



# **Town of Christiansburg**

## **2022-2026**

### ***Community Development Block Group***

## ***Consolidated Plan/ Annual Action Plan***

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## **Executive Summary**

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

#### **1. Introduction**

The Town of Christiansburg has prepared a Consolidated Plan in order to implement our community's federal program funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This Plan is for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2026. The Consolidated Plan is developed with citizen participation and serves as the Town's application for federal funds. This document examines housing and homeless needs, analyzes the existing housing market, sets out a five-year strategic plan, establishes community development priorities, and sets up an action plan, which provides a specific roadmap of activities to meet strategic goals with a basis for assessing the Town's performance. Once in place, the Plan provides guidance for the Town's community development investment decisions that is consistent with public concerns and needs. The Town will receive approximately \$105,000 in CDBG funds annually to assist the Town of Christiansburg with eligible programs to meet community development and housing needs. Over the term of the five year plan, approximately \$525,000 is expected to be available, with 20% of that can be used for planning activities and administration of the program. Each year, the Town will prepare an Annual Action Plan that outlines the specific program activities to be carried out in meeting the Consolidated Plan strategies. The Town will focus on partnerships and collaborations to foster successful projects and leverage funds in order to address needs for low income and homeless housing, services for special needs and low income persons, along community and economic development needs.

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

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds will be used over the next five years to address the needs outlined in the Strategic Plan. HUD's objectives guiding the proposed activities are:

1. Benefit to low- and moderate income (LMI) persons.
2. Meet urgent needs to alleviate emergency conditions.

The CDBG goals for FY 2022-2026 are targeted to benefit as many residents of the Town as possible. In conjunction with the national objective that activities should benefit low-to-moderate income neighborhoods within the Town. Historically the Town has one Low-to-Moderate income census tract

block group (Census Tract 208.02, Block Group 2). This area is known as the Park District and is bordered by Roanoke Street to the southwest, south, Depot Street to the east, and East Main Street to the north, northeast. This area has had more than 50% of residents in households earning at/or below 80% of the Area Median Income and are considered a Low to Moderate Income (LMI) family. The overall LMI rate for the Census Tract 208 is 56% in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Policy Development and Research's Low to Moderate Income Population by Tract GIS website.

The proposed funding enables the Town to benefit LMI residents in several different ways:

Goal 1: Help provide emergency housing assistance and increase opportunities for aging and disabled citizens to remain independent in their homes.

*Action 1* - Assist with ADA accessibility improvements

*Action 2* - Provide Emergency Home Repair

Goal 2: Help prevent homelessness

*Action* - Provide resources to help prevent homelessness for short-term emergency situations through the Homeless Intervention Program.

Goal 3: Public Infrastructure Improvements in designated Census Tract block groups within the Town of Christiansburg.

*Action 1* - Assist with funding the installation of sidewalk and the associated drainage improvements along East Main Street.

*Action 2* - Water and Sewer Improvements in High Priority locations.

Goal 4: Furthering Fair Housing

*Action 1* - Work the NRV HOME Consortium to Complete an Assessment of Fair Housing prior to initiation to the next Consolidated Plan to guide the development of an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing.

### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

The Town of Christiansburg continued to use CDBG funds for infrastructure projects within the Town's Park District (Census Tract 208.02; Block Group 2). Funding during the 2017-2021 Consolidated Plan

period was prioritized for COVID response, public services and public infrastructure improvements. Activities included:

- Sidewalk/drainage improvements on Park Street from Hagen Street to Depot Street
- Waterline replacement(on-going) on Park Street, Junkin Street, and Montague Street
- Prevention of homelessness through the Homeless Intervention Program through the response to COVID 19

#### **4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process**

A number of service providers, agencies, and residents were contacted with the purpose of providing input on community needs. Two public input meetings were scheduled to provide additional forum for public input. A 30-day public comment period was provided to obtain comments on the proposed Consolidated Plan and First Year Action Plan. A public hearing was provided as part of the citizen participation process.

#### **5. Summary of public comments**

To date, no public comments have been received.

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

To date, no comments or input from the public have been received.

#### **7. Summary**

The Consolidated Plan reflects a coordinated planning with citizen participation to identify the top priority needs within the Town of Christiansburg. The goals identified in the Consolidated Plan are in attempts to maintain quality housing, provide public services, and provide or improve public infrastructure within the Town's Low to Moderate Income area. This plan outlines the programs that the Town will pursue over the next five years.



## The Process

### PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 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	CHRISTIANSBURG	Town Manager's Office
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator		
HOPWA-C Administrator		

**Table 1– Responsible Agencies**

### Narrative

The New River Valley HOME Consortium is a regional consortium located in southwest Virginia that includes the counties of Floyd, Giles, Montgomery, Pulaski, the City of Radford and the towns therein. This included both the Town of Christiansburg and the Town of Blacksburg (the consortium lead). The Town of Blacksburg, the Town of Christiansburg, and the City of Radford make up the three entitlement communities within the New River Valley and are required to submit consolidated plans at the same time. The Consortium is responsible for all housing aspects of this Consolidate Plan with the Town of Christiansburg's Town Managers Office being the agency responsible for the preparation of all Non-Housing Community Development Needs within the Town.

### Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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## **PR-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.110, 91.200(b), 91.300(b), 91.215(l) and 91.315(l)**

### **1. Introduction**

The Town of Christiansburg engaged community agencies, groups, organizations, and citizens as well as participating with regional planning efforts of the Regional Housing Study, the NRV Livability Initiative and the NRV Housing Partnership to assist with identifying housing needs across the region.

**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)).**

Regional Housing Study began in 2018 with the goal of addressing housing questions from localities across the New River Valley. The study incorporated regional and local data as well as input from 10 focus groups and over 1,100 online survey responses to develop seven regional housing strategies and tailored strategies for each locality. The New River Valley Regional Commission partnered with the Virginia Center for Housing Research at Virginia Tech, Housing Forward Virginia, and czb, LLC to provide housing market data collection, analysis training, and strategy development.

The Town of Christiansburg participated in the recently completed Regional Housing Study. The study began in 2018 with the goal of addressing housing questions from localities across the New River Valley. The study incorporated regional and local data as well as input from 10 focus groups and over 1,100 online survey responses to develop seven regional housing strategies and tailored strategies for each locality. The New River Valley Regional Commission partnered with the Virginia Center for Housing Research at Virginia Tech, Housing Forward Virginia, and czb, LLC to provide housing market data collection, analysis training, and strategy development. Two of the local strategies for Christiansburg include: preserving and improving aging townhouse communities which is often an affordable option for renters and first-time homeowners and improving and strengthening code enforcement and inspection programs to maintain safe and healthy housing for our citizens. Older housing stock in more income distressed areas in Town is a concern.

The Town had also participated in the Livability Initiative, which was a regional planning process that provided an opportunity for New River Valley residents to develop a vision for the future and develop strategies that businesses, community organizations, local governments, and individuals can use to make this future vision a reality. One component of the Livability Initiative was the development of a variety of housing options. The key housing issues the plan addressed were: (1) Housing need of an aging population; (2) the affordability of housing in the region; (3) development patterns that help preserve rural character; (4) current housing stock and what can be done to improve it; (5) the relationship between jobs and housing; and (6) reducing home energy costs through efficiency measures. The Livability Initiative is meant to serve as a guide for localities to consider a variety of

housing options and not a one-size-fits-all approach. The Town of Christiansburg also participates in the NRV Housing Partnership (COC) monthly meetings, which is the entity responsible for the CoC.

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

The New River Valley Housing Partnership is the entity responsible for the local Continuum of Care. New River Valley Housing Partnership purpose is to assist in the coordination, development, and evaluation of services and housing for homeless and at-risk of homeless persons with housing needs through planning, education and advocacy.

**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 does not receive 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	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	NEW RIVER COMMUNITY ACTION
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services - Housing Services-Children
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homelessness Strategy
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Town of Christiansburg assists NRCA's Homeless Intervention Program utilizing CDBG funds and are also a part of the CoC that meets on a monthly basis.
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Emergency Repair
	<b>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	The Town of Christiansburg is discussing with Habitat for Humanity on how an emergency repair/ADA accessibility program could work for both organizations to serve LMI families in Christiansburg.

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

Town of Christiansburg made efforts to reach out to all agencies throughout our community for input directly or through the consortium.

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

<b>Name of Plan</b>	<b>Lead Organization</b>	<b>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</b>
Continuum of Care	New River Community Action	Ensure that all regional housing providers are working in collaboration with one another to address homelessness.
Regional + Local NRV Housing Study	New River Regional Commission	Ensure that all regional localities and housing providers can define the issues facing in the area of housing and start to address the issues through outlined strategies.

**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 as a member of the NRV HOME Consortium, will continue to work together and with other public entities to ensure that coordination and cooperation in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan.

**Narrative**

## PR-15 Citizen Participation - 91.105, 91.115, 91.200(c) and 91.300(c)

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

The Town's goal for citizen participation is to ensure broad participation of our residents and service providers in housing and community development planning and program development. All Citizens are encouraged to participate in the development and review of the Consolidated Plan. The Community Development Department was involved in the development of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. Other Town Departments included the Planning Department, the Finance Department, and the Building Department. The primary tool for involving residents as well as a variety of housing, homeless, special needs and other service providers were the Public Input meetings that are outlined below.

### 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

#### Needs Assessment Overview

The HOME Consortium used HUD's Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data to provide statistical data on housing needs to prepare estimates and help identify projects. The CHAS data also provides a summary of the number of households in each income category by tenure and household type and the percentage of such households that had a housing problem. This information is used to examine the extent to which the probability the household is living in substandard housing.

## **NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs - 91.415, 91.215 (f)**

### **Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Facilities:**

The following are the needs for improvements to the Town's public facilities: Public Facilities must be open and available to all residents of the Town. Public Facilities need to be provided by the Town to maintain a quality of life for its residents. There are several areas of Town in which are Park's Master Plan are lacking pocket parks. The Town is also lacking rectangular fields currently and all parks are being evaluating for the need for public restrooms if they do not already exist. Public Facilities, such as parks, playgrounds, recreational areas, fields of play, and trail are being evaluated to better identify where improvements are needed to allow better accessibility by those with disabilities.

### **How were these needs determined?**

These needs for public facilities were determined by citizens, Town Council, the Bikeway Walkway Committee, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, the Aquatics Advisory Board, staff, and stakeholders and residents who participated in community outreach.

