



City of Ashland
Community Development Block Grant
Amended Action Plan
PY2019
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Funded through the
Department of Housing & Urban Development



Explanation of projects detailed; amount of resources changed; project costs detailed; CDBG-CV allocation added.

Executive Summary

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

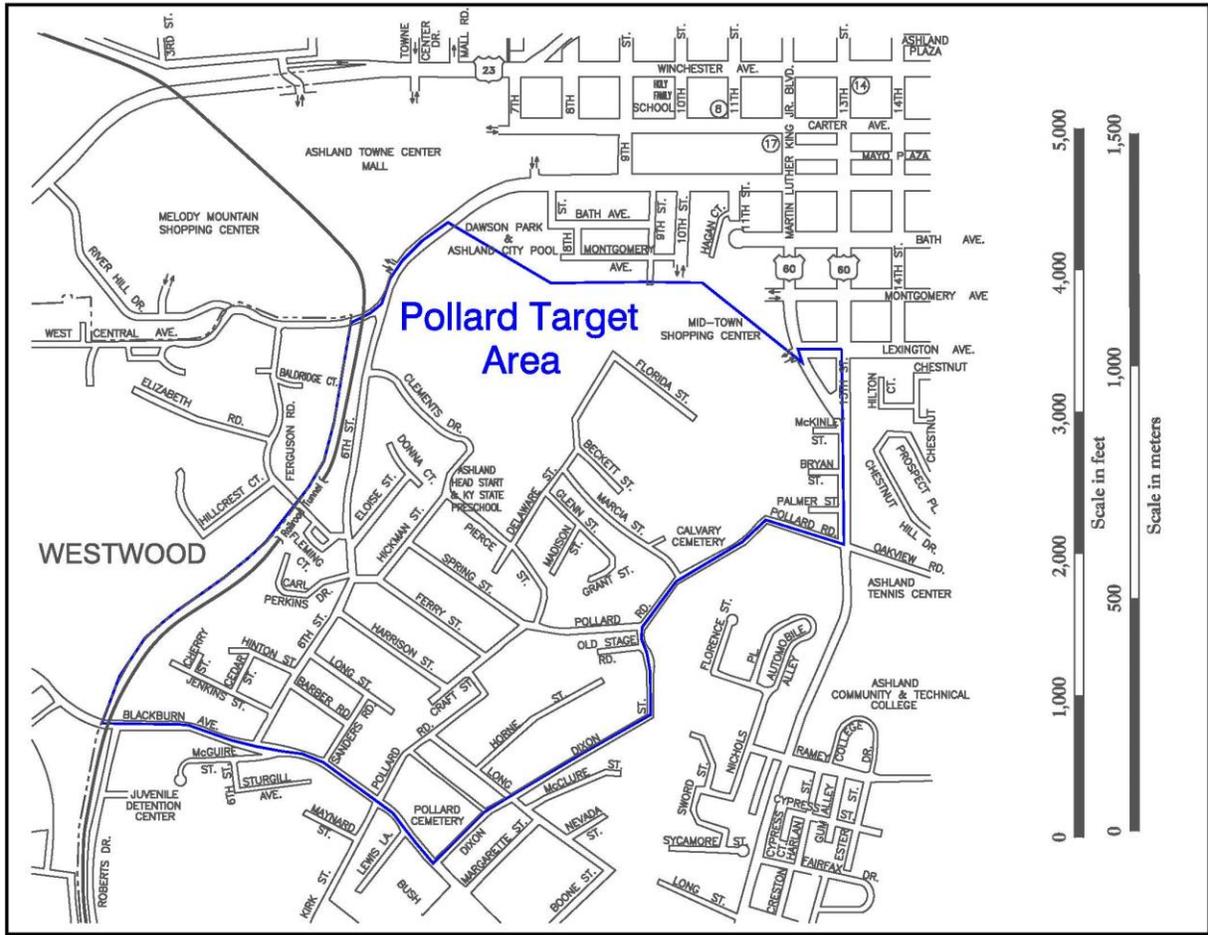
1. Introduction

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. Activities under this program will predominately benefit persons of low- to moderate- income as defined in 24 CFR Part 5. Activities must meet one of the following national objectives:

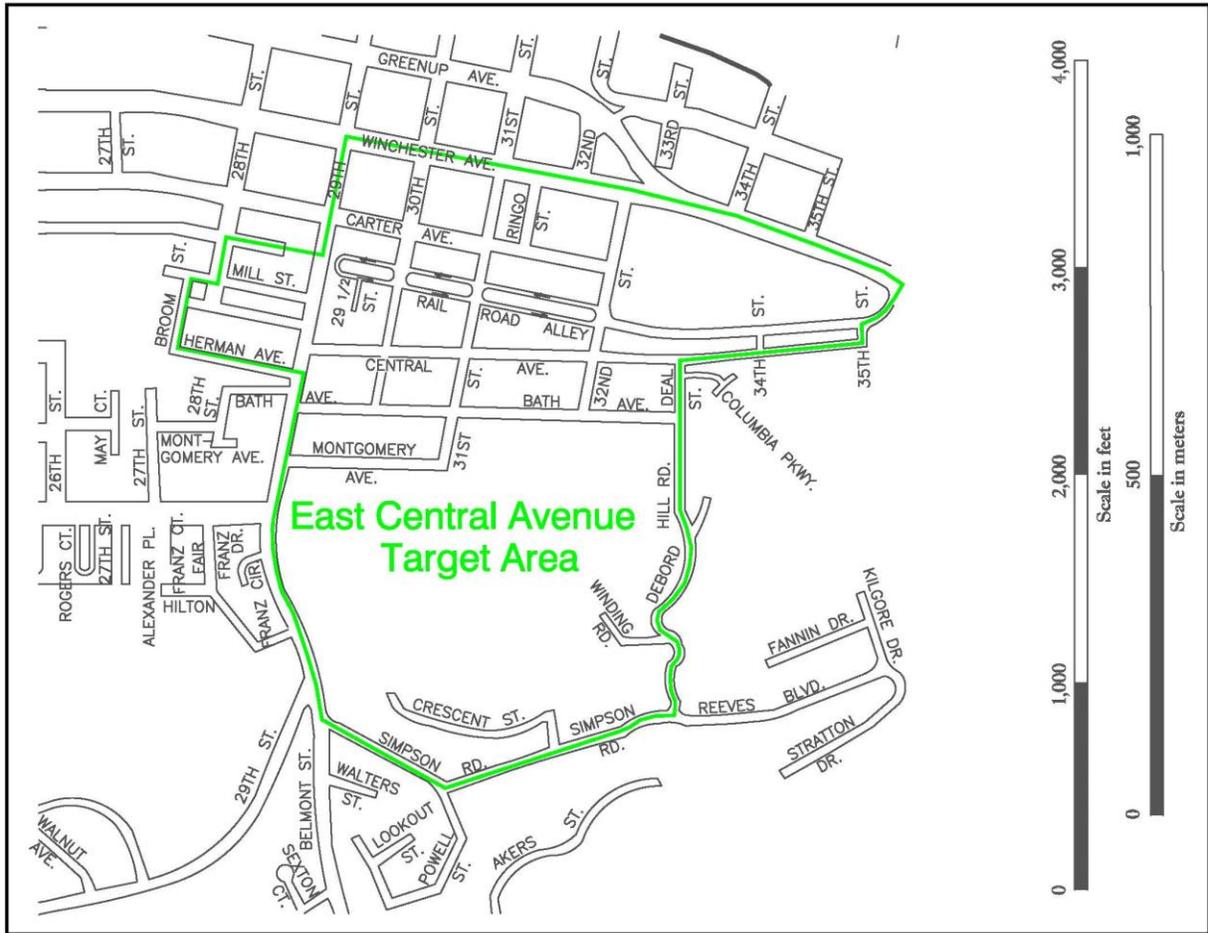
- Benefit to low- and moderate-income persons;
- Aid in the prevention or elimination of slum or blight; or
- Meet a need having a particular urgency.

