



2015

Annual Action Plan



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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

Mission: Consistent with HUD's mission, the County's mission is to increase homeownership, support community development and increase access to affordable housing free from discrimination. To fulfill this mission, Horry County will embrace high standards of ethics, management and accountability and will continue to form new partnerships that leverage resources and improve HUD's ability to be effective on the community level. The County has one simple but very ambitious goal: to continue to create a county of growth and opportunity for all by making the neighborhoods better places to work, live, and play.

Executive Summary: The 2015 Annual Action Plan (AAP) represents year eight of the 2013-2018 Consolidated Plan approved by the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in July, 2013. This Plan is Horry County Government's Community Development & Grants Department's (HCCDG) official application for HUD entitlement grants. It proposes programs and services to be funded during the County's Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Program Year (July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016). There are two sources of federal program funds in this application:

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)

HCCDG's primary objectives are to increase the availability/accessibility, affordability, and sustainability of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunity for low- and moderate-income county residents. The 2013-2018 Consolidated Plan funding priorities are divided into four categories designed to benefit low- and moderate-income residents.

- Affordable housing/housing rehabilitation
- Supportive public services
- Public improvements and infrastructure
- Economic development

The goals established during the 2013-2018 Consolidated Planning period are to:

- Develop and maintain an adequate supply of safe, decent housing that is affordable and accessible to low- and moderate-income households
- Reduce chronic and family homelessness

- Ensure that residents with long-term support needs have access to appropriate public services and accessible community housing options
- Ensure full and fair access to housing for all residents
- Enhance the economic well-being of the County while ensuring that the economic growth is compatible with the community

Importance of Action Plan. In the Annual Action Plan, HCCDG provides a concise summary of specific actions that will take place during the program year to address the priority needs and goals identified in the Consolidated Plan.

The 2015/2016 Annual Action Plan:

- Reports on the intended use of funds received by the Horry County from HUD for PY 2015
- Explains the county's method for distributing entitlement funds
- Provides an opportunity for public input in the development of the annual plan

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

The AAP identifies programs and activities that will be used to meet HCCDG's goals. As required by HUD, each activity is linked to one of three federal program objectives: 1) decent housing, 2) suitable living environment, or 3) economic development. Each objective is matched with one of three outcomes: 1) availability/accessibility, 2) affordability, or 3) sustainability. The annual activities that will enable HCCDG to achieve these objectives and outcomes in 2015/ 2016 are listed below.

Decent Housing

2015/2016 Annual Action Plan activities, which facilitate making decent housing more available, accessible, affordable, and sustainable for low- and moderate-income residents, include:

- Acquisition and rehabilitation of housing
- Single family home repair to preserve existing housing stock
- Lead-based paint testing and abatement activities
- Homelessness prevention

Suitable Living Environment

2015/2016 Annual Action Plan activities, which help make suitable living environments more available, accessible, affordable, and sustainable for low- and moderate-income residents include:

- Building/rehabilitating neighborhood facilities
- Code enforcement
- Juvenile, youth, and childcare programs
- Support services for populations with special needs (e.g. elderly, persons with disabilities)
- Services for the homeless
- Health care education and services

Economic Development/Opportunities

2015/2016 Annual Action Plan activities, which help increase access to economic opportunity for low- and moderate- income communities, will include:

- Job training for low- and moderate-income persons

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

Past Performance: Each year, HCCDG submits a Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) to HUD. This serves as a report to HUD on how the funding was expended and used. Major accomplishments during the last 5-year Consolidated Plan are as follows:

Decent Housing –

- Preserved 86 housing units by performing housing rehabilitation
- Added 11 new beds to the homeless permanent supportive housing list
- Preserved 48 multi-family housing units by performing housing rehabilitation and keeping the units as affordable housing.

Suitable Living Environment –

- Served 904 families with after-school programs so that the parents could work
- Provided 663 inmates with public services so that the ‘revolving door’ is eliminated
- Provided public transportation services to 1,432 LMI persons
- Provided 78 rental deposits to VASH recipients
- Increased access to general public services for 2,324 residents
- Served 21,955 homeless residents by providing ID services so that they are able to get a driver’s license, apply for jobs, and receive benefits
- Increased access to homeless shelter for over 30 people
- Increased access to homeless services for 278 youths

Economic Opportunity –

- Provided workforce training for 8 disabled youths
- Provided 295 residents with workforce training
- 68 jobless residents through the workforce training received/retained jobs

Improved Public Facilities and Infrastructure –

- A total of 14,984 persons have been helped with improved public facilities
- A total of 13,537 have improved access to infrastructure

HCCDG not only met its 5-year goals, but exceeded their goals by wide margins. The County became an Urban County Entitlement in 2008 and was very pleased with the 5-year accomplishments.

