

AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL
CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN HALL
100 EAST MAIN STREET
AUGUST 11, 2015 -7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING

1. The Town of Christiansburg Virginia as a recipient of block grant funding is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to prepare and adopt a multiyear Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan that solicit citizen views on proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program activities contained in these documents. The plan outlines proposed activities for CDBG funding and specific activities for the program year beginning July 1, 2015.

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR BARBER

II. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Council Meeting Minutes of July 28, 2015

III. RECOGNITIONS

IV. CITIZENS' HEARINGS

1. Citizen Comments

V. STAFF REPORTS

1. Jerry Heinline, Building Official – Update on the Building Inspections Department.
2. Ricky Bourne, Director of Public Works, and James Lancianese, Superintendent of Public Works – Update on the Public Works Department.

VI. DISCUSSIONS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS

1. Council action on:
 - a. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Plan and 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan.

VII. COUNCIL REPORTS

VIII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORTS

1. Progress Reports and Announcements

IX. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular Town Council meeting will be held at Christiansburg Town Hall on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

**CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL
CHRISTIANSBURG, MONTGOMERY CO., VA.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 28, 2015 – 7:00 P.M.**

A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN COUNCIL, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA. WAS HELD AT CHRISTIANSBURG TOWN HALL, 100 EAST MAIN STREET, CHRISTIANSBURG, VA, ON JULY 28, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor D. Michael Barber; Vice-Mayor R. Cord Hall; Samuel M. Bishop; Steve Huppert; Henry D. Showalter; Bradford J. Stipes; James W. Vanhoozier. ABSENT: None.

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT: Town Manager Barry Helms; Assistant Town Manager Randy Wingfield; Clerk of Council Michele Stipes; Town Attorney Theresa Fontana; Finance Director/Treasurer Val Tweedie; Assistant to the Town Manager Adam Carpenetti; Human Resource Director/Public Information Officer Becky Wilburn; Aquatics Director Terry Caldwell; Police Chief Sisson; Sarah Belcher, Farmers' Market Manager; Chief Building Inspector Bill Aldridge; Crime Prevention Officer Phillip Townley.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING

1. A Conditional Use Permit request by Matthew Hicks, agent for Andrews Roofing and Construction, LLC, for a single family residence at 100 Depot Street, N.E. (tax parcel 496 – ((15)) – 61A) in the B-3 General Business District. Town Manager Helms read the Planning Commission resolution recommending Town Council approve the issuance of the CUP with four (4) conditions. The Planning Commission vote was 10 ayes, 1 absent. Matthew Hicks explained his plans to redevelop a former commercial building into commercial on N. Franklin Street at street level with upstairs apartment rentals on a nearby property and his desire for single-family use at this location. Planning Commissioner Tacy Newell said she was the commissioner who was absent for the vote, but would have voted in support of the CUP had she been present. She too has redeveloped commercial buildings into apartment rentals and is looking forward to Mr. Hicks' redevelopment project.

REGULAR MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER BY MAYOR BARBER.

II. CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Council Meeting Minutes of July 14, 2015
2. Monthly Bills
3. Approval of the agreement with the Virginia Army National Guard for the use of the armory facility.

Councilman Hall made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, seconded by Councilman Bishop. Council voted on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye; Vanhoozier – Abstain.

Councilman Hall made a motion to amend the agenda to include Council discussion and action on the Conditional Use Permit request by Matthew Hicks for a single family residence at 100 Depot Street, N.E. Councilman Stipes seconded the motion and Council was polled as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye; Vanhoozier – Aye. The item was placed as item #1 under Discussions by Mayor and Council Members.

III. RECOGNITIONS:

1. WILL RHODES EAGLE SCOUT SKATE PARK SHELTER (Aquatics Director Terry Caldwell). Terry Caldwell, Aquatics Director, introduced Eagle Scout Will Rhodes to Council and explained that he approached her two years ago to ask if the Town would be interested in a covered shelter at the Christiansburg Skate Park. She said yes and he

returned later with plans for the shelter, which he offered to build with help from others. Through much communication and collaboration with the Town, along with concrete donation by Chandler Concrete and the assistance of Public Works in digging holes, Will and his group built the shelter in April. Ms. Caldwell showed pictures of the completed shelter that was used during a recent skateboard competition attended by approximately one hundred spectators and forty-five skateboarders. Ms. Caldwell presented Will with a plaque of gratitude and appreciation on behalf of the Town of Christiansburg and the Christiansburg Aquatic Center. Will recently graduated from Blacksburg High and will be attending Virginia Tech in the fall. He was accompanied by his parents and sister.

IV. CITIZEN'S HEARING:

1. **SUSAN MILLER FROM MONTGOMERY COUNTY EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TO ADDRESS COUNCIL.** Susan Miller introduced to Council the Montgomery County Emergency Assistance Program (MCEAP) started by Father Scott to assist people in need of basic living supplies. Ms. Miller, President of the Board, explained that the organization provides food items, clothing, shoes, and household items for the poverty-stricken and homeless populations, and also meets the basic needs of individuals recently released from jail. Beginning this year, MCEAP will provide some of the clothing items for the Montgomery County Christmas Store. MCEAP is in the process of purchasing the property at 308 West Main Street, which will provide high visibility, ample parking, and will allow for future expansion. The organization relies on the efforts of volunteers and Ms. Miller requested assistance from the Town and the community with clean-up and maintenance of the existing building prior to move-in. MCEAP also relies on donations and contributions from the community and it has begun an active campaign to raise \$200,000 over the next five years to help cover operational costs and the cost of purchasing the property. MCEAP is a volunteer based organization with only one paid staff position. The organization applies for small local grants, but its income is primarily from its thrift store sales. Ms. Miller stated that the organization is committed to the citizens of Christiansburg, Blacksburg, and Montgomery County, and wants to be a success for the benefit of each community. Ms. Miller thanked Council for its time.

2. **RICHARD BALLENGEE TO ADDRESS COUNCIL REGARDING NEW RIVER VALLEY AGENCY ON AGING.** Former Christiansburg mayor, Richard Ballengee, said it has been almost two years since he left his position as mayor and he is proud of the progress Council has made in leading the Town over the years. He came before Council to invite them to join the New River Valley Agency on Aging in celebrating the Town's representative on the agency, Scott Weaver. Mr. Weaver has been committed in his service on the agency for many years and during the agency's 40th anniversary celebration on August 13, he will be recognized for his contributions and his service. Mr. Ballengee serves as the alternate representative and has attended the meetings since last fall. He briefly shared with Council the valuable services the agency offers that provide support and enhance the lives of the aging population. The 40th anniversary celebration will be held at the Christiansburg recreation center.

3. **CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

- a. No comments.

V. STAFF REPORTS:

1. **UPDATE ON THE IT DEPARTMENT BY ASSISTANT TO THE TOWN MANAGER ADAM CARPENETTI.**

Assistant to the Town Manager Adam Carpenetti provided Council with an update on the Town's information technology (IT). He began by explaining the importance of the IT department in making sure that the electronic operations within each Town department run smoothly and efficiently. The IT department is staffed by Charles Burris, IT Tech, and Eric Vaught, Systems Administrator, who handle approximately 1000 – 1200 service requests each year. Mr. Carpenetti provided Council with an overview of IT management by the numbers that include offices, users, desktop/laptop computers, servers, applications, mobile devices, and network devices, along with a breakdown of the number and location of service requests. The projects of the IT department during FY 14-15 included card access to Town Hall, network improvements, new storage area network, firewall replacement, among other important upgrades and program implementations. The department continues to look for ways to improve the security of mobile devices such as tablets and phones. Project goals for FY 15-16 include a network security penetrations test that would reduce the vulnerability of the Town's electronic systems. Mr. Carpenetti reported on the Town's radio communications system that operates twenty-four hours per day, seven days per week. He recognized the Town's radio technician, Pete Haislip, who provides management and installation of all radio communication devices, manages licenses, and responds to radio service requests. Mr. Carpenetti offered to answer questions of Council. Council expressed its appreciation for the update.

2. **UPDATE ON THE CHRISTIANSBURG FARMERS' MARKET BY SARA BELCHER, FARMERS' MARKET MANAGER.** Mr. Bill Alderige thanked Council, Mayor Barber, Town Manager Helms, Assistant Town Manager

Wingfield, Emilie Tydings, Kelly Scott from the Virginia Cooperative Extension Office, Pamela Ray of the New River Health District, Sarah Belcher, farmers' market manager, along with the members of the Farmers' Market Committee for working together to establish the Christiansburg Farmers' Market. The Town has now held twelve market days and he attributed the success of those days to Sarah Belcher, market manager, and the vendors. Sarah Belcher provided Council with an overview of the mission statement and the current organization of the market, and she recognized and thanked Assistant Town Manager Wingfield for his valuable assistance and support during the planning process. She explained her vision for the market as the place people want to be on Thursday evenings, a place that will bring vitality and life to the downtown area. The market opened on May 7 with approximately four hundred visitors and now has thirteen participating vendors. Council was provided a listing of current vendors and community partnerships that include the New River Health District, Department of Social Services, Downtown Christiansburg, Inc., Share the Spare, and others. Pam Ray of the New River Health District explained how their partnership puts money back into the Christiansburg community through a block grant that funds the advocacy of a healthy diet and lifestyle. The partnership with the Department of Social Services has allowed the market to participate in the SNAP program, opening the market to a wider community. Participating in the SNAP program also puts money back into the community. Ms. Belcher expressed her appreciation for Neal Turner and David Linkous who provided emergency preparedness signage for use in community. Council was provided with market highlights and a preview of upcoming events. Ms. Belcher spoke about the avenues of advertising through fliers, signs and banners, local media, and the internet, and she noted her goal of finding ways to reaching individuals not connected through the internet. Ms. Belcher then reviewed the revenue and expenditures of the market, along with items for future consideration including applying for non-profit status and the anticipation of a sustainability grant of \$25,000. Council expressed its appreciation for the update and Mayor Barber encouraged all to visit the market.

