



CITY OF LAPORTE, INDIANA
Blair E. Milo, Mayor

SECOND PROGRAM YEAR
2015 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

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Date Received by HUD	Federal Identifier MC-18-0021	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Construction
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non Construction	<input type="checkbox"/> Non Construction
Applicant Information			
Jurisdiction City of La Porte		UOG Code	
Street Address Line 1 801 Michigan Avenue		Organizational DUNS 07-431-4246	
Street Address Line 2		Organizational Unit	
City La Porte	Indiana	Department Dept. of Community Development & Planning	
ZIP 46350	Country U.S.A.	Division	
Employer Identification Number (EIN):		County La Porte	
35-6001084		Program Year Start Date (MM/DD) 10-01-2015	
Applicant Type:		Specify Other Type if necessary:	
Local Government: Municipality		Specify Other Type	
Program Funding		U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development	
Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers; Descriptive Title of Applicant Project(s); Areas Affected by Project(s) (cities, Counties, localities etc.); Estimated Funding			
Community Development Block Grant		14.218 Entitlement Grant	
General Administration, Housing Programs, Public Services		Description of Areas Affected by CDBG Project(s)	
\$406,903.00	\$Program Income	City of La Porte, Indiana	
	\$0.00	Describe Not Applicable	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged		\$Additional State Funds Leveraged	
\$0.00		\$0.00	
\$Locally Leveraged Funds		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
\$0.00		\$0.00	
\$Anticipated Program Income		Other (Describe)	
\$0.00		\$5,000.00 (prior year funds)	
Total Funds Leveraged for CDBG-based Project(s)			
\$0.00			
Home Investment Partnerships Program		14.239 HOME	
HOME Project Titles		Description of Areas Affected by HOME Project(s)	
\$0.00	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged		\$Additional State Funds Leveraged	
\$0.00			
\$Locally Leveraged Funds		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
\$0.00			
\$Anticipated Program Income		Other (Describe)	
\$0.00			

Total Funds Leveraged for HOME-based Project(s)			
Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS		14.241 HOPWA	
HOPWA Project Titles		Description of Areas Affected by HOPWA Project(s)	
\$0.00	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged		\$Additional State Funds Leveraged	
\$Locally Leveraged Funds		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
\$Anticipated Program Income		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for HOPWA-based Project(s)			
Emergency Shelter Grants Program		14.231 ESG	
ESG Project Titles		Description of Areas Affected by ESG Project(s)	
\$0.00	\$Additional HUD Grant(s) Leveraged	Describe	
\$Additional Federal Funds Leveraged		\$Additional State Funds Leveraged	
\$Locally Leveraged Funds		\$Grantee Funds Leveraged	
\$Anticipated Program Income		Other (Describe)	
Total Funds Leveraged for ESG-based Project(s)			
Congressional Districts of:		Is application subject to review by state Executive Order 12372 Process? No	
Applicant Districts Second, Indiana	Project Districts Second, Indiana		
Is the applicant delinquent on any federal debt? If "Yes" please include an additional document explaining the situation.		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	This application was made available to the state EO 12372 process for review on DATE
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Program is not covered by EO 12372
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> N/A	Program has not been selected by the state for review
Person to be contacted regarding this application			
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Signature of Authorized Representative		Date Signed August 10, 2015	

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Annual Action Plan proposes activities for use of the City of LaPorte's allocation of Community Block Grant funds for Program Year 2015. The Annual Action Plan is submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development as the application for funding for one program year. This Annual Action Plan represents the second year of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

The purpose of the Annual Action Plan is to identify the city's housing and community development needs, goals, strategies and priorities for the upcoming program year; and, to propose how funds will be allocated to housing and community development throughout the next year.

Using the data formulated in the 2014-2018 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the City of LaPorte has identified four projects to accomplish over the next twelve months.

The Consolidated Plan is a five-year collaborative process, established by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), whereby participating jurisdictions provide a vision for community development and housing improvements. LaPorte participates in the CDBG program.

Each year the City of LaPorte is required to submit an Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In LaPorte, the Annual Action Plan begins October 1 and ends September 30 of each year. The Annual Action Plan reports on planned expenditures of entitlement funds and progress made each year toward the goals listed in the Consolidated Plan.

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 Consolidated Plan allows the public to measure the impact of funded activities. The following goals and objectives address areas that will improve living conditions for LaPorte's low-and moderate-income residents:

- Reduce Elements of Blight in Existing Neighborhoods
- Support Programs that Enrich the Lives of Youth and Adults
- Support Programs that Address Special Needs Populations
- Support Existing Housing Rehabilitation of Low-/Moderate Income Residents
- Encourage First Time Home Buyers to Purchase their First Home
- Promote Energy Efficiency and Sustainable Practices in Housing Development and Rehabilitation

Once these priorities and goals are addressed, the following outcomes are anticipated:

- Improved housing conditions for owner-occupied housing
- Reduction in code enforcement violations
- Increased home ownership opportunities for first-time home buyers
- Increased services to homeless and persons living in poverty

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The City of LaPorte continues to progress in the accomplishment of the goals and objectives detailed in its 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan.

The City was successful in meeting the timeliness test for Program Year 2014 in August. Program accomplishments are being met in accordance with established timelines. However, timeliness of grant expenditures with the Public Services activities and the Home Owner Repair Program can be improved. The sub grantees with the Public Services activities are not providing the services as quickly as contracted, therefore, grants are not being expended according the original time frame. Difficulty in securing qualified contractors to provide acceptable repairs on the homes of the Home Owner Repair participants has delayed expending the funds.

The City continues to improve the grant management and reporting efforts. Improvements in the areas including activity documentation, citizen participation, needs analysis, and activity implementation are examples of such improvements.

