

City of Ashland 2017 CDBG Annual Action Plan



Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Ashland, Kentucky is proud to be a direct entitlement recipient of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding. This program is sponsored by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and was established to combine several different but specific federal grants into a single, flexible grant program. The primary objective of the CDBG program is to create sustainable neighborhoods through improved housing, infrastructure and economic conditions in low to moderate areas and for low to moderate income persons. Activities under this program will predominately benefit persons of low to moderate income as defined in 24 CFR Part 5. These activities must meet one of three national objectives and must be a CDBG eligible activity. These 2017 Action Plan funding amounts are based on estimates. If the funding allocation is higher or lower than these estimates, then the following projects will be increased or decreased accordingly.

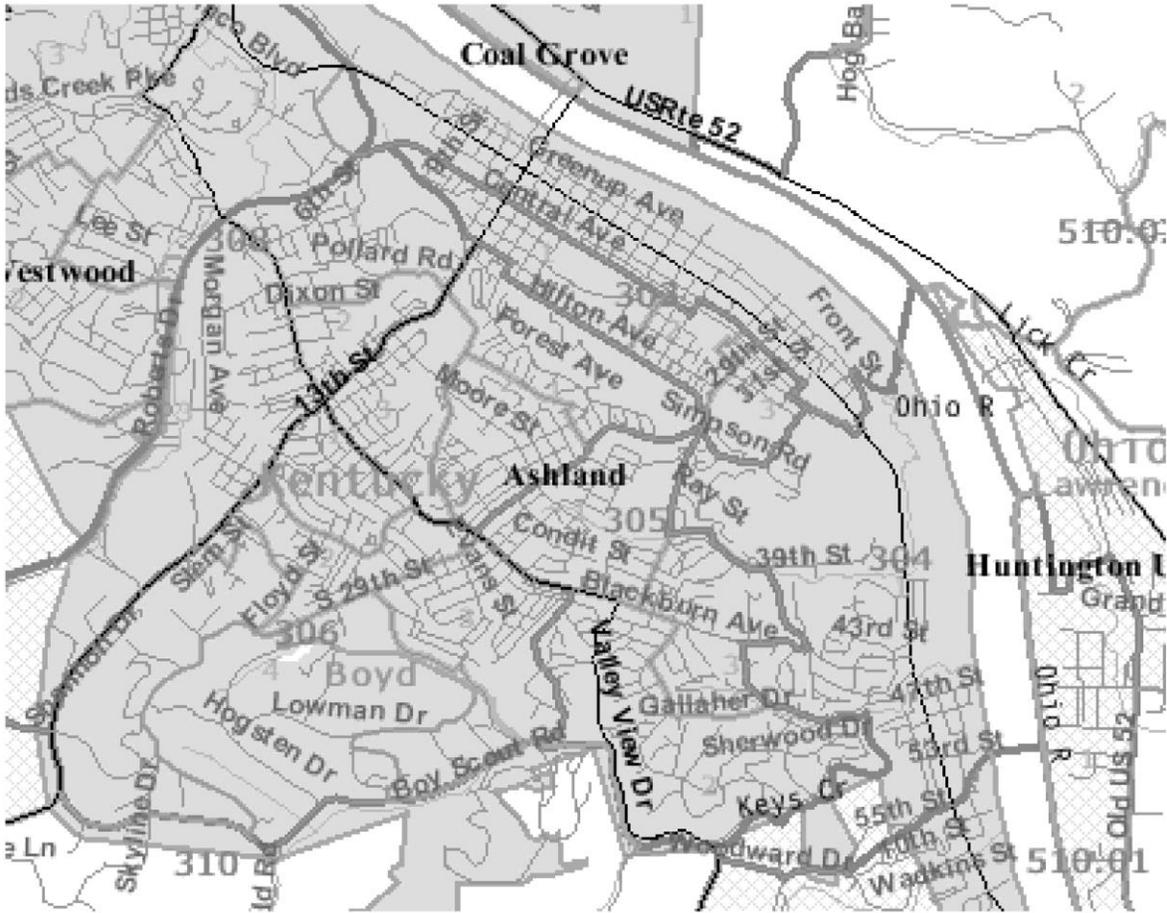
2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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 City of Ashland Community Development Block Grant funding will assist the City of Ashland's, Public Works Department in infrastructure improvements in the low to moderate income target areas of City Central, East Central and Pollard Mills. Through the current Consolidated Plan, this Action Plan and the City of Ashland Comprehensive Plan, the listed objectives and outcomes will be addressed in this 2017 Program Year with 2016 carryover CDBG funds and the estimated 2017 CDBG funds.

- Preserve neighborhoods through infrastructure improvements in the target LMI areas.
- Provide public services through the Coordinated Entry Hub CARES.
- Create affordable housing opportunities for LMI homebuyers.