VI. DISCUSSIONS BY MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS:

1. COUNCIL ACTION ON:
 - a. A Conditional Use Permit request by Matthew Hicks, agent for Andrews Roofing and Construction, LLC, for a single family residence at 100 Depot Street, N.E. (tax parcel 496 – ((15)) – 61A) in the B-3 General Business District. Councilman Hall made a motion to accept the Planning Commission's recommendation to issue the CUP as requested, seconded by Councilman Vanhoozier. Council was polled on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye; Vanhoozier – Aye.
2. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER GRANT. Police Chief Sisson provided Council with a fact sheet outlining the options regarding the school resource officer (SRO) grant and his opinion on this grant opportunity. According to Chief Sisson, the SRO(s) provided through the grant would be assigned to Falling Branch Elementary, Christiansburg Elementary, and Christiansburg Primary schools and would be responsible for maintaining the current D.A.R.E. program. The current D.A.R.E. officer would then be assigned to crime prevention. Council has the option to only accept one SRO position, at a lower cost to the Town, and the one SRO would rotate between the three schools. The grant does require that the Town retain the full-time SRO position after the grant has ended, and while the state expects the funding to be available for four years, it has given no guarantee that funds will remain available. Chief Sisson voiced his support for accepting the grant for one officer and he spoke about the importance of SRO placement within the elementary schools, not only for security reasons, but also for the opportunity to build positive relationships with the children. Chief Sisson explained that the Montgomery County School Board is receptive to the SRO placement, if the Town moves forward with accepting the grant. Councilman Vanhoozier said he has concerns with the grant stipulation that the Town must continue to fund the full-time SRO position for an indefinite period of time once the grant concludes. At most, he is only willing to support accepting one position to minimize costs and to meet Chief Sisson's goal to provide security and community relations at the elementary schools. Councilman Hall said unreported abuse and neglect are concerns within the younger populations and are evident to trained police officers. He voiced his support for accepting one position and is open to considering accepting two. Councilman Huppert requested that, if approved, the officer(s) appointed SRO come before Council to talk about the position. Councilman Showalter expressed his support for either one or two position and pointed out that Falling Branch Elementary and Christiansburg Elementary are open campuses that use mobile classroom units that are open to anyone. Christiansburg Primary and Christiansburg Elementary are close enough to share an officer, but Councilman Showalter said he believes the more remote location of Falling Branch Elementary school justifies a second SRO and the grant may not become available again. Councilman Stipes expressed his support for accepting one officer position based on the information provided and after reflecting on budget talks. Councilman Bishop asked for clarification on Montgomery County's position concerning the grant. Chief Sisson replied that school superintendent Brenda Blackburn was aware of, and supportive of, his application to the state for the SRO positions and she verbally agreed to approach the school board concerning the matter. The school board will vote on the acceptance of SRO(s) into the elementary schools on August 4, 2015. Councilman Vanhoozier made a motion to approve accepting the grant funding for one school resource officer position, seconded by Councilman Stipes.

Councilman Hall expressed his concern for the likelihood that the county would increasingly utilize mobile classroom units due to lack of funding for building expansion, which increases the vulnerability of school campuses. His focus is primarily on Falling Branch Elementary School, which has special needs due to its unique location, and he feels it is important to take advantage of the opportunity to create two SRO positions while it is available. Council was polled on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hall – Nay, with the clarification that his vote did not reflect a lack of support for accepting the SRO position, but was due to his strong belief that the Town was missing an important opportunity in not accepting both positions; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye.

3. PROPOSAL TO UPDATE TOWN ENTRANCE SIGNS (Councilman Vanhoozier). Councilman Vanhoozier addressed Council regarding the need to update the gateway signs into Christiansburg. Pictures were shown of the existing signs, which are dated and partially hidden by overgrown landscaping. Councilman Vanhoozier proposed replacing six existing signs and adding a new one along Peppers Ferry Road; he provided several design concepts, which were based on the appearance of the newly opened Huckleberry Trail bridge, for Council consideration and discussion. According to Councilman Vanhoozier, the cost of two signs would be approximately \$58,000, with a total cost of \$162,000 to place the six signs at one time. Councilman Vanhoozier requested that Town administration take the information he has provided and research the most feasible plan for replacing the signs. He then presented his proposal for the civic signs, which would be separated from the gateway signs. Councilman Showalter recommended that signs also be placed near the mall area, near the new park and ride at I-81, and off the 460-Bypass near Lowes, because these areas are highly visible to people visiting Christiansburg even though they are not defined "gateways". Town Administration will study the sign replacement proposal, including the development of four new sign locations, and will bring its findings to Council.

4. FINANCING OPTIONS FOR LAND PURCHASE AND FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT UPGRADES.

Finance Director/Treasurer Val Tweedie provided Council with an outline of its options for financing renovations to the third floor of the police department and the purchase of land for a future road. She reviewed the three options and explained the financial breakdown of each that included annual debt service and total debt. Her recommendation to Council was that they seek a bond loan to cover the cost of both financial needs and to borrow from the emergency services fund to fund the debt service until another source of funding can be established. An important consideration was that the waste water treatment fund would retire in 2018 and could provide a means for absorbing the debt service on a new bond. Council agreed that it was important that any money borrowed from the emergency services fund must be used to cover costs associated with the police department building renovation. Councilman Hall made a motion to accept Mrs. Tweedie's recommendation to seek a bond loan to provide funding for the police department renovation and for the purchase of land for a future road, seconded by Councilman Vanhoozier. Councilman Hall modified his motion to include that the bond loan was to be financed for ten years with the first two years of debt service payments realized by the emergency services fund. Councilman Vanhoozier seconded the modified motion and Council voted as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye; Vanhoozier – Aye.

In conjunction with the above, Town Manager Helms, asked council to consider adopting a resolution declaring its intent to reimburse itself from the proceeds of one or more tax-exempt financings for certain expenditures made and/or to be made in connection with the acquisition of property, and construction of certain capital improvements projects. Councilman Vanhoozier made a motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Councilman Hall. Council was polled on the motion as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye; Vanhoozier – Aye. A copy of the resolution is attached herewith.

VII. COUNCIL REPORTS

- a. Councilman Showalter reported that the Central Business District Committee recently met and was given a brief presentation on the farmers' market by Bill Aldridge and Sarah Belcher. The committee also discussed updating the Town's wayfinding signs. He further reported that the committee will be proceeding with forming an eight or nine member committee to assist with matters concerning the downtown area and Cambria. He voiced his support for funding a market study that would cohesively join the various small studies by Town committees into one central plan for marketing the Town.
- b. Councilman Stipes expressed his appreciation for the information provided during the staff reports.
- c. Councilman Hall requested that Harkrader Sports Complex and the recreation center be included in the wayfinding sign update.
- d. Mayor Barber reported that he planned to prepare and present to Council a proclamation proclaiming the month of October as "Help Save the Next Girl in Christiansburg" month, with a specific date of October 17, 2015. This item will be placed on the agenda for the September 22 regular Council meeting.

VIII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORTS:

1. PUBLIC HEARING REQUESTS: Town Manager Helms presented the following request and recommended setting the Public Hearing for September 8, 2015:

1. Rezoning request by Harless Todd and Jeanie M. Ratliff for property located at 1050 Peppers Ferry Road, N.W. (tax parcel 434 – ((A)) – 22) from A Agriculture to B-3 General Business. The property contains 5.49 acres and is scheduled as residential in the Future Land Use Map of the Christiansburg Comprehensive Plan.

On motion by Councilman Hall, seconded by Councilman Vanhoozier, Council voted to set the Public Hearing for September 8, 2015, as follows: Bishop – Aye; Hall – Aye; Huppert – Aye; Showalter – Aye; Stipes – Aye; Vanhoozier - Aye.

2. PROGRESS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Downtown Christiansburg, Inc. has requested the closure of Main Street from the Town Square to Dunkley Street on September 25, 2015 for a food truck rodeo. Council agreed to approve the request without a formal voice vote.

IX. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to bring before Council, Mayor Barber adjourned the meeting at 9:25 P.M.