All projects and activities must meet the criteria set by the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan including:

- Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
- Minimize or Prevent Homelessness
- Safe Adequate Affordable Housing
- Ensure Adequate and Dependable Public Facilities
- Economic Opportunities for Minority Businesses



Pollard Mills Target Area



East Central Target Area



City Central Target Area

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 (CDBG) funding will assist the infrastructure improvements in the low- to moderate- income (LMI) 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 Program Year with prior year carry over PY2015/2016/2017/2018 CDBG funds and PY2019 funds. COVID19 allocations of \$337,555 are included in the plan.

Objectives:

- Preserve neighborhoods through infrastructure improvements in the target LMI areas

- Provide public services through the Coordinated Entry Hub: CARES
- Preserve habitability of housing with code enforcement
- Provide emergency rehabilitation to low- and moderate- income families in target areas
- Improve Public Facilities

The U.S. Census Bureau has divided the nation into census tracts for statistical tabulation purposes. Ashland has been divided into five tracts. Tracts of enumeration are generally designed to be relatively uniform with respect to population count and/or number of households. Census tracts tracks are further divided into block groups for other statistical purposes.

In order for a block group within a census tract to be eligible for CDBG target designation, at least 51% of its population must have a median income at or below 80% of Ashland median income. The City of Ashland uses the most recent data US Census Bureau and the American Community Survey (ACS) and current income limits as established by the Department of Housing & Urban Development.

The FY 2014 Consolidated Appropriations Act changed the definition of extremely low income to be the greater of 30/50th (60 percent) of the Section 8 very low income limit or the poverty guideline as established by the Department of Health and Human Services, provided that this amount is not greater than the Section 8 50% very low-income limit. Consequently, the extremely low income limits may equal the very low (50%) income limits.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

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The City of Ashland is proud to have been a recipient of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) since its conception in 1974. The City has dedicated the use of these funds to improve the neighborhoods, public facilities and infrastructure projects.

CDBG funding has assisted homeless become homeowners in the Pollard Mills Target Neighborhood. Elderly and handicapped homeowners have remained in their homes longer by making their homes more accessible based on their needs. Funding also assists 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.

The City of Ashland is confident that the 2019 Program Year will continue on the path to creating projects that will benefit low- to moderate- income persons, 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 Development Block Grant (CDBG) 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 and Community Meetings during the comment period to provide input in the development of the Action Plan. Community & Economic Development Staff 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.

Meeting minutes are discussed by the Community & Economic 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 Lorraine Woolery at 606-327-5456 or lwoolery@ashlandky.gov. All CDBG plans may be made available upon request in large print, audio and Spanish.

Due to National State of Emergency: City of Ashland is using expedited procedures to amend the 2019 Action Plan allowing for public viewing of 5 days due to the Coronavirus. The amended action plan and citizen participation plan will run concurrently. Public hearing(s) will be held via teleconference or virtual format. The document and summary of changes will be listed on www.ashlandky.gov.

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.

All comments from public were accepted and included in Appendix A.

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

All comments from public were accepted and included in Appendix A.

7. Summary

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)

Lead Agency: City of Ashland Department of Community & Economic Development

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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 low- and moderate- income (LMI) population that cannot afford to purchase and maintain their own home. The chronically homeless and otherwise hard-to-house include the 30% and below income persons in Ashland. Many 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 Community Development Block Grant (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 Community Assistance and Referral Service (CAREs) to assist with housing and referral to housing for the hard-to-house and homeless population in Ashland. CAREs is the City of Ashland's Coordinated entry lead agency for all LMI persons seeking assistance with housing and non-housing needs. The City of Ashland Department of Community & Economic Development utilizes CAREs in the coordination of services between the public and assisted housing providers and to monitor the public service agencies that also receive CDBG funding.

The City of Ashland works with Correctional Institutions to provide housing applications before release of clients. The City of Ashland also coordinates with parole offices when clients are under their supervision to better individual outcomes.

The City of Ashland has become involved in Bellefonte Healthy Communities has increased participation in Boyd County Interagency Council. City staff has attended additional training “Bridges Out of Poverty” and additional fair housing training.

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 funding to 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:

Community Assistance & Referral Service (CAREs) is a community-based nonprofit agency that identifies, coordinates and mobilizes resources for individuals and families in emergency/crisis situations. CAREs provides direct services and referrals as needed. CAREs provides assistance with health referrals, utilities, clothing, food, prescriptions, deposits, and rent, as funding allows. Approximately 7,250 LMI persons are served by CAREs each year. CAREs serves as the "HUB" of services preventing duplication by local social service organizations and churches by acting as an informal clearinghouse for those organizations. All individuals and families must meet income guidelines to be eligible for a "Neighborhood Card". CAREs enters all persons into the Homeless Management Information System, verifies all income, and refers to needed services. www.boydcountycare.org

The Shelter of Hope provides temporary, emergency shelter and food for veterans, families, and individuals. Also available are transitional housing, case management, and permanent housing. Referrals for services are through CAREs. www.shelterofhope.org

Ashland Community Kitchen serves meals to homeless and at-risk-of-becoming-homeless in Ashland. The Community Kitchen serves 3 meals per day, 5 days a week. CAREs (Community Assistance and Referral Services) screens applicants for the program and client services are tracked through the "neighborhood card" system. www.ashlandcommunitykitchen.com

Hillcrest-Bruce Mission provides assistance with clothing, food pantry, onsite dental, education, employment, etc. Hillcrest-Bruce Mission serves two housing complexes as well as neighborhood residents in the Pollard Target Area. In addition, Hillcrest-Bruce expanded their food pantry service to Gla-Low Apartments (low-income senior housing). www.hillcrestbrucemission.com

Safe Harbor of Northeast Kentucky's mission is dedicated to eliminating domestic violence through prevention, education and intervention. Safe Harbor works to stop the cycle of violence and to help victims become survivors through the agency's holistic approach to services. The goal is to help each victim create an abuse free life plan and to move to self-sufficiency through such assistance as: medical/legal advocacy, counseling, financial empowerment classes, job/school mentoring and life skills. www.safeharborky.org

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.

- (1) Community Assistance & Referral Service (CAREs)
- (2) Shelter of Hope
- (3) Safe Harbor of Northeast Kentucky

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 REFFRRAL 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 Market Analysis
	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-homeless Services-Health 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; Health Services
	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 reported 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 Sivilis, 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

Not applicable

The State Health directed the City of Ashland to the local health department concerning lead-based paint. The health department was unwilling to give data as requested. The local health department was unable to provide statistics/information at that time.

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	Community Assistance & Referral Service (CAREs)	CAREs is the coordinated entry agency for the City of Ashland providing multiple services, collection of demographic data of clients, and reducing duplication of services in the area.
Annual/Administrative Plan	Ashland Assisted Housing Authority	Ashland Assisted Housing Authority's mission is to provide safe, clean, and affordable housing for the residents of Boyd County, Kentucky. It is our commitment to promote personal, economic, and social upward mobility, and to provide families the opportunity to transition from subsidized to non-subsidized housing.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The Community Assistance and Referral Service (CAREs) is a community-based non-profit agency in Ashland, Kentucky, that identifies, coordinates and mobilizes resources or individuals in emergency/crisis situations. CAREs provides direct services and referrals as needed. Additionally, CAREs prevents duplication of services by local service organizations as well as area churches by acting as an informal clearinghouse for those organizations. This has decreased duplication of services and duplication of people being counted that received services.

CAREs services include: emergency food, baby formula/baby food, housing/shelter, utility assistance, household goods, diapers, referrals: social services and health.

Correction programs and institutions are coordinated with concerning housing upon release from institutions. The City of Ashland recognizes the importance of transitioning back into the population.

CDBG administrators attend individual meetings with civic leaders regularly, all City commission meetings, and monthly Planning, Code Enforcement, and BZA meetings. Business and civic leaders are currently meeting for the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan and are included in

selection committees for the women owned and ethnic minority loan program. The priorities of the commission include job creation and the need for affordable housing.

The City of Ashland falls under the Huntington/Ironton Metropolitan. The City of Ashland coordinates with Tri-State Traffic Authority who provides service from Ashland to Ironton, Ohio and Huntington, West Virginia.

Contact has been made with Huntington, West Virginia and Marshall University, West Virginia, to discuss various grants and the revitalization projects executed in Huntington, West Virginia.

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.