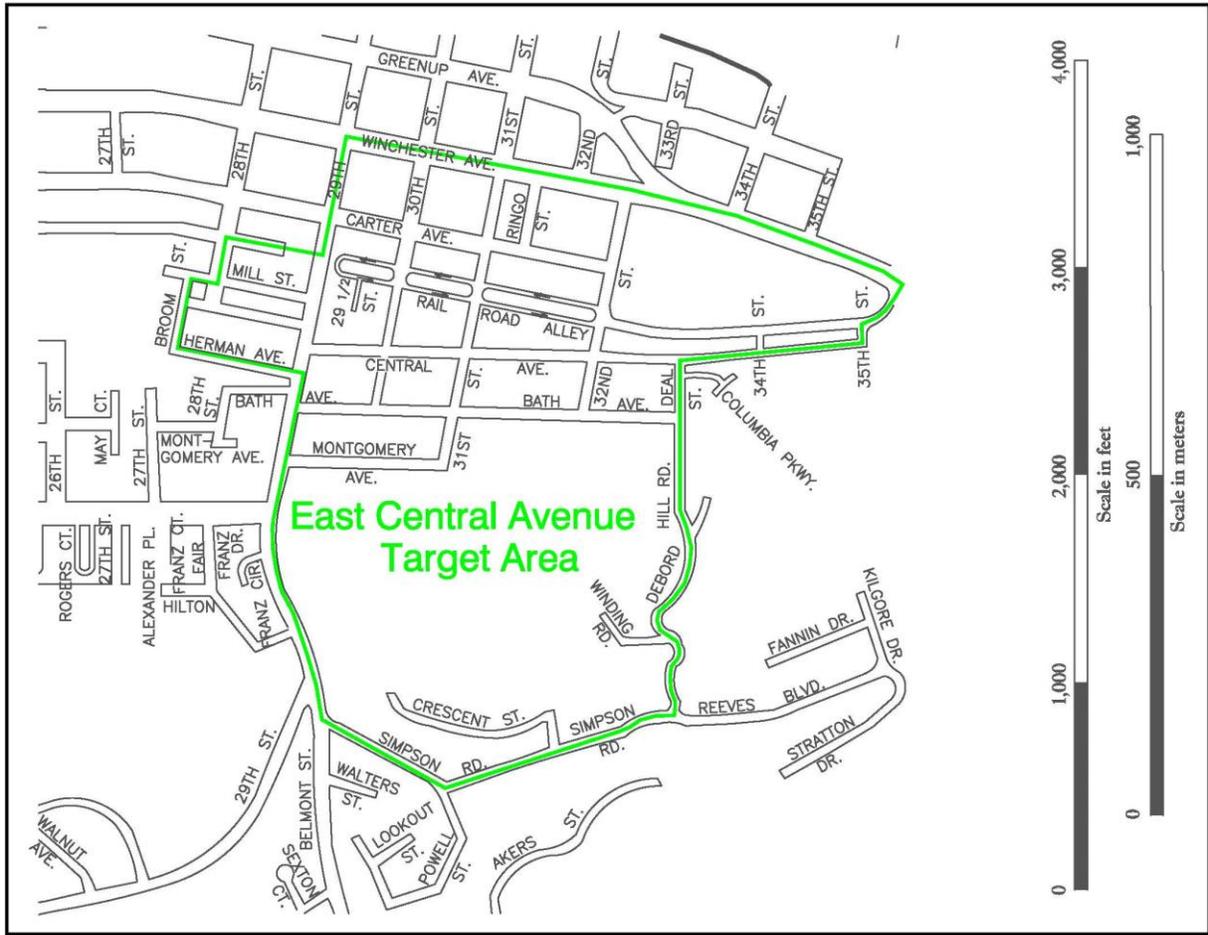
- Preserve habitability of housing with code enforcement
- Provide handicap accessibility to homeowners, veterans and disabled persons through the homeowner rehab program and the HUD rental rehab program for homeless and extremely low veterans program.



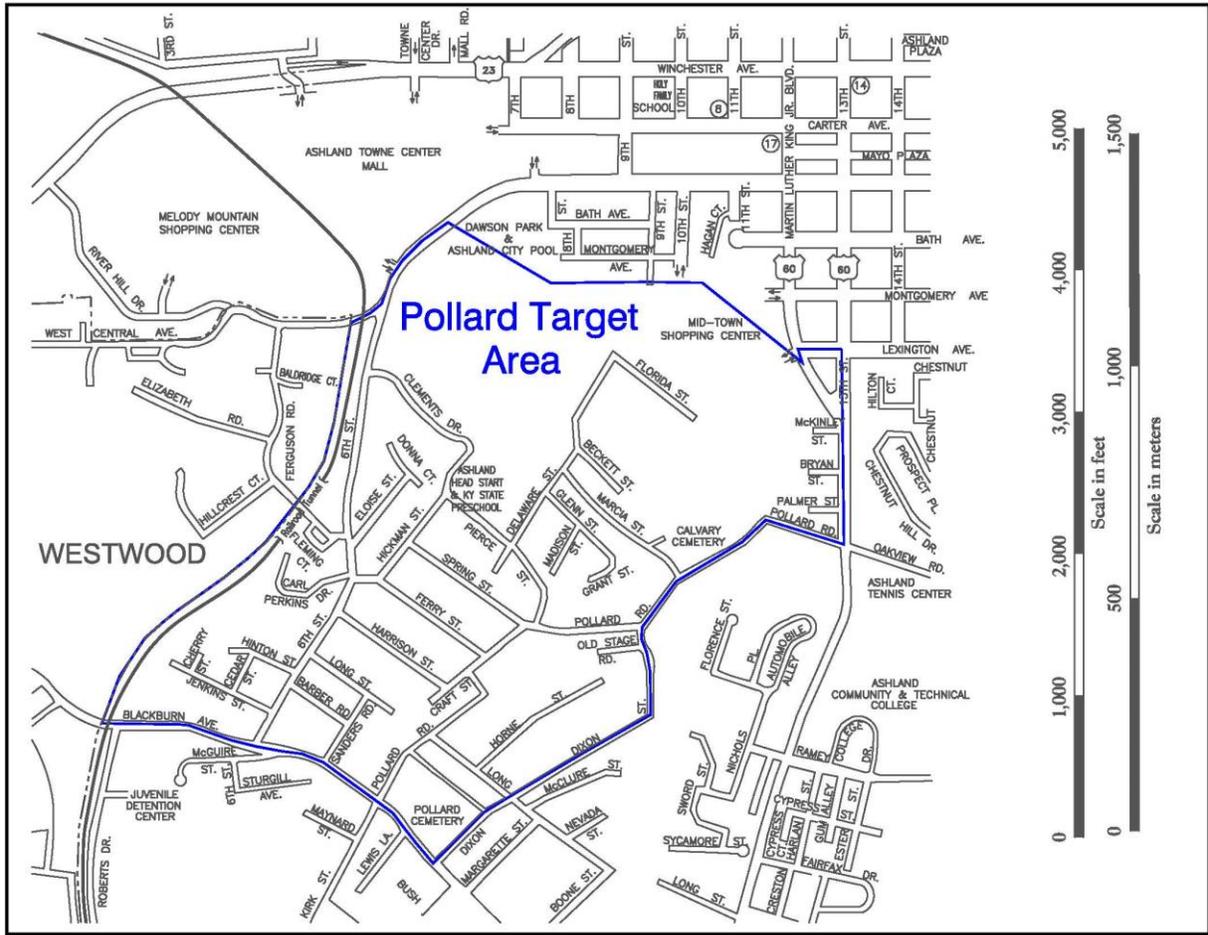
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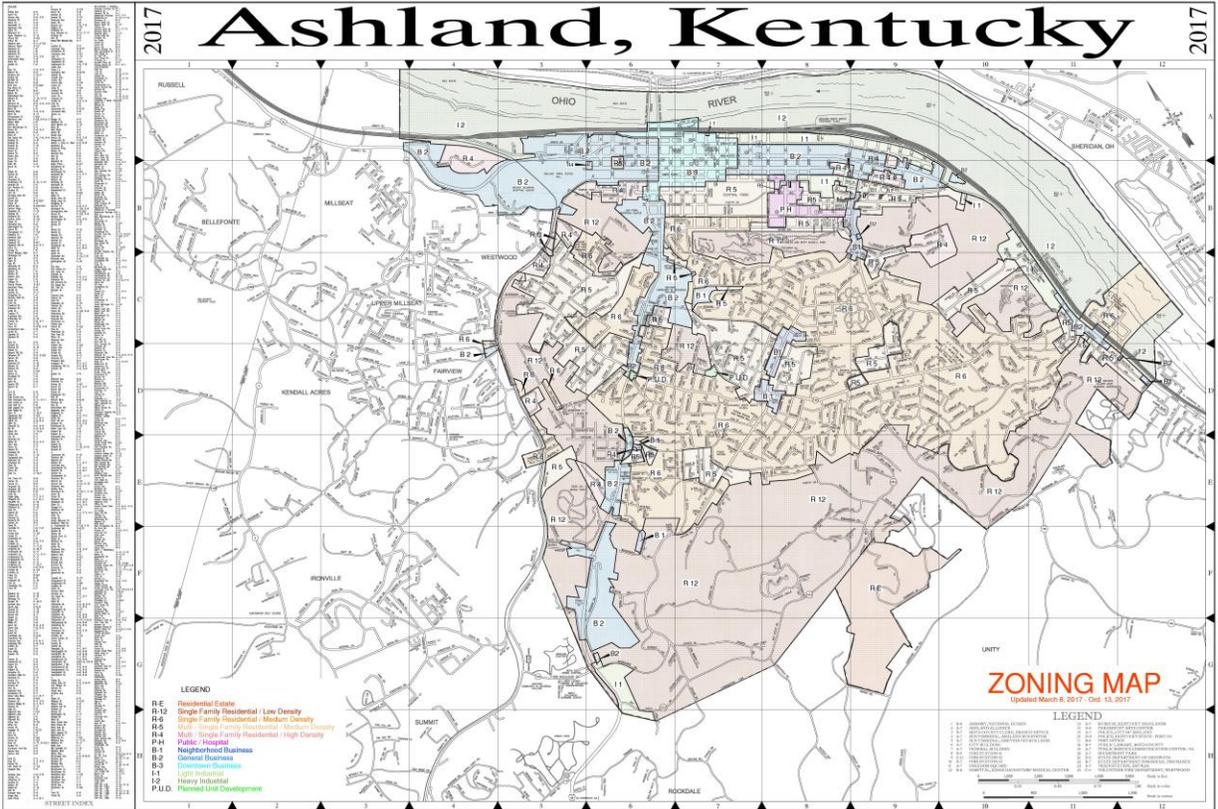
City Central