Michele M. Stipes, Clerk of Council

D. Michael Barber, Mayor



Town of Christiansburg
2015-2020
Consolidated Plan
and
2015 Annual Action Plan

Presented to
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD & PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

TOWN OF CHRISTIANSBURG, VIRGINIA

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

The Town of Christiansburg Virginia as a recipient of block grant funding is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to prepare and adopt a multiyear Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan that solicit citizen views on proposed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program activities contained in these documents. The Citizen Comment period has been scheduled for the 2015-2020 Consolidated and 2015-2016 Annual Action Plans.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Draft copies of the 5 year Consolidated Plan and the 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan will be available for review beginning July 13, 2015 and ending August 13, 2015. The plans shall outline proposed activities for CDBG funding and specific activities for the program year beginning in 2015. Print copies of the Draft plans will be located at the Christiansburg Public Library, located at 125 Sheltman Street during the review process. Additional copies can be obtained from the Christiansburg Planning Department, located at the Christiansburg Town Hall, 100 E. Main Street or on the Town's website at www.christiansburg.org. Provide any comments or suggestions by mailing the Planning Department – CDBG, Town of Christiansburg, 100 E. Main Street, Christiansburg, VA 24073-3029 or by e-mailing nhair@christiansburg.org.

Post July 11, 2015 and August 1, 2015

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Town of Christiansburg is a designated town within the Blacksburg-Christiansburg-Radford Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA). This designation, made in 2003 elevated the Town to the status of an entitlement community under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Title I of the National Affordable Housing Act requires local governments applying for this and other direct assistance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide a comprehensive community development plan, the Consolidated Plan.

The Consolidated Plan is developed with citizen participation and serves as the Town's application for federal funds. The Consolidated Plan for the Town of Christiansburg examines housing and homeless needs, the housing market, provides a five-year strategic plan, and establishes community development priorities in close relation to the Town's Comprehensive Plan. The goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan serve as a representation of the citizen's and Town's vision for the development of the community and its future. Once in place, the Consolidated Plan and subsequent Annual Action Plans provides guidance for the Town's community development investment decisions that are consistent with public concerns and needs and provides a basis for assessing the Town's performance.

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview

The Town of Christiansburg will develop and redevelop portions of the public infrastructure to enhance the quality of life for citizens in the Low to Moderate Income Block Groups. To facilitate the projects, funds will be utilized from the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Program. The goals and objectives of the Consolidated Action Plan serve as representation of the Citizen's, Town Council, and Christiansburg's Street Committee's vision for the development of the community and its future. As stated in the Town of Christiansburg's Vision 2020, the intention of the Town Council for future development is to provide connectivity to public places. The goal of the Consolidated Plan is to plan and provide those connections for LMI residents.

3. Evaluation of past performance

The Town of Christiansburg 2010-2015 Consolidated Plan and the subsequent Annual Action Plans focused on the redevelopment of sidewalks and infrastructure in an LMI area. With the increased connectivity, staff has visibly seen frequent use of the sidewalks. Additionally, through outreach programs for other Town projects, the citizens have indicated they need connectivity to services.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

5. Summary of public comments

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

7. Summary

The Town of Christiansburg will develop and redevelop portions of the public infrastructure, including sidewalks, to enhance the quality of life for citizens in the Low to Moderate Income Block Groups. To facilitate the development, funds will be utilized from the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Program. The goals and objectives of the Consolidated Action Plan serve as representation of the Citizen's and Town Council's vision for the development of the community and its future. As stated in the Town of Christiansburg's Vision 2020 and 2013 Comprehensive Plan, the intention of the Town Council for future development is to provide connectivity to public places. The goal of the Consolidated Plan is to provide connectivity for LMI residents.

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The Process

PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies 24 CFR 91.200(b)

1. Describe agency/entity responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	CHRISTIANSBURG	
CDBG Administrator		
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator		
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

Christiansburg's Planning Department is the lead agency overseeing the development of the Consolidated Plan and is responsible for coordinating with area organizations, citizens and other interested parties. The staff of this department consists of a Planning Director/Zoning Administrator and two Planners.

In addition to overseeing the development of the plan, the Town of Christiansburg will be coordinating sidewalk construction and any other infrastructure improvements, including rehabilitation of infrastructure and sidewalks, through various Town departments.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

Nichole Hair, Planning Director/Zoning Administrator
Town of Christiansburg
nhair@christiansburg.org
(540) 382-6120 x 1130

PR-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(l)

1. Introduction

Services for extremely low to moderate income families can be obtained from various organizations within the Town of Christiansburg, Montgomery County and throughout the New River Valley. These organizations can assist with housing needs, utility payments and other emergency assistance needs for a wide range of populations.

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

In addition to citizen solicitation, staff gathered information and assistance from the following organizations:

Town Managers Office
Parks and Recreation Department
Montgomery County Health Dept.
Department of Social Services
New River Valley Regional Commission
Community Housing Partners
New River Community Action
New River Family Shelter
NRV Community Services
Womens Resource Center

These participants have served an important role in the development of the Consolidated Plan. Each organization provides information from their staff and/or web pages to all interested parties. The data collected from these organizations and individuals was analyzed and developed into a series of housing and community development strategies.

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

A comprehensive continuum of care system is necessary to effectively address homeless needs. This system must provide three basic components. First, there must be an immediate alternative to being unsheltered including not only emergency shelter, but an assessment of an individual's or family's needs. Second, there is a need for transitional housing and rehabilitative services. This aspect of the system should include services such as substance abuse treatment, interim mental health services, training in independent living skills, and many others dependent upon the individual needs. The final step is permanent housing that includes permanent supportive housing arrangements.

Homeless individuals and families will not necessarily need access to all of the above components, but this coordinated system is critical as an overall effort to overcome homelessness. In addition, there must be a strong homeless prevention strategy to ensure increasing numbers of homeless does not overwhelm the above system. In fact, prevention of

homelessness, by stabilizing precarious housing arrangements, is significantly less costly than providing emergency shelter and food.

Though limited by local funding and dependent upon State and Federal Grant Assistance for many of our local endeavors, homelessness is a problem we would like to eliminate in our region. The Town of Christiansburg recognizes the need to assist low and moderate income households in danger of becoming homeless, and is committed to assisting those families by continued support of local agencies, the regional Housing Partnership, Continuum of Care and HOME Consortium.

Since the Town of Christiansburg does not have social service programs to directly assist the homeless, we are fortunate to have New River Community Action, a local agency that administers the Homeless Intervention Program (HIP) for the region. The HIP program prevents the displacement of low and moderate-income households who are in danger of becoming homeless, assists those who are homeless to secure permanent housing, and assists individuals to regain self-sufficiency. The program provides no interest loans for mortgages and deposit assistance, as well as rent-payment grants to eligible people in the New River Valley. Not only does New River Community Action administer the HIP program, but the agency has also taken the lead to develop a Homeless Prevention Plan for the New River Valley.

The Town of Christiansburg will generally support applications for related programs and resources to assist in the prevention of homelessness from eligible non-profit organizations and other groups. When the Town is also an eligible applicant, it will seek to coordinate any application with other relevant organizations so program benefits will be delivered to citizens as effectively and seamlessly as possible.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS
The Town of Christiansburg is not a recipient of ESG funds.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	NEW RIVER COMMUNITY ACTION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	In late 2013, New River Community Action reached out to local governments and the New River Valley Regional Commission to develop a homeless prevention plan. Since that solicitation, NRCA has held regular meetings to develop the plan. As part of the planning process, New River Community Action has assisted with the annual Point in Time survey for the Continuum of Care. While the plan is not completed, the goal is to provide local governments with a plan as a resource to prevent homelessness.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	New River Valley Community Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	New River Valley Community Services is the public provider of behavioral health services to residents of the New River Valley. NRVCS offers community-based programs for both children and adults who are living with mental illness, developmental disabilities and/or substance use disorders. It is recognized these all have the ability to contribute to homelessness.

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

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	New River Community Action	

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(l))**

The Town of Christiansburg works closely with regional partners for planning purposes. The New River Valley Regional Commission provides a the most valuable resource as they coordinate planning for the region as a whole.

PR-15 Citizen Participation

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

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)

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Needs Assessment

NA-05 Overview

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NA-10 Housing Needs Assessment - 24 CFR 91.205 (a,b,c)

Summary of Housing Needs

Determining the number of persons who may be eligible for public assistance can be confusing because of varying types of data and definitions. The national poverty level used in the Census, for example, is based on the cost of living as reflected in the Consumer Price Index and is not adjusted for local variation in costs of living. Eligibility for most housing assistance is based on household income, which is further adjusted by HUD for local variations and household size. The eligibility threshold, as defined by HUD, is persons and families with income 80 percent or less than the area's median family income. According to the 2000 Census, the median family income for Christiansburg in was \$40,851 versus the 2007-2011 CHAS data of \$50,195. Eighty percent of Census figure is \$32,680 and eighty percent of the CHAS figure is \$40,156. Since these numbers do not factor in varying sizes of households, HUD prepares income limit data for localities that give 80 percent thresholds for households ranging in size from one person to eight person families.

According to the CHAS data, there are 3,865 extremely low to moderate income households in the Town of Christiansburg. These are defined as households whose yearly income is at or below 80% of the HUD Area Median Family Income (HAMFI). Of the total extremely low to moderate income households, 1,380 (35.7%) are small related family households, 195 (5.0%) are large related family households, 599 (15.5%) have at least one family member between the ages of 62-74, 615 (15.9%) households have at least one member over the age of 75.

HOUSING PROBLEMS & SUBSTANDARD HOUSING

According to the CHAS Data, 40 extremely low to moderate owner occupied households were lacking complete plumbing facilities or complete kitchen facilities. The same data reported 84 extremely low to moderate renter occupied households experienced overcrowding of 1.01 or more occupants per room. The CHAS data reported 580 extremely low to moderate income renter occupied households with a cost burden greater than 50% of income versus 240 extremely low to moderate income owner occupied households with a cost burden greater than 50%. Of the households with a cost burden greater than 30% of income, 680 were extremely low to moderate income renter occupied households and 395 were extremely low to moderate income owner occupied households.