Specific policies have been developed to further support the activities of the Single Family Rehab Program. The number of households participating in the Single Family Rehab Program since its inception in 2015 increased to 92.

The Infrastructure Improvement Program identified Census Tract 421 as a low and moderate-income track. This area of LaPorte is located southeast of the central section of town and surrounds the LaPorte Civic Auditorium. A total of 960 square yards of sidewalk, 63 linear feet of curb and 12 trees are being replaced. Installation of handicapped curbs along Tecumseh Street between Rose and Morris are included in this activity. Work will progress north of Tecumseh each year until sidewalks are no longer deteriorated in this tract.

The CDBG Public Service programs assist eligible low and moderate-income persons with the provision of child care and education, homeless prevention case management, and housing counseling.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

In conformance with the Consolidated Plan regulations, two public hearings were held, June 29, 2015 and July 9, 2015. There was only one attendee at the June 29, 2015. The comments received are in Attachment A. No attendees or comments were received on July 9, 2015. The Program Year 2015 Annual Action Plan was made available for a 30-day comment period ending August 11, 2015. No comments were received.

The following steps were taken for the public hearings to broaden public participation: • Staff electronically mailed out a public notice to over 100 interested parties. • The public notice was published in the LaPorte Herald Argus at least two weeks prior to the public hearings. • The City's website includes a copy of the public notice as well as a downloadable copy of the Draft 2015 Action Plan. • Announcements about the public meetings were made at the May and June HOME Team meetings. • A media release announcing the public meetings was distributed to WCOE-FM/WLOI-AM radio and to What's New LaPorte.

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.

For the benefit of Gwendolyn Neve, executive director of LaPorte Meals on Wheels, in attendance at the first public meeting, staff presented an explanation of the purpose of the meeting and a program overview of the Community Development Block Grant. Ms. Neve asked questions about how the funding could be used and had specific questions about their grant applications for PY 2015. Staff answered her questions.

There were no attendees at the second public meeting held July 9, 2015.

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

Not applicable.

7. Summary

The City will use CDBG funds in this manner:

Program Administration - \$76,419.00

Housing Programs - \$280,174.00

Public Infrastructure - \$232,500.00

Public Services - \$37,500.00

This City's allocation is \$406,903.00. Activities included in Public Infrastructure included \$216,690 in re-programmed funding from previous years.

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 Administrator	LA PORTE	Office of Planning and Community Development	

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

The City of LaPorte, Indiana's Office of Community Development and Planning (CDP) adheres to its Citizen Participation Plan which was approved during the development of the 2014-2018 Consolidated Planning process.

In addition to the Citizen Participation Plan, the City of LaPorte undertook an extensive outreach effort consulting with social service agencies, affordable housing providers and governmental agencies. A Need Survey was completed by agencies and the community-at-large. Results from the needs surveys were used to develop the goals, needs and priorities for the Program Year 2015 Annual Action Plan.

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 coordination activities include:

- Encouraging and accepting grant applications from housing providers, health care systems, and general service providers through the Annual Action Plan process;
- Participating in local and regional committees such as the HOME Team to ensure coordination in housing and supportive services;
- Providing technical assistance and support to social service agencies seeking funding from other resources than the City's CDBG funds for services that compliment the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan goals;
- Encouraging social service agencies to work together to leverage resources and prevent duplication of services;
- Coordinating planning efforts and project implementation among housing providers and social service agencies.

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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.

Coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons include the following activities:

- Staff from the Office of Community Development and Planning actively attend and participate in HOME Team meetings and projects. The HOME Team serves as a local Continuum of Care (CoC) entity for LaPorte County. Its mission addresses the needs of homeless persons and persons at risk of homelessness. The HOME Team meets monthly. Other members of the HOME Team are social service agencies, governmental agencies, elected officials, health care providers, educational corporations, colleges and universities, businesses, and community members-at large.
- The HOME Team coordinates efforts with the Indiana Balance of State Regional Planning Council to ensure the Point-in-time Count is completed and results publicized. LaPorte County is a member of Region 1 of the Balance of State Continuum of Care. Housing Opportunities, Valparaiso, Indiana, is the lead agency for the regional Continuum of Care. Staff from Housing Opportunities regularly attends HOME Team meetings.
- Staff from the Office of Community Development and Planning also attend and participate in the PATH Program Steering Committee. This committee is a subcommittee of the HOME Team. It was formed when Swanson Center was awarded a grant from the Indiana Office of Family and Social Services Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services in 2014. The goal of the grant is to provide case management services to homeless county residents who have a mental illness and/or have a substance abuse. The City of LaPorte provides a grant to Swanson Center who uses it as match for the state grant. The PATH Program is a partnership between Swanson

Center and the HOME Team. Objectives of the PATH Program are: increased outreach efforts among all HOME Team agencies committed to servicing LaPorte County's homeless residents; increased coordination of services through the PATH Program; increased intensive case management services through a structured and deliberate approach in identifying those homeless with serious mental illnesses and those dealing with both mental illness and substance abuse; and, finally, enhanced training and implementation of protocols on behalf of case management and HOME Team intake staff to increase the effectiveness of outreach efforts, and an increased access to primary and behavioral health services.

- The PATH Program Steering Committee also takes on an advisory role to the PATH Program Coordinator with HOME Team meetings and projects benefitting the homeless in LaPorte County.
- The Office of Community Development and Planning also maintains contact with Catholic Charities and the Salvation Army of LaPorte. These agencies provide direct financial assistance to homeless and those at-risk of homelessness residents of LaPorte as well as financial literacy education.