CDBG Year 6, which is the 2nd year of the 2013-2018 Consolidated Plan, the County has met the following goals in the 2013-2014 year:

- 33 homes were rehabilitated
- Public services funded by CDBG have served 35,586 LMI residents
- Public facilities and infrastructure improvements funded by CDBG have served 16,188 residents
- 37 new beds were added to serve the special needs population
- 28 jobs were created and 84 people have been trained.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

Citizens were engaged through a public meeting on January 21. Staff was present and conducted the meeting with over 20 participants present. Minutes were taken at the meeting and are attached and are on file at the CDBG Office. Also, a needs assessment survey was put on the County's website www.horrycounty.org so that any citizen could participate. A copy of the survey questions and answers are on file at the Community Development Office. In addition, the Cities of Conway and Myrtle Beach both held their own Needs Assessment Public Meetings and presented their recommendations to their Council prior to submitting an application to the County.

The Final Action Plan draft will be open for public comment for a fifteen (15) day period prior to the adoption of a final plan. A summary of the Action Plan appeared in local newspapers, on the County

Access channel, and was posted on the County's website prior to Council adopting the final plan. The summary describes the contents and purpose of the Action Plan, projects, and includes the locations where the Action Plan was available for review. The County encourages low and moderate income residents, minorities, those with disabilities and language barriers to attend community meetings and provide comments to the Plan. Copies of the summary are available upon request to the Horry County CDBG offices. If any significant changes to the plan occur, the County will follow the guidelines of the 5-year Consolidated Plan for approval. All public comments were taken into consideration for the final version of the Action Plan. Summarization of any comments or views not accepted for funding in the Action Plan, and reasons, is on file at the CDBG Office.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

The comments are attached to this document.

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

All comments or views were accepted.

7. Summary

Horry County is the lead agency and is responsible for the implementation and administration of the CDBG and ESG grants. The County is part of an intergovernmental agreement with the cities of Conway and Myrtle Beach.

As part of the annual action plan process, county staff members and other partner municipalities, service providers, housing and homeless agencies, and other providers have completed an extensive review of existing services, programs, and projects. As part of this review, each previously funded activity was scored based on meeting the current prior needs of Horry County.

Three workshops were held to help applicants produce good, fundable applications for the CDBG funding. Applications were due February 6, 2015. A total of 27 were received, including 2 from each city. A public meeting was held January 21, 2015, which produced robust and dynamic conversation about the needs of Horry County across a number of areas, including: housing, social services, transportation, economic development and education. A recurring theme was the need for owner-occupied housing rehabilitation for low-income, disabled, or elderly populations.

Horry County has a large stock of older housing with multiple decades of deferred maintenance. This trend has manifested itself by converting what used to be quality family homesteads into substandard housing due to the fact that those on fixed incomes often cannot afford to keep up with the needed annual repairs and maintenance.

HCCDG continues to make great strides in addressing the community's needs and the Consolidated Plan priorities through community involvement, evaluating past performance, and responding to past experience with improved efficiency.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	HORRY COUNTY	Community Development & Grants

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The HCCDG office acts as the Lead Agency for the Community Development Block Grant and Emergency Solution Grant projects in coordination with local and state agencies, as well as private groups and organizations.

An Intergovernmental Agreement between Horry County, the city of Conway, and the city of Myrtle Beach was executed on October 1, 2013 in order to maximize the amount of countywide Community Development Block Grant funding and to proportionately allocate the benefits. Under this agreement, Horry County’s percentage of allocation is 54%, Myrtle Beach’s percentage of allocation is 29%, and the city of Conway’s allocation is 17%. Both Myrtle Beach and Conway are considered Subrecipients of the Horry County Entitlement Grant. In all cases, 100% of the CDBG funds go toward low to moderately-low income areas.

