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Annual Action Plan

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Town of Christiansburg has prepared an Annual Action 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, 2025 to June 30, 2026. This is part of the 2022-2026 Consolidated Plan, is developed with citizen participation, and serves as the Town's application for federal funds. 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 \$165,000 (based on previous year's allocation) in CDBG funds annually to assist the Town of Christiansburg with eligible programs to meet community development and housing needs. With the inclusion of other LMI Zones, the total amount over the 5 years may alter slightly. 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 to address needs for moderate to low income and homeless housing, services for special needs and low-income persons, along community and economic development needs.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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 Program Year 2025 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. Currently, the Town has four Low-to-Moderate income census tract block group. The first 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. (Census Tract 208.02, Block Group 2). 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 Census Tract 209, Block Group 2 includes two neighborhoods. The first within this Block group is a neighborhood bordered by S. Franklin on the East and Interstate-81 to the North and is known as the Huff Acres Neighborhood. The second neighborhood within this Block Group is the Falling Branch

Neighborhood and is bordered by Roanoke Street to the North and the 460-Bypass to the West and South. 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 209 is 54% 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 Census Tracts 211.01, Block Group 2 is known as the Radford Street North District and includes multiple small neighborhoods off the main roads of Radford St, located to the South, and N. Franklin located to the East. The district is also bordered by Railroad St NW to the North and the Town Border on Silver Lake Road to the West. 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 2011.01 is 55% 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: Public Infrastructure Improvements in designated Census Tract block groups within the Town of Christiansburg.

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

Goal 2: 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 3: Help prevent homelessness

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

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

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). The town also utilized CDBG-CV funding to assist in the homeless prevention initiative. These past performances provided low to moderate income community members with the following benefits:

- Twelve (12) families were directly assisted through the homeless prevention funding during the FY2022-2023.
- The Town continues to partner with New River Community Action to provide rental assistance for homeless prevention.
- The funding for a sidewalk project that directly impacts the Park Street target area. This allows for safer walkability within the area, connectivity to other walking paths in town, and easy access to public transportation. The E Main St. sidewalk project will be completed by May 2, 2026.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Town participates the New River Valley Housing Partnership meetings with other localities and service providers. Attending these meetings and working with the different interested groups provides valuable insights into the needs of our most vulnerable populations. Two public input meetings are 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 this year's Action Plan. A public hearing is provided as part of the citizen participation process.

5. Summary of public comments

To date, no comments or input from the public 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 Annual Action Plan is a component of the overall Consolidated Plan and 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 year.

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

1. Agency/entity responsible for preparing/administering the Consolidated Plan

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- Retta Jackson | Town Planning Office |
| HOPWA Administrator | | |
| HOME Administrator | BLACKSBURG | |
| HOPWA-C Administrator | | |

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

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

1. Introduction

The Town of Christiansburg has historically invested allocated funds through this program to upgrade infrastructure in a Town designated LMI census block group. The Town staff is increasingly observing an increase in deferred property maintenance and nuisance issues in its older areas of Town in and out of the Town's designated LMI census block groups for the CDBG project. Emergency Home Repair is a project identified in this project. The lack of affordable housing is being discussed in Christiansburg more and more by Community Housing Development Organizations, property owners, renters, and the public. The limited amount of CDBG funds allocated to the Town limit its ability to leverage funding towards affordable housing options, leaving the funding available to be focused on infrastructure, homeless prevention, and emergency home repair.

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)).

The New River Valley HOME Consortium developed an outreach plan to maximize input from a diverse cross-section of stakeholders. This outreach included participation in ongoing planning efforts such as the NRV Housing Partnership, the Housing Technical Team, and a focus group for Landlord Outreach in the NRV. These groups have made considerable efforts towards the following efforts:

1. Consolidating NRV resources and services on a user-friendly platform,
2. Provide legal aid education to renters,
3. Pursue funding to assist with citizen populations recovering from addiction,
4. Coordinate service efforts between localities and service providers through direct outreach,
5. Identifying further housing options for those homeless or in threat of becoming homeless.

The Town of Christiansburg has been a resource to these groups by providing direct assistance in applications, cooperation for projects within the town, and direct outreach to Christiansburg citizens in need of services.

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, job acquisition assistance, 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.

The Town supports the efforts and attends meetings of the New River Valley Housing Partnership organized by Causeway Community Action. This group combats homelessness directly by coordinating point-in-time counts, tracking veteran homelessness in our area, and increasing opportunities for housing our most vulnerable populations by working with landlords to fight stigmas and promote openness to housing individuals. Landlord engagement has become such a prevalent need and topic that a focus group has been formed to better engage our landlords across the NRV.

Since the Town of Christiansburg does not have social service programs to directly assist the homeless, we are fortunate to have the Causeway 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 Causeway 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. Many religious institutions and the regional community services organization have combined to create a “thermal shelter” during the coldest months to house homeless men in the New River Valley.

