addressed	Head Start/Child Care Centers
	Funding	CDBG: \$12,000
	Description	Activities include funding the rental cost of classroom sites and other costs associated with service delivery. Individual applications will be taken to determine income eligibility.CDBG National Objective Eligibility 570.208(a)(2)(B) Activities benefiting low- and moderate income person/Limited clientele activities/Family size and income
	Target Date	12/31/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 200 persons will benefit.
	Location Description	Parish Wide
	Planned Activities	Activities include funding the rental costs of classrooms and other costs associated with service delivery.
5	Project Name	HOME ADMINISTRATION
	Target Area	Parishwide

	Goals Supported	Tenant Based Rental Assistance Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Community Development Housing Organizations
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Rental Housing Affordable Owner Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$22,253
	Description	Program oversight, coordination and planning.
	Target Date	12/31/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A to Administration
	Location Description	809 Barrow Street, Houma
	Planned Activities	Program oversight, coordination and planning.
6	Project Name	Tenant Based Rental Assistance
	Target Area	Parishwide
	Goals Supported	Tenant Based Rental Assistance
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Rental Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$40,000
	Description	The Terrebonne Parish TBRA Program provides rental assistance payments to homeless families for up to 24 months. Individual applications are taken to determine if applicants meet HUD income guidelines and definition of homeless. A referral from a homeless assistance agency must be submitted with each application. Participants must be working or enrolled in school to remain eligible. HOME Investment Partnership Program Eligibility 92.209 Tenant Based Rental Assistance
	Target Date	12/31/2016

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 10 very-low income households will benefit.
	Location Description	Parish Wide
	Planned Activities	Rental subsidies will be provided to eligible families exiting homeless shelter that are working toward self-sufficiency.
7	Project Name	CHDO Housing Development
	Target Area	Parishwide
	Goals Supported	Community Development Housing Organizations
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Rental Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$159,380
	Description	Loan assistance to designated CHDO's to develop, purchase, and rehabilitate affordable housing units that will be made available to lower income families.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	One low-income household will benefit from this activity.
	Location Description	To be determined.
	Planned Activities	New construction or acquisition and rehabilitation of a housing unit that will be made available to low-income renters.

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

Assistance will be available to all eligible low-income citizens throughout the entire entitlement area parishwide. Two Head Start classrooms are located within the Houma-Terrebonne Housing Authority's Senator Circle location, however service is not limited to residents of Senator Circle.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Parishwide	99
Houma-Terrebonne Housing Authority	1

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government adheres to the belief that it is important for community development activities to benefit the citizens and areas throughout the parish. As CDBG and HOME funds are targeted to benefit very low to low-income persons, these monies are used for parish-wide projects and programs that directly benefit the intended groups.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The annual goals listed previously specify the following production numbers for housing assistance and for homelessness, non-homeless, and special needs populations.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	70
Non-Homeless	30
Special-Needs	0
Total	100

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	10
The Production of New Units	1
Rehab of Existing Units	20
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	31

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

Discussion

The goals listed above are projections for activities funded by CDBG and HOME. It is anticipated that TPCG will continue to work with local non- and for-profit agencies to provide additional programs that support affordable housing and sustainability.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Houma-Terrebonne Housing Authority is a quazi-governmental entity that is not under the the direction of Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, however there is collaboration regarding programs and services of mutual interest.

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

CDBG funds will be used to supplement the cost of two Head Start classrooms that are located within the Senator Circle public housing complex in 2016; USDA Commodities will be distributed quarterly by the Department of Housing and Human Services at Bayou Towers, the public housing complex for the elderly and at a site within walking distance of Senator Circle; and the TPCG Community Development Division will also continue to provide technical assistance to the Houma-Terrebonne Housing Authority for the completion of HUD Environmental Review requirements.

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

Resident meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at both the Senator Circle and Bayou Towers locations in an effort to resolve any housing related issues and make recommendations for improvement.

The Opportunity Now Program offered by the Houma-Terrebonne Housing Authority creates paths for self-sufficiency by providing GED courses, certified nursing assistant classes, life skills training, work readiness and youth empowerment classes.

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

The PHA is not designated as troubled.

Discussion

The Houma-Terrebonne Housing Authority Executive Director, Wayne Thibodeaux can be contacted directly at 985-876-4755 for specific questions regarding the agency's mission, goals and overall objectives.