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 City of LaPorte does not receive ESG funding. Two agencies in Michigan City receive ESG funding through the Indiana Balance of State competitive funding process. These agencies are Stepping Stone Shelter for Women, and Sand Castle. Stepping Stone is a domestic violence shelter and accepts residents of LaPorte. Sand Castle is an emergency homeless shelter for families. They provide residential and case management services primarily to residents of Michigan City, Indiana.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Area 2 Agency on Aging
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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 was consulted through a face-to-face discussion with the executive director. The anticipated outcome is an expansion of services for the elderly and disabled in LaPorte.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	CATHOLIC CHARITIES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children 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 was consulted in a face-to-face interview. Anticipated outcomes include expansion of services for the homeless.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	City of LaPorte-City Attorney
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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 group was consulted in a face-to-face interview. The projected outcome is the expansion of housing for homeless individuals.

4	Agency/Group/Organization	City of LaPorte-Code Enforcement
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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 group was contacted in a face-to-face interview. The projected outcome is better use of funds for neighborhood preservation; outreach for single family rehabilitation; and coordinated efforts for public facilities.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	City of LaPorte-Parks & Recreation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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 group was contacted through a telephone call. The projected outcome is development of a plan to enhance youth services for the development of a better quality of life.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Dunebrook
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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 was consulted as a result of a telephone conversation. The anticipated outcome is the provision of a public service to prepare Hispanic children for kindergarten and to provide ESL classes for their parents.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness 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 was consulted through a telephone conversation. The anticipated outcomes are to expand the availability of home ownership in the City of LaPorte.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	LaPorte Meals on Wheels
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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 was consulted through a face-to-face interview. The anticipated outcome is to expand services for elderly and disabled residents of LaPorte thereby enhancing their quality of life.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Swanson Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness 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 was consulted through a face-to-face interview. The anticipated outcomes of the consultation are continuation of the homeless case management program and expansion of mental health services for the homeless.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Youth Service Bureau-Big Brothers/Big Sisters
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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 was consulted through a telephone interview. The anticipated outcome is expanded services for low and moderate-income youth within the City of LaPorte.

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

Not applicable.

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		
Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness	Unity Foundation of LaPorte County	The City of LaPorte consulted this plan in order to research needs of the homeless and special populations. This plan compliments the goals, strategies and needs in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The City of LaPorte continues to support the goals and objectives outlined in the LaPorte County Ten-Year Plan to End Homelessness.

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**

To solicit public input during the development of Annual Action Plan, the City of LaPorte conducted two public meetings. Legal notices were published in the local newspaper twice in advance of the public meetings. The notice was also published on the City's internet website. A media release was distributed to two local newspapers, one radio station, and posted on a local electronic news website.

Data gathered during the process of developing the Five-Year Consolidated Plan Citizen Participation Process was used to develop the actual goals for the upcoming Program Year 2015.

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	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p>	One member of an agency attended the first public meeting.	Discussion focused on the needs of the organization and the use of CDBG funds in the community to support organizations.	None.	

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)
2	Public Meeting	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community	There was no one in attendance.	No comments were received.	None.	
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	None.	
4	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	None.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The Action Plan is the annual plan that the City prepares using the goals outlined in the 2014-2018 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The Action Plan details the activities the City will undertake to address the housing and community development needs and local objectives using CDBG funds received during Program Year 2015.

PY 2015 is the second year in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. LaPorte expects to receive an allocation of \$406,903 for housing, homeless services, public services and community development costs. The City will also re-allocate prior year funds in the amount of \$232,500. Of the annual entitlement allocation, the City will use a portion for the funds for administration of the CDBG grant.

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	406,903	0	232,500	639,403	Expected amount available to the City of LaPorte based upon the PY 2015 allocation.

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

The CDBG program does not require a match from other sources. The City of LaPorte often makes attempts to bundle federal funds with local, private and other sources. In PY 2015, the City will partner with six outside organizations to provide public services to residents of LaPorte. The total investment in these organizations is \$37,500 or approximately 10% of its annual entitlement allocation. These organizations will be supporting the funded program/activities with at least equal amounts of local funds.

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 city will be repairing/replacing sidewalks and streets using CDBG funds in PY 2015. This activity will foster neighborhood preservation and sustainability. The national objective met is serving a low-mod area and improving the quality of public facilities in low and moderate income neighborhoods.

Discussion

In addition to the CDBG funds, a local community development organization, namely LaPorte Urban Enterprise Association, has allocated \$75,000 in 2015 for sidewalk repair and tree removal throughout the state-designated Enterprise Zone. The Enterprise Zone is a three-mile area of LaPorte housing a large number of economically disadvantaged individuals.

The City of LaPorte will also be appropriating a minimum of \$100,000 in general funds for sidewalk repair throughout the City in calendar year 2016. These sidewalks repairs are located in an area surrounding the downtown area and include residential as well as commercial areas.

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

No Goals Found

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Affordable Housing	2014	2018	Affordable Housing		Affordable Housing Opportunities	CDBG: \$2,280,174	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 6 Household Housing Unit Buildings Demolished: 2 Buildings
2	Home Ownership	2014	2018	Affordable Housing			CDBG: \$3,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 30 Households Assisted
3	Reduce Homelessness	2014	2018	Homeless		Homelessness	CDBG: \$17,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 20 Households Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 18 Persons Assisted
4	Neighborhood Preservation	2015	2018	Non-Housing Community Development		Neighborhood Preservation	CDBG: \$232,500	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 175 Persons Assisted
5	Quality of Life Services	2014	2018	Non-Housing Community Development		Quality of Life	CDBG: \$17,500	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 68 Persons Assisted