The Town of Christiansburg will support in general 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 for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The Town is not a recipient of ESG funds.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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| 1 | Agency/Group/Organization | NEW RIVER COMMUNITY ACTION |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy |
| | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Causeway Community Action reached out to local governments and the New River Valley Regional Commission to develop a homeless prevention plan. Causeway Community Action has assisted with the annual Point in Time survey for the Continuum of Care. The goal is to provide local governments with a plan as a resource to prevent homelessness. NRV HOME Consortium invited Causeway staff to participate in a housing needs survey that created local input to Consortium's current ConPlan |
| 2 | Agency/Group/Organization | Habitat for Humanity in the NRV |
| | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Home Repair Attainable Housing Home Education |
| | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Emergency Home Repair Strategy |

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| <p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p> | <p>Habitat for Humanity in the NRV provided insight into how the Town can assist towards the maintenance of at-risk housing for our residents in these LMI zones. This will assist with aging in place, safe housing for all, and other accessibility barriers residents in our LMI zones may have in their homes.</p> |
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

N/A

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

| Name of Plan | Lead Organization | How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan? |
|-------------------|----------------------------|---|
| Continuum of Care | New River Housing Partners | Ensure that all regional housing providers are working in collaboration with one another to address homelessness. |

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

The Town of Christiansburg is a member of the NRV HOME Consortium and continues to work together with other public entities to ensure that coordination and cooperation in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan.

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

The Town of Christiansburg invites citizens to review and comment on the Action Plan over a 30-day comment period. Notification is printed in the local daily newspaper (the News Messenger), and the Plan was posted to the Town website for public viewing. The public was invited to attend a public hearing if they wanted to make comments publicly and were also invited to submit their comments by phone, mail or email.

Citizen Participation Outreach

| Sort Order | Mode of Outreach | Target of Outreach | Summary of response/attendance | Summary of comments received | Summary of comments not accepted and reasons | URL (If applicable) |
|------------|-------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| 1 | Public Meeting | Non-targeted/broad community | No comments received to date. | No comments received to date. | N/A | |
| 2 | Public Hearing | Non-targeted/broad community | No comments received to date. | No comments received to date. | N/A | |
| 3 | Newspaper Ad | Non-targeted/broad community | No comments received to date. | No comments received to date. | N/A | |
| 4 | Internet Outreach | Non-targeted/broad community | No comments received to date. | No comments received to date. | N/A | www.christiansburg.org |

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

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 2025. 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 | \$165,000 <i>estimated</i> | 0 | \$682,799 | \$847,799 | \$130,000 | Due to the increase in LMI Zones within Town limits, the allocation is estimated and the projected resources are subject to change. |

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

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 public and 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 | Public Improvements and Infrastructure | 2022 | 2026 | Non-Housing Community Development | Park Street District | Public Improvements and Infrastructure | CDBG: \$782,799 | 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 | CDBG: \$15,000 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10 Persons Assisted |
| 4 | Emergency Home Repair | 2022 | 2026 | Housing Community Development | Town of Christiansburg | Emergency Home Repair Homelessness | CDBG: \$50,000 | Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit |

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

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| 1 | Goal Name | Public Improvements and Infrastructure |
| | Goal Description | The primary projects are to complete the sidewalk on East Main Street within the designated LMI area (the Park District). |
| 2 | Goal Name | Provide Public Service |
| | Goal Description | The primary goal is to continue work on addressing homelessness prevention with service providers like New River Valley Community Action. |
| 3 | Goal Name | Emergency Home Repair |
| | Goal Description | The goal is to establish an on-going program with providers like Habitat of Humanity of the NRV to address the need of emergency home repair and home accessibility barriers. |

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

This section outlines the project for the 2025 Annual Action Plan.

| # | Project Name |
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| 1 | East Main Street Infrastructure |
| 2 | Emergency Home Repair |
| 3 | Public Services |

Table 7 – Project Information

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

The allocation priorities lie within the sidewalk project to ensure project completion for the residents of the Park District LMI area. Beyond the sidewalk completion, efforts to provide adequate fire flow for the Park District is a priority for the health and safety of the residents and structures. Homeless prevention and emergency home repair services are a priority in and out of the target LMI zones. Some of the obstacles we face in providing services include the amount of funding historically received via entitlement allocation has not been substantial enough to provide desired improvements to the LMI target areas. Therefore, a sidewalk project has taken longer than desired to fund and begin. Likewise, we anticipate other projects such as water/sewer improvements, stormwater improvements, or other sidewalk projects for new LMI zones to be long-term investments as well due to the limited funding each year. Similarly, the funding for homelessness prevention only goes so far as well

often leaving our partner organizations in dire need of more funding that can be utilized for sheltering homeless residents.