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

1. Introduction

Other governmental entities involved in the implementation of this plan included: the Horry County Planning, Zoning and Finance Department offices, Coastal Carolina University, City planning offices and City community development departments, Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments, the Housing Authorities of Myrtle Beach and Conway and the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In addition to the governmental offices, local agencies, public input and other existing resources contributed to this plan. Please see some of the agencies below in the table. This collaboration aided in avoiding duplication of efforts as well as improved the timing of projects. The successful implementation of the Action Plan will require continued coordination between the County and cities, unincorporated areas, neighborhood associations, and service providers (i.e., emergency shelters, transitional housing providers, permanent supportive housing providers, and other agencies providing supportive services to the unserved or underserved populations).

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

Horry County works very closely with the MBHA with referrals for emergency shelter, case management, transitional shelter, and other housing needs. The County also works with New Directions, which has 3 homeless shelters in the county. New Directions also provides case workers. When County staff enters a housing unit that is dilapidated and cannot be rehabilitated, that family is referred to the case manager at New Directions so that an acceptable housing unit can be found to house the family in decent, safe, and sanitary conditions. The family usually has an elderly, disabled family head of the household. Furthermore, the County works closely with the Waccamaw Mental Health agency, to provide mental health services, so that the homeless can get off the street and get medical attention, medication, a case manager, and a transitional housing unit.

The County also works with the Continuum of Care, ECHO, for the point in time count and to house the homeless population. Finally, the County was instrumental in building a new homeless shelter on Highway 9, North Strand Homeless Shelter, to house 37 homeless, provide training, skills, case management, transportation, jobs, and other services so that homeless families and veterans can get on their feet.

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.

Horry County works closely with ECHO. Horry County is an active member in the Continuum of Care (ECHO). The Community Development Director attends ECHO's monthly meetings and also serves on ECHO's grant committee. In 2010 Horry County partially funded a 10-year Homelessness Plan to help resolve the growing homelessness problem within the next decade. The purpose of the Plan is to involve all of the non-profits and local governments to work more efficiently and effectively together in helping the homeless population and in preventing more people from becoming homeless. Horry County is presently working with ECHO, the City of Myrtle Beach, the City of Conway, Home Alliance Inc. and other non-profit organizations in order to implement the Plan. The County's Community Development Director is the Chairperson of the Horry County Homelessness Collaborative (HCHC), which is a committee through ECHO. In addition, the Community Development Director has worked closely with the City of Myrtle Beach, the City of Conway, the County Foundations, and is a consultant to implement an umbrella agency.

The umbrella agency, New Directions, formed 2 years ago. It refers recipients to nonprofits that serve their specific needs. This approach helps to rapidly re-house the client and provides case management for their unique situation. The County acknowledges that the amount of services currently being offered for special needs populations could benefit from improvements. These include the outreach and education services for children, women, the homeless population, elderly, persons with disabilities (mental, physical, and developmental), persons with addictions requiring supportive services, and persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. These populations are underserved, particularly in the areas of mental health, alcoholism, and substance abuse. The County funds these types of services where possible, and when additional funds become available, Horry County will apply for competitive grant funds to service the special needs of its residents.

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

ECHO has monthly meeting that Horry County staff attends regularly. Many of the County's Subrecipients are members of ECHO and also attend. Horry County implemented the HPRP grant successfully, including HMIS of that grant. It was decided that the county will implement the ESG grant similarly. The County partners with MBHA, who are experts in the housing field in this county. Also New Directions provides expert case management, referrals (whether to ESG, SHP, or other grant), and overnight emergency shelter stays. It also operates a 'Back to Work' program so that the homeless can receive counseling, an ID, and a job. The CoC was consulted and concurs with the way the County implements the grant.

See table below

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

Please see Table 2 below:

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Waccamaw Center for Mental Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Health Agency
	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 Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consulted by meetings. Anticipated outcomes are that the homeless are off the street and housed, whether that be in a hospital and/or a housing unit, and on appropriate medication.