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Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	The City plans to provide financial assistance to six home owners whose homes are in need of rehabilitation. The goals are to preserve the neighborhood, enhance the sustainability of home ownership and maintain home affordability. In addition to the home owner rehabilitation, the City plans to demolish two dilapidated, blighted structures within neighborhoods of LaPorte thereby creating a safer area, and improving property values. The City also will use CDBG funds to provide rehabilitation administration for the single-family rehabilitation activity.
2	Goal Name	Home Ownership
	Goal Description	The City will fund first-time home ownership education for 30 individuals planning on purchasing a home in the City of LaPorte during the next program year.
3	Goal Name	Reduce Homelessness
	Goal Description	The City plans to fund a case management program for homeless members of the community that assists in locating housing, income and other supportive services thereby providing stability in their lives. In addition to this activity, the City will fund homeless prevention assistance and financial literacy education classes with the goal of eliminating homelessness.
4	Goal Name	Neighborhood Preservation
	Goal Description	The City will use re-programmed CDBG funds along with a portion of this year's entitlement to repair/replace deteriorated sidewalks in a low and moderate-income neighborhood; install handicapped curbs at intersections in this neighborhood; pave a limited number of streets in the neighborhood receiving sidewalk improvements; and to plant trees in compliance with the City's tree ordinance replacing trees removed during the sidewalk installation.

5	<table> <tr> <th data-bbox="256 186 305 1932">Goal Name</th><th data-bbox="305 186 384 1932">Quality of Life Services</th></tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="256 186 305 1932">Goal Description</td><td data-bbox="305 186 384 1932">The City of LaPorte will fund the provision of mentoring services to low and moderate-income students in three schools who reside within the City; fund the provision of home-delivered meals to elderly and disabled residents in LaPorte; and, fund educational kindergarten readiness classes for Hispanic residents of LaPorte and their parents.</td></tr> </table>	Goal Name	Quality of Life Services	Goal Description	The City of LaPorte will fund the provision of mentoring services to low and moderate-income students in three schools who reside within the City; fund the provision of home-delivered meals to elderly and disabled residents in LaPorte; and, fund educational kindergarten readiness classes for Hispanic residents of LaPorte and their parents.
Goal Name	Quality of Life Services				
Goal Description	The City of LaPorte will fund the provision of mentoring services to low and moderate-income students in three schools who reside within the City; fund the provision of home-delivered meals to elderly and disabled residents in LaPorte; and, fund educational kindergarten readiness classes for Hispanic residents of LaPorte and their parents.				

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):

The City of LaPorte at this time will not be providing affordable housing as defined by HOME.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

In the 2014-2018 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the City of LaPorte identified six goals to address priority needs and projects. These six goals are: conserve and improve existing affordable housing, expand home ownership opportunities, expand the availability of services for the homeless, improve the availability of an emergency shelter for homeless individuals and families, foster neighborhood preservation and sustainability, and assist supportive services to strengthen the safety net for people with special needs. Due to funding constraints, the City is proposing projects for four of the goals.

The following projects will assist the City in accomplishing the goals over the next program year:

- Program Administration
- Housing Programs
- Public and Infrastructure Activities
- Funding of Public Services

#	Project Name
1	Program Administration
2	Housing Programs
3	Public and Infrastructure
4	Public Services

Table 8 – Project Information

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

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	Program Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	Overall coordination, monitoring and management of the Community Development Block Grant; preparation of the Program Year 2014 CAPER and Program Year 2016 Annual Action Plan; and assistance in completing an annual Point-in-Time count for LaPorte County.
	Target Date	9/30/2016
2	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable.
	Location Description	City-wide, LaPorte, Indiana
	Planned Activities	
	Project Name	Housing Programs
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Annual Action Plan 2015	
	24	

3	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	Administration of the single-family rehab program including the monitoring, management, accounting and final inspection; the provision of deferred loans for qualified home owners in LaPorte to make repairs to their homes that provide sustainability and affordability over a period of at least seven years; and the demolition of blighted structures in neighborhoods resulting in improved living conditions and quality of life for residents in the nearby neighborhoods.
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The housing programs proposed to provide rehab to six houses owned by low and moderate-income families in LaPorte; and will demolish two blighted, substandard structures within the City of LaPorte.
	Location Description	City-wide, LaPorte, Indiana
	Planned Activities	The City proposes to provide six home owners with funds to repair significant issues to homes thereby enhancing sustainability and affordability of home ownership. Another activity proposes to demolish two substandard structures in residential neighborhoods creating a safer environment, increasing property values, and enhancing the quality of life. Finally, the third activity involves administration of the single-family rehab program.
	Project Name	Public and Infrastructure
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	Repair/replace sidewalks, install handicapped curbs, pave streets and plant trees in a low-mod neighborhood in the City of LaPorte.

		9/30/0016
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities		The estimated number of families to benefit from this program is 175. The type of families includes single-family homeowners as well as renters who are low and moderate-income levels.
Location Description		The activities will take place in Census Tract 421 in an area surrounding the Civic Auditorium on Ridge Street.
Planned Activities		Planned activities include removing and replacing deteriorated sidewalks, the conversion of curbs and gutters at intersections to handicapped ramps meeting American with Disabilities Act requirements; planting trees to replace the trees removed during the sidewalk rehab work; and paving deteriorated streets in the area where sidewalks are being improved.
4 Project Name		Public Services
Target Area		
Goals Supported		
Needs Addressed		
Funding		:
Description		Grant awards to six social service agencies to provide services to strengthen the safety net for low and moderate income residents of LaPorte, Indiana. Services include rental/mortgage assistance, financial literacy education, pre-kindergarten education/training for parents, ESL classes, first time home ownership classes, post-purchase home owner counseling classes, credit repair assistance, delivery of meals to elderly and disabled homebound individuals in LaPorte, case management services for homeless individuals in LaPorte who are substance abusers and/or have a mental illness, and mentoring services for middle-school students in LaPorte.
Target Date		10/16/2016