East Central



Pollard Mills



Zoning Map

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 Ashland is proud to have been a recipient of the Community Development Block Grant since it began in 1974. The City has dedicated using these funds to improve the neighborhoods, public facilities and infrastructure projects in Ashland. The CDBG funding has helped the homeless become homeowners in the Pollard Mills Target Neighborhood. The elderly and handicapped homeowners can stay in their homes longer by making their homes more accessible to each of their needs. These funds have assisted the local homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters, children’s services and senior programs making a difference in the lives of the low to moderate income persons in Ashland.

The City of Ashland is confident that the 2017 Program Year will continue on the path to creating projects that will benefit low to moderate income persons, focusing on housing for veterans, first time home buyers and economic opportunities that will create jobs by bringing new businesses to Ashland.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City of Ashland, Community & Economic Development's Citizen Participation Plan sets forth the policies and procedures to provide for and encourage participation by the citizens of Ashland in the development of the City's Consolidated Plan, and subsequent Annual Action Plans. The sub recipients of the City of Ashland CDBG funds are encouraged to attend the CDBG Application Workshop during the comment period to provide input in the development of the Action Plan and to ensure adequate and dependable public facilities are available to provide for basic and essential needs and services. In 2017 the Community & Economic Development Staff have held public meetings prior to and during the development in regards to the projects and activities in this Program Year's Plan.

Public Notice information signifying the time, location, and subject of each hearing is provided to citizens at least fourteen (14) days in advance by publication in a local newspaper, email distribution lists to local public service facilities, local officials, local minority groups and churches, the local library and/or publication on the City's website at www.ashlandky.gov. The thirty (30) day comment period prior to each hearing is advertised as well. During each hearing, a summary of each project is explained and a time of question and answer is given. Sign in sheets are provided as documentation of attendance of the public hearings and the comments from the citizens are noted in the minutes from the hearings and are kept on file and are available for review in the Community & Economic Development Office.

The minutes are discussed by the Economic & Community Development Staff prior to finalizing any Consolidated Plan or Action Plan

A copy of the complete City of Ashland Citizen Participation Plan is available upon request from the Community & Economic Development Office, 1700 Greenup Avenue, Room 208, P. O. Box 1839, Ashland, Kentucky 41105 or by contacting Cynthia Daniel at 606-324-7175 or cdaniel@ashlandky.org. These plans may be made available upon request in large print, audio and Spanish.

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.

The first public meeting held at the Ashland Community Kitchen inside the Neighborhood Building drew a lot of attention from the people we serve each day there. Many written comments were made by the persons there that day, in which all were positive, reporting that they were so grateful to be able to come to the Neighborhood for a hot meal, a hot shower and clean clothing. The Neighborhood Card was necessary to provide data to HUD of whom is served at the Neighborhood, but became a great tool to track data for other grants for that facility. The public meeting at the Hillcrest Bruce Mission had one tenant attend along with all of the public service sub-recipients of Ashland's CDBG grant funding. All public service agencies commented in writing their concerns if CDBG was longer no available for their programs.

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

N/A

7. Summary

With the joining of the Economic Development Department and the Community Development Department, this new Department is excited to begin incorporating both concepts to make Ashland a viable place to live, work and raise a family.

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	ASHLAND	Community & Economic Development Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

During the writing and comment period of the 2017 Annual Action Plan the following Public Contacts were made along with City officials and Department Heads.