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**

Sub-recipients of the City of Ashland CDBG funds are encouraged to attend the CDBG Public Meetings and Hearing(s) during the development and comment period to provide input on Action Plan. The City of Ashland strives to find new ways to involve the public in the decision-making process in regards to LMI projects by having more meetings held in the target areas of Ashland, at service provider’s agencies, and 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	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	No comments received	No comments received	Not applicable; all comments received would be included in document	Not applicable

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	Internet Outreach	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	No comments received; Facebook summary	No comments received	Not applicable; all comments would be included in the document	
3	Internet Outreach	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	No comments received	No comments received	Not applicable; all comments would be included in the document	www.ashlandky.gov

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)
4	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	No attendees; CDBG staff on teleconference call April 22, 2020: Lorraine Woolery, Section 8 Voucher Grant Coordinator, and DJ Rymer, Programs and Grant Specialist.	No comments received	Not applicable; all comments would be included in the document	
5	Public Meeting	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	April 23, 2020 Commission Meeting was televised on MyTown TV Facebook stream. 84 participants watching on live stream. Due to Coronavirus session was closed to in person attendance. Emergency reading for submission to HUD.	No comments received during the live stream.	Not applicable; all comments would be included in the document	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The Action Plan includes a budget which encompasses revenue from three sources. These include new formula based entitlements, carry-over funds from prior program years, and COVID19 funds. The allocated entitlement for PY2019-20 is projected to be \$561,481. The carry-over funds are \$1,089,482.08. An additional allocation of \$337,555 is included as part of the CDBG-CV grants to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

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	561,581	0	1,059,482	1,621,063	0	CDBG funds are used to benefit low and moderate income families.
Other	public - federal	Other	337,555	0	0	337,555	0	Projects to prevent, prepare and respond to Coronavirus

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

Public service agencies will use Emergency Shelter Grants (ESG), Supportive Housing Program (SHP), and United Way funding to leverage with Federal grants. The agencies that receive ESG will use their CDBG as match to meet the requirements.

The City of Ashland Department of Community & Economic Development will utilize CDBG funding for storm water improvements in the target areas. Current program year funds will improve storm drains, gutters, curbs, sidewalks and resurface of Pollard Mills Neighborhood.

The carry-over fund amount has been adjusted showing the repayment of DeBord Terrace Infrastructure (contractor default) and Women Owned & Ethnic Minority Loan (owner default). These funds may be used for an eligible CDBG activity

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

Not applicable

Discussion

The Department of Community & Economic Development believes infrastructure improvements need to be a priority within low-to moderate income neighborhoods. Infrastructure provides a long-term benefit to the community.

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: \$1,105,239	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3210 Households Assisted
2	Minimize or Prevent Homelessness	2007	2017	Homeless	POLLARD MILLS NEIGHBORHOOD EAST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD CITY CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD Scattered Sites City-wide	Ensure adequate and dependable public facilities Homeless Services	CDBG: \$68,000 CDBG-CV: \$316,555	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 7250 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	POLLARD MILLS NEIGHBORHOOD EAST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD CITY CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD Scattered Sites City-wide	Support Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$65,674	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 4 Household Housing Unit Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 3210 Household Housing Unit
4	Ensure Adequate and dependable public facilities	2015	2019	Homeless Non-Housing Community Development	POLLARD MILLS NEIGHBORHOOD EAST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD CITY CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD Scattered Sites City-wide	Ensure adequate and dependable public facilities Homeless Services	CDBG: \$114,844 CDBG-CV: \$21,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 600 Persons Assisted Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons Assisted
5	Economic Opportunities for Minority Businesses	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	POLLARD MILLS NEIGHBORHOOD EAST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD CITY CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD Scattered Sites City-wide	Economic Opportunities for Minority Businesses	CDBG: \$181,173	Jobs created/retained: 7 Jobs

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	<p>With CDBG funds, the City will continue public improvements in the Pollard Mills neighborhood with the replacement of curbs, gutters, and sidewalks, street reconstruction, and storm water drains.</p> <p>CDBG Funds will be used to install new steps and sidewalks at DeBord Terrace. (ER and approval previously completed.)</p>
2	Goal Name	Minimize or Prevent Homelessness
	Goal Description	<p>In order to minimize or prevent homelessness the City of Ashland has designated 2019 CDBG funding to the following public services agencies: CAREs, Ashland Community Kitchen, Safe Harbor and Shelter of Hope. Funds designated for CAREs are used for staff salaries who work directly with at risk and homeless persons.</p> <p>CDBG-CV Funds will be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. Allocations will assist families needing additional resources of food, utility assistance, health referrals, job searches, etc. due to the coronavirus crisis (health related, loss of income, needing additional resources, etc.)</p>
3	Goal Name	Safe Adequate Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	The City of Ashland will rehabilitate up to 4 homes during PY2019 using PY2017/PY2018 carry over funds and present allocation. The City of Ashland will utilize funds for one code enforcement officer in the target LMI neighborhoods.

4	Goal Name	Ensure Adequate and dependable public facilities
	Goal Description	<p>The Ashland Child Development Center assists homeless families by providing care for children while the guardian(s) receive services from community partners. Guardian(s) are able to receive services from Community partners allowing them to find resources, employment, housing, etc.</p> <p>The City of Ashland will provide new flooring for the Ashland Senior Center. The current carpet is a safety risk to those who use the facility.</p> <p>Funding is allocated to Shelter of Hope for damaged flooring. The flooring is a safety risk to residents and staff.</p> <p>CDBG-CV Funds will be used to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. Allocations will assist families (including elderly and children) needing additional resources of food, utility assistance, health referrals, job searches, etc. due to the coronavirus crisis (health related, loss of income, needing additional resources, etc.)</p>
5	Goal Name	Economic Opportunities for Minority Businesses
	Goal Description	Increase jobs for low- and moderate-income families through the Women and Minority Business Grant program. Current and carry over funds will be used for approved grant recipient(s).

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

During the 2019 program year, the jurisdiction will allocate Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to projects that improve living conditions for low- and moderate- income (LMI) residents through rehabilitation and energy efficiency improvements. Funds will be allocated for services to households who are homeless or at-risk of homelessness. Case management services will be provided to LMI special needs population. The City will continue public improvements in the Pollard Mills area, improving the living environment of a LMI residential neighborhood.

COVID Update: Within the last two months, the Coronavirus pandemic has changed the existence of Ashland. As of April 22, 2020, 822 COVID19 tests were performed with thirty showing positive. Three deaths. Ashland is not only dealing with health concerns, but many families are facing layoffs and furlows. Ashland's manufacturing and corporate businesses are long gone, leaving mostly service, retail, and local small business. Now these are facing extinction.

The citizens of Ashland are very generous people supporting many different non-profits that serve the most vulnerable in the community. Many fundraisers have been canceled for the near future and unknown for the coming year.

The challenge for Ashland is more families needing services, some who have never asked for assistance before, with decreased contributions to nonprofits. The CDBG-CV allocation will be distributed to service providers to assist families during this difficult time. CDBG-CV money will also be used to provide utility assistance, food, hygiene/cleaning Supplies, and creation of Personal Protective Equipment.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	General Administration
2	Code Enforcement
3	Project Administration
4	Ashland Child Development Center
5	Ashland Community Kitchen
6	Ashland Senior Center
7	CAReS
8	Hillcrest Bruce Mission
9	Safe Harbor

#	Project Name
10	Shelter of Hope
11	Public Facilities/Infrastructure Improvements
12	Emergency/Energy Efficient Rehabilitation
13	Homeowner Rehabilitation
14	Senior Center Flooring
15	Women Owned & Ethnic Minority Grant
16	Shelter of Hope Flooring
17	DeBord Terrace Infrastructure
18	Community Center Cancelled
19	Safe Harbor ADA Accessible Unit
20	Project (Non-Housing) Administration
21	CV-COA Service Projects
22	CV-Salvation Army
23	CV-CARes
24	CV-Hillcrest Bruce Mission
25	CV-Senior Center
26	CV-Ashland Child Development
27	CV-Community Kitchen
28	CV-Shelter of Hope
29	CV-Safe Harbor

Table 7 - Project Information

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

Ashland's allocation priorities are within the framework as the five-year plan.