<p>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</p>	<p>Based upon requests for proposals received by the Office of Community Development and Planning, it estimated that 178 individuals will receive the public services. The families are home owners, renters, homeless, elderly, disabled, or disadvantaged depending on the service they are receiving.</p>
<p>Location Description</p>	<p>The services will be provided city-wide.</p>
<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>Planned activities include rental/mortgage payment assistance, financial literacy educational classes, training for parents of Hispanic children who will be attending kindergarten at the beginning of the next school year, ESL classes, first-time home ownership classes, credit repair assistance, post-purchase home owner courses and counseling, home delivered meals for homebound elderly and disabled residents, case management services for homeless individuals who are substance abusers and/or mentally ill, and mentoring of low-moderate income middle-school students in LaPorte.</p>

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

The CDBG funds awarded to the City of LaPorte are available for use on a city-wide basis. No priority is assigned to any geographic section of the city. However, several low-mod census tract block groups have been identified. These areas are Census Tract 421, Blocks 1, 3 and 4; Census Tract 424, Block 4; and Census Tract 425, Blocks 1 and 3. Sidewalk replacement, demolition and street improvements will be directed to these identified low-mod areas.

Participants in the Single Family Rehab Program will be low-mod clientele. Areas included in the sidewalk replacement, street improvements and demolition activities will be a low-mod area.

The City will continue to prioritize the use of its CDBG funding for development of affordable housing, including preservation and conservation, that serve low-income households and to addressing the needs of the homeless.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Not applicable.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of LaPorte's need for affordable housing was determined during the planning process for the 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan. The City will fund several projects all of which directly or indirectly impact provision of affordable housing. In PY 2015, the City proposes to fund the following affordable housing activities:

- Single Family Rehab Program \$240,000
- Demolition \$ 20,000
- Sidewalk Improvement Program \$103,000
- Street Improvement Program \$100,000
- Housing Counseling \$ 3,000

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	33
Non-Homeless	48
Special-Needs	33
Total	114

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	18
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	6
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	24

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

Discussion

The City of LaPorte proposes to provide assistance to 30 families facing foreclosure or in need of homeownership counseling.

Through the demolition, sidewalk improvement program and street improvement program, the City will provide better living conditions for low and moderate residents in low-mod sections of LaPorte.

In the demolition activity, often the City does not own the lot where the structure was demolished. As a result, the City is unable to offer the lot to an organization such as LaPorte County Habitat for Humanity to construct a home. Lately, the lots that remain have numerous liens recorded and make purchasing the lot cost prohibitive for the City or Habitat.

The Single Family Rehab Program will provide help to six households by correcting housing code violations and creating a sustainable living situation for these households.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

There is no public housing authority or agency within the city of La Porte.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

Discussion

Not applicable.

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

Introduction

The City of LaPorte is a member of the HOME Team and the LaPorte County Continuum of Care (Coca). The HOME Team is an informal group of social service agencies, religious congregations, and governmental entities that meet once a month to develop and coordinate county-wide affordable housing development and homeless prevention activities. The HOME Team acts as the Continuum of Care for the county. A Continuum of Care Plan reflects the demographics, needs and available shelter, housing, and supportive services in the two entitlement jurisdictions of LaPorte and Michigan City, Indiana. The Continuum of Care Plan outlines goals and strategies that support homeless prevention strategies covering the entire county and not just the two entitlement communities.

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

Table -PY 2015 Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported

The City of LaPorte will fund two activities that support the homeless or reduce the risk of homelessness in the City:

- Swanson Center (PATH-case management for homeless persons who are mentally ill, disabled, or are substance abusers in LaPorte)
- Catholic Charities (financial assistance for those individuals at risk of homelessness).

The grant to Catholic Charities proposes provide services

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City of LaPorte currently has no emergency shelter or transitional housing programs. The Pax Center, a program of State Street Community Church, began a day center for homeless individuals in the spring of 2015. Located near the downtown area of LaPorte, The Pax Center converted a former bar into a community center. Activities of the center include job search assistance, a food bank, meeting space with service providers such as Swanson Center for case management services, and other supportive centers. The staff of The Pax Center is planning the development of an emergency shelter across the street from the center.

Staff from the City of LaPorte currently attends committee meetings for redevelopment of the LaPorte County Home. Underutilized by only 11 elderly/disabled residents, the County is exploring additional

housing uses for the facility. The home, built in 1886, can house 80 individuals and has a second floor and one entire two-floor wing unused. The LaPorte County Commissioners is leading the exploration into additional housing because of the cost of keeping open the facility for only 11 individuals. The county budgets \$250,000 annually to the County Home. A feasibility study has been commissioned by the County Commissioners to help in determining the best use of the facility and an outline for fiscal responsibility. The County Commissioners are looking at the opportunity to house homeless veterans and elderly individuals at the Home. A decision on the use of the facility is expected in late 2015 or early 2016. Staff of the City of LaPorte will continue participation on the committee and in the development of plans to expand housing opportunities at the County Home.

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

Currently, the City of LaPorte has no emergency homeless shelter or permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals. The Pax Center in LaPorte is planning on developing an emergency homeless shelter similar to a pads program. Potential locations have been identified. The Pax Center is currently developing a budget and staffing goal for the project. It anticipates opening a shelter in 2016. In the meantime, homeless individuals in LaPorte find shelter with a friend/family member or travel to Michigan City to use the Men's Interfaith Shelter or Sand Castle Shelter for Families.

Permanent supportive housing is provided to disabled individuals who are clients of Parents and Friends, Inc. (PAF) in one of their apartments in Butterfly Gardens in LaPorte, Indiana or in one of their group homes.

The assistance Swanson Center provides to homeless individuals through their case management services shortens the time period that a person experience homelessness. Case management services assist the homeless individual with a disability diagnosis, a source of income through disability payments, and eventually a place to live. Once a source of income is secured and a place to live is found, the individual transitions to a regular case management and treatment program provided through Swanson Center.