A total of 664 extremely low to moderate income renter occupied households and 280 owner occupied households reported one or more severe housing problems (lacks kitchen or bathroom, overcrowding or cost burden). 1,480 extremely low to moderate income renter occupied households and 1,330 owner occupied households reported have no severe housing problems. 64 extremely low income renter occupied and 40 owner occupied households have negative income. Those households with a cost burden of more than 30% of income included 1,296 extremely low to moderate income renter occupied households and 657 extremely low to moderate income owner occupied households. 573 extremely low to moderate income renter occupied households reported a cost burden of 50% and 239 of the owner occupied households of the same income classifications reported a cost burden of 50%. Overcrowding was reported in 84 extremely low to moderate income renter occupied households.

Demographics	Base Year: 2000	Most Recent Year: 2011	% Change
Population	16,947	20,609	22%
Households	7,070	8,829	25%
Median Income	\$40,851.00	\$50,195.00	23%

Table 5 - Housing Needs Assessment Demographics

Data Source: 2000 Census (Base Year), 2007-2011 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Number of Households Table

	0-30% HAMFI	>30-50% HAMFI	>50-80% HAMFI	>80-100% HAMFI	>100% HAMFI
Total Households *	1,195	945	1,725	1,040	3,925
Small Family Households *	350	150	880	475	2,430
Large Family Households *	80	50	65	0	250
Household contains at least one person 62-74 years of age	74	220	305	170	445
Household contains at least one person age 75 or older	205	160	250	100	275
Households with one or more children 6 years old or younger *	310	65	359	145	550

* the highest income category for these family types is >80% HAMFI

Table 6 - Total Households Table

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

Housing Needs Summary Tables

1. Housing Problems (Households with one of the listed needs)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Substandard Housing - Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities	0	0	0	0	0	15	0	25	0	40
Severely Overcrowded - With >1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	40	40	4	0	84	0	0	0	0	0
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	490	70	20	0	580	130	90	20	25	265
Housing cost burden greater than 30% of income (and none of the above problems)	120	335	225	15	695	80	75	240	120	515
Zero/negative Income (and none of the above problems)	64	0	0	0	64	40	0	0	0	40

Table 7 – Housing Problems Table

Data 2007-2011 CHAS
Source:

2. Housing Problems 2 (Households with one or more Severe Housing Problems: Lacks kitchen or complete plumbing, severe overcrowding, severe cost burden)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Having 1 or more of four housing problems	530	110	24	0	664	145	90	45	25	305
Having none of four housing problems	230	435	815	520	2,000	180	315	835	495	1,825
Household has negative income, but none of the other housing problems	64	0	0	0	64	40	0	0	0	40

Table 8 – Housing Problems 2

Data 2007-2011 CHAS
Source:

3. Cost Burden > 30%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	255	78	155	488	40	55	215	310
Large Related	20	50	0	70	4	0	4	8
Elderly	80	60	25	165	105	80	40	225
Other	255	260	58	573	60	30	24	114
Total need by income	610	448	238	1,296	209	165	283	657

Table 9 – Cost Burden > 30%

Data 2007-2011 CHAS
Source:

4. Cost Burden > 50%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	205	4	10	219	40	20	20	80
Large Related	20	0	0	20	4	0	0	4
Elderly	60	20	0	80	25	40	0	65
Other	205	45	4	254	60	30	0	90
Total need by income	490	69	14	573	129	90	20	239

Table 10 – Cost Burden > 50%

Data 2007-2011 CHAS
Source:

5. Crowding (More than one person per room)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Single family households	40	40	4	0	84	0	0	0	0	0
Multiple, unrelated family households	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other, non-family households	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total need by income	40	40	4	0	84	0	0	0	0	0

Table 11 – Crowding Information – 1/2

Data 2007-2011 CHAS

Source:

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
Households with Children Present	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 12 – Crowding Information – 2/2

Data Source

Comments:

Describe the number and type of single person households in need of housing assistance.

This data is unavailable.

Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance who are disabled or victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

This data is unavailable.

What are the most common housing problems?

The most common housing problem is cost burden.

Are any populations/household types more affected than others by these problems?

Small, related families are the most affected by cost burden.

Describe the characteristics and needs of Low-income individuals and families with children (especially extremely low-income) who are currently housed but are at imminent risk of either residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered 91.205(c)/91.305(c)). Also discuss the needs of formerly homeless families and individuals who are receiving rapid re-housing assistance and are nearing the termination of that assistance

Cost burden is the most common problem associated with low-income individuals. This cost burden is not inclusive of rental or mortgage expenses but of utilities, maintenance and other costs. The region is limited in the resources it can provide to those individuals to assist with these costs.

If a jurisdiction provides estimates of the at-risk population(s), it should also include a description of the operational definition of the at-risk group and the methodology used to generate the estimates:

Specify particular housing characteristics that have been linked with instability and an increased risk of homelessness

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NA-15 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Problems – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

According to the CHAS Data, the most disproportionate racial ethnic need refers to two groups. 100% of the Asian of the extremely low income households reported having disproportionate need. Under the same income category, 81% Black/African American households reported having a disproportionate need. Of the low income households, 100% of Hispanic households reported having a disproportionate need and 33.3% of Black/African American households reported having a disproportionate need.

0%-30% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	875	210	104
White	615	185	104
Black / African American	190	25	0
Asian	55	0	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	0	0	0

Table 13 - Disproportionately Greater Need 0 - 30% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

30%-50% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	615	330	0
White	555	320	0
Black / African American	20	10	0
Asian	0	0	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	40	0	0

Table 14 - Disproportionately Greater Need 30 - 50% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

50%-80% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	535	1,190	0
White	475	1,100	0
Black / African American	35	90	0
Asian	0	0	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	0	0	0

Table 15 - Disproportionally Greater Need 50 - 80% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

80%-100% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	160	880	0
White	125	775	0
Black / African American	35	50	0
Asian	0	0	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	0	25	0

Table 16 - Disproportionally Greater Need 80 - 100% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

NA-20 Disproportionately Greater Need: Severe Housing Problems – 91.205

(b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

According to the CHAS Data, the most disproportionate racial ethnic need refers to two groups. 100% of the Asian of the extremely low income households reported having disproportionate need. Under the same income category, 81% Black/African American households reported having a disproportionate need. Of the low income households, 100% of Hispanic households reported having a disproportionate need and 33.3% of Black/African American households reported having a disproportionate need.

0%-30% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	675	410	104
White	425	370	104
Black / African American	170	40	0
Asian	55	0	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	0	0	0

Table 17 – Severe Housing Problems 0 - 30% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

30%-50% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	200	745	0
White	150	725	0
Black / African American	10	20	0
Asian	0	0	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	40	0	0

Table 18 – Severe Housing Problems 30 - 50% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

50%-80% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	70	1,655	0
White	70	1,505	0
Black / African American	0	125	0
Asian	0	0	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	0	0	0

Table 19 – Severe Housing Problems 50 - 80% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

80%-100% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	25	1,015	0
White	25	875	0
Black / African American	0	85	0
Asian	0	0	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	0	25	0

Table 20 – Severe Housing Problems 80 - 100% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

NA-25 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens – 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction:

According to the CHAS Data, the most disproportionate racial ethnic need refers to two groups. 75.3% of the White households reported having a disproportionate need in relation to housing cost burden. 61.9% Hispanic households reported having a disproportionate need in relation to housing cost burden.

Housing Cost Burden

Housing Cost Burden	<=30%	30-50%	>50%	No / negative income (not computed)
Jurisdiction as a whole	2,670	1,285	840	104
White	6,020	1,260	610	104
Black / African American	280	110	180	0
Asian	0	0	65	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Hispanic	65	40	0	0

Table 21 – Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

NA-30 Disproportionately Greater Need: Discussion – 91.205(b)(2)

Are there any Income categories in which a racial or ethnic group has disproportionately greater need than the needs of that income category as a whole?

In reviewing the CHAS data, the very low income (0-30% of HAMFI) category consisted of 100% of Asian households had a disproportionately greater need as it relates to Housing and Severe Housing Problems.

If they have needs not identified above, what are those needs?

Are any of those racial or ethnic groups located in specific areas or neighborhoods in your community?

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NA-35 Public Housing – 91.205(b)

Introduction

The Town of Christiansburg does not have a public housing authority, though there are currently four assisted housing projects within the corporate limits. Community Housing Partners, a private, non-profit organization located in Christiansburg provides housing assistance through the Section 8 Existing Program and other similar programs. Additionally, Pembroke Management, Inc. is a private non-profit organization located in Christiansburg, which contracts with VHDA to provide services for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program in Montgomery, Floyd, Giles, and Pulaski Counties.