Obstacles to serving the needs of the homeless population include scarcity of Federal, state, and local funds to support the services that are required to make many homeless successful in permanent housing. Continued services and education that provide LMI income individuals with life skills and employment opportunities that assist them to advance to successful, self-sufficient lives are in demand.

Slippage Project has been deleted. Costs of the DeBord Terrace Handrail and Sidewalk project have exceeded the original project estimate and slippage money, (deleted project) will cover the excess required.

Minority Loan of \$43,261 for Gillum Drug is completed.

Safe Harbor of Northeast Kentucky ADA Transitional unit of \$39,486.83 is completed.

DeBord Handrails & Sidewalk Project allocation of \$285,605.60 has been adjusted. Outside engineering

costs of \$48,000 and estimated \$200,000 for phase 1.

Excess unused funds projects will be adjusted into current PY projects and activities per Commission approval and budget adjustment.

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 Economic Opportunities for Minority Businesses
	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: \$112,295
	Description	This project will use up to 20% of the 2019 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 Ashland Human Rights Commission utilizes a portion of the CDBG General Administration funds to promote fair housing in Ashland. Funding will be used for portion of COA comprehensive plan providing required data, citizen participation, taskforce for the upcoming 5 Year Consolidated Plan (2020-2024)
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	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 2019 is estimated to be approximately 7,250 individuals.
	Location Description	Ashland City Building 1700 Greenup Avenue Ashland, Kentucky

	Planned Activities	Administration of the CDBG program and fair housing activities. <i>Matrix Code: 21A</i>
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: \$40,000
	Description	Utilize funds for salary for one code enforcement officer in the low-mod income target areas.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3,210 households in the LMI areas of East Central, City Central and Pollard Mills.
	Location Description	City Central - Census Tract 303, Block Group 2 East Central - Census Tract 303, Block Group 3 Pollard Mills - Census Tract 308, Block Group 1
Planned Activities	Salaries for code enforcement activities within target areas. <i>Matrix Code: 15 National Objective: Low-Mod Area Benefit</i> <i>Accomplishment Type: 10 Housing Units</i>	
3	Project Name	Project Administration
	Target Area	POLLARD MILLS NEIGHBORHOOD EAST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD CITY CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD Scattered Sites City-wide
	Goals Supported	Safe Adequate Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Support Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000

	Description	Staff salary for associated with project delivery including home rehabilitation and emergency/energy rehabilitation of single-families homes.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2 homeowner rehabilitation: elderly or LMI homeowners. 2 emergency/energy-efficiency rehabilitations: elderly or LMI homeowners. Activity may be city-wide but emphasis will be placed on target areas within the City of Ashland.
	Location Description	Ashland, Kentucky
	Planned Activities	Salaries and benefits for staff of Community & Economic Development staff, appraisals, legal services, loan servicing, and training. Includes necessary supplies and equipment. <i>Matrix Code: 14H National Objective: Low-Mod Housing</i> <i>Accomplishment Type: 10 Housing Units</i>
4	Project Name	Ashland Child Development Center
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Ensure Adequate and dependable public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Ensure adequate and dependable public facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$7,000
	Description	Child care services free of charge to homeless families who are looking for needed resources, applying for employment, or finding stable housing.CDBG Funding: Reimbursement of utilities and liability insurance.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 low- and moderate- income families
	Location Description	1538 Central Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky Census Tract 303, Block Group 1

	Planned Activities	<p>Child care services free of charge to homeless families who are looking for needed resources, applying for employment, or finding stable housing.</p> <p>Ashland Child Development is a privately owned nonprofit who has regular business hours open to the public. The agency provides a public service in their facility. According to the Basically CDBG, public facilities and public improvements are interpreted to include all facilities and improvements that are publicly owned, or that are owned by a nonprofit and open to the general public. Operating costs associated with public facilities are ineligible unless part of a CDBG public service activity or eligible as an interim assistance activity.</p> <p><u>Matrix Code: 05L National Objective: Low-Mod Limited Clientele</u></p> <p><u>Accomplishment Type: 01 People</u></p>
5	Project Name	Ashland Community Kitchen
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Minimize or Prevent Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	Local soup kitchen which prepares and serves hot nutritious meals. Meals throughout the week include breakfast, lunch and dinner.CDBG: Reimbursement of utilities and liability insurance for a community kitchen.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,400 homeless and at-risk individuals.
	Location Description	2516 Central Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky Census Tract 303, Block Group 2
Planned Activities	<p>Local soup kitchen which prepares and serves hot nutritious meals. Meals throughout the week include breakfast, lunch and dinner.</p> <p><u>Matrix Code: 05 National Objective: Low-Mod Limited Clientele</u></p> <p><u>Accomplishment Type: 01 People</u></p>	

6	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	Provide exercise, lunch and socialization for seniors.CDBG: Reimbursement of operational expenses, including food, utilities, and liability insurance, for senior center.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 senior citizens.
	Location Description	Ashland Senior Center, Census Tract 303, Block Group 1, 324 14th Street, Ashland, Kentucky
Planned Activities	<p>Provide exercise, lunch and socialization for seniors.</p> <p>Ashland Senior Center (Boyd County Council on Aging) is a privately owned nonprofit who has regular business hours open to the public. The agency provides a public service in their facility. According to the Basically CDBG, public facilities and public improvements are interpreted to include all facilities and improvements that are publicly owned, or that are owned by a nonprofit and open to the general public. Operating costs associated with public facilities are ineligible unless part of a CDBG public service activity or eligible as an interim assistance activity.</p> <p><i>Matrix Code: 05A National Objective: Low-Mod Limited Clientele</i></p> <p><i>Accomplishment Type: 01 People</i></p>	
7	Project Name	CAReS
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Minimize or Prevent Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000

	Description	CDBG Funds will be used for staff salaries, utilities, and liability insurance
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	7,250 homeless or at risk of becoming homeless individuals.
	Location Description	CAReS, Census Tract 303, Block Group 2, 2516 Carter Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky
	Planned Activities	<p>CAReS is the entry Hub into the HMIS Homeless system and referral agency to supportive services. CAReS also verifies income and issue the Neighborhood Cards for services and the Neighborhood.</p> <p>Approximately 7,250 persons will request assistance from CAReS.</p> <p><u>Matrix Code: 05 National Objective: Low-Mod Limited Clientele</u></p> <p><u>Accomplishment Type: 01 People</u></p>
8	Project Name	Hillcrest Bruce Mission
	Target Area	POLLARD MILLS NEIGHBORHOOD
	Goals Supported	Minimize or Prevent Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000
	Description	Provide case management, food and household items to individuals and households in the LMI areas. These LMI areas includes the public housing facilities of Hillcrest Apt., Bruce Apt., Gla-Low Apts. and Ashland Terrace.CDBG: Reimbursement of food pantry supplies in a low income area of Pollard Neighborhood and Census Tract 308 Block Group 1 & 2
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	500 at risk of becoming homeless individuals living in Pollard Neighborhood Census Tract 308, Block Groups 1 and 2.

	Location Description	Hillcrest-Bruce Mission, Census Tract 308, Block Group 1, 1819 Eloise Street, Ashland, Kentucky
	Planned Activities	Provide food and household items to individuals and households in the LMI areas. These LMI areas includes the public housing facilities of Hillcrest Apt., Bruce Apt., Gla-Low Apts. and Ashland Terrace. <i>Matrix Code: 05 National Objective: Low-Mod Limited Clientele</i> <i>Accomplishment Type: 01 People</i>
9	Project Name	Safe Harbor
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Minimize or Prevent Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	CDBG: Reimbursement of utilities and liability insurance for domestic violence shelter.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	500 domestic violence victims
	Location Description	Safe Harbor, 3700 Landsdowne Srive, Ashland, Kentucky
	Planned Activities	Safe Harbor works to stop the cycle of violence and to help victims become survivors through the agency's holistic approach to services. The goal is to help each victim create an abuse free life plan and to move to self-sufficiency through such assistance as: medical/legal advocacy, counseling, financial empowerment classes, job/school mentoring and life skills. <i>Matrix Code: 05G National Objective: Low-Mod Limited Clientele</i> <i>Accomplishment Type: 01 People</i>
10	Project Name	Shelter of Hope
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Minimize or Prevent Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services