Catholic Charities provides financial assistance to individuals at risk of homelessness using a CDBG grant from the City of LaPorte. The purpose of the grant proceeds is to keep individuals housed.

Rental/mortgage assistance is provided for one month. In addition to the financial assistance, participants must complete a self-sufficiency program taught by Catholic Charities staff.

Catholic Charities, Swanson Center and The Pax Center are all active members of the HOME Team. The

City of LaPorte will continue to advocate on behalf of these agencies in providing services to homeless individuals and families. The City of LaPorte budgeted \$17,000 for activities provided by Catholic Charities and Swanson Center.

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.

Once again, Catholic Charities is assisting low-income individuals and families in avoiding homelessness. The City is funding homeless prevention services provided by Catholic Charities in the amount of \$6,000.

Also, the City of LaPorte is providing \$240,000 in funding for the single family rehab program. During PY 2015, the City is proposing to assist 6 households with repairs to their homes to eliminate code violations and enhance sustainability living in the house. Staff members of the City of LaPorte also assist Rebuilding Together in providing repairs to low income homeowners. Rebuilding Together provided services to six households in May 2015.

The City of LaPorte does not have an independent discharge policy. However, there are many not-for-profit agencies throughout LaPorte County that have discharge plans for the LaPorte area. Swanson Center, the comprehensive mental health center for LaPorte County, has 13 beds allocated in state hospitals for LaPorte County residents. Case managers from Swanson Center collaborate with the discharge planner of the state hospital to ensure that services and housing are in place at the time of discharge. The City of LaPorte maintains an extensive referral list of various services to assist those locating in the area following the discharge from a publicly funded institution or system of care.

Discussion

A goal from the PY 2014 Action Plan has been accomplished. This goal was the development of a community center within LaPorte that provided services such as a food bank, job search services, counseling services, and a place for partner agencies could meet with homeless individuals/families. In May 2015, State Street Community Church opened The Pax Center near the downtown district.

State from the City will continue to assist in the development of additional housing at the LaPorte County Home. Also, staff will provide supportive services/information to any group attempting to open an emergency shelter. Furthermore, the City will continue to support efforts of the HOME Team during PY 2015.

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

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

Introduction

The City's vision for its growth is based on a strong interest in maintaining a more diverse community with a fair distribution of affordable housing throughout its different neighborhoods. The City also views home ownership as a catalyst to further expand its economic base and create a viable and thriving community. To conditions that have the potential to becoming a barrier to affordable housing is the high cost of housing including a mortgage payment and taxes; and the lack of affordable credit. Within the City of LaPorte, 69% of the housing was constructed prior to 1950 resulting in high costs of maintenance and a presence of lead-based paint hazards.

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

The 2015 Annual Action Plan contains initiatives that seek to enhance home ownership, preserve the character of the City's neighborhoods, and provide high quality affordable owner-occupied housing. The City will continue to assist current home owners who cannot afford the high cost of maintaining their homes.

Using CDBG funding for PY 2015, the City will support several barriers that are reported previously in the AAP. Specifically, they are:

- Improve housing quality within the City;
- Improve neighborhood conditions; and
- Expand homeownership opportunities.

These activities will be funded using the Community Development Block Grant:

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| • Single Family Rehab Program | \$240,000 |
| • Demolition of Blighted Structures | \$ 20,000 |
| • Public Service Grant to Housing Opportunities | \$ 3,000 |
| • Sidewalk Improvement Program | \$103,000 |
| • Street Paving | \$100,000 |

Discussion

The funded activities include \$108,000 in reprogrammed funds allocated to demolition and sidewalks.

In effort to assist low and moderate-income families in low-mod parts of the City and also to comply with a court ordered mandate on repairing sidewalks, the City will reprogram \$103,000 of unused funds to repair/replace sidewalks, install handicapped ramps at intersections, and plant trees along the streets in low-mod sections of the City. The City will also use an additional \$100,000 for street paving in the areas receiving sidewalk replacement/repairs.

The Single Family Rehab Program will assist existing low and moderate income home owners to maintain their homes, maintain the neighborhood character, and remove blighted structures that negatively influence property values.

The Demolition activity will remove dilapidated structures and make lots available for construction of new homes.

Housing Opportunities will provide housing counseling for individuals interested in purchasing a home for the first time. Additionally, Housing Opportunities will provide counseling for those at-risk of losing their home via foreclosure actions. This agency also provides post-purchase counseling for individuals already home owners especially for home owners participating in the Single Family Rehab Program.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

This section of the Annual Action Plan describes LaPorte's planned activities to implement the following strategies as outlined in the Consolidated Plan 2014-2018:

- Obstacles to meeting underserved needs;
- Foster and maintain affordable housing;
- Evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards;
- Reduce the number of poverty-level families;
- Develop institutional structure; and
- Enhance coordination.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The primary obstacle to addressing obstacles to meeting underserved needs is a shortage of funding. Agencies service the underserved continue to experience reductions in funding from both governmental and private sources. Also, any endowment funds relied upon continue to shrink with the low interest rates being paid on investments. The City of LaPorte's CDBG funding levels have also declined by 19% over the past five years. Mirroring this trend is the increasing difficulty in leveraging funds through state and private resources that have also been decreasing in recent times.