| AP-38 Project Summary | Target Area | Goals Supported | Needs Addressed | Funding | Description | Target Date | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities |
|--|--|---|---|------------------|---|----------------|---|
| Emergency Home Repair | Town of Christiansburg | Emergency Home Repair | Emergency Home Repair Homelessness | \$50,000 | Work with a qualified local service provider like the Habitat for Humanity of the NRV in order to provide needed repairs to LMI households to prevent living in substandard conditions and potentially homelessness. | FY 2025 | Homeowner housing rehabilitated: 10 household housing units |
| East Main Street Infrastructure – Park District | Park District (LMI Designated Area) | Public Improvements and Infrastructure | Public Improvements and Infrastructure | \$782,799 | East Main Street Sidewalk Project Completion for the purpose of constructing approximately 580 linear feet of new sidewalk with curb and gutter and Americans with Disabilities Act | FY 2025 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1929 persons assisted |

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|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|--|----------|--|---------|---|
| | | | | | (ADA) compliant ramps and features along the east side of East Main Street in the Town of Christiansburg, Virginia. The new sidewalk will be constructed from the East Main Street/Harless Street intersection to just south of the East Main Street/School Lane intersection. | | |
| Public Service | Town of Christiansburg | Provide Public Service | Public Service Support Homelessness | \$15,000 | This would be providing homelessness prevention and complementing the work done with the CDBG-CV funding. | FY 2025 | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10 people assisted |

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Project Summary Information

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

| Target Area | Percentage of Funds |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Park Street District | 93 |
| Town of Christiansburg | 7 |

Table 8 - 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. RKK Engineering is under contract for the design of the sidewalk and it is scheduled to be bid out once the engineering is complete.

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 2020 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 2020 Census Tract-Block Groups for Christiansburg.

The other two LMI areas have been added to our Consolidated plan through an amendment and also met the same criteria as the Park District regarding their low to moderate income population and percentage income versus the area's medium income. The second block group (Census Tract 211.01, Block Group 2) is known as the Radford Street North District and is bordered within the Town by the railroad to the north, North Franklin Street to the east, East Main Street to the southeast, Radford Street to the south, and extends into Montgomery County to the west. The third block group (Census Tract 209, Block Group 2) is bordered within the Town by Roanoke Street and I-81 to the north, South Franklin Street to the southwest, Starlight Drive to the northwest, the US 460 Bypass to the northeast, and extends into Montgomery County to the east. There are two distinct neighborhoods in this block group, separated by the interstate: Huff Acres Neighborhood to the south and Falling Branch Neighborhood to the north.

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-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

The Town of Christiansburg along with all localities in the region recently participated in the NRV Regional and Local Housing Study, a comprehensive housing market analysis and needs assessment. As part of this process, local stakeholders worked with the New River Valley Regional Commission, the Virginia Center for Housing Research and Housing Forward Virginia to better understand the housing needs of their communities and to develop strategies to best meet these needs. Several of the strategies that came out of the study involve amending and developing public policies to ensure that barriers to the development of adequate and affordable housing are addressed. Education and increased awareness of how policies can work to support local housing needs was an important step toward an informed approach to effecting change.

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.

All participating localities in the NRV Regional and Local Housing Study (2021) developed strategies, as part of the process, to address local affordable housing challenges. The following strategies will include removal or amelioration of public policies that create barriers to implementation of affordable housing, and create new ones that support development options. Five strategies for housing for Christiansburg outlined in the report were:

1. Preserve and Improve Aging Townhouse Communities
2. Consider Expansion of Accessory Dwelling Unit Allowances
3. Improve/Strengthen Code Enforcement and Inspection Programs
4. Promote Adaptive Reuses of Institutional Properties
5. Align Housing and Community Development Efforts

Some implementation work has already begun with these strategies. For example, the Town's code enforcement positions have been active in working with property owners to replace dilapidated porches, protect their property investments through keeping properties and structures healthy and safe. The Town is coordinating with the NRV Regional Commission and HOME Consortium to identify attainable/affordable housing

projects for Christiansburg. The Town is also currently looking into their Zoning policies to update zoning restrictions that are current barriers to housing.

Discussion

Many aging residents living on fixed and limited incomes are in older housing stock that tends to have deferred maintenance issues. Addressing this type of issue will be a continuing challenge for the Town. Our hopes is that working with Habitat for Humanity to not only provide ADA upgrades but emergency home repair will assist the existing housing supply in our LMI zones for those who do not have the funding to make these repairs themselves. In turn, this should help provide some return on the investments these indivual took in purchasing the property. While these issues will continue to be a challenge, especially for rental properties, we feel that this use of funding will be a step in the right direction and provide some stability and safety for our residents in need.

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.

The Town does have a Property Maintenance Official that is certified in Lead Safety through the EI Group, Inc. This will help with coordination on any Lead safety concerns that arise through the town and in our Emergency Housing Repair program.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

During the 2025 Program Year, the Town 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 2025 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(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

The Town does not participate in program income.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

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|---|---------|
| 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