	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000
	Description	The Shelter of Hope provides temporary, emergency shelter and food for veterans, families, and individuals. Also available are transitional housing, case management, and permanent housing. CDBG: Reimbursement of utilities and liability insurance for homeless shelter.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	300 families served
	Location Description	Shelter of Hope, 2944 Winchester Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky Census Tract 303, Block Group 3
	Planned Activities	The Shelter of Hope provides temporary, emergency shelter and food for veterans, families, and individuals. Also available are transitional housing, case management, and permanent housing. <i>Matrix Code: 05 National Objective: Low-Mod Limited Clientele</i> <i>Accomplishment Type: 01 People</i>
11	Project Name	Public Facilities/Infrastructure Improvements
	Target Area	POLLARD MILLS NEIGHBORHOOD
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Ensure Adequate and safe infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$746,983
	Description	CDBG Funds to be utilized for infrastructure improvements including the reconstruction or installation of storm sewer drains, curbs, gutters, resurfacing of streets, and retaining wall. PY2019 Funding (263,559) Carry over funding PY2015 (\$21,225), PY2016 (\$97,701), PY2018 (\$270,497)
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	500+
	Location Description	Pollard Mills, Census Tract 308, Block Group 1

	Planned Activities	Continuation of Pollar Mills Infrastructure <i>Matrix Code: 03L National Objective: Low-Mod Area Benefit</i> <i>Accomplishment Type: 01 People</i>
12	Project Name	Emergency/Energy Efficient Rehabilitation
	Target Area	POLLARD MILLS NEIGHBORHOOD EAST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD CITY CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD Scattered Sites
	Goals Supported	Safe Adequate Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Support Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,509
	Description	Installation of hot water tanks and HVAC units.PY2019 Funds (1,509.30) Carry Over Funds PY2018 (\$5,000)
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2 Families
	Location Description	Focus is in Target areas, but scattered sites will be considered.
	Planned Activities	Installation of hot water tanks, air/heat units, and emergency repairs.
13	Project Name	Homeowner Rehabilitation
	Target Area	POLLARD MILLS NEIGHBORHOOD EAST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD CITY CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD Scattered Sites
	Goals Supported	Safe Adequate Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Support Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,165
	Description	Property improvements will be to exterior of the home by adding dimensional shingles, new gutters, etc. PY2019 Funding: \$10,000 Carry Over Funds PY2017: \$8,165
	Target Date	6/30/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2 families
	Location Description	Focus is Target areas, but scattered sites will be considered.
	Planned Activities	Property improvements will be to the exterior of the home by adding roofs, gutters, etc.
14	Project Name	Senior Center Flooring
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Ensure Adequate and dependable public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Ensure adequate and dependable public facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$11,868
	Description	Installation of flooring; current carpet is a tripping hazard/safety risk for public.PY2019 Funding: \$1,312.75Carry Over Funds PY2018: \$10,613
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 senior citizens
	Location Description	Ashland Senior Center, 324 14th Street, Ashland, Kentucky Census Tract 303 Block Group 1
Planned Activities	Installation of New Carpet/Flooring: Current carpet/flooring is a tripping hazard/safety risk for public. Ashland Senior Center is a privately-owned nonprofit who has regular business hours open to the public. A public service is provided in the facility. According to the Basically CDBG, public facilities and public improvements are interpreted to include all facilities and improvements that are publicly owned, or that are owned by a nonprofit and open to the general public. <i>Matrix Code: 03A National Objective: Low-Mod Limited Clientele</i> <i>Accomplishment Type: 11 Facility</i>	
	Project Name	Women Owned & Ethnic Minority Grant

15	Target Area	Scattered Sites
	Goals Supported	Economic Opportunities for Minority Businesses
	Needs Addressed	Economic Opportunities for Minority Businesses
	Funding	CDBG: \$181,173
	Description	Provide five-year forgivable loans to minority businesses for job creation for the LMI population in Ashland. Grant up to \$25,000 per FTE job created or retained through application process for a minority or women owned business. PY2019 Funding: \$ 35,000 Carry Over PY2016: \$30,000 PY2018: \$116,173
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5 fulltime job opportunities
	Location Description	City Wide
	Planned Activities	Provide five-year forgivable loans to minority businesses for job creation for the LMI population in Ashland. The City Staff will verify the income of new hire. These positions must always be offered to a LMI person first when the position is open for hire. <i>Matrix Code: 18A National Objective: Low-Mod Jobs</i> <i>Accomplishment Type: 13 Job</i>
16	Project Name	Shelter of Hope Flooring
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Ensure Adequate and dependable public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Ensure adequate and dependable public facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$47,431
	Description	Installation of flooring PY2019 Funding: \$14,067 Carry Over Funding PY2018: \$33,364
	Target Date	6/30/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	300 homeless persons
	Location Description	2944 Winchester Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky Census Tract 303, Block Group 3
	Planned Activities	<p><i>Installation of New Carpet/Flooring: Current carpet/flooring is a tripping hazard/safety risk for public.</i></p> <p><i>Installation of Flooring: flooring is a water damaged, has holes, and tripping hazard/safety risk for public.</i></p> <p>Shelter of Hope is a privately-owned nonprofit who has regular business hours open to the public. A public service is provided in the facility. According to the Basically CDBG, public facilities and public improvements are interpreted to include all facilities and improvements that are publicly owned, or that are owned by a nonprofit and open to the general public.</p> <p><u>Matrix Code: 03A National Objective: Low-Mod Limited Clientele</u></p> <p><u>Accomplishment Type: 11 Facility</u></p>
17	Project Name	DeBord Terrace Infrastructure
	Target Area	Scattered Sites
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Ensure Adequate and safe infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$358,606
	Description	Project was implemented in PY2016 Action Plan. Install sidewalks, stairs, and handrails at public housing complex. Carry Over Funding: PY2016 \$45,037.23, PY2017: \$313,568.37
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	103 apartments housing low- to mod- income individuals and families. (Public Housing)
	Location Description	Debord Terrace Apartments, East Central Target Area, Census Tract 303, Block Group 3

	Planned Activities	Funding will provide DeBord Terrace, owned by Housing Authority of Ashland, ADA compliant sidewalks and handrails. <i>Matrix Code: 03L National Objective: Low-Mod Area Benefit</i> <i>Accomplishment Type: 01 People</i>
18	Project Name	Community Center Cancelled
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Ensure Adequate and dependable public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Ensure adequate and dependable public facilities
	Funding	:
	Description	Cancelled- The Ashland Community Center would provide a community room, neighborhood watch programs, citizen participation site, a community library, and classes (GED, financial management, etc.) Adjacent from the building, an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant playground is planned. Carry Over Funding PY2016(\$50,000), PY2017(\$159,000), PY2018(\$33,364.21)
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2,007 individuals; families in East Central Neighborhood
	Location Description	East Central - Census Tract 303, Block Group 3
Planned Activities	The Ashland Community Center would provide a community room, neighborhood watch programs, citizen participation site, a community library, and classes (GED, financial management, etc.) Adjacent from the building, an American with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant playground is planned.	
19	Project Name	Safe Harbor ADA Accessible Unit
	Target Area	Scattered Sites
	Goals Supported	Ensure Adequate and dependable public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Ensure adequate and dependable public facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$39,487

	Description	CDBG funds will be used to convert one homeless transitional unit to ADA standards at Safe Harbor. The rehabilitation of the unit will provide one bedroom and a bathroom to ADA specifications on the first floor as well as kitchen. Carry Over Funding PY2016 \$39,486.83
	Target Date	6/30/0020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The project will assist two disabled individuals (mobility).
	Location Description	Safe Harbor of Northeast KY LLC 3700 Lansdowne Drive Ashland, Kentucky 41102 Census Tract 306
	Planned Activities	CDBG funds will be used to convert one homeless transitional unit to ADA standards at Safe Harbor. The rehabilitation of the unit will provide one bedroom and a bathroom to ADA specifications on the first floor and kitchen. <i>Matrix Code: 03C National Objective: Low-Mod Clientele</i> <i>Accomplishment Type: 11 Public Facilities</i>
20	Project Name	Project (Non-Housing) Administration
	Target Area	POLLARD MILLS NEIGHBORHOOD EAST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD CITY CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD Scattered Sites City-wide
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Improvements Ensure Adequate and dependable public facilities Economic Opportunities for Minority Businesses
	Needs Addressed	Ensure Adequate and safe infrastructure Economic Opportunities for Minority Businesses
	Funding	CDBG: \$8,000