### **Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:**

Improvements to aging Public Infrastructure such as water/wastewater improvements, sidewalks, and street lighting is often greater than the financial resources available through the Town, so CDBG funds may be useful to address some of these issues.

### **How were these needs determined?**

These needs for public improvements were determined by citizens, Town Council, the Water and Waste Committee, Stormwater Advisory Committee, Town Staff, consultants, and stakeholders and residents who participated in community outreach.

### **Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:**

There is ongoing need for public services in the Town of Christiansburg. Many of these services are being addressed by a variety of non-profit and government service providers. Services for low-income and vulnerable populations are a high priority.

### **How were these needs determined?**



The needs for public services were determined through citizens, Town Council, New River Valley Housing Partnership, Town Staff, and stakeholders and residents who participated in public meetings and the hearing on the Consolidated Plan.

## Housing Market Analysis

### MA-05 Overview

#### Housing Market Analysis Overview:

The Town of Christiansburg has significant growth over the last twenty years. Twenty-four(24) percent of Christiansburg's housing stock was built between 2000 and 2009. It is important to note however that the Town was established in 1793 and forty (40) percent of the housing was built before 1980. With a good portion of the housing stock aging in the Town's older, more affordable neighborhoods, the need for repair, modification and replacement increases. These costs can be difficult for those within aging populations and those who fall in low and moderate income range.

The Town has a variety of housing types and reasonable cost of housing. In accordance to the NRV Regional + Local Housing Study, published in February of 2021 by the New River Regional Commission, fifty-seven (57) percent were single family homes, twenty-two (22) percent were townhomes(17%)and Duplexes(5%), fourteen (14) percent were multifamily(or apartment buildings), and seven(7) percent were manufactured/mobile homes. The Town has approximately 10,000 housing units.

According to Census's American Factfinder, the Town's owner-occupied housing unit rate between 2016-2020 is 59.7%.

## MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets - 91.410, 91.210(f)

### Introduction

Strategies for the housing supply must consider the number of jobs and the number of employed residents. There should not only be enough housing at a range of prices, but also a variety of housing types appropriate for a range of needs in locations where there is access to transportation and employment opportunities. The Town has a diverse community with a variety of businesses, manufacturing, and organizations that provide employment to its residents. Jobs in manufacturing continue to decrease, so there is a need for additional educational training programs and resources is priority to help with job placement. Regional economic development strategies focus on the attraction of more jobs in advanced manufacturing, food processing and agribusiness, information technology, and unmanned systems.

### 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	23	0	0	0	0
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	1,024	0	9	0	-9
Construction	646	0	6	0	-6
Education and Health Care Services	4,069	0	36	0	-36
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	443	0	4	0	-4
Information	117	0	1	0	-1
Manufacturing	1,247	0	11	0	-11
Other Services	645	0	6	0	-6
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	1,132	0	10	0	-10
Public Administration	400	0	4	0	-4
Retail Trade	1,064	0	9	0	-9
Transportation and Warehousing	348	0	3	0	-3
Wholesale Trade	156	0	1	0	-1
Total	11,314	0	--	--	--

**Table 5 - Business Activity**

**Data Source Comments:** HUD Exchange confirmed with the IDIS programmers that when a Consolidated Plan is created and the "Default Data" button is greyed-out (disabled), this is because there is no default data in the system for that particular table. In this scenario, data needs to manually include the data in the Con Plan. Table "S2403" "Industry by Sex for the Civilian Employed Population 16 Years and Over" in the 2020 5-Year ACS was used. Job information was not available for the Town

## Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	12,180
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	11,314
Unemployment Rate	0.00
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	0.00
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	0.00

**Table 6 - Labor Force**

**Alternate Data Source Name:**  
US Census ACS 2020 5-Year Estimate  
**Data Source Comments:** Unemployment rate information was not available for the Town.

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	6,037
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	23
Service	1,330
Sales and office	1,947
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	853
Production, transportation and material moving	1,147

**Table 7 - Occupations by Sector**

**Alternate Data Source Name:**  
US Census ACS 2020 5-Year Estimate  
**Data Source Comments:** C24050 - Industry by Employment Sector - 16 Years and older

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	8,828	83%
30-59 Minutes	1,616	15%
60 or More Minutes	187	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,631</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Alternate Data Source Name:**  
US Census ACS 2020 5-Year Estimate

**Data Source Comments:**  
K20802 Travel Time to Work

### 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	265	67	286
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	1,823	0	784
Some college or Associate's degree	2,744	12	1,140
Bachelor's degree or higher	4,921	44	480

**Alternate Data Source Name:**  
US Census ACS 2020 5-Year Estimate

**Data Source Comments:**  
B23006 Educational Attainment by Employment Status for 25 and older

### Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18-24 yrs	25-34 yrs	35-44 yrs	45-65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	80	16	100	71	307
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	279	22	55	345	310
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	504	495	650	1,436	662
Some college, no degree	618	895	540	1,189	575
Associate's degree	66	340	384	533	108
Bachelor's degree	275	1,499	844	946	168
Graduate or professional degree	52	671	397	470	208

**Table 10 - Educational Attainment by Age**

Alternate Data Source Name:

2008-2012 ACS

Data Source Comments:

2020 ACS data did not have the data broken down beyond two categories(high school and college)

### Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	30,905
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	29,892
Some college or Associate's degree	35,185
Bachelor's degree	48,914
Graduate or professional degree	54,648

**Table 11 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months**

Alternate Data Source Name:

US Census ACS 2020 5-Year Estimate

Data Source Comments:

B20004 Median Earnings in the past 12 months (in 2020 inflation-adjusted dollars) for 25 and Over

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

The top sectors are government, social services, retail - grocery, automotive sales, and advanced manufacturing. The Town's top employers are the Montgomery County School Board, Kroger, New River Valley Community Services, Shelor Motor Mile, Inc., and Corning Glass Works.

**Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:**

Workforce Needs: All levels of skilled trades have been in demand. This includes electricians, carpenters, plumbers and other skilled trades. Manufacturing had been the largest sector in the business community. As technology improves and the jobs become more technical, higher levels of education is required.

**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.**

The COVID-19 pandemic has had significant impact on our local economy, particularly low-to-moderate workers. The Town relies on activities of the local universities and sports venues to generate revenue by visitors eating in our restaurants and staying at our hotels. The Town worked with other area localities to help assist existing businesses during this difficult time.

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

The Town is looking at opportunities to work regionally with partners such as Onward NRV to grow and bring new high tech business and industry that will help retain the students from Radford University, Virginia Tech and New River Community College.

**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 Town of Christiansburg, Montgomery County, and New River Community College have invested in an Access to Community College (ACCE) initiative, which is a public/private partnership that makes college available tuition-free to Christiansburg High School Graduates. It covers the cost of tuition for two years at New River Community College. ACCE supports as many students as possible based on student need and funds available for the program.

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

Yes

**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.**

While the Town is participating in the updating of CEDS currently, the Town is coordinating the current goal to “support Small Business Development and Entrepreneurship” by offering a façade grant program to Downtown and Cambria based businesses. This is intended to encourage micro and small business success in downtown and commercial districts, through revitalization and promotions of community individuality. Another coordination effort is the support of Onward NRV’s NRV Experience initiative to address the CEDS goal of “preparation and continued support of a qualified, available workforce.” The NRV Experience is a program to support employers’ summer internship programs, increase the number of young professionals living and working in the NRV post-graduation, and expose participants to the wide variety of cultural, recreational and outdoor amenities available in the region.

**Discussion**

The Town's partnership with Montgomery County's Economic Development Department, Onward NRV, and the NRV Regional Commission help position us better meet today's workforce challenges.



## **MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion**

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

Based on CHAS data , 1,110 of homeowners and 1,320 of renters reported having "one or more of four housing problems. The four housing problems are: incomplete kitchen facilities, incomplete plumbing facilities, more than 1 person per room, and cost burden greater than 30%. The geographic area to be targeted with CDBG funds is the Park District (Census Tract 208.02 Block Group 2).

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

HUD defines areas of racial or ethnic concentrations as geographic areas where the percentage of a specific minority or ethnic group is 10 percent higher than the Town's overall. There are not any areas within the jurisdiction where this definition would apply. According "QuickFacts" for Christiansburg on Census.gov, the Black or African-American population alone is 5.4%. Other minority races and ethnicities are listed as less than this.

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

This census tract, Census Tract 208.02 Block Group 2, has a mix of housing units including single-family dwellings, townhomes, 240-unit affordable housing apartment complex, and an approximately 75-unit mobile home park.

### **Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?**

This area includes shopping, banking, medical services, and government services along Roanoke Street and in Downtown. The Town has worked in recent years to improve pedestrian connectivity in this area by adding sidewalks to Park Street.

### **Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?**

With the limited amount of funding, no additional strategic opportunities have been identified in these areas.

## **MA-60 Broadband Needs of Housing occupied by Low- and Moderate-Income Households - 91.210(a)(4), 91.310(a)(2)**

**Describe the need for broadband wiring and connections for households, including low- and moderate-income households and neighborhoods.**

A regional study Broadband study was performed in 2020 to determine the needs assessment of highspeed internet. It was determined that the availability of broadband in the Town is mostly achieved by current providers. One impediment is that the cost of service for people with little or no disposable income may be too high.

**Describe the need for increased competition by having more than one broadband Internet service provider serve the jurisdiction.**

A large, second broadband provider received a franchise agreement in the last couple of years. The company is currently performing a town-wide install of fiber. The Town is optimistic that the increased competition will have a positive impact on the services available and the affordability of those services for residents.

## **MA-65 Hazard Mitigation - 91.210(a)(5), 91.310(a)(3)**

### **Describe the jurisdiction's increased natural hazard risks associated with climate change.**

The Town participated in the development of the 2017 Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan and Town Council adopted the plan. While the plan did not specifically discuss the impacts of climate change, a natural hazard identified the frequency of heavy rain events leading to flash flooding in some instances. There is also some vulnerability to drought, wildfire, and ice storms. The plan identifies actions that the Town--and the region--should take to mitigate these identified natural risks.

### **Describe the vulnerability to these risks of housing occupied by low- and moderate-income households based on an analysis of data, findings, and methods.**

There is not a high risk of these risks for a concentrated grouping of low-and moderate-income households in Town. However, the Town has completed and is planning several stream restoration projects and flood mitigation projects over the last several years. The Town recently received a grant from the State of Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation to perform a town-wide resiliency study to identify and better plan for specific risks. We expect to complete this study by early 2023.