City of Ashland, Chris Pullem, Community & Economic Development Director;

City of Ashland, Cynthia Daniel, Development Grants Administrator;

City of Ashland, Lorraine Woolery, Section 8 Supervisor;

CARes - Lynn Childers, Executive Director - Coordinated Entry Lead Agency for Continuum of Care;

Fair Housing – Carol Jackson, Ashland Human Rights Commissioner / State Human Rights Commissioner;

Shelter of Hope – Debbie Sivis, Executive Director - Emergency Housing & Continuum of Care;

Safe Harbor – Ann Perkins, Executive Director - Domestic Violence;

Safe Harbor – Jennifer Allen, Director of Administration – Domestic Violence;

Ashland Senior Center – Kim Rice, Executive Director – Senior Programs;

Ashland Child Development Center – Diane Zwick, President, Board of Trustees – Children Services;

Ashland Child Development Center – Connie Melvin, Business Manager – Children Services;

City of Ashland, Ryan Eastwood, Director of Engineering & Utilities;

City of Ashland, Jim Nichols, Senior Engineering Assistant / Storm Water Coordinator;

City of Ashland, Scott Niece, Property Maintenance Manager;

City of Ashland, Tony Mosser, Property Maintenance.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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Ashland Alliance – Employment Opportunities;

CARes – Veronica Lynn Childers, Executive Director- Continuum of Care;

Fair Housing – Carol Jackson, Ashland Human Rights Commissioner / State Human Rights Commissioner;

Shelter of Hope – Debbie Sivis, Executive Director - Emergency Housing & Continuum of Care;

Safe Harbor – Ann Perkins, Executive Director - Domestic Violence;

Safe Harbor – Jennifer Allen, Director of Administration – Domestic Violence;

Ashland Community Kitchen- Todd Young, Executive Director – Reducing Hunger;

City of Ashland, Mike Thompson, Supervisor of Meter Services;

City of Ashland – Ryan Eastwood, director of Engineering & Utilities - Handicap Accessibility;

City of Ashland – Jim Nichols, Senior Engineering Assistant / Storm Water Coordinator - Handicap Accessibility;

City of Ashland – Scott Niece, Property Maintenance Manager - Code Enforcement;

City of Ashland - Tony Mosser, Property Maintenance - Public Services;

City of Ashland - Osei Amo-Mensah, City Planner - Affordable Housing and Veterans Housing;

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

1. Introduction

The City of Ashland is in need of affordable housing rental units for the LMI population that cannot afford to purchase and maintain their own home. The chronically homeless and otherwise hard to house including the 30% and below income persons in Ashland most often have been banned from public housing in Ashland due to prior evictions, which makes it difficult to find housing. The City of Ashland will provide CDBG funding to local non-profits to address these difficult housing needs for the homeless and at-risk persons in Ashland.

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 City of Ashland continues to utilize CARES to assist with the housing and referral to housing for the hard to house and homeless population in Ashland. The City of Ashland, Department of Planning & Community Development utilizes the Director of CARES, Veronica Lynn Childers in the coordination of services between the public and assisted housing providers and to monitor the public service agencies that also receive CDBG funding. This is to enhance the program that is already in place as CARES is the City of Ashland's Coordinated entry lead agency for all LMI persons seeking assistance with housing and non-housing needs.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness.

The City of Ashland grants up to 15% of the CDBG for the Continuum of Care to the following agencies that work with homeless, chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and persons at risk of homelessness. Ashland has not seen a rise of unaccompanied youth in our area.

The agencies are as follows:

CAREs - Coordinated Entry Hub for the Continuum of Care, which is the lead agency for Ashland's CoC.

Safe Harbor - Domestic Violence and offers a drug rehab program and legal representation when children have been taken away.

Shelter of Hope - Emergency Shelter, Transitional Housing, permanent housing and Homeless Veterans Housing.

Ashland Child Development - Low to Mod income child care and homeless parent's free child care until services can be utilized.

Ashland Community Kitchen- Free hot meals once approved through CARES for a "Neighborhood Card" that is income based.

Ashland Senior Center- Free hot meals, exercise program, art class, socialization for seniors along with fun games and activities to help keep seniors active.

Hillcrest Bruce Mission - CDBG assists with the food pantry. The mission is in a target area and has a pre-school, dental clinic and after school program. The services there are for LMA persons only.

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 Ashland has three public service agencies that receive ESG funding directly. These agencies utilize their CDBG grant to enhance their ESG program and to use as match for their ESG requirements.

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	COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE REFERRAL SERV (CARES)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Employment Coordinated entry for Ashland
	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?	CAReS, under the direction of Veronica Lynn Childers, was consulted in improving the coordination of services by assisting the Department of Community & Economic Development in monitoring the other CDBG sub-recipients of CDBG, as well as providing more direct client case management.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	SAFE HARBOR
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Victims Drug Addiction Program
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Drug addiction problem in Ashland

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Ann Perkins, Executive Director and Jennifer Allen, Director of Administration, have found that transitional housing improves the overall outcome of permanent housing. Safe Harbor also has added a drug rehabilitation program to their facility. Drug addiction is one of the largest problems Ashland's residents encounter on a daily basis.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	SHELTER OF HOPE, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Debbie Sivis, Executive Director of the Shelter of Hope was consulted on improvements to the Rapid Re-housing ESG program. Increased case management and group style classes are needed for the persons that are rapidly re-housed for there to be more success stories in that program.

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

N/A

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	CAREs	The Community Assistance and Referral Service (CAREs) is the coordinated entry agency for the City of Ashland. When the City of Ashland heard that a lead agency would be required several years ago, CAREs was put into place as the lead agency for all other agencies. Most churches send all persons seeking assistance to CAREs, and then funding is sent there from the churches. This has helped cut down on duplication of services and duplication of people being counted that received services. Kentucky Housing Corporation is the Continuum of Care for the State Regions, which Ashland is in Region 4. The Coordinated Entry Plan is being written by Kentucky Housing Corporation.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

The sub recipients of the City of Ashland CDBG funds are encouraged to attend the CDBG Public Hearings during the comment period to provide input in the development of the Action Plan and to ensure adequate and dependable public facilities are available to provide for basic and essential needs and service. In 2017 the Department of Planning & Community Development Staff made contact with public service agencies and held two public meetings prior to and during the development of this 2017 Action Plan. Public notice information signifying the time, location, and subject of each hearing is provided to citizens at least fourteen (14) days in advance by publication in the local newspaper and on the City's website at www.ashlandky.gov. A thirty (30) day comment period prior to and during the process period for each meeting and hearing is advertised as well. During each public meeting and hearing a summary of each project is explained and a time of question and answer is give. Sign in sheets are provided as documentation of attendance of the public hearings and the comments from the citizens are noted in the minutes from the hearings. The goal of the department is to find ways to involve more of the public in the decision-making process in regards to LMI projects by having more meetings held in the target areas of Ashland and at the local homeless shelters.

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	Ashland Community Kitchen	Most people at the Ashland Community Kitchen wrote on their comments page how much they appreciate the "Neighborhood Building," where they can get free clean clothing, a shower, a haircut and a hot meal. Some commented that they come there to shower and eat prior to going to work. Some are still living in their cars but take advantage of a hot shower, mail box and hot meal at the "Neighborhood."	None were not accepted.	