	Description	Allocation needs to be costed out to project. Cost of employee for executing non-housing projects: Safe Harbor ADA Accessible Unit, Senior Center Flooring, Shelter of Hope Flooring, Community Center, Pollard Mills Infrastructure, DeBord Terrace Infrastructure Carry Over Funding (\$8,000)
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3,320 families
	Location Description	1700 Greenup Avenue Ashland, Kentucky Various sites
	Planned Activities	Cost of employee for executing non-housing projects: Safe Harbor ADA Accessible Unit, Senior Center Flooring, Shelter of Hope Flooring, Community Center, Pollard Mills Infrastructure, DeBord Terrace Infrastructure
21	Project Name	CV-COA Service Projects
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Minimize or Prevent Homelessness Ensure Adequate and dependable public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Ensure adequate and dependable public facilities Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$234,555
	Description	The City of Ashland will spearhead numerous public service activities to prevent or eliminate homelessness. The City will fund PPE project based on urgent need for the community as a whole. The City is unable to fund this project due to decrease in general fund dollars. Funding is made available based on increased financial need due to increased number of requests and decrease in private donations to nonprofits, and additional costs and staffing needed for service delivery associated with Coronavirus. PPE is inadequate in area and must be manufactured locally. CDBG-CV funds will be used to cover expenses March 1, 2020- June 30, 2020. Unused allocation will carry over to following program year. CDBG-CV: \$234,555

Target Date	6/30/2020
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Utility assistance 500+ low- and moderate- families Food Boxes/Clean Start Boxes: 200+ families Personal Protective Equipment: Production of >4,000 units of PPE. (Urgent need for community as a whole)
Location Description	City of Ashland 1700 Greenup Avenue Ashland, Kentucky 41101
Planned Activities	<p>Urgent Need: Activities that alleviate emergency conditions of recent origin which pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community; eligible only if the grantee cannot finance the activity on its own and no other sources of funding are available.</p> <p>The City of Ashland will spearhead numerous public service activities, including:</p> <p><u>Utilities Assistance Program</u> (homeless needs & homeless prevention) subsistence Payments One-time or short-term (no more than three months) emergency payments on behalf of individuals or families, generally for the purpose of preventing homelessness. Examples include utility payments to prevent cutoff of service and rent/mortgage payments to prevent eviction. Participants must meet HUD moderate income guidelines. <i>Matrix Code: 05Q National Objective: Urgent: Low Moderate Client Accomplishment Type: 01 People</i></p> <p><u>Clean Start Kits/Supplies</u> (homeless needs & homeless prevention) Bleach, hand sanitizer, soap, etc for low- to moderate-income families <i>Matrix Code: 05W National Objective: Low Moderate Client Accomplishment Type: 01 People</i></p> <p><u>Food Boxes</u> (homeless response & homeless prevention) food delivery to at risk low- and moderate-income individuals <i>Matrix Code: 05W National Objective: Low Moderate Client Accomplishment Type: 01 People</i></p> <p><u>Production of Personal Protection Equipment</u> (urgent need) PPE will be manufactured for public service use within the City of Ashland (or per Emergency Management directive.) <i>Matrix Code: 05 Other Public Service National Objective: Urgent Need Type: 01 People</i></p> <p>Operational cost of the activities including: staffing, advertisement, supplies, etc</p>

22	Project Name	CV-Salvation Army
	Target Area	Scattered Sites
	Goals Supported	Minimize or Prevent Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$10,000
	Description	CDBG-CV funding will assist with utility assistance allowing individuals to stay at the overnight shelter. The Salvation Army homeless shelter is scheduled to close May 2020. Additional funding is needed to sustain the shelter. CDBG-CV: Funding will be used for utilities. Additional funding is made available based on financial need due to increased number of participants, decrease in private donations, and additional costs of service delivery associated with Coronavirus. CDBG-CV funds will be used to cover expenses March 1, 2020-June 30, 2020.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	30 homeless persons per night
	Location Description	Salvation Army Carter Avenue Ashland, Kentucky 41101
	Planned Activities	CDBG-CV funding will assist with utility assistance allowing individuals to stay at the overnight shelter
23	Project Name	CV-CAReS
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Minimize or Prevent Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$10,000
	Description	CDBG-CV funding will be used to case management salaries, utilities, liability insurance, and food/dry good pantry. Additional funding is made available due to financial need due to increased number of participants, decrease in private donations, and additional costs of service delivery associated with Coronavirus. CDBG-CV funds will be used to cover expenses March 1, 2020-June 30, 2020.

	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	7,250 homeless or at risk of being homeless.
	Location Description	CAReS 2516 Carter Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky 41101 Census Tract 303, Block Group 2
	Planned Activities	CAReS is the entry Hub into the HMIS Homeless system and referral agency to supportive services. CAReS also verifies income and issue the Neighborhood Cards for services and the Neighborhood. Approximately 7,250 persons will request assistance from CAReS. <u>Matrix Code: 05 National Objective: Low-Mod Limited Clientele</u> <u>Accomplishment Type: 01 People</u>
24	Project Name	CV-Hillcrest Bruce Mission
	Target Area	POLLARD MILLS NEIGHBORHOOD
	Goals Supported	Minimize or Prevent Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$22,000
	Description	Provide case management, food, and household supplies to individuals in LMI areas. These LMI areas include low income housing of Hillcrest Apartments, Bruce Apartments, Gla-Low Apartments and Ashland Terrace. CDBG-CV funding will be used for operational expenses including but not limited to case management, utilities, liability insurance, and food pantry. Additional funding is made available due to financial need due to increased number of participants, decrease in private donations, and additional costs of service delivery associated with Coronavirus. CDBG-CV funds will be used to cover expenses March 1, 2020-June 30, 2020.
	Target Date	6/30/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	500 at risk of being homeless individuals living in Census Tract 308, Block Groups 1 & 2
	Location Description	Hillcrest Bruce Mission 1819 Eloise Street, Ashland, Kentucky 41101 Census Tract 308, Block Group 1
	Planned Activities	Provide food and household items to individuals and households in the LMI areas. Case management will verify eligibility and may refer to other programs including COVID services. These LMI areas includes the low income housing facilities of Hillcrest Apt., Bruce Apt., Gla-Low Apts. and Ashland Terrace. <u>Matrix Code: 05 National Objective: Low-Mod Limited Clientele</u> <u>Accomplishment Type: 01 People</u>
25	Project Name	CV-Senior Center
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Ensure Adequate and dependable public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Ensure adequate and dependable public facilities
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$11,000
	Description	CDBG-CV funding will be used to for operation costs including but not limited to utilities, liability insurance, supplies. Additional funding is made available to financial need due to increased number of participants, decrease in private donations, and additional costs of service delivery associated with Coronavirus. CDBG-CV funds will be used to cover expenses March 1, 2020-June 30, 2020.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200
	Location Description	Ashland Senior Center 324 15th Street, Ashland, Kentucky 41101

	Planned Activities	<p>Provide exercise, lunch and socialization for seniors.</p> <p>Ashland Senior Center (Boyd County Council on Aging) is a privately owned nonprofit who has regular business hours open to the public. The agency provides a public service in their facility. According to the Basically CDBG, public facilities and public improvements are interpreted to include all facilities and improvements that are publicly owned, or that are owned by a nonprofit and open to the general public. Operating costs associated with public facilities are ineligible unless part of a CDBG public service activity or eligible as an interim assistance activity.</p> <p><i>Matrix Code: 05A National Objective: Low-Mod Limited Clientele</i></p> <p><i>Accomplishment Type: 01 People</i></p>
26	Project Name	CV-Ashland Child Development
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Ensure Adequate and dependable public facilities
	Needs Addressed	Ensure adequate and dependable public facilities
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$5,000
	Description	Child care services free of charge to homeless families who are looking for needed resources, applying for employment, or finding stable housing.CDBG Funding: Reimbursement of utilities and liability insurance. CDBG-CV allocation will be used to fund utility and liability insurance at child care facility allowing families to search for or retain jobs. Provides safe environment that provides meals, activities and safety. Funds will be used to cover expenses March 1, 2020-June 30, 2020.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 low- and moderate- income families
	Location Description	<p>Ashland Child Development Center</p> <p>1538 Central Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky</p> <p>Census Tract 303, Block Group 1</p>