# Strategic Plan

## SP-05 Overview

### Strategic Plan Overview

The Town of Christiansburg's Five-Year Strategic Plan outlines the ways that the Community Development Block Grant funds will be used to address community needs within the Town. With our CDBG funds being limited, it is necessary to target funds to specific priorities. The projects funded each year, and included within the Annual Action Plan, must address the priorities of the Strategic Plan. The yearly allocation is determined by Congress and based on a formula. Project goals may be amended accordingly due to funding changes within the five-year period. The overall goal of the Community Development Block Grant is to provide decent housing, suitable living environment and economic opportunities for low-moderate income families. The focus for the next five years will be in the following areas: Public Service- 15% of our yearly allocation will be set aside for public service agencies within the Town. Public Facilities and Infrastructure- Funds for public facilities such as sidewalk/drainage/infrastructure will be targeted within the Town's designated LMI census tract block group in the Park District neighborhood. One sidewalk project that continues to be a focus is the addition of sidewalk on East Main Street between Park Street and High Street. More water line replacements will be needed overtime as the infrastructure is aging--and undersized—in several areas of the Park District neighborhood. Emergency home repair program will continue to be a high priority need.

## SP-10 Geographic Priorities - 91.415, 91.215(a)(1)

### Geographic Area

Table 12 - Geographic Priority Areas

1	<b>Area Name:</b>	Park Street District
	<b>Area Type:</b>	Local Target area
	<b>Other Target Area Description:</b>	
	<b>HUD Approval Date:</b>	
	<b>% of Low/ Mod:</b>	56%
	<b>Revital Type:</b>	Other
	<b>Other Revital Description:</b>	infrastructure development and rehabilitation
	<b>Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.</b>	Historically the Town has one Low-to-Moderate income census tract block group (Census Tract 208.02, Block Group 2) it has focussed on. This area is known as the Park District and is bordered by Roanoke Street to the southwest, south, Depot Street to the east, and East Main Street to the north, northeast. This area has had more than 50% of residents in households earning at/or below 80% of the Area Median Income and are considered a Low to Moderate Income (LMI) family. The overall LMI rate for the Census Tract 208 is 56% in accordance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Policy Development and Research's Low to Moderate Income Population by Tract GIS website.
	<b>Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.</b>	This area--Census Tract 208.02--has a mix of housing stock. There are large, historic homes that are in a variety of conditions as far as the overall upkeep. There has been some infill development of affordably priced single-family detached dwellings and a number of townhome developments that are now 20 to 30 years old now. There are many homes that are smaller homes and often owned by long-term residents aging in place. There is a significantly sized mobile home park and a larger apartment complex with a majority of residents qualifying for subsidized rent. There are nearby commercial areas on Roanoke Street and in nearby Downtown.

	<b>How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?</b>	This area is one of the oldest neighborhood's in Town and has been the focus of the Town's CDBG program for at least 15 years. The Town has received complaints over the years from neighbors regarding the lack of sidewalk and older, smaller water lines.
	<b>Identify the needs in this target area.</b>	Non-existent or older infrastructure has been identified as the primary need for this area. Another need is the lack of a pocket park.
	<b>What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?</b>	Better sidewalk connections, improved drainage, and larger and newer water and sewer lines are opportunities for improvement to this target area.
	<b>Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?</b>	The limited funding and an available internal labor source are the two biggest barriers to improvement. Instead of the Town being able to maximize its grant dollars with using Public Works staff, most projects have to be done by an outside contractor which usually increases the scope and cost of any project.
2	<b>Area Name:</b>	Town of Christiansburg
	<b>Area Type:</b>	Strategy area
	<b>Other Target Area Description:</b>	
	<b>HUD Approval Date:</b>	9/3/2021
	<b>% of Low/ Mod:</b>	
	<b>Revital Type:</b>	
	<b>Other Revital Description:</b>	
	<b>Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.</b>	
	<b>Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.</b>	
	<b>How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?</b>	
	<b>Identify the needs in this target area.</b>	
	<b>What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?</b>	

	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
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### General Allocation Priorities

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the state

Since the Town's CDBG allocation is limited, funds will be used for projects that benefit low and moderate residents throughout the community and projects within the Park District-- the LMI designated area of Town.

## SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.415, 91.215(a)(2)

### Priority Needs

Table 13 – Priority Needs Summary

1	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Public Service Support
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Families with Children Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	Town of Christiansburg
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Provide Public Service
	<b>Description</b>	15% of the Town's allocation will be set aside each year to funds services that meet basic needs and promote long-term self-sufficiency.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Prioritization will be for programs serving special needs population, homeless intervention, youth and children and food assistance.
2	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Emergency Home Repair
	<b>Priority Level</b>	High



	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	Town of Christiansburg
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Emergency Home Repair
	<b>Description</b>	Work alongside of Social Services and local organizations to ensure housing is safe for low and moderate income families.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	The Town of Christiansburg has an aging housing stock, which are more likely in need of emergency repair to keep housing safe.
3	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	<b>Priority Level</b>	Low
	<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Non-housing Community Development
	<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	Park Street District
	<b>Associated Goals</b>	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	<b>Description</b>	Development of new infrastructure and rehabilitation of existing infrastructures such as drainage, sidewalk, and water/sewer lines.
	<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	Provides needed improvements to infrastructure in LMI areas of Town. With the projects being expensive--even with phasing of the projects, additional funding from state and local sources is often required.
4	<b>Priority Need Name</b>	Homelessness
	<b>Priority Level</b>	Low

<b>Population</b>	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development
<b>Geographic Areas Affected</b>	Town of Christiansburg
<b>Associated Goals</b>	Provide Public Service
<b>Description</b>	An analysis of need and current market conditions leads us to a continued commitment to support strategies and programming that are aimed at addressing and preventing homelessness.
<b>Basis for Relative Priority</b>	An analysis of need and current market conditions leads us to a continued commitment to support strategies and programming that are aimed at addressing and preventing homelessness.