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	Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Hillcrest Bruce Mission	This meeting was attended by the local non-profit agencies. These agencies expressed their appreciation of the use of CDBG to be able to provide for their clients.	None.	
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	City of Ashland Commission Chambers	No comments.	N/A	

5	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Public Notices were placed in the local newspaper on March 13th and March 24th 2017 announcing the City of Ashland anticipating receiving CDBG funding for the 2017 Program year and notifying the public of public meetings held at the Ashland Community Kitchen and Hillcrest Bruce Mission on April 10th & April 17th, both at 11:00 AM. The notice also explained where copies of the Action Plan could be seen and how to make comments. The advertisement also stated that copies could be converted to electronic media, Spanish and large print and delivered to	None	N/A	
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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)
			homebound persons upon request.			
6	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	None	None	N/A	
7	Local Library	Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community	unknown	None	N/A	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Ashland will use CDBG to provide infrastructure improvements to the target areas of Pollard Mills, East Central and City Central. This project will begin in Pollard Mills on the following streets: Eloise Street, Hickman Street, Pierce Street, Spring Street, Ferry Street, Harrison Street, Long Street, Barber Road, Sanders Road, Craft Street, Pollard Road, Old Stage Road, Horne Street, and Dixon Street and parts of

Blackburn Avenue, which are in the target areas.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	529,015	0	600,000	1,129,015	600,000	The prior year's resources are from unexpended funds from canceled or uncompleted projects.

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

Federal funds will leverage additional funding at the public service agencies such as ESG, United Way and SHP. The agencies that receive ESG will use their CDBG as match to meet the requirements. The City of Ashland Public Works Department will utilize CDBG funding for the storm sewer improvements in the target areas which will also improve gutters, curbs, sidewalks and resurface streets LMI areas. The City will provide new

water lines in LMI areas where needed. The City of Ashland provides many incentive packages for new business looking to begin a business in Ashland.

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

N/A

Discussion

The City of Ashland will continue to look towards new opportunities for economic growth in Ashland for job creation, job trainings and affordable housing for the LMI population.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	POLLARD MILLS NEIGHBORHOOD EAST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD CITY CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD	Ensure Adequate and safe infrastructure	CDBG: \$280,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3050 Households Assisted
2	Minimize or Prevent Homelessness	2007	2017	Homeless	POLLARD MILLS NEIGHBORHOOD EAST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD CITY CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD Scattered Sites City-wide	Homeless Services	CDBG: \$99,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3377 Persons Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 700 Persons Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 7250 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Safe Adequate Affordable Housing	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Code Enforcement	City-wide	Support Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$250,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 0 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit
4	Ensure Adequate and dependable public facilities	2015	2019	Homeless Non-Housing Community Development	EAST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD Scattered Sites	Ensure adequate and dependable public facilities	CDBG: \$290,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 103 Households Assisted Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 167 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	The goals for improvements to the public facilities and infrastructure improvements include reconstruction of storm sewers and gutters, sidewalks and curbs in the target areas beginning with Pollard Mills and as funding allows moving towards City Central and East Ashland. This project will be paid out of the 2016 Program Year funding from canceled projects and the 2017 new allocation.

2	Goal Name	Minimize or Prevent Homelessness
	Goal Description	In order to minimize or prevent homelessness the City of Ashland has designated up to 15% of the 2017 CDBG funding to the following public services agencies: CARES, Ashland Community Kitchen, Safe Harbor and Shelter of Hope. The Ashland Child Development Center takes homeless children for a temporary time that is free that gives the parents time to go to CARES for services and referrals for housing, jobs and a future without homelessness. Part of these funds are used for staff salaries who work directly with the at risk and homeless persons that come to these facilities.
3	Goal Name	Safe Adequate Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	The City of Ashland will rehabilitate 10 or more homes during the Program Year 2017 using Program Year 2016 carry over funds in the 2016 Housing Rehabilitation Project.
4	Goal Name	Ensure Adequate and dependable public facilities
	Goal Description	The City of Ashland will install new handicap accessible walkways, sidewalks and handrails at Deboard Terrace Apartments. The Deboard Terrace Apartments are located in the target area of East Central. The Ashland Child Development Center also made application for new energy efficient HVAC units for their child care facility. Playgrounds which are also handicap accessible is a focus for Ashland.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Below are the 2017 CDBG proposed projects for Ashland.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	General Administration
2	Code Enforcement
3	Public Facilities & Infrastructure Improvements
4	Parks and Recreation
5	Debord Terrace Apartments Concrete & Handrail Project
6	Neighborhood Health Clinic
7	Activity Delivery
8	ACDC HVAC Units
11	Ashland Child Development Center
12	Safe Harbor of Northeast Kentucky
13	Ashland Community Kitchen
14	Shelter of Hope
15	Ashland Senior Center
16	CAReS Case Management
18	Homebuyer Assistance Grant
19	Hillcrest Bruce Mission

Table 7 - Project Information

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

Ashland's allocation priorities are to stay within the same framework as the current five-year plan. The following projects from 2016 will also be carried over to the Program Year 2017. The Shelter of Hope Facility Expansion project will be reprogrammed into the 2017 Public facilities and Infrastructure Improvements Project. The remainder of the 2016 Homeowner Rehabilitation Project funding will be carried over through 2017 and into 2018 if funding allows.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	General Administration
	Target Area	POLLARD MILLS NEIGHBORHOOD EAST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD CITY CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD Scattered Sites City-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements Minimize or Prevent Homelessness Safe Adequate Affordable Housing Ensure Adequate and dependable public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Ensure Adequate and safe infrastructure Ensure adequate and dependable public facilities Support Affordable Housing Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$94,515
	Description	This project will use up to 20% of the 2017 Allocation of CDBG funding for Administrative and Planning activities. Payment of reasonable city staff administrative costs and carrying charges related to the planning and administering of community development activities funded by CDBG. The City of Ashland Human Rights Commission utilizes a portion of CDBG General Administration funds to promote fair housing.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The total from all LMI and LMA activities planned for program year 2017 is estimated to be approximately 7500 individuals. This includes the estimate of persons that will be accessed through HMIS at CARES
	Location Description	City of Ashland 1700 Greenup Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky
	Planned Activities	Administering the CDBG program and fair housing activities.
2	Project Name	Code Enforcement
	Target Area	POLLARD MILLS NEIGHBORHOOD EAST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD CITY CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD
	Goals Supported	Safe Adequate Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Support Affordable Housing

	Funding	CDBG: \$42,500
	Description	This project will use CDBG funds for staff salaries and directly related costs for the enforcement of local codes in the designated target area neighborhoods.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Census Tract 303 Block Groups 2 & 3 Census Tract 308 Block Group 1 & 2 will benefit 3210 LMI households, with a total population of 5,000 households in these target areas.
	Location Description	City Central, East Central and Pollard Mills target areas.
	Planned Activities	The Code Enforcement Officer assigned to the LMI areas will continue monitoring these areas on a daily. These areas have been defined as target areas, meeting the requirement of at least 51% of the population is LMI persons or households. These areas also are deteriorating far more than other areas in Ashland and has an increased number of substandard rental units. Landlords and homeowners are notified of code violations. The Code Enforcement Officer mails violation notices, places fines and liens on the properties that are not brought up to code.
3	Project Name	Public Facilities & Infrastructure Improvements
	Target Area	POLLARD MILLS NEIGHBORHOOD EAST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD CITY CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Ensure Adequate and safe infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$160,000
	Description	These funds plus 2016 carry over funds in the amount of \$120,000 from cancelled projects to be utilized for infrastructure improvements in the target areas that include engineering and design costs, reconstruction or installation of storm sewers, drains, curbs, gutters & sidewalks and the resurfacing of streets. This project will enhance the efforts of providing improved affordable housing in low income areas. Soft costs as well as projects costs will be bid through proper procurement regulations as well as the project will adhere to Davis Bacon requirements.