	Planned Activities	<p>Child care services free of charge to homeless families who are looking for needed resources, applying for employment, or finding stable housing.</p> <p>Ashland Child Development is a privately owned nonprofit who has regular business hours open to the public. The agency provides a public service in their facility. According to the Basically CDBG, public facilities and public improvements are interpreted to include all facilities and improvements that are publicly owned, or that are owned by a nonprofit and open to the general public. Operating costs associated with public facilities are ineligible unless part of a CDBG public service activity or eligible as an interim assistance activity.</p> <p><u>Matrix Code: 05L National Objective: Low-Mod Limited Clientele</u></p> <p><u>Accomplishment Type: 01 People</u></p>
27	Project Name	CV-Community Kitchen
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Minimize or Prevent Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$21,000
	Description	Local community kitchen which prepares and serves hot nutritious meals. Meals throughout the week include breakfast, lunch and dinner. CDBG-CV funding will be used to for kitchen staff salaries, utilities, liability insurance, supplies for meal preparation and disbursement at the community kitchen. Additional funding is made available to financial need due to increased number of participants and decrease in private donations associated with the coronavirus. CDBG-CV funds will be used to cover expenses March 1, 2020-July 31, 2020.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1,400 homeless and at-risk individuals.
	Location Description	<p>Ashland Community Kitchen</p> <p>2516 Central Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky</p> <p>Census Tract 303, Block Group 2</p>

	Planned Activities	Local soup kitchen which prepares and serves hot nutritious meals. Meals throughout the week include breakfast, lunch and dinner. <i>Matrix Code: 05 National Objective: Low-Mod Limited Clientele</i> <i>Accomplishment Type: 01 People</i>
28	Project Name	CV-Shelter of Hope
	Target Area	City-wide
	Goals Supported	Minimize or Prevent Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$12,000
	Description	The Shelter of Hope provides temporary, emergency shelter and food for veterans, families, and individuals. Also available are transitional housing, case management, and permanent housing. CDBG-CV: Funding will be used for case management, utilities, liability insurance, and food pantry. Additional funding is made available due to financial need due to increased number of participants, decrease in private donations, and additional costs of service delivery associated with Coronavirus. CDBG-CV funds will be used to cover expenses March 1, 2020-June 30, 2020.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	300 families served
	Location Description	Shelter of Hope 2944 Winchester Avenue, Ashland, Kentucky Census Tract 303, Block Group 3
	Planned Activities	The Shelter of Hope provides temporary, emergency shelter and food for veterans, families, and individuals. Also available are transitional housing, case management, and permanent housing. <i>Matrix Code: 05 National Objective: Low-Mod Limited Clientele</i> <i>Accomplishment Type: 01 People</i>
29	Project Name	CV-Safe Harbor
	Target Area	City-wide

Goals Supported	Minimize or Prevent Homelessness
Needs Addressed	Homeless Services
Funding	CDBG-CV: \$12,000
Description	Safe Harbor works to stop the cycle of violence and to help victims become survivors through the agency uses holistic approach to services. The goal is to help each victim create an abuse free life plan and to move to self-sufficiency through such assistance as: medical/legal advocacy, counseling, financial empowerment classes, job/school mentoring and life skills. CDBG-CV funding will be used for utilities, liability insurance, and food pantry. Additional funding is made available due to financial need due to increased number of participants, decrease in private donations, and additional costs of service delivery associated with Coronavirus. CDBG-CV funds will be used to cover expenses March 1, 2020-June 30, 2020.
Target Date	6/30/2020
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	500 domestic violence victims
Location Description	Safe Harbor of Northeast Kentucky 3700 Landsdowne Drive, Ashland, Kentucky 41102
Planned Activities	Safe Harbor works to stop the cycle of violence and to help victims become survivors through the agency's holistic approach to services. The goal is to help each victim create an abuse free life plan and to move to self-sufficiency through such assistance as: medical/legal advocacy, counseling, financial empowerment classes, job/school mentoring and life skills. <u>Matrix Code: 05G National Objective: Low-Mod Limited Clientele</u> <u>Accomplishment Type: 01 People</u>

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 is in Northeastern Kentucky and encompasses 17.02 sq. miles. The City of Ashland has three target areas within City limits for CDBG Projects:

- East Central is in the worst conditions of these three target areas. (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. (Census Tract 308, Block Group 1)

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
POLLARD MILLS NEIGHBORHOOD	34
EAST CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD	26
CITY CENTRAL NEIGHBORHOOD	5
Scattered Sites	5
City-wide	30

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

*Service projects, CARES, Community Kitchen, and Shelter of Hope, are located in City Central and East Central target areas, but service city-wide.

Public improvements in the Pollard Mills area are to improve infrastructure and drainage issues in this low-income neighborhood. The lead agency that recommends allocations in public improvements is the City of Ashland Division of Engineering.

Public investment in housing rehabilitation and emergency rehabilitation are encouraged primarily in target areas as need is severe. For statistical numbers, these projects are listed a scattered sites until

location is determined.

Infrastructure projects located at the Ashland Housing Authority's DeBord Terrace will provide sidewalks, stairs, railings, and slippage work. This is listed under scattered site.

Discussion

East Central and other geographic areas that need improved infrastructure and public facilities will be considered for funding in the future (2020-2024 Plan).

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

In order to reduce the number of code violations, condemned and abandoned properties, the City of Ashland will emphasize the Home Rehabilitation and Emergency/Energy Rehabilitation Program for PY2019. This program will allow Code Enforcement to coordinate with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Project Administrative Staff to assist families that are cited for code violations to remedy the situation before liens are placed or the unit declines further. Property improvements will be to the exterior of the home by adding dimensional shingles roofs, new gutters, etc.

Homeowner Emergency/Energy Efficiency Rehabilitation Project will continue focusing on energy-efficient hot water tanks and energy-efficient HVAC units.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	4
Special-Needs	0
Total	4

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	4
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	4

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

Discussion

The City of Ashland will provide rehabilitation funds for approximately 4 homes in Ashland.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Housing Authority of Ashland manages and maintains units located at two sites, Scope Towers and Debord Terrace. Combined 365 families are served by the Housing Authority of Ashland. Scope Towers has studio and one bedroom apartments, while Debord Terrace has up to five bedroom units.

Ashland Assisted Housing Choice Voucher Program (Section 8) Program is administered by the City of Ashland. The Housing Choice Voucher program does not receive CDBG funds and is solely administered through the Department of Housing and Urban Development Housing Choice Voucher funding. The agency is authorized for 616 regular vouchers and 15 Veterans Administration Supportive Housing Vouchers.

In cooperation with the Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAMC), the Ashland Assisted Housing Agency also provides assistance for homeless through the Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) program. The VASH program combines Housing Choice Voucher rental assistance for homeless Veterans with case management and clinical services of the VAMC. The HUD-VASH program has been a vital tool in our local and national efforts to end Veteran homelessness. The Ashland Assisted Housing Agency has petitioned additional VASH vouchers to be used in Boyd County. Nine veterans are currently being served on the VASH program.

CARes, Shelter of Hope, and Safe Harbor act as advocates to the low- and moderate- income, homeless, or at risk of becoming homeless individuals and households. Many of these populations have difficulty housing in public housing units due to prior evictions, felonies and poor references.

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

To address the continued need for public, affordable housing the Housing Authority of Ashland and the City of Ashland will continue to implement public housing programs and Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) assistance programs respectively. Both agencies

have many families on their waiting lists indicating the shortage of available, affordable rental housing. New families are brought into programs as soon as public housing units or Housing Choice vouchers are available.

The City of Ashland continues to support public housing complexes with CDBG funds for infrastructure and energy effectiveness.

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

participate in homeownership

The City of Ashland does not have a homeownership program at this time.

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

The Housing Authority of Ashland is not designated as a “troubled” by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The housing authority has is considered a standard performer.

Ashland Assisted Housing Authority is not designated as “troubled” by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The agency has been deemed a high performer for two consecutive years.