### Narrative (Optional)

## SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.420(b), 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)

### Introduction

The Town of Christiansburg receives a direct allocation from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The amounts in the table below is estimated based off our current CDBG allocation for Program Year 2021. With the limited amount of available funding, funds are targeted for specific activities that will have the most impact on many of the needs in the Town of Christiansburg.

### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1			Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	105,947	0	402,792	508,739	430,000
Total: \$							Amount is based on estimated Program 2021 funding

Table 14 - 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**

The Town will provide all necessary oversight and project management staffing for the implementation of these programs. Because of the limited funds available for administration and planning, it is expected that a significant portion of these staffing hours will be absorbed by the Town's general operations budget. The Town will use State-funding and general fund sources to address the activities in this Consolidated Plan for infrastructure projects if funding is granted and needed.

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

N/A

**Discussion**

The Town will continue to identify ways to leverage private funds to address the goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan.

## SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure - 91.415, 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
Town of Christiansburg	Government	Non-homeless special needs Planning neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	Jurisdiction
NEW RIVER COMMUNITY ACTION	Subrecipient	Homelessness Planning	Jurisdiction
Habitat for Humanity of the New River Valley	Subrecipient	Homelessness Ownership	

Table 15 - Institutional Delivery Structure

### Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

There are a number of agencies that are currently involved in the programs that address the needs of Town of Christiansburg low income residents. The Town will continue to develop addition public/private partnerships to achieve these goals.

### 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
<b>Homelessness Prevention Services</b>			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	
Legal Assistance	X		
Mortgage Assistance	X		
Rental Assistance	X	X	
Utilities Assistance	X	X	
<b>Street Outreach Services</b>			
Law Enforcement	X	X	
Mobile Clinics			
Other Street Outreach Services			
<b>Supportive Services</b>			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X	X	
Child Care	X		

Supportive Services			
Education	X		
Employment and Employment Training	X	X	
Healthcare	X		
HIV/AIDS	X		
Life Skills	X		
Mental Health Counseling	X		
Transportation	X	X	
Other			
	X		

**Table 16 - 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)**

Residents of the New River Valley who are experiencing homelessness have access to a wide variety of support services, including:

**New River Community Action:** housing counseling, homeless prevention, rapid re-housing

**Women's Resource Center of the New River Valley:** emergency shelter, transitional housing, rapid re-housing, crisis intervention and case management for women and children experiencing domestic abuse

**To Our House:** seasonal emergency shelter for single men

**Grace Episcopal Church:** short-term emergency housing for single women

**Hope House:** emergency shelter for families and individuals

**New River Family Shelter:** emergency shelter for families with children

**The Warming Station:** seasonal emergency shelter for single men and women

**To Our House:** seasonal emergency shelter for single men and women

**Virginia Veteran and Family Support:** financial assistance and case management for veterans and their families

**New River Valley Community Services:** Adult Mental Health Case Management Services, Developmental Disabilities Waiver Support Coordination and Case Management program, New Life Recovery Center (Addictions)

**Community Health Center of the NRV:** affordable health care services

**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 Christiansburg participates with the New River Valley Housing Partnership who work together to ensure adequate services are being delivered for persons experiencing homelessness.

**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**

A comprehensive continuum of care system is necessary to effectively address homeless needs. Three basic components are needed to overcoming gaps and services: 1. 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; 2. Permanent housing must be part of any continuum of care that includes supportive housing arrangements. 3. Transitional housing and rehabilitation services are necessary and should include services such as substance abuse treatment, training in independent living, and interim mental health services

## SP-45 Goals - 91.415, 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	Provide Public Service	2022	2026	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Town of Christiansburg	Public Service Support Homelessness	CDBG: \$25,000	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 5 Households Assisted  Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 20 Persons Assisted  Homelessness Prevention: 5 Persons Assisted
2	Emergency Home Repair	2022	2026		Town of Christiansburg	Emergency Home Repair	CDBG: \$50,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit  Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit



Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Public Improvements and Infrastructure	2022	2026	Non-Housing Community Development	Park Street District	Public Improvements and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$30,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1929 Persons Assisted

Table 17 – Goals Summary

## Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Provide Public Service
	Goal Description	Support public services with primarily homeless intervention program and food insecurities.
2	Goal Name	Emergency Home Repair
	Goal Description	The Emergency Home Repair program provides assistance to Very Low, Low, and Moderate income families to maintain existing affordable and safe housing.
3	Goal Name	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Public Improvements and Infrastructure are needed in older neighborhoods within the Town. Many of these infrastructure improvements are located within areas with higher concentrations of Low to Moderate Income residents. Improvements needed includes sidewalk additions and replacement, drainage improvements, and water and sewer line replacement.