	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3050 low to moderate households in the target areas of City Central (Census Tract 303, Block Group 2), East Central (Census Tract 303, Block Group 3), Pollard Mills (Census Tract 308, Block Group 1 & 2). The total population including the LMI is 5,000 for the above target areas.
	Location Description	s This infrastructure improvements will begin in the Pollard Mills target area on the following streets in Census Tract 308, Block Group 1 Eloise Street, Hickman Street, Pierce Street, Delaware Street, Spring Street, Ferry Street, Harrison Street, Long Street, Barber Road, Sanders Road, Craft Street, Pollard Road, Old Stage Road, Horne Street, and Dixon Street and the parts of Blackburn Avenue that are included in the target areas.
	Planned Activities	Hire a third-party engineering firm, through proper procurement competitive bid process, for the design and implementation of reconstruction and or installation of storm sewers, drains, curbs, gutters, handicap accessible sidewalks and resurfacing of streets in LMI areas of Ashland.
4	Project Name	Parks and Recreation
	Target Area	POLLARD MILLS NEIGHBORHOOD Scattered Sites
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Ensure Adequate and safe infrastructure Ensure adequate and dependable public facilities
	Funding	:
	Description	\$100,000 of 2016 unused CDBG funding will be used to install new playground equipment that will have handicap accessible features at two LMI parks in Ashland. One will be in the Pollard target area, located at Hillcrest Apartments and one for Crabbe School and or in other target neighborhoods as funding allows.
	Target Date	6/30/2018

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The are 150 LMI household units at Hillcrest Apartments, which is in a target area and would fall under Low Mod Area Benefit and Crabbe School, which 100% of the students are from low to moderate income households.
	Location Description	Census Tract 308, Block Group 1 Pollard Mills Target Area 215 Carl Perkins Drive, Ashland, Kentucky
	Planned Activities	The 2016 carry over CDBG funding will be used to install new playground equipment to include a handicap accessible swing, a chalk board pad, basketball goal and jungle gym at a public housing complex in the target area of Pollard Mills as well as new playground equipment to be utilized by Crabbe School.
5	Project Name	Debord Terrace Apartments Concrete & Handrail Project
	Target Area	EAST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD
	Goals Supported	Ensure Adequate and dependable public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Ensure Adequate and safe infrastructure Ensure adequate and dependable public facilities Support Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$120,000
	Description	This project is to install new sidewalks, steps, walkways and handrails which have handicap accessible features for a low-income housing complex in the target neighborhood of East Central using \$100,000 of carry over funding from 2016.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	There are 103 apartments ranging from one bedroom to 5 bedrooms that house low to moderate income individuals and families.
	Location Description	Debord Terrace Apartments Census Tract 303, Block Group 3 East Central Target Area

	Planned Activities	Reconstruction of sidewalks, steps, handrails and walkways that have handicap accessible features for a low to moderate income housing complex in the target neighborhood of East Central using carry over funding from 2016.
6	Project Name	Neighborhood Health Clinic
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Ensure Adequate and dependable public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Ensure adequate and dependable public facilities
	Funding	:
	Description	This project will be funded with 2016 unused Homeowner Rehabilitation Project funds to assist with the planning of a health clinic in the "Neighborhood Building", which will include a needle exchange and drug rehab program.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	300
	Location Description	This is a City-wide project.
Planned Activities	To assist in the development of a health care facility in "The Neighborhood Building" for a needle exchange program that includes drug rehabilitation counseling and other health care needs.	
7	Project Name	Activity Delivery
	Target Area	POLLARD MILLS NEIGHBORHOOD EAST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD CITY CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD Scattered Sites City-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements Minimize or Prevent Homelessness Safe Adequate Affordable Housing Ensure Adequate and dependable public facilities

	Needs Addressed	Ensure Adequate and safe infrastructure Ensure adequate and dependable public facilities Support Affordable Housing Homeless Services Economic Opportunities for Minority Businesses
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000
	Description	Staff salaries and eligible costs associated with carrying out the projects in this action plan.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 3210 persons from the target area projects and homes being rehabilitation projects.
	Location Description	City-wide projects
	Planned Activities	Salaries to bring the projects to completion
8	Project Name	ACDC HVAC Units
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Ensure Adequate and dependable public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Ensure adequate and dependable public facilities
	Funding	:
	Description	Install new HVAC units at a low to moderate income child care facility using \$70,000.00 of carry over funds from 2016.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	150 LMI household's children at a child care facility.
	Location Description	1538 Central Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky Census Tract 303, Block Group 1
	Planned Activities	Install new energy efficient HVAC units at the Ashland Child Development Center.
	Project Name	Ashland Child Development Center

9	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Ensure Adequate and dependable public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Ensure adequate and dependable public facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,000
	Description	If funding allows from the projected estimate of the 2017 allocation we will reimburse for operating expenses, such as utility bills and liability insurance.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	150 LMI household's children
	Location Description	1538 Central Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky
	Planned Activities	Reimbursement of operating expenses, such as utility bills and liability insurance.
	10	Project Name
Target Area		City-wide
Goals Supported		Minimize or Prevent Homelessness
Needs Addressed		Homeless Services
Funding		CDBG: \$8,500
Description		If funding allows from the projected estimate of the 2017 allocation we will reimburse for utilities for a domestic violence shelter.
Target Date		6/30/2018
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities		400 domestic violence victims.
Location Description		3700 Landsdowne Drive Ashland, Kentucky
Planned Activities		Reimbursement of utilities for a domestic violence shelter.
	Project Name	Ashland Community Kitchen

11	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Minimize or Prevent Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,500
	Description	If funding allows from the projected estimate of the 2017 allocation we will reimburse utilities and liability insurance for the facility.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 1450 unduplicated individuals will receive hot meals and weekend take home bags.
	Location Description	Census Tract 303, Block Group 2 City Central Target Area 2516 Carter Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky
Planned Activities	Serve hot nutritional meals to the homeless and at risk of becoming homeless individuals in Ashland. These individuals must be income qualified by CARES and issued a "Neighborhood Card" to receive assistance from the Ashland Community Kitchen.	
12	Project Name	Shelter of Hope
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Minimize or Prevent Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,500
	Description	If funding allows from the projected estimate of the 2017 allocation we will reimburse operational expenses and staffing costs for a homeless shelter.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	300 households and individuals including a designated veterans housing unit.