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

Introduction

Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government is a member of the Louisiana Coastal Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care. As a member, Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government adheres to the strategies and goals set forth by the Partnership. The Partnership's vision statement and guiding principles make prevention of homelessness or the potential return to homelessness, an integral part of the Continuum of Care.

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

A network of service providers and governmental agencies has been identified by the Louisiana Coastal Homeless Coalition for outreach. This network can refer street homeless throughout the Coalition area to one telephone number, where an assessment worker determines the needs of the homeless and through utilization of the NETWORK (HMIS) and service providers can provide referral.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government and member agencies of the Louisiana Coastal Homeless Coalition intend to continue to provide the following facilities and services.

Beautiful Beginnings Center This emergency shelter for families with children is owned and operated by Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government's Housing and Human Services Department. Residents are required to work to remain sheltered. Supportive services and assistance in transitioning into permanent housing for each family is provided. The Department also offers a match savings program to families residing at the Beautiful Beginnings Center. Resident savings are matched up to \$500.00 for payment directly to vendors for permanent housing costs upon exit.

Bunk House Shelter This private non-profit agency provides emergency shelter to homeless men. Residents must be working or willing to work to remain sheltered. The Terrebonne Parish Section 8 Program administers a Single Room Occupancy Program (SRO) for single-men transitioning from emergency shelter.

The Haven This private non-profit provides housing assistance to victims of domestic violence and

operates Margaret's Home, an emergency shelter for up to 14 women and children. It also provides support services to victims suffering from emotional, physical, and sexual abuse.

Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government's Housing and Human Services Department administers a Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program, which provides housing subsidies for up to 24 months to homeless families successfully transitioning from emergency shelter. This program is funded with Home Investment Partnerships Program funding.

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

Many homeless individuals and families have complex barriers that must be addressed before they are able to maintain themselves in permanent housing. Social Workers and/or Case Managers will assist individuals in identifying these barriers, whether they are personal barriers requiring mental health or substance abuse treatment, or various other barriers, such as a lack of child care or the need for employment training. Once barriers are identified, services to address these barriers must be identified and linkages to supportive services established. While some supportive services, such as training in daily living skills and budgeting, are available in shelters or transitional programs, most will be provided through linkages made to governmental programs and non-profit service providers by case managers.

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

The Louisiana Coastal Homeless Coalition provides homeless prevention through a network of member agencies to help prevent at-risk individuals and families from becoming homeless. These agencies provide crisis intervention that includes, but is not limited to case management, counseling, rental assistance, mortgage assistance, utility assistance, food, clothing, medicine, emergency home repair and job training.

The Louisiana Coastal Homeless Coalition participates in the statewide homeless prevention discharge

plan. This results in a proactive coordinated system detailing protocols with local releasing institutions that have put them in place. The discharge plan addresses post discharge needs including housing, case management, employment, health care, identification documents, mental health, substance abuse, and other supportive services.

The Department of Social Services (DSS), Office of Community Services, as the public child welfare agency in Louisiana along with Region III's Office of Community Services has implemented policies and procedures designed to avoid discharging foster care youth into homelessness to the maximum extent practicable.

The Department of Health and Hospitals (DHH) relative to "Addictive Disorders" along with Region III's Office for Addictive Disorders will not discharge people into homelessness and has developed a continuum of care to allow individuals to go into housing. The discharge plan begins upon entry into the program. Supportive services are provided once temporary or permanent housing is located.

The Louisiana Office of Mental Health (OMH) along with Region III's Office of Mental Health has directed publicly funded mental health institutions to avoid discharging persons into homelessness, to the maximum extent practicable. Furthermore, upon an individual being diagnosed with a mental illness, an individualized discharge plan is created.

The Louisiana Department of Corrections (DOC) along with Region III's Department of Corrections has directed publicly funded correctional institutions to avoid discharging persons into homelessness, to the maximum extent practicable. Furthermore, each inmate has an individualized re-entry plan that begins upon arrival into the correctional facility. The plan covers areas including housing, education, risk assessment, substance abuse, health and mental health. Resource fairs are held for inmates just prior to release to allow them to connect with agencies providing the services they will need upon release. Housing has been identified by the Corrections Department as a key component in the discharge plan followed by employment. An online training was developed by the Department of Discharge Planning called, "Preventing Homelessness – Discharge Planning from Correctional Facilities". The state-wide training focuses on the housing needs of released prisoners.