In spite of these challenges, the City of LaPorte beginning October 1, 2015, will continue to support the HOME Team, non-profit agencies, homeless providers and special needs groups to meet the needs of the underserved community. The City will also continue to seek additional private and public partners to create a larger pool of resources. In 2015, this pool consists of six not-for-profit agencies. These agencies will provide services ranging from children to older adults and are listed in the project tables.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

In the 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan, it was shown that affordable housing is a priority for the City of LaPorte. The City proposes to use a portion of its entitlement grant for the preservation and development of affordable housing that services low and moderate-income families and for services that address homelessness. Through its owner-occupied rehab program, the City proposes to provide financial assistance to six households. The City also proposes to demolish two deteriorated structures located within residential areas of the city.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City of LaPorte will address the problem of lead-based paint hazards by:

- Providing written materials to home owners participating in the owner-occupied rehab program;
- Completing a lead-based paint risk assessment on all house enrolled in the owner-occupied rehab program;
- Incorporating lead-based paint remediation in all of the work scopes for the houses enrolled in the owner-occupied rehab program;
- Assist other housing development organizations such as Habitat for Humanity in the development and construction of new affordable housing free from lead-based paint hazards.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City of LaPorte will focus on enhancing conditions that reduce the number of poverty-level individuals and families that can be realized. The City will target CDBG and other local resources to activities that support family services and affordable housing. The goals of these efforts are to:

- Foster self-sufficiency; and
- Assist with employment opportunities.

The City will fund six agencies that work with impoverished families/individuals or create opportunities for economic well-being. The owner-occupied rehab program also will assist in reducing the risk of poverty through making home ownership more sustainable. Replacement of windows, energy-efficient furnaces and installation of attic insulation will reduce monthly energy bills. These reductions especially during the winter months will save monthly budget funds for the participating families. Additional, many participants will realize a reduction in hazard insurance because of the new furnaces and repairs to electrical systems.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The Office of Community Development and Planning currently has three employees. One person is employed full-time in the CDBG program. Two other full-time employees split their time between community development tasks/projects and the CDBG program. Procedures are in place to meet a variety of requirements and conditions to operate the CDBG program.

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

The City relies on private not-for-profit organizations as well as for-profit entities to acquire, develop, build, and rehabilitate resident units. The City will continue to work with local builders and developers, financial institutions, and other entities to ensure the new affordable units are produced on a regular

basis. Through the efforts of the HOME Team, the City is an active participant in the coordination and development of homeless activities on a county-wide basis.

Discussion

The City administration and its staff persons continue to work together to address the many needs of the community. Through collaboration, the leveraging of resources, and improved tracking of needs, the City will be in a better position to meet the needs of the community.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

The Community Development Block Grant funding will be used during PY 2015 for public services, public infrastructure, tree planting, administration and planning, demolition, and owner-occupied rehabilitation.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(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	116,780
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:	116,780

Other CDBG Requirements

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

Discussion

During the past two program years, the City of LaPorte, Indiana received unanticipated program income from the owner-occupied rehab program. Home owners sold their homes during the seven-year recapture period thereby generating program income.



CPMP Non-State Grantee Certifications

Many elements of this document may be completed electronically, however a signature must be manually applied and the document must be submitted in paper form to the Field Office.

- ☐ **This certification does not apply.**
☒ **This certification is applicable.**

NON-STATE GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

Drug Free Workplace -- It will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
2. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about –
 - a. The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - b. The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - c. Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - d. The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph 1;
4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph 1 that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will –
 - a. Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - b. Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
5. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;
6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b), with respect to any employee who is so convicted –
 - a. Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - b. Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

8. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
9. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
10. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan -- The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.

08-10-15

Signature/Authorized Official

Date

Blair E. Milo

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| <input type="checkbox"/> This certification does not apply. |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This certification is applicable. |

Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

11. Maximum Feasible Priority - With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);
12. Overall Benefit - The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 2012, 2013, 2014, (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;
13. Special Assessments - It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

14. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
15. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R, of title 24;

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.

08-10-15

Signature/Authorized Official

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- ☒ **This certification does not apply.**
☐ **This certification is applicable.**

**OPTIONAL CERTIFICATION
CDBG**

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities, which are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

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Signature/Authorized Official

Date

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☒ **This certification does not apply.**
☐ **This certification is applicable.**

Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If the participating jurisdiction intends to provide tenant-based rental assistance:

The use of HOME funds for tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of the participating jurisdiction's consolidated plan for expanding the supply, affordability, and availability of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- it is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR § 92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in § 92.214.

Appropriate Financial Assistance -- before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

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HOPWA Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the plan:

1. For at least 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
2. For at least 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.

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ESG Certifications

I, Blair E. Milo, Chief Executive Officer of Jurisdiction, certify that the local government will ensure the provision of the matching supplemental funds required by the regulation at 24 *CFR* 576.51. I have attached to this certification a description of the sources and amounts of such supplemental funds.

I further certify that the local government will comply with:

1. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.53 concerning the continued use of buildings for which Emergency Shelter Grants are used for rehabilitation or conversion of buildings for use as emergency shelters for the homeless; or when funds are used solely for operating costs or essential services.
2. The building standards requirement of 24 *CFR* 576.55.
3. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.56, concerning assurances on services and other assistance to the homeless.
4. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.57, other appropriate provisions of 24 *CFR* Part 576, and other applicable federal laws concerning nondiscrimination and equal opportunity.
5. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.59(b) concerning the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970.
6. The requirement of 24 *CFR* 576.59 concerning minimizing the displacement of persons as a result of a project assisted with these funds.
7. The requirements of 24 *CFR* Part 24 concerning the Drug Free Workplace Act of 1988.
8. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.56(a) and 576.65(b) that grantees develop and implement procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted with ESG funds and that the address or location of any family violence shelter project will not be made public, except with written authorization of the person or persons responsible for the operation of such shelter.
9. The requirement that recipients involve themselves, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, homeless individuals and families in policymaking, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of these facilities as provided by 24 *CFR* 76.56.
10. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.57(e) dealing with the provisions of, and regulations and procedures applicable with respect to the environmental review responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and related

authorities as specified in 24 *CFR* Part 58.