Totals in Use

	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Program Type						
				Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher			
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs	Family Unification Program	Disabled *	
# of units vouchers in use	0	38	0	9,092	3	8,912	60	11	93	

Table 22 - Public Housing by Program Type

*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Characteristics of Residents

	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Program Type						
				Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher			
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs	Family Unification Program		
Average Annual Income	0	8,365	0	11,574	10,649	11,543	10,848	7,925		
Average length of stay	0	3	0	6	2	6	0	4		
Average Household size	0	1	0	2	1	2	1	3		
# Homeless at admission	0	0	0	17	0	16	0	1		

	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Program Type				
				Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher	
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based		Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing
# of Elderly Program Participants (>62)	0	10	0	1,551	0	1,535	4	0
# of Disabled Families	0	27	0	3,350	1	3,235	26	5
# of Families requesting accessibility features	0	38	0	9,092	3	8,912	60	11
# of HIV/AIDS program participants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of DV victims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 23 – Characteristics of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Race of Residents

Race	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Program Type					
				Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based		Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	
White	0	33	0	4,103	3	4,022	9	4	62
Black/African American	0	5	0	4,920	0	4,822	51	7	30
Asian	0	0	0	30	0	30	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	0	24	0	24	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	15	0	14	0	0	1
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

Table 24 – Race of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Ethnicity of Residents

Ethnicity	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Program Type					
				Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
Hispanic	0	0	0	189	0	189	0	0	0
Not Hispanic	0	38	0	8,903	3	8,723	60	11	93

*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

Table 25 – Ethnicity of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Section 504 Needs Assessment: Describe the needs of public housing tenants and applicants on the waiting list for accessible units:

Most immediate needs of residents of Public Housing and Housing Choice voucher holders

How do these needs compare to the housing needs of the population at large

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NA-40 Homeless Needs Assessment – 91.205(c)

Introduction:

Data from the Point-in-Time-Count is not available for the Town of Christiansburg. The most recent Point-in-Time-Count for the New River Valley indicates there were 59 persons counted, 4 of those being unsheltered. One of the unsheltered was a family with one child.

If data is not available for the categories "number of persons becoming and exiting homelessness each year," and "number of days that persons experience homelessness," describe these categories for each homeless population type (including chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth):

Nature and Extent of Homelessness: (Optional)

Race:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
White	0	0
Black or African American	0	0
Asian	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0
Ethnicity:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
Hispanic	0	0
Not Hispanic	0	0

Data Source

Comments:

Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance for families with children and the families of veterans.

Data is unavailable.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Homelessness by Racial and Ethnic Group.

Data is unavailable.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Unsheltered and Sheltered Homelessness.

Data is unavailable.

NA-45 Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment - 91.205 (b,d)

Introduction:

A number of local organizations and agencies provide supportive housing and services to this population. The New River Valley Senior Services, Inc., for example, serves elderly and frail elderly clients. Community Services of the New River Valley serves persons with mental health, mental retardation and/or substance abuse problems. The Women's Resource Center provides services to women and children of domestic violence. These organizations and many others attempt to coordinate their efforts to ensure that necessary services are available to those who need them, despite constrained finances, disproportionately small staff, and increasing workloads.

There is no anticipated use of CDBG funds for this effort.

Describe the characteristics of special needs populations in your community:

What are the housing and supportive service needs of these populations and how are these needs determined?

Discuss the size and characteristics of the population with HIV/AIDS and their families within the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area:

NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs – 91.215 (f)

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Facilities:

The Town of Christiansburg will not be addressing public facilities with the CDBG program.

How were these needs determined?

The Town of Christiansburg will not be addressing public facilities with the CDBG program.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:

The Town of Christiansburg has identified the need for connectivity throughout the community. In order to meet the needs of residents in low-mod income Census Block Groups, the Town of Christiansburg will address public improvements, including the rehabilitation and construction of new sidewalks. While conducting those sidewalk projects, the water/sewer infrastructure and streets will be evaluated for improvements.

How were these needs determined?

Connectivity has been identified as a need by surveys conducted for the Comprehensive Plan process; from the Town Council Vision 2020 and from the Town's Bikeway Walkway Committee (a citizen based committee). Facilities, such as trail systems, bikeways and sidewalks, have been incorporated into various plans including the Christiansburg Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Comprehensive Plan. Both plans received input from the community through public meetings and Town Council sessions.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:

The Town of Christiansburg will not be addressing public services with the CDBG program.

How were these needs determined?

The Town of Christiansburg will not be addressing public services with the CDBG program.

Housing Market Analysis

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MA-10 Number of Housing Units – 91.210(a)&(b)(2)

Introduction

The Town of Christiansburg had 9,541 residential housing units according to the 2007-2011 ACS data. Of those units, 5,615 units or 59% were single-family homes. The Town of Christiansburg continues to see an increase in residential construction, primarily single-family homes. This residential construction includes infill as well as new construction. The units being developed are both rental properties and owner occupied. The Town of Christiansburg will be identifying where future growth will be with the development of Urban Development Areas or Growth Areas in the next 24 months. This process will provide the opportunity for Christiansburg to plan for infrastructure for those future housing units.

All residential properties by number of units

Property Type	Number	%
1-unit detached structure	5,615	59%
1-unit, attached structure	1,712	18%
2-4 units	937	10%
5-19 units	676	7%
20 or more units	141	1%
Mobile Home, boat, RV, van, etc	460	5%
Total	9,541	100%

Table 26 – Residential Properties by Unit Number

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Unit Size by Tenure

	Owners		Renters	
	Number	%	Number	%
No bedroom	18	0%	18	1%
1 bedroom	127	2%	340	10%
2 bedrooms	758	14%	1,528	47%
3 or more bedrooms	4,658	84%	1,382	42%
Total	5,561	100%	3,268	100%

Table 27 – Unit Size by Tenure

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Describe the number and targeting (income level/type of family served) of units assisted with federal, state, and local programs.

The Town of Christiansburg will not be addressing housing with the CDBG program or other funding programs.

Provide an assessment of units expected to be lost from the affordable housing inventory for any reason, such as expiration of Section 8 contracts.

The Town of Christiansburg is unaware of any units expected to be lost from the affordable housing inventory.

Does the availability of housing units meet the needs of the population?

The availability of housing units appears to meet the needs of the population. This has been more evident with the slower development of housing units.

Describe the need for specific types of housing:

Currently, all housing needs are being met.

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MA-15 Housing Market Analysis: Cost of Housing - 91.210(a)

Introduction

The value of units plays an important role in the affordability of housing both in terms of home ownership and rental pricing. Data shows an increase of 79% in the median home value and a 25% increase in rent. Of the rental properties, 46.0% had rent paid less than \$500 and 49.1% had rent paid at \$500-999. The remaining rental units had rent paid from \$1,000-1,999, but there was no rent contracts above \$2,000.

Cost of Housing

	Base Year: 2000	Most Recent Year: 2011	% Change
Median Home Value	97,400	174,100	79%
Median Contract Rent	430	537	25%

Table 28 – Cost of Housing

Data Source: 2000 Census (Base Year), 2007-2011 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Rent Paid	Number	%
Less than \$500	1,503	46.0%
\$500-999	1,603	49.1%
\$1,000-1,499	149	4.6%
\$1,500-1,999	13	0.4%
\$2,000 or more	0	0.0%
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,268</i>	<i>100.0%</i>

Table 29 - Rent Paid

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Housing Affordability

% Units affordable to Households earning	Renter	Owner
30% HAMFI	340	No Data
50% HAMFI	1,220	265
80% HAMFI	2,385	1,315
100% HAMFI	No Data	1,960
<i>Total</i>	<i>3,945</i>	<i>3,540</i>

Table 30 – Housing Affordability

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

Monthly Rent

Monthly Rent (\$)	Efficiency (no bedroom)	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Fair Market Rent	0	0	0	0	0
High HOME Rent	0	0	0	0	0
Low HOME Rent	0	0	0	0	0

Table 31 – Monthly Rent

Data Source Comments:

Is there sufficient housing for households at all income levels?

The Town of Christiansburg has a variety of household types for all income levels.

How is affordability of housing likely to change considering changes to home values and/or rents?

It is unlikely affordability of housing is to change.

How do HOME rents / Fair Market Rent compare to Area Median Rent? How might this impact your strategy to produce or preserve affordable housing?

Data not available.

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MA-20 Housing Market Analysis: Condition of Housing – 91.210(a)

Introduction

The Town of Christiansburg's existing housing supply is characterized with units 15 years old or even older. Older homes increase the likelihood of the presence of lead-based paint and deteriorating conditions. The Town of Christiansburg will not be utilizing CDBG funds to address these issues.

Definitions

The Town of Christiansburg defines units of standard condition as meeting all State and local codes. Additionally, the unit meets the minimum standards of construction in accordance with Virginia Construction Code.

The Town of Christiansburg defines units of substandard condition as being in poor condition and it is both structurally and financially infeasible to rehabilitate. Additionally, the units does not meet the minimum standards related to health, safety and welfare of occupants.