**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 has not designated public housing as a goal. The Plan focuses on assisting through the emergency home repair program. It is estimated that 100% of the families assisted with the emergency housing repair activity will meet the extremely low-income, low-income or moderately low income levels

## **SP-65 Lead-based Paint Hazards - 91.415, 91.215(i)**

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

Lead-based paint was banned from residential uses in 1978. All houses constructed prior to 1978 are therefore considers at risk for containing lead-based paint. The Town does not have the resources or expertise necessary to implement a lead poisoning prevention program. Instead, the Town will work with the local health department to provide as effective a program as possible. If any Emergency Home Repair projects were to involve lead-based paint hazards, then interim control or abatement will be performed on all lead hazards identified during the assessment.

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

The following steps will be taken over the next five years to improve local understanding and efforts to reduce lead-based paint hazards in the Town: 1. Engage in analysis and study to determine and track lead hazards in the Town. 2. Support efforts by the local health department to reduce lead hazards within the community.

## **SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy - 91.415, 91.215(j)**

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

The New River Valley has many qualified non-profit service providers that are doing work with LMI families. For example, New River Community Action has various programs such as the Financial Literacy Program, Housing Counseling, Emergency Assistance/Food Pantry, and Life skills Education, which provide LMI families with tangible tools to make wise choices with their money. The Town, in conjunction with Montgomery County and Onward NRV, continues to support economic development aimed at attracting and retaining high-value employment in the Town.

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

The Town supports through the CDBG program many of these services.

## **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 will be responsible for monitoring programs that use CDBG funds, according to HUD regulations. This Town office is responsible for developing guidelines for each contractual agreement the Town enters into with an agency or organization, for the purpose of implementing the housing strategies identified in this document. Items to be specified in the contract include the work or service to be performed, the amount of funds budgeted, and the timeframe for performing the work or service. Each contract will also contain an outline of the goals and objectives against which the performance of the CDBG program fund recipients will be measured, as well as information on the Town's commitment to affirmatively further fair housing and to avoid residential displacement. All applicable statutory and regulatory requirements will also be included in each contract. CDBG program fund recipients will be required to submit yearly reports regarding the status of the project (to ensure that program rules are being followed). The Community Development Department will monitor the Town's CDBG program by analyzing required reports and conducting site visits. In order to ensure that funds are being used according to applicable statutes and regulations, these Town offices will also conduct financial monitoring which will include quarterly reviews of expenditures to ensure they meet program regulations. The Town's CDBG funds will be formally audited in conjunction with the Department of Finance's annual audit. No separate audit of CDBG funds will be performed. The Town reserves the right to terminate agreements with CDBG program fund recipients found to be in non-compliance with program guidelines and/or who are reluctant to take corrective measures.

## Expected Resources

### AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

#### Introduction

The Town of Christiansburg receives a direct allocation from the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The amounts in the table below is estimated based off our current CDBG allocation for Program Year 2021. With the limited amount of available funding, funds are targeted for specific activities that will have the most impact on many of the needs in the Town of Christiansburg.

#### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	105,947	0	402,792	508,739	430,000	Amount is based on estimated Program 2021 funding

Table 18 - 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**

The Town will provide all necessary oversight and project management staffing for the implementation of these programs. Because of the limited funds available for administration and planning, it is expected that a significant portion of these staffing hours will be absorbed by the Town's general operations budget. The Town will use State-funding and general fund sources to address the activities in this Consolidated Plan for infrastructure projects if funding is granted and needed.

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

N/A

### **Discussion**

The Town will continue to identify ways to leverage private funds to address the goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan.

## Annual Goals and Objectives

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

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Emergency Home Repair	2022	2026		Town of Christiansburg	Emergency Home Repair Homelessness		Rental units rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit
2	Public Improvements and Infrastructure	2022	2026	Non-Housing Community Development	Park Street District	Public Improvements and Infrastructure		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1929 Persons Assisted
3	Provide Public Service	2022	2026	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Town of Christiansburg	Public Service Support Homelessness		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1 Persons Assisted

Table 19 – Goals Summary

#### Goal Descriptions



1	Goal Name	Emergency Home Repair
	Goal Description	
2	Goal Name	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Goal Description	
3	Goal Name	Provide Public Service
	Goal Description	

## **AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)**

### **Introduction**

This section outlines the project for the 2022 Annual Action Plan.

#	Project Name
1	Emergency Home Repair
2	West Main Street Infrastructure - Park District
3	West Main Street Administration - Park District
4	Public Services
5	Planning and Administration

**Table 20 – Project Information**

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

The allocation of priorities is to recognize the historical priority of supporting infrastructure priorities in the Park District, while needing to address other needs among our LMI community throughout Christiansburg and recognizing projects like Emergency Home Repair allow us to spend dollars more immediately on identified priorities.