Discussion

Public housing is an important component in our community. Public housing provides for low- and moderate-income families but also provides units easily accessible to the disabled and the elderly with little upkeep in comparison to a house.

In comparison, the Housing Choice Voucher program allows families the ability to choose the unit they prefer in the Fair Market. This flexibility allows families to have more options with transportation, education, and other services.

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

Introduction

The City of Ashland Department of Community & Economic Development address 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 general fund contributions and CDBG grants.

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 City of Ashland relies on the following agencies to administer homeless programs within the City:

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. Veronica Lynn Childers, Director

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. The Shelter of hope utilizes ESG funds for the Rapid Re-Housing program. Debbie Sivis, Director

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

Pathways - Jim Sherman, Path Project (unsheltered)

Safe Harbor- Ann Perkins, Director (domestic violence victims)

Huntington VA Hospital- Anne Robinson (VASH)

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The following are needs seen in the homeless community:

- (1) Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) need assistance making the transition to permanent housing and independent living.
- (2) Shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness.
- (3) Facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units.
- (4) Preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again.
- (5) Helping low- income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low- income individuals and families and those who are:
 - (a) 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).
 - (b) receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

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

The City of Ashland Housing Choice Voucher program provides a preference for the vulnerable

population. Housing assistance is able to be expedited to those who need it the most.

Preference 1:

Families who are:

- Where terminated from HVC program due to insufficient HVC funding,
- Victims of domestic violence,
- Victims of domestic violence in public housing,
- Displaced by government action,
- Deemed homeless by written verification from local support agency,
- Where head, co-head or spouse is defined as a veteran, or
- Aging out of foster care.

This allows the family to be housed quickly, but does not provide the support/casemanagement that the families need. Often these families are not able to lease-up or reside in the unit for a short-time before abandoning the unit. Research shows with additional support/casemanagement, retainage of housing assistance and success is increased.

The Shelter of Hope provides services through the Rapid-Rehousing Program. Funds are used to assist families with utility deposits and rental units until they are leased up by the Housing Choice Voucher program. Casemanagement is included in this program.

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

The City of Ashland Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) program gives a preference to those who are being discharged from institutions and systems of care who are homeless. A referral must be made by the institution/facility. While many public housing agencies and shelters will not assist those with correction infractions, the HCV program has found participants who have continued casemanagement, parole, and probation checks are more successful in retaining housing. Case managers and social workers from health care facilities occasionally call requesting help for clients upon their departure who are

homeless upon departure.

Discussion

The City of Ashland relies heavily on public service agencies within City limits to serve the homeless and at-risk individuals in Ashland.

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

Introduction:

Common barriers to affordable housing may be public policies or non-government conditions that hamper the development or rehabilitation of affordable housing. These conditions include land use controls, property taxes, state prevailing wage requirements, environmental protection, cost of land and availability. The main barriers identified in the City of Ashland are lack of available affordable housing, housing affordability and lack of resources.

HUD defines "affordable housing" as when a household spends 30% or less of their household income on rent and utilities. Insufficient resources are available in the area to increase the availability of affordable housing.

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

There are a number of ongoing collaborative efforts in the community. The City maintains communications and a cooperative relationship with the following community-based organizations: Ashland Boyd County Health Department, the United Way, Ashland Alliance, FIVCO, the Ashland Commission on Human Rights, real estate professionals and lenders.

Discussion:

To address the lack of affordable housing and housing affordability, the City will invest carry over Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds into homeowner rehabilitation projects and emergency rehabilitation (coordinated with the Division of Code Enforcement). These activities will increase the supply of affordable housing and preserve existing housing stock.

The City of Ashland, by City ordinance No. 5, 2018, established criteria to classify property as abandoned and established a separate rate of taxation for abandoned urban property. Property may be classified as abandoned which has been vacant, neglected, or unimproved for a period of at least one year or having at least three or more citations for violations of property maintenance code which:

Because it is dilapidated, unsanitary, unsafe, vermin infested, or otherwise dangerous to the safety of persons, or is unfit for its intended use; or by reason of neglect or lack of maintenance has become a place for the accumulation of trash and debris, or has become infested with rodents or other vermin; or

has been tax delinquent for a period of at least three years.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Obstacles in meeting underserved needs have been identified, including: the need for increased supportive services, the increasing cost of housing, the need to reduce duplication of resources, and the need to expand economic opportunities. 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

Programs will be implemented to provide public services and to increase affordable housing and economic opportunities. Additional coordination of resources and outreach will be expanded to ensure the public is aware of available resources and programs.

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 projects. CDBG Project Administration Staff will coordinate with Code Enforcement to reach out to low- and moderate- income households who need emergency rehabilitation to their units thus reducing the amount of code enforcement citations and increasing the value of their property.

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 expands each year 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.

The City of Ashland will comply with HUD's Lead Safe Housing Rule by strictly adhering to the City's implemented Lead Based paint Policy as follows:

All homes that were build pre-1978.

Homebuyer Program- A visual assessment is performed to identify any deteriorated paint at or in excess of de-minimis standards and notification of the results are passed to the homeowner. Paint stabilization utilizing safe work practices by a certified lead based paint risk assessor is required for paint deterioration above di-minimis followed by obtainment of clearance testing.

Rehabilitation Program- A visual assessment is performed to identify any deteriorated paint at or in excess of de-minimis standards and notification of the results are passed to the homeowner. Additional steps are outlined below as it pertains to the funding amount. (Funding amount is per unit rehabilitation hard costs and do not include costs of lead evaluation and reduction.)

\$0.00-\$5,000 "Do no harm" approach. Lead safety requirements cover only the surfaces being disturbed. Presume surfaces contain lead-based paint. Work which disturbs painted surfaces presumed to contain lead-based paint is done using lead safe work practices by RRP Certified Contractor and clearance of the worksite is performed at the end of the job (unless it is a very small "de Minimis" scale project) to ensure that no lead dust hazards remain in the work area.

\$5,001.00-\$25,000.00 Identify and control lead hazards. Identify all lead hazards by performing a lead-based paint risk assessment. RRP Certified Contractors must control the hazards using interim controls and clearance of the worksite is performed at the end of the job to ensure that no lead dust hazards remain in the work area.

\$25,001.00 or more Identify and abate lead hazards. Identify all lead hazards at the property by performing a risk assessment and then abate all hazards at the property performing a risk assessment and then abate all the hazards. This approach requires a certified abatement contractors perform the abatement part of the job and clearance of the worksite is performed at the end of the job to ensure that no lead duct hazards remain in the work area.

This policy is not applicable to homes that were built in 1978 or after.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City of Ashland completed the Analysis of Impediments in 2020. These obstacles and challenges must be understood by government, service agencies, and the community to better the

community. Transportation, education, jobs, etc. are inner twined.

The City of Ashland Department of Community & Economic Development continually seeks new businesses and employment opportunities for low- and moderate- income persons.

The Ashland Town Center Mall continues to be at capacity for the last three years, which is a first since it was built in 1989. Riverhill expanded with additional stores. These types of new business normally pay minimum wage and slightly above minimum wage for regular staff and local management.

The City of Ashland is in need of industry to reduce the number of poverty level families, but is challenged with low commercial property inventory. The City of Ashland works closely with Ashland Alliance and FIVCO to encourage industry to move to Eastern Kentucky.

Efforts will continue to recruit businesses willing to relocate or start anew in Ashland with an incentive package that will reduce taxes for new businesses. The Division of Economic Development is marketing and recruiting companies for Cliffsyde Industrial Park. The 190 acre site provides access to US23, railroad, and the Ohio River.

PY2016 CDBG funds continue to be successful with two projects, Blazer's Restaurant and Tipton's Bakery.

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 Community Development Block Grant (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 have been coordinated through the, now combined, Department of Community & Economic Development.

Discussion:

The City of Ashland and all other public, private and social service agencies refer all underserved and poverty-level persons to CARES for the coordinated entry program. CARES assess the needs of all persons to determine if they may be served at CARES, the Neighborhood, or another local agency. The goal is to provide the best service without duplication of services.

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.

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 mod- 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	1
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.	70.00%

For the Program Year 2019 the Overall Benefit will be 70% or higher for the City of Ashland CDBG projects that benefit persons of low-and moderate-income.