Condition of Units

Condition of Units	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
With one selected Condition	969	17%	1,348	41%
With two selected Conditions	0	0%	40	1%
With three selected Conditions	26	0%	0	0%
With four selected Conditions	0	0%	0	0%
No selected Conditions	4,566	82%	1,880	58%
<i>Total</i>	<i>5,561</i>	<i>99%</i>	<i>3,268</i>	<i>100%</i>

Table 32 - Condition of Units

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Year Unit Built

Year Unit Built	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
2000 or later	1,339	24%	606	19%
1980-1999	1,925	35%	838	26%
1950-1979	1,710	31%	1,484	45%
Before 1950	587	11%	340	10%
<i>Total</i>	<i>5,561</i>	<i>101%</i>	<i>3,268</i>	<i>100%</i>

Table 33 – Year Unit Built

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
Total Number of Units Built Before 1980	2,297	41%	1,824	56%
Housing Units build before 1980 with children present	545	10%	344	11%

Table 34 – Risk of Lead-Based Paint

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS (Total Units) 2007-2011 CHAS (Units with Children present)

Vacant Units

	Suitable for Rehabilitation	Not Suitable for Rehabilitation	Total
Vacant Units	0	0	0
Abandoned Vacant Units	0	0	0
REO Properties	0	0	0
Abandoned REO Properties	0	0	0

Table 35 - Vacant Units

Data Source: 2005-2009 CHAS

Need for Owner and Rental Rehabilitation

The Town of Christiansburg Building Department is responsible for monitoring buildings in need of owner and rental rehabilitation. This department works closely with homeowners and tenants to rehabilitate properties. The Town of Christiansburg does not have funds designated for this process.

Estimated Number of Housing Units Occupied by Low or Moderate Income Families with LBP Hazards

The Lead Paint Poisoning Prevention Act of 1971 banned the use of lead in household paint, but many houses still have lead in interior paint, particularly in the older homes and neighborhoods of the area. Paint, therefore, stands out as the main source of potential lead exposure for children, the most susceptible to harm from toxins such as lead. According to the CHAS data, 4,121 housing units were built pre-1980. This presents the possibility of 46.7% of the total units containing lead-based paint. The amount of at risk housing for extremely low to moderate income families was obtained by multiplying the total households in each income level from the CHAS data needs worksheet by 46.7%. An estimated 1,804 housing units containing lead-based paint hazards are occupied by extremely low to moderate income families.

MA-25 Public and Assisted Housing – 91.210(b)

Introduction

The Town of Christiansburg does not have a public housing authority and public housing is not maintained by the Town. All vouchers are handled by other agencies. Data presented by PIC (PIH Information Center) indicates there are 9,227 tenant-based vouchers, 427 Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing vouchers and 890 vouchers for the disabled in the Town of Christiansburg.

Totals Number of Units

	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Program Type					
				Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project -based	Tenant -based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers available	0	39		9,227	0	9,227	427	0	890
# of accessible units									

*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

Table 36 – Total Number of Units by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Describe the supply of public housing developments:

Describe the number and physical condition of public housing units in the jurisdiction, including those that are participating in an approved Public Housing Agency Plan:

The Town of Christiansburg does not have a public housing authority, though there are currently four assisted housing projects within the corporate limits. Community Housing Partners (formerly Virginia Mountain Housing, Inc.), a private, non-profit organization located at 930 Cambria Street, NE in Christiansburg provides housing assistance through the Section 8 Existing Program and other similar programs. Additionally, Pembroke Management, Inc. is a private non-profit organization located in Blacksburg, which contracts with VHDA to provide services for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program in Montgomery, Floyd, Giles, and Pulaski Counties.

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Linden Green (formerly known as Old Farm Village) is an 84-unit development that was constructed in 1978 and consists of one, two, three, and four-bedroom apartments. Rented to low-income households (at or below 50% of the area median income), the property features a community center, playground, and sports court, as well as central laundry facilities. This multifamily rental community underwent an extensive rehabilitation in 2010-2011. The Smokey Ridge and Nugget Ridge Apartments provides affordable multifamily rental housing for very low-, low-, and moderate-income families, elderly persons, and persons with disabilities. This development consists of approximately 90 units. Christiansburg Bluff Apartments and Old Farm Village II Apartments are both Section 8 housing utilizing tenant-based vouchers. Christiansburg Bluff Apartments consists of 120 units and Old Farm Village II Apartments consists of 80 units.

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Public Housing Condition

Public Housing Development	Average Inspection Score

Table 37 - Public Housing Condition**Describe the restoration and revitalization needs of public housing units in the jurisdiction:**

All restoration and revitalization is handled by other agencies and not the Town of Christiansburg.

Describe the public housing agency's strategy for improving the living environment of low- and moderate-income families residing in public housing:

The Town of Christiansburg does not have a public housing agency.

MA-30 Homeless Facilities and Services – 91.210(c)

Introduction

Information for the Town of Christiansburg is unavailable at this time.

Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households

	Emergency Shelter Beds		Transitional Housing Beds Current & New	Permanent Supportive Housing Beds	
	Year Round Beds (Current & New)	Voucher / Seasonal / Overflow Beds		Current & New	Under Development
Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	0	0	0	0	0
Households with Only Adults	0	0	0	0	0
Chronically Homeless Households	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	0	0	0	0	0
Unaccompanied Youth	0	0	0	0	0

Table 38 - Facilities and Housing Targeted to Homeless Households

Data Source Comments:

Describe mainstream services, such as health, mental health, and employment services to the extent those services are used to complement services targeted to homeless persons

Since the Town of Christiansburg does not have social service programs to directly assist the homeless, we are fortunate to have New River Community Action, a local agency that administers the Homeless Intervention Program (HIP) for the region. The HIP program prevents the displacement of low and moderate-income households who are in danger of becoming homeless, assists those who are homeless to secure permanent housing, and assists individuals to regain self-sufficiency. The program provides no interest loans for mortgages and deposit assistance, as well as rent-payment grants to eligible people in the New River Valley. According to the New River Community Action 2008-2009 Annual Report, HIP assisted 54 families (145 individuals to avoid homelessness.

The Town of Christiansburg will generally support applications for related programs and resources to assist in the prevention of homelessness from eligible non-profit organizations and other groups. When the Town is also an eligible applicant, it will seek to coordinate any application with other relevant organizations so program benefits will be delivered to citizens as effectively and seamlessly as possible.

List and describe services and facilities that meet the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth. If the services and facilities are listed on screen SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure or screen MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services, describe how these facilities and services specifically address the needs of these populations.
There are no targeted permanent or temporary housing options available to the homeless in the Town of Christiansburg. All homeless services are provided on a regional basis within neighboring jurisdictions within the New River Valley Planning District and the Housing Partnership of the New River Valley.

Based on the Point-In-Time Count, it is very difficult to determine whether the Town of Christiansburg has a significant homeless population. Homeless needs are therefore most efficiently met on a regional basis as it currently is. The Town of Christiansburg recognizes the need for a coordinated network of services and housing to meet the needs of homeless individuals and families with children. The Town will continue to support the Continuum of Care and the regional HOME Consortium.

MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services – 91.210(d)

Introduction

A number of local organizations and agencies provide supportive housing and services to this population. The New River Valley Senior Services, Inc., for example, serves elderly and frail elderly clients. Community Services of the New River Valley serves persons with mental health, mental retardation and/or substance abuse problems. The Women's Resource Center provides services to women and children of domestic violence. These organizations and many others attempt to coordinate their efforts to ensure that necessary services are available to those who need them, despite constrained finances, disproportionately small staff, and increasing workloads.

There is no anticipated use of CDBG funds for this effort.

Including the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities (mental, physical, developmental), persons with alcohol or other drug addictions, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, public housing residents and any other categories the jurisdiction may specify, and describe their supportive housing needs

The Town of Christiansburg will not be addressing specific special needs with the CDBG program.

Describe programs for ensuring that persons returning from mental and physical health institutions receive appropriate supportive housing

The Town of Christiansburg will not be addressing specific special needs with the CDBG program.

Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. 91.315(e)

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For entitlement/consortia grantees: Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. (91.220(2))

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MA-40 Barriers to Affordable Housing – 91.210(e)

Negative Effects of Public Policies on Affordable Housing and Residential Investment

BUILDING CODE

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MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets – 91.215 (f)

Introduction

The Town of Christiansburg's primary community and economic development goal is to develop a viable economic development approach that provides diverse and sustainable employment opportunities; maintains the Town's review base; and improves quality of life for all Town residents and to enhance the identity of the Town through historic preservation, aesthetic and visual continuity, and strong neighborhoods.

Economic Development Market Analysis

Business Activity

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	32	0	1	0	-1
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	1,009	2,302	16	24	8
Construction	302	606	5	6	1
Education and Health Care Services	1,166	1,080	18	11	-7
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	298	308	5	3	-2
Information	80	71	1	1	0
Manufacturing	1,199	435	19	5	-14
Other Services	260	369	4	4	0
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	569	576	9	6	-3
Public Administration	0	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	1,018	3,319	16	35	19
Transportation and Warehousing	136	113	2	1	-1
Wholesale Trade	247	383	4	4	0
Total	6,316	9,562	--	--	--

Table 39 - Business Activity

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS (Workers), 2011 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs)

Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	11,718
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	11,146
Unemployment Rate	4.88
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	25.71
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	3.02

Table 40 - Labor Force

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	3,099
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	189
Service	1,104
Sales and office	2,506
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	802
Production, transportation and material moving	515

Table 41 – Occupations by Sector

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	8,434	80%
30-59 Minutes	1,817	17%
60 or More Minutes	314	3%
Total	10,565	100%

Table 42 - Travel Time

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Education:

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force			Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed		
Less than high school graduate	311	79		233
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	2,112	117		473
Some college or Associate's degree	3,088	88		627
Bachelor's degree or higher	3,579	56		466

Table 43 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18–24 yrs	25–34 yrs	35–44 yrs	45–65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	11	12	27	124	376
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	264	68	114	278	310
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	615	581	773	1,348	703

	Age				
	18–24 yrs	25–34 yrs	35–44 yrs	45–65 yrs	65+ yrs
Some college, no degree	712	898	579	1,153	481
Associate's degree	164	358	389	446	78
Bachelor's degree	348	1,207	698	790	174
Graduate or professional degree	54	580	426	423	203

Table 44 - Educational Attainment by Age

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	20,280
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	30,176
Some college or Associate's degree	33,776
Bachelor's degree	44,207
Graduate or professional degree	44,318

Table 45 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?