## AP-38 Project Summary

### Project Summary Information

1	<b>Project Name</b>	Emergency Home Repair
	<b>Target Area</b>	Town of Christiansburg
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Emergency Home Repair
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Emergency Home Repair
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$50,000
	<b>Description</b>	
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	The Town plans to work with Habitat for Humanity to service 15 Low to Moderate Income families. It is anticipated that there will be approximately 10 homeowner families and 5 renter families.
	<b>Location Description</b>	This will service Low to Moderate Income families within the jurisdictional boundaries of Christiansburg.
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Assistance to: (1) improve accessibility to and within the home and (2) obtain minor repairs to substandard housing conditions to safeguard against imminent danger to human life, health or safety. It is not the intent of this program to be a rehabilitation program or to provide normal maintenance or cosmetic housing repairs. The level of assistance is limited solely to the amount required to address the specific repairs. The maximum amount of assistance per household over a five year period may not exceed \$5,000 unless an exception is approved based on individual need and circumstance. Assistance is provided as a grant, with no interest and no repayment requirement.
2	<b>Project Name</b>	West Main Street Infrastructure - Park District
	<b>Target Area</b>	Park Street District

3	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	Rehabilitating or installing new sidewalk and adding adequate drainage infrastructure for approximately 2,200 linear feet along West Main Street from Stone Street NE to High Street NE.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	
	Project Name	West Main Street Administration - Park District
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	:
	Description	Administrative expenses fro CDBG funding including but not limited to advertisements of public input for projects and mailing fees.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	

	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
4	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Services
	<b>Target Area</b>	Town of Christiansburg
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Provide Public Service
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Service Support Homelessness
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$20,000
	<b>Description</b>	Provision of public services targeted to Low to Moderate Income residents in Christiansburg. Services will be focused toward homelessness prevention.
	<b>Target Date</b>	6/30/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Ten families. It will likely be a majority of families with school aged children or younger.
5	<b>Location Description</b>	Town-wide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Working with a subrecipient, rental/mortgage and utility assistance will be provided.
	<b>Project Name</b>	Planning and Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	
	<b>Funding</b>	:
	<b>Description</b>	
	<b>Target Date</b>	

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	

## **AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 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 has Low to Moderate families in need across the town. Public Services and Emergency Home Repair will target LMI families that have not been eligible for support previously.

#### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
Park Street District	30
Town of Christiansburg	70

**Table 21 - Geographic Distribution**

#### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

The Town of Christiansburg has worked on infrastructure projects in the Park District neighborhood (Census Block Group 020800-02). Over 55% of the residents of the Census Block Group 020800-02 are low-moderate income persons. The sidewalk project—IDIS Activity 36--was listed as the highest priority for the Goals and Objectives which extended back for the period between 2010-2015 also. Additional improvements to drainage, water and sewer infrastructure were included in this project list. The waterline project—IDIS Activity 37-- was also identified in this census block as substandard. It was identified as a higher priority since sidewalk projects require leveraged state and general funds and this project could be accomplished with the allocated CDBG funds. The next infrastructure project designated is sidewalk and drainage improvements to East Main Street from Park Street to High Street.

The funding directed to infrastructure is a way to meet some of the needs for the LMI area defined as Census Block Group 020800-02. Below is data based on the 2010 Census showing the Low to Moderate income population in the designated block group. This has been the focus area of the Town's CDBG program for over 10 years. Included below are statistics from the 2010 Census Tract-Block Groups for Christiansburg. At the time of this report, the block group information from the 2020 Census was not available.

#### **Discussion**

Town of Christiansburg target area funds will be dispersed throughout the Town based upon need, funding availability and recipient's ability to leverage resources to CDBG funded activities. Funds are allocated to eligible activities based on meeting a national objective, eligibility, and identifying of needs.

## **AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction**

The Town continues to use its entitlement funds to provide assistance with activities that meet the underserved needs of the Community.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

The Town will continue to work with area agencies in attempt to leverage resources that will effectively help meet the goals of the program.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

The Town will utilize funding to maintain affordable housing through the Emergency Home Repair program.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

The Town does not have the resources or expertise necessary to implement a lead poisoning prevention program. Instead, the Town will work with the local health department to provide as effective a program as possible. To this end, the following steps will be taken over the next five years to improve local understanding and efforts to reduce lead-based paint hazards in the Town: 1. Engage in analysis and study to determine and track lead hazards in the Town. 2. Support efforts by the Health Department to reduce lead hazards in the community. The Health Department reports a very low incidence of lead poisoning the entire New River Valley health district. Significant progress continues on a nationwide basis to reduce the incidence of lead paint poisoning.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

During the 2022 Program Year, the City will support area public service agencies that directly assist with helping to reduce poverty-levels.

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

Town staff was responsible for overseeing the creation of the 2022- 2026 Consolidated Plan and the current PY 2022 Action Plan. The Town is part of the New River Valley HOME Consortium, with the Town of Blacksburg as the lead agency. Staff is committed to continuing their education in administering the CDBG program by participating in available trainings and webinars.

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



The Town will continue its active role in the regional Continuum of Care as a member of the Board and other local agencies that provide resources to low to moderate income persons.

### **Discussion**

The Town will continue to look at additional ways to expand existing and find new opportunities that addresses the needs of our low to moderate income residents.

## Program Specific Requirements

### AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(l)(1,2,4)

#### Introduction

The Town does not participate in program income.

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

#### Other CDBG Requirements

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

#### Discussion

It is estimated that 100% of the funds will be used to benefit persons of low and moderate income during the 2021-2026 Program Year. Planning and Administration is not included in the low and moderate calculation