11. The requirements of 24 *CFR* 576.21(a)(4) providing that the funding of homeless prevention activities for families that have received eviction notices or notices of termination of utility services will meet the requirements that: (A) the inability of the family to make the required payments must be the result of a sudden reduction in income; (B) the assistance must be necessary to avoid eviction of the family or termination of the services to the family; (C) there must be a reasonable prospect that the family will be able to resume payments within a reasonable period of time; and (D) the assistance must not supplant funding for preexisting homeless prevention activities from any other source.
12. The new requirement of the McKinney-Vento Act (42 *USC* 11362) to develop and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent such discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for such persons. I further understand that state and local governments are primarily responsible for the care of these individuals, and that ESG funds are not to be used to assist such persons in place of state and local resources.
13. HUD's standards for participation in a local Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and the collection and reporting of client-level information.

I further certify that the submission of a completed and approved Consolidated Plan with its certifications, which act as the application for an Emergency Shelter Grant, is authorized under state and/or local law, and that the local government possesses legal authority to carry out grant activities in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations of the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

Instructions Concerning Lobbying and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

Drug-Free Workplace Certification

1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification.
2. The certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, HUD, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
3. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.
4. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio stations).
5. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph three).
6. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant: Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code) Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here. The certification with regard to the drug-free workplace is required by 24 CFR part 21.

Place Name	Street	City	County	State	Zip

7. Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules: "Controlled substance" means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15); "Conviction" means a finding of guilt (including a plea of *nolo contendere*) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes; "Criminal drug statute" means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any

controlled substance; "Employee" means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including:

- a. All "direct charge" employees;
- b. all "indirect charge" employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and
- c. temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

Note that by signing these certifications, certain documents must be completed, in use, and on file for verification. These documents include:

1. Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing
2. Citizen Participation Plan
3. Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ANNU

Affidavit of Publication

STATE OF INDIANA }
COUNTY OF LA PORTE } SS

Helen Lacy, being duly sworn, says:

That he is A Customer Service Rep of the Herald Argus, a Daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in La Porte, La Porte County, Indiana; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

June 25, 2015

Publisher's Fee: \$ 27.94

That said newspaper was regularly issued and circulated on those dates.

SIGNED:



Subscribed to and sworn to me this 25th day of June 2015.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC
HEARING ANNUAL
ACTION PLAN

NOTICE is hereby given by the City of La Porte, Indiana that it intends to apply for approximately \$406,903 in Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for Program Year 2015 to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or before August 15, 2015. Therefore, the City anticipates a total of \$406,903 to carry out housing and community development activities in 2015-2016.

Pursuant to 24 CFR Part 91, the City of La Porte is required to prepare and submit an Annual Action Plan for the housing and community development programs. These plans represent a strategy and goals for use of the CDBG grant.

The purpose of the meeting is to solicit comments, obtain views on the use of the funds to be received in the 2015 program year. The City of La Porte wishes to encourage citizens, interested agencies, and community groups to participate in the development of the 2015 Annual Action Plan. Eligible CDBG activities include single-family rehabilitation, homeownership programs, economic developments, and public service activities among others. The City of La Porte will hold two public meetings on Monday, June 29, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. and Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. local time at the Council Chambers, First Floor, City Hall, 801 Michigan Avenue, La Porte, Indiana. Residents and community members wishing to participate may choose to attend only one of the public hearings. Two hearings are offered as a convenience to the public.

After Monday, June 29, 2015, the proposed application will be available for review until August 11, 2012 at City Hall, on the second floor in the offices of the Department of Community Development and Planning and at the La Porte County Public Library, 904 Indiana Avenue, La Porte, Indiana.

If you are unable to attend either public meeting, written comments will be accepted through August 11, 2012 at the following address:

City of La Porte

ATTN: Mary Ann Richards

Department of Community Development and Planning

801 Michigan Avenue

La Porte, IN 46350

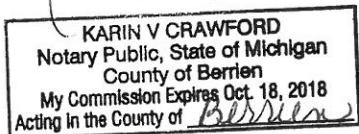
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Minutes – June 29, 2015

**City of LaPorte, Indiana
Community Development Block Grant
Annual Action Plan PY 2015
Public Meeting
June 29, 2015, 1:30 p.m.**

City Hall Council Chambers
801 Michigan Avenue
LaPorte, IN 46350

Present:

Mary Ann Richards, CDBG Program Manager, City of LaPorte, Indiana
Gwendolyn Neve, Executive Director, LaPorte Meals on Wheels

Introduction: Mary Ann Richards opened the public meeting promptly at 1:30 p.m.

Comments: For the benefit of Gwendolyn Neve, executive director of LaPorte Meals on Wheels, Mary Ann Richards presented an explanation of the purpose of the meeting and a program overview of the Community Development Block Grant. Ms. Neve asked questions about how the funding could be used and had specific questions about their grant applications for PY 2015. Richards answered her questions. A discussion followed on fund raising activities for LaPorte Meals on Wheels and how to determine a true cost for their service delivery. Both agreed to meet in September to review a proposed grant agreement and the documentation needed to submit draw downs for the grant if awarded.

The public meeting adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Minutes – July 9, 2015

**City of LaPorte, Indiana
Community Development Block Grant
Annual Action Plan PY 2015
Public Meeting
July 9, 2015, 1:30 p.m.**

City Hall Council Chambers
801 Michigan Avenue
LaPorte, IN 46350

Present:

Mary Ann Richards, CDBG Program Manager, City of LaPorte, Indiana

Introduction: Mary Ann Richards opened the public meeting promptly at 1:30 p.m.

Comments: None. There were no attendees.

The public meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

CDBG Public Meeting
PY 2015 Annual Action Plan

July 9, 2015
1:30 p.m.

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