	Location Description	Census Tract 303, Block Group 3 East Central Target Area 2944 Winchester Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky
	Planned Activities	Reimbursement of operational expenses and staffing costs for a homeless shelter.
13	Project Name	Ashland Senior Center
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Ensure Adequate and dependable public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Ensure adequate and dependable public facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$14,000
	Description	If funding allows from the projected estimate of the 2017 allocation we will reimburse for operational expenses of a Senior Center that serves hot nutritional meals, exercise program, socialization and games that provide movement and exercise for seniors.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 167 Seniors attend the programs at the Ashland Senior Center.
	Location Description	324 14th Street Ashland, Kentucky Census Tract 303, Block Group 1 The Downtown Area
Planned Activities	Reimbursement of operational expenses of a Senior Center that offers nutritional meals, exercise classes, art classes and social activities for seniors.	
14	Project Name	CAReS Case Management
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Minimize or Prevent Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$28,000

	Description	If funding allows from the projected estimate of the 2017 allocation we will reimburse for salaries of case managers, which assists homeless persons, homeless prevention, income qualifies all clients as the coordinated entry hub for the Continuum of Care and clients receive a "Neighborhood Card" to receive services at the Neighborhood Building which houses five non-profit agencies.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 7250 LMI persons will come to CARES each year seeking services from CARES or other agencies. Most churches and non-profits send all of their clients to CARES for entry into HMIS so they may receive food, rent, utilities, getting a new social security card, getting a new birth certificate, help with filling out resumes, help with rental applications and income qualifying all clients they see and issuing everyone that qualifies a " Neighborhood Card" that entitles them to receive services at the "Neighborhood Building". CARES also refer these clients to the services they need to prevent duplication.
	Location Description	Census Tract 303, Block Group 2 City Central Target Area 2516 Carter Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky
	Planned Activities	Approximately 7250 LMI persons will come to CARES each year seeking services from CARES or other agencies. Most churches and non-profits send all of their clients to CARES for entry into HMIS so they may receive food, rent, utilities, getting a new social security card, getting a new birth certificate, help with filling out resumes, help with rental applications and income qualifying all clients they see and issuing everyone that qualifies a " Neighborhood Card" that entitles them to receive services at the "Neighborhood Building". CARES also refer these clients to the services they need to prevent duplication.
15	Project Name	Homebuyer Assistance Grant
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Safe Adequate Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Support Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$15,000
	Description	The 2017 allocation we will reimburse 50% of the down payment assistance, closing costs assistance grant to qualified LMI first time home buyers with a focus on veterans through advertisement.

	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Up to 3 credit ready homebuyers will benefit from the proposed activity.
	Location Description	Inside the City limits of Ashland.
	Planned Activities	Offer 50% of the down payment assistance, closing costs assistance grant to qualified first time home buyers with a focus on veterans through advertisement.
16	Project Name	Hillcrest Bruce Mission
	Target Area	POLLARD MILLS NEIGHBORHOOD
	Goals Supported	Minimize or Prevent Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$3,500
	Description	Assist in the reimbursement of food and supplies for a food pantry in the target area of Pollard.
	Target Date	6/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	852 families in the Pollard Area.
	Location Description	1819 Eloise Street Census Tract 308, Block Group 1 & Group 2
	Planned Activities	Reimburse the food pantry for expenses.

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 City of Ashland has three target areas.

East Central is in the worst conditions of these three. (Census Tract 303, Block Group 3)

City Central is adjacent to East Central. (Census Tract 303 Block Group 2)

Pollard Mills is the lowest of income areas because it has two public housing facilities in it. Census Tract 308, Block Group 1)

The City Central area used to be a high concentration of African Americans, but this is no longer the case. That older population has mostly died out and houses have been torn down or have become rental units. Ashland's minority population, African Americans, other minority groups and groups of two or more races, is only 6.1% and now is evenly spread throughout the city, with a slightly higher concentration of minorities in City Central, which is 10.9%

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
POLLARD MILLS NEIGHBORHOOD	25
EAST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD	40
CITY CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD	10
Scattered Sites	10
City-wide	15

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Pollard Mills has the worst need for infrastructure improvements, which also is the lowest income area in Ashland. Hillcrest Apartments is located in Pollard Mills.

Debord Terrace Apartments and the Shelter of Hope are located in East Central.

The Neighborhood Building is in City Central and is home to CAREs and the Ashland Community Kitchen.

Discussion

The City of Ashland works closely with the Ashland Human Rights Commission to educate the community on fair housing awareness. The minority population in Ashland is targeted through the

minority churches as outreach opportunities for fair housing subjects. The Hispanic and other multi-racial populations receive fair housing awareness materials through the schools and the Ashland Child Development Center.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

In order to reduce the number of code violations and to keep LMI homeowners in their homes, the City of Ashland will continue the Homeowner Rehabilitation Project. This project will reduce the number of code violations and add property improvements to the exterior of these homes by adding dimensional shingled roofs, new gutters, energy efficient hot water tanks and energy efficient HVAC.

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

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	11
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	11

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The City of Ashland will provide rehabilitation funds for approximately 11 homes in Ashland. Energy efficient hot water heaters will be placed in qualifying elderly homeowner's homes.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City of Ashland's CARES, Shelter of Hope and Safe Harbor act as advocates to the LMI homeless or at risk of becoming homeless individuals and households that cannot get in public housing due to prior evictions, felonies and poor references. The Ashland Assisted Housing Section 8 Program application process is currently only open to homeless, victims of domestic violence, those displaced by government action and those aging out of foster care and veterans.

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

The Debord Terrace Apartment complex has expressed the need for ADA handrails. The porch areas and walkways are not ADA compliant as well. This could be phase two in the 2018 CDBG program year.

The playground at Hillcrest Apartments came as a request from a Social Worker who does home visits at the apartments. She saw the need for a playground at the facility for the children to have an outdoor space to play in. The City Public Works Department saw the need for some ADA compliant playground equipment. This area is already fenced in so it would be a perfect place for children to play and be safe from the road. Being that the new playground would be next to 6th street, it will be seen from all of the traffic and help improve the look of the facility as well as boost the morale of the households that live there.