Discussion

The member agencies of the Louisiana Coastal Homeless Coalition work closely together to meet the needs of homeless individuals and families through the continuum of unduplicated services coordinated through the partnership.

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

Introduction

No public policies have been identified that have a negative effect on affordable housing and residential investment.

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

N/A

Discussion

While there are a number of market forces at work that make affordable housing development difficult, such as construction and land costs, the impact of public policy is not a major factor.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government's Department of Housing and Human Services provides a variety of services to the residents of Terrebonne Parish that are funded by various Federal, State and local sources in addition to CDBG and HOME that provide additional assets to help meet underserved needs.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The Parish will continue to seek new funding sources for programs to address underserved needs. The lack of adequate funding is the major obstacle in providing the services needed.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The Housing and Human Services Department will continue its Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Section 8 and Family Self-Sufficiency Programs, which foster affordable rental housing. The Department will also continue to provide the Housing Rehabilitation/Replacement and Weatherization Programs in an effort to maintain affordable owner housing in Terrebonne.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The Section 8 and Tenant Based Rental Assistance Programs require that housing units meet HUD Housing Quality Standard regulations that include standards for peeling and/or chipping paint.

Landlords will be given the opportunity to bring housing units into compliance with lead-based paint requirements; however failure to do so will result in the housing unit being disqualified.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

It is anticipated that the following Terrebonne Parish programs will reduce or assist in reducing the number of households living in poverty.

Section 8 Housing Assistance Program (985) 873-6799: This program allows families to pay no more than 30% of their household income to basic housing costs. When including the value of housing subsidy payments made by the Parish for rental assistance, many families on this program are able to avoid falling below the poverty line.

Family Self Sufficiency: The Section 8 Program provides all participants the opportunity to take part in

the Family Self Sufficiency Program. This program encourages families to enter into a five year contract that sets specific goals to be obtained. As income increases during the contract period rental payments that are reduced to the landlord are deposited into an escrow account. Once the self sufficiency goals have been obtained and/or the participant no longer requires housing assistance payments, they are allowed to withdraw the funds that were deposited into their account.

Weatherization (985) 873-6817: Monies are received from the U.S. Department of Energy through the Louisiana State Department of Social Services to assist low-income families, particularly the elderly and handicapped, to make their homes more energy efficient.

CSBG Grants (985) 873-6817: The U.S. Department of Labor through its CSBG grants will fund a variety of human and economic development services and activities for low-income families and individuals. These activities will be used to assist low income people to become financially stabilized through budget management, crisis intervention strategies, short term mortgages/rent, first month's rent and utilities.

LIHEAP (985) 873-6817: The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program provides emergency assistance for energy bills for low-income families. Funds are received from the U.S. Department of Energy through the Louisiana State Department of Social Services.

FEMA (985) 873-6817: These funds are received from the U.S. Department of Federal Emergency Management Agency through the Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program. Emergency rent assistance or mortgage payments will be provided for needy low-income families.

Commodities (985) 873-6817: The U.S. Department of Agriculture Surplus Commodities Program provides food for low-income families on a quarterly basis. Approximately 1200 families utilize this program throughout the year. Monies typically used to purchase food can be expended on other family necessities.

Head Start (985) 580-7273: Daycare services are provided for 200 children yearly, allowing parents to become employed or to participate in educational programs thus fostering economical opportunities.

Tenant Based Rental Assistance (985) 873-6547: Very-low and low-income homeless families with children will be provided with direct rental subsidies for twelve months. When including the value of housing subsidy payments made by the Parish for rental assistance, many families on this program are able to avoid falling below the poverty line.

Housing Rehabilitation/Reconstruction (985) 873-6798: Of the households to benefit from this program, 80% are expected to be below poverty. The housing program will not raise families out of poverty, but will allow these families to make better use of their limited incomes.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The Department will continue to coordinate with the Louisiana Coastal Homeless Coalition, the Houma-Terrebonne Housing Authority, Community Housing Development Organizations and other local service providers to leverage funds and to provide a strong referral network and unduplicated services to address priority needs in Terrebonne.

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

The Department will work with Community Development Corporations, (CDCs) Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO), local lenders and other public and private housing, community and social service agencies to identify opportunities to create private/public partnerships for project finance and development to leverage federal, state and local funds.

Discussion

The actions planned are primarily the continuation of the existing synchronization with local agencies to leverage funding. No major obstacles in the institutional structure have been identified.