Based on the Business Activity table above, the major employment sectors within Christiansburg include manufacturing, education and health care services, retail trade, and arts, entertainment and accommodations.

Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

There are no identified workforce and infrastructure needs at this time.

Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period. Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.

There are no major changes planned at this time that would have an economic impact on job and business growth opportunities.

How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?

The Town of Christiansburg is located between two large universities. Due to the proximity of those universities, there is a high number of citizens with a college degree and higher. The majority of those individuals are employed, most likely with the universities.

Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.

The New River/Mount Rogers Workforce Investment Board (NRV/MR WIB) serves Bland, Carroll, Floyd, Giles, Grayson, Montgomery (includes the Town of Christiansburg), Pulaski, Smythe, Wythe, and Washington Counties and the Cities of Bristol, Galax, and Radford. The NRV/MR WIB strives to increase the employment, retention, earnings and occupational skill attainment of participants. The NRV/MR WIB seeks to improve the quality of the workforce, reduce welfare dependency, and enhance the productivity and competitiveness of the local area.

Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?

No

If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.

The New River Valley Regional Commission does participate in CEDS and published the New River Valley Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy in 2014. The New River Valley Regional Commission works with communities to assist with projects that will benefit the New River Valley.

Discussion

The Town of Christiansburg's primary community and economic development goal is to develop a viable economic development approach that provides diverse and sustainable employment opportunities; maintains the Town's review base; and improves quality of life for all Town residents and to enhance the identity of the Town through historic preservation, aesthetic and visual continuity, and strong neighborhoods.

MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion

**Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated?
(include a definition of "concentration")**

There are not concentrated areas where households are experiencing multiple housing problems. Areas of concentration would include a dense population of these households.

Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

The Park Street Neighborhood has a higher concentration of low income families. Areas of concentration would include a dense population of this income type.

What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?

The Town of Christiansburg's Park Street Neighborhood, also known as the Park District, consists of a mixture of older single family homes and rental units.

Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?

Community assets include area shopping, medical offices and municipal buildings such as Christiansburg Town Hall, Montgomery County Courthouse and Health Department.

Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?

The strategic opportunity in this area is to provide connectivity to the area services.

Strategic Plan

SP-05 Overview

Strategic Plan Overview

The Town of Christiansburg will develop and upgrade portions of the public infrastructure to enhance the quality of life for citizens in the Low to Moderate Income Block Groups. To facilitate the development, funds will be utilized from the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Program. The goals and objectives of the Consolidated Plan serve as representation of the Citizen's and Town Council's vision for the development of the community and its future. As stated in the Town of Christiansburg's 2013 Comprehensive Plan, the intention of the Town Council for future development is to provide connectivity to public places. The goal of the Consolidated Plan is plan for those connections for LMI residents.

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SP-10 Geographic Priorities – 91.215 (a)(1)

Geographic Area

Table 46 - Geographic Priority Areas

1 Area Name:	Park Street District
Area Type:	Local Target area
Other Target Area Description:	
HUD Approval Date:	
% of Low/ Mod:	
Revital Type:	Other
Other Revital Description:	infrastructure development and rehabilitation
Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
Identify the needs in this target area.	
What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	

General Allocation Priorities

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA)

SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.215(a)(2)

Priority Needs

Table 47 – Priority Needs Summary

1	Priority Need Name	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle Large Families Families with Children Elderly Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Park Street District
	Associated Goals	Infrastructure
	Description	Development of new infrastructure and rehabilitation of existing infrastructure. 80% of the CDBG allocations will be designated for these projects.
	Basis for Relative Priority	

Narrative (Optional)

This is the first year the Town of Christiansburg will be utilizing CDBG allocations. In order to impact the greatest number of citizens and facilitate the program administration, the Town of Christiansburg will concentrate on one activity, rehabilitation and development of infrastructure in LMI neighborhoods.

The neighborhood selection is based upon the visible need. The existing sidewalks are in need of repair and updating. Where sidewalks have not been installed, there are visible walking paths worn into the grassy shoulders of Christiansburg's streets.

Funding is the only obstacle in meeting the needs of underserved citizens. The Town of Christiansburg is receiving limited funding; leading to numerous needs receiving a *Low Priority* ranking. This in no way underestimates the value of these efforts and needs. It is a reflection of the process of prioritization that the Town must make to ensure the most effective resources available will be utilized efficiently with such limited funding.

The Town of Christiansburg will strive to maintain and increase the supply of affordable, sound housing by assisting in the reduction of lead-based paint hazards and utilizing code development with enforcement to promote safe homes.

In order to address infrastructure projects, the Town of Christiansburg will phase those projects over the course of the 5 year Strategic Plan.

SP-30 Influence of Market Conditions – 91.215 (b)

Influence of Market Conditions

Affordable Housing Type	Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	The Town of Christiansburg will not be utilizing CDBG funds to address housing needs.
TBRA for Non-Homeless Special Needs	The Town of Christiansburg will not be utilizing CDBG funds to address housing needs.
New Unit Production	The Town of Christiansburg will not be utilizing CDBG funds to address housing needs.
Rehabilitation	
Acquisition, including preservation	The Town of Christiansburg will not be utilizing CDBG funds to address housing needs.

Table 48 – Influence of Market Conditions

SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

HUD CDBG funds will be the primary resource the Town of Christiansburg will use for the program year. Application may be made with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for revenue sharing funds. Those funds may be utilized in the public right-of-way for projects like storm drain infrastructure improvements and rehabilitation. HUD CDBG funds may be used to leverage the VDOT funds and serve as matching funds for Christiansburg.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	117,568	0	108,000	225,568	400,000	

Table 49 - Anticipated Resources

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

HUD CDBG funds may be leveraged for state transportation funds as needed. Separate application to VDOT must be made for funding sources and that need is to be determined on an annual basis.

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

Work will be done in the Town of Christiansburg right-of-way. When necessary, temporary easements will be requested to perform work on private properties.

SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure – 91.215(k)

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
CHRISTIANSBURG	Government	Non-homeless special needs Planning public facilities	Jurisdiction

Table 50 - Institutional Delivery Structure

Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

Christiansburg's Planning Department is the lead agency overseeing the development of the Consolidated Plan and is responsible for coordinating with area organizations, citizens and other interested parties. The staff of this department consists of a Planning Director and a Planner.

In addition to overseeing the development of the plan, the Town of Christiansburg will be coordinating sidewalk construction and any other infrastructure improvements through various departments.

Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Homelessness Prevention Services			
Counseling/Advocacy	X		
Legal Assistance	X		
Mortgage Assistance	X		
Rental Assistance	X		
Utilities Assistance	X		
Street Outreach Services			
Law Enforcement	X		
Mobile Clinics			
Other Street Outreach Services			
Supportive Services			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X		
Child Care			
Education	X		
Employment and Employment Training			
Healthcare	X		
HIV/AIDS	X		
Life Skills	X		
Mental Health Counseling	X		
Transportation	X		

Other			

Table 51 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary

Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)

A number of regional organizations and agencies provide supportive housing and services to these populations. The New River Valley Senior Services, Inc., for example, serves elderly and frail elderly clients. Community Services of the New River Valley serves persons with mental health, mental retardation and/or substance abuse problems. The Women's Resource Center provides services to women and children of domestic violence. These organizations and many others attempt to coordinate their efforts to ensure that necessary services are available to those who need them, despite constrained finances, disproportionately small staff, and increasing workloads.

Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above

The Town of Chrsitiansburg does not provided services, but relies on other organizations for assistance.

Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs

The Town of Christiansburg will generally support applications for related programs and resources to assist area organizations and agencies.

SP-45 Goals Summary – 91.215(a)(4)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Infrastructure	2015	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	Park Street District	Public Improvements and Infrastructure		

Table 52 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Develop and rehabilitate public infrastructure to improve the quality of life for low-mod income residents.

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2)

The Town of Christiansburg will not be utilizing HUD CDBG funds to address affordable housing.

SP-50 Public Housing Accessibility and Involvement – 91.215(c)

Need to Increase the Number of Accessible Units (if Required by a Section 504 Voluntary Compliance Agreement)

Activities to Increase Resident Involvements

Is the public housing agency designated as troubled under 24 CFR part 902?

Plan to remove the ‘troubled’ designation

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SP-55 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.215(h)

Barriers to Affordable Housing

BUILDING CODE

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SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE

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Strategy to Remove or Ameliorate the Barriers to Affordable Housing

It may be possible to reduce housing costs somewhat by adjusting regulations and requirements and by promoting more cost-effective development techniques such as cluster residential development in new subdivisions. Such cost cutting measures, however do not automatically result in housing that is suitable to low-income persons.

Removal of barriers to affordable housing must be done with a full analysis of potential ramifications. In this regard, the Town Code will continue to be reviewed and edited as necessary to protect and strengthen residential districts. Christiansburg's current zoning and regulations will be closely examined to ensure compatibility with the promotion of affordable housing opportunities.