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

The Veterans Homebuyer Assistance project will be advertised highly to the public housing residents.

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

If a PHA was designated as troubled and sought the assistance of CDBG funding from the City of Ashland, an amendment to the Consolidated Plan would be considered at that time.

Discussion

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

Introduction

The City of Ashland, Community & Economic Development Department addresses the needs of the homeless and other special needs activities, such as child care and senior citizens, through granting funds to the local public services agencies. This includes City of Ashland grants and CDBG grants. The unsheltered persons and chronically homeless are directed to Pathways a Mental Health Facility. Below is a list of agencies that the City of Ashland rely on to administer the homeless programs for Ashland.

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

The following Public Service agencies address the actions for reducing and ending homelessness in Ashland;

CARes – Assists with reducing homelessness by offering ongoing case management, emergency food and prescriptions and referrals to the “Neighborhood” service and referrals to homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters and referrals to Pathways for mental health and addiction services.

Shelter of Hope- Assists with reducing homelessness by offering emergency shelter and transitional shelter and continues case management after people leave the shelter and are placed in permanent housing.

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

Pathways - Contact Person - Jim Sherman, Path Project.

Shelter of Hope - Contact Person - Debbie Sivis - ESG Rapid Re-Housing

Safe Harbor - Contact Person - Ann Perkins - Domestic Violence

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Shelter of Hope - Contact Person Debbie Sivis

Safe Harbor - Contact Person Ann Perkins - Domestic Violence

Salvation Army of Ashland - Contact Person Susan Dickens, Social Worker

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

Pathways - Contact Person - Jim Sherman - Path Project

Shelter of Hope - Contact Person - Debbie Sivis - ESG Rapid Re-Housing

Salvation Army of Ashland – Contact Person – Susan Dickens - Social Worker

Safe Harbor - Contact Person Ann Perkins - Domestic Violence

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.

CARes - Contact Person - Veronica Lynn Childers - ESG Prevention - Referral Service

Pathways - Contact Person - Jim Sherman - Path Project

ACDC - Contact Person -Diana Zwick - Child Development Center

Safe Harbor - Contact Person - Ann Perkins - domestic violence victims coming out of corrections facilities.

Discussion

The City of Ashland rely on their public service agencies they fund with CDBG to serve the homeless and at-risk individuals in Ashland.

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

Introduction:

The City of Ashland will continue their efforts to enhance affordable housing through the Homeowner Rehabilitation project and Code Enforcement policies. The barriers to affordable housing is the lack of good paying jobs and persons having insufficient credit making them ineligible for a mortgage.

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 City of Ashland does not see that the public policies such as, land use controls, tax policies, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges and growth limitations to be negative effects to affordable housing in Ashland. These policies were put in place to enhance homeownership and not to be barriers. Homeowners may request for a variance when they would like to be exempt from a condition in a policy through the Department of Community & Economic Development.

Discussion:

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City of Ashland, Department of Community & Economic Development will continue to develop programs and initiatives, designed to improve existing programs and identify additional sources of funding to better serve those in need of affordable housing and services that reach the homeless and at risk of becoming homeless.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The Department of Community & Economic Development has added some CDBG funding resources towards planning under General Administration to begin the process to create veterans housing options in Ashland. This department will also partner with the Public Works Department for direction towards infrastructure improvements in the target areas.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Ashland, Department of Planning & Community Development will continue to rehabilitate owner occupied homes with the Homeowner Rehabilitation Project and Code Enforcement. The Department will continue minor repairs for homeowners with the annual Repair Affair that is funded by the City of Ashland General Fund Budget and local donations. The Repair Affair plan for May 2018 is an expanded program by partnering with the group " Build Ashland".

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City of Ashland, Department of Community & Economic Development has two certified lead base paint risk assessors. Lead based paint samples are taken during the initial inspections of the homes to be rehabilitated. These lead samples are sent off to EHS & EMSL laboratories to analyze the lead levels and results are sent back to our office.

The City of Ashland's contractors use lead safe work practices for projects \$5,000 and less and interim controls for projects that are \$5,000 to \$25,000. During the rehabilitation work lead hazards are removed in the areas that the rehabilitation is being done. Full lead abatement is costly and is only necessary for homes were built prior to 1978 in which a child under the age of six is residing or it is known that a child under the age of six will reside in the future.

The City of Ashland will hold a lead safe work practices class to get more contractors and low-income

employees trained in order to be able to accept a bid on a CDBG rehabilitation project.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City of Ashland, Department of Community & Economic Development continually seeks new businesses to come into Ashland. The Ashland Town Center Mall continues to be full for the last two years, which is a first since it was built in 1989. There has been an expansion of stores on Riverhill Road beside Wal-Mart. These types of new business normally pay minimum wage and slightly above minimum wage for regular staff and local management.

The City of Ashland needs Industry to reduce the number of poverty level families. This Department will continue their efforts to find businesses willing to come into Ashland with an incentive package that will reduce taxes for new businesses through the Economic Development Department.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Ashland's institution structure is relatively strong. A variety of agencies and organizations will play key roles in the City of Ashland CDBG Action Plan. Individual non-profits and service providers will continue to identify area problems and issues. These problems and issues are discussed with the City of Ashland, Community & Economic Development Department and the Department will:

- Provide recommendations to improve local agencies program designs if receiving CDBG funding
- Pursue close communication among these agencies with housing programs
- Strengthen partnerships and enhance coordination with Ashland Assisted Housing, Shelter of Hope, Salvation Army and Safe Harbor.
- Participate in conferences and training for housing and service providers.
- Actively coordinate and cooperate with the local government, consultants and the public in the preparing and implementation of the five-year 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan.

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

The City of Ashland is working with community organizations and other City departments to identify the needs of public and private housing. Significant planning efforts for the 2015 - 2019 Consolidated Plan has been coordinated through the, now combined, Community & Economic Development

Department,

Discussion:

The City of Ashland and all other public, private and social service agencies refer all underserved and poverty-level persons to CARES which is Ashland's Coordinated entry program. CARES assess the needs of all persons that need assistance and either helps them at CARES, at the Neighborhood or refers them to the agencies which can best serve them.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The City of Ashland's current Consolidated Plan and this Action Plan programs are designed to assist low to moderate income persons without discrimination or duplication of services and to enhance infrastructure in Ashland's low to moderate income areas.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. 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.	80.00%

For the Program Year 2017 the Overall Benefit will be 80% or higher for the City of Ashland CDBG projects that benefit persons of low and moderate income.