SP-60 Homelessness Strategy – 91.215(d)

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

The Town of Christiansburg recognizes the need to assist low to moderate income households in danger of becoming homeless, and is committed to assisting those families by continued support of local agencies, the regional Housing Partnership , Continuum of Care and HOME Consortium. The Town of Christiansburg has taken an active role in a regional committee to end homelessness and will continue to provide staff support. The Town of Christiansburg will generally support applications for related programs and resources to assist in the prevention of homelessness from eligible non-profit organizations and other groups. When the Town is also an eligible applicant, it will coordinate any application with other relevant organizations so program benefits will be delivered to citizens as effectively and seamlessly as possible. No CDBG funding will assist these efforts.

Addressing the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

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.

Help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families who are likely to become homeless after being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care, or who are receiving assistance from public and private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education or youth needs

SP-65 Lead based paint Hazards – 91.215(i)

Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards

Christiansburg does not have the resources or expertise necessary to implement a lead poisoning prevention program. Christiansburg's Building Official can assist in education and reduction of lead-based paint hazards during remodel projects of older homes. Montgomery County's Health Department tracks lead-based paint hazards in order to provide an effective education program to improve local understanding and efforts to reduce lead-based paint hazards.

How are the actions listed above related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards?

How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?

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SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy – 91.215(j)

Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families

No direct reduction of poverty levels will be attempted with the CDBG program within the Town of Christiansburg.

How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan

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SP-80 Monitoring – 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures that the jurisdiction will use to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and will use to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

The Town of Christiansburg staff and a chosen consultant will assure program compliance in the CDBG program by conducting a risk analyses and monitoring projects.

The CDBG program monitors high-risk projects as a first priority. The areas reviewed to determine the risk level includes meeting goals, management procedures, record keeping, financial status, construction and labor standards (if applicable), and beneficiary data.

The Town of Christiansburg will monitor its own performance in meeting the goals of the Consolidated Plan by conducting frequent reviews with members of Town Council, Town Council appointed Street Committee, and citizens. By gathering beneficiary information we are able to measure our success. Changes in policies and economic trends may affect a project's ability to meet proposed goals.

The Town of Christiansburg will continue to work with citizens and committees to address various community needs and goals. With the Town's participation in the Consolidated Plan process, goals have been developed based on current needs. Funding dollars will be directed to activities that assist in meeting those goals and needs.

To ensure the Town of Christiansburg complies with HUD's "timeliness" test, the Town of Christiansburg will take shovel ready projects into account when committing funds.

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

HUD CDBG funds will be the primary resource the Town of Christiansburg will use for the program year. Application may be made with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for revenue sharing funds. Those funds may be utilized in the public right-of-way for projects like storm drain infrastructure improvements and rehabilitation. HUD CDBG funds may be used to leverage the VDOT funds and serve as matching funds for Christiansburg.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	117,568	0	108,000	225,568	400,000	

Table 53 - 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

HUD CDBG funds may be leveraged for state transportation funds as needed. Separate application to VDOT must be made for funding sources and that need is to be determined on an annual basis.

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

Work will be done in the Town of Christiansburg right-of-way. When necessary, temporary easements will be requested to perform work on private properties.

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Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Infrastructure	2015	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	Park Street District	Public Improvements and Infrastructure		

Table 54 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Ongoing development of new public infrastructure and rehabilitating portions of infrastructure to enhance the quality of life for citizens in the Low to Moderate Income Block Groups.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The 2015 Annual Action Plan for the Town of Christiansburg outlines the activities that will be undertaken during the 2015 program year using Federal funds granted to the Town of Christiansburg by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). Programs and activities described in this plan are continued from prior program years. All programs and activities are intended to benefit low-income and moderate-income residents of the Town of Christiansburg, neighborhoods with high concentrations of low-income and moderate-income residents, and the Town as a whole.

Objectives:

- Ongoing development of new public infrastructure and upgrading portions of infrastructure to enhance the quality of life for citizens in the Low to Moderate Income Block Groups.

Outcomes:

- Providing usable sidewalks will provide connectivity for low to moderate income residents within Town. Various residential areas lie adjacent to businesses, agencies that provide services, local transit and government offices. By providing the necessary links between the neighborhoods and the commercial area, an improved transportation network will be achieved.
- Rehabilitating drainage, water and sewer systems that lay under the sidewalk areas provides a better quality of life as some of these lines have never been upgraded or improved.

Accomplishments:

- Existing sidewalks have been improved to comply with ADA standards in the project area along East Main Street, Roanoke Street and Park Street.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Park Street Infrastructure

Table 55 – Project Information

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

The Park Street Neighborhood will receive priority attention during this funding cycle to continue the construction of new sidewalks and repair of existing infrastructure. The priorities were established based on the needs of the eligible jurisdictional area and available funds. A major obstacle the Town of Christiansburg has faced in meeting the needs of the targeted population is the minimal funds. Additionally, the Town of Christiansburg has limited staffing to

assist with housing rehabilitation and other housing projects. In order to utilize the CDBG funds efficiently and effectively to meet the needs of the low to moderate income residents and other Town residents, infrastructure improvements serve the greater good.

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AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Park Street Infrastructure
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Funding	:
	Description	Rehabilitating infrastructure and development of sidewalks
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	P

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

The Town of Christiansburg's Park District consists of a mixture of older single family homes and rental units. The Park District is also home to lower income residents. The boundary of the Park District is Roanoke Street (U.S. Routes 11 and 460), Depot Street, N.E. and East Main Street. Park Street (which the area is named for), runs parallel to Roanoke Street, transects the Park District. Roanoke Street serves as a major connector to area shopping, medical offices and municipal buildings such as Christiansburg Town Hall, Montgomery County Courthouse and Health Department.

The Town of Christiansburg's Park District is home to lower income residents that require access to area shopping, medical offices and other businesses. A portion of Park Street and Roanoke Street do provide sidewalks; however, there is a need to fill in areas that do not have sidewalks. Christiansburg witnesses residents walking on the grassy shoulders to arrive at various destinations along Park Street from their residences within the Park District.

Christiansburg intends to allot a minimum of 80% of the CDBG allocation to continue sidewalk construction, plus the rehabilitation of infrastructure along portions of Park Street and Depot Street, N.E. In order to install new sidewalks, the drainage infrastructure will need to be improved. The remaining 20% will be allocated for administrative costs, if those costs should need funding.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Park Street District	80

Table 56 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The Park Street Neighborhood will receive priority attention during this funding cycle to continue the construction of new sidewalks and repair of existing infrastructure. The priorities were established based on the needs of the eligible jurisdictional area and available funds.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The Town of Christiansburg will strive to maintain and increase the supply of affordable, sound housing through planning processes promoting affordable housing such reviewing the Town's Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan. Due to limited funding through HUD's CDBG Program, the Town of Christiansburg will not be addressing affordable housing needs with CDBG allocations.

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

Table 57 - 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	0
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	0

Table 58 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Due to limited funding through HUD's CDBG Program, the Town of Christiansburg will not be addressing public housing with CDBG allocations.

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

Due to limited funding through HUD's CDBG Program, the Town of Christiansburg will not be addressing public housing with CDBG allocations.

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

Due to limited funding through HUD's CDBG Program, the Town of Christiansburg will not be addressing public housing with CDBG allocations.

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

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

Introduction

The Town of Christiansburg recognizes the need to assist low to moderate income households in danger of becoming homeless, and is committed to assisting those families by continued support of local agencies, the regional Housing Partnership , Continuum of Care and HOME Consortium. The Town of Christiansburg has taken an active role in a regional committee to end homelessness and will continue to provide staff support. The Town of Christiansburg will generally support applications for related programs and resources to assist in the prevention of homelessness from eligible non-profit organizations and other groups. When the Town is also an eligible applicant, it will coordinate any application with other relevant organizations so program benefits will be delivered to citizens as effectively and seamlessly as possible.

No CDBG funding will assist these efforts.

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

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

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

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

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

Introduction:

Removal of barriers to affordable housing must be done with a full analysis of potential ramifications. In this regard, the Town's Zoning Ordinance will be edited as necessary to protect and strengthen residential districts. The Town's Comprehensive Plan was adopted in 2013 and as part of the continued process, individual "Neighborhood Plans" will be developed. The studies behind the Neighborhood Plans will aid in determining barriers to affordable housing. Christiansburg's current zoning and regulations continue to be closely examined to ensure compatibility with the promotion of affordable housing opportunities.

In addition, Christiansburg has continued to support and participate with the New River Valley Housing Partnership as it examines opportunities in the area of Continuum of Care and HOME Consortia pursuits.

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

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

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

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The Town of Christiansburg will continue to strive to complete the sidewalk project set forth in the Consolidated Plan. The sidewalk project has been listed as the highest priority for the Goals and Objectives. Additional improvements to drainage, water and sewer infrastructure are included in this project list. These infrastructures have not needed attention at this time. Over 55% of the residents of the Census Block Group 020800-02 are low-moderate income persons. These residents have direct access to the new sidewalks and rehabilitated sidewalks. Rehabilitating sidewalks and installing new sidewalks will encourage a walkable community providing access to public transportation, grocery stores, doctor's offices including a free clinic and municipal buildings.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

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

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	249,957
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:	249,957

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	0.00%

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