2	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Myrtle Beach
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City is a Sub-grantee and has an intergovernmental agreement with Horry County.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF CONWAY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	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 Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The city of Conway has an intergovernmental agreement with Horry County and is a Sub-Grantee.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Home Alliance Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing
	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 Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Home Alliance was consulted and attended meetings. The anticipated outcome is a functioning community land trust for the city of Myrtle Beach so that residents have additional affordable housing.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	ECHO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Planning organization Continuum of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	ECHO is the Continuum of Care and is consulted through attending meetings. The goal is a 10-year plan to end homelessness.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	A Father's Place
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consulted by meetings. Anticipated outcomes are economic development through employment and training.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Children's Recovery Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Child Welfare Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consulting with meetings. Public services provided to abused children.

8	Agency/Group/Organization	SOS Healthcare
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Consulted in meetings. Outcome is to help the disabled young adults with skills so that they can be employed.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	HORRY COUNTY GOVERNMENT
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Planning organization Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Infrastructure
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Horry County Engineering Department was consulted regarding the Racepath Community roads. Racepath Street, the main road in the community, needs repaving. Outcome is safer roads.

10	Agency/Group/Organization	Salvation Army of Horry County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Salvation Army was consulted in meetings. Sees a need for after-school program.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	His Hands of Horry County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency was consulted using meetings. Agency will perform housing rehabilitation to reduce homelessness and bring the housing unit up to standard.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	GRAND STRAND HOUSING
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Planning organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency attended meetings. Agency will perform housing rehabilitation to reduce possible homelessness and bring the house to standards.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Mary's Lighthouse
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency attended meetings. Agency will perform housing rehabilitation to reduce possible homelessness and bring the house to standards.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	MBHA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing PHA

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency attended meetings. Agency will provide VASH vouchers to veterans who are disabled and/or homeless.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Phoenix Renaissance Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education non-profit
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency attended meetings. This non-profit is from the Racepath Community (revitalization area) and will provide public services.

16	Agency/Group/Organization	New Directions
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency attended meetings. Agency provides for the homeless emergency and transitional shelter.

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

Horry County Government contacted numerous organizations through various outreach techniques including meetings, e-mails, phone calls, and real-time audience surveys to solicit input and participation in the planning process. HCCDG believes that all critical agency types were consulted during the participation and consultation process and did not fail to consult with any particular agency.

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	ECHO	Besides keeping an open door policy and maintaining ongoing daily communication with the area's many service providers, specific steps the County has taken to enhance coordination include: entering into an intergovernmental agreement with both cities of MB & CW; participating in the HOME Consortium; being an intricate part of the ECHO, who together with the HC Homeless Collaborative acts as the CoC for HC and 11 other counties.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

In a new effort, HCCDG supported ECHO’s proposal to the U. S. Veterans Administration to obtain new VA grant funding to end veteran family homelessness in the twelve-county ECHO region, which includes Horry County. Census and VA data show that there are approximately 76,475 veterans living in the 12 county region and approximately 7% (5,353) are living below the poverty level and 10% (535) are either homeless or imminently at risk of becoming homeless. The new VA funding would attempt to rescue military veteran families from losing their homes or end their current homelessness. Approximately one third (33%) of the veteran families are located in Horry County. The grant is a 3-year grant in the amount of \$3 million dollars. ECHO is ramping up to implement the grant.

In addition, Horry County is engaged in ongoing efforts to increase funding and coordination amongst the complex network of public, private, and non-profit organizations that deliver housing and social services to the community. As the administrator of the CDBG and ESG programs, the

Community Development Office acts as the hub for community and economic development in the area. Open lines of communication are maintained between the County and the area's many non-profit and social service agencies.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

HCCDG recognizes that County residents are the center of, and partners in, the development and execution of the 2015/2016 Annual Action Plan. HCCDG aggressively solicits community involvement and provides residents with every opportunity to become involved in the development of the Annual Action Plan. As input and comments are received, staff reviews and uses this information to inform community needs, allocation priorities, and programming. Opportunities for citizen input are provided during the entire planning process through publications, posting, public hearings, community needs survey, and community meetings.

HCCDG publicizes all phases of the Plan's development to solicit public comment from the schedule of activities to the amount of federal appropriations and the proposed use of funds in support of community improvement activities. HCCDG developed promotional/informational material about the Plan that was available in English and if requested, Spanish. The HCCDG Administrative Assistant is bi-lingual and can speak both English and Spanish fluently. The County promotes knowledge about the process to various groups, including limited English speakers.

Efforts to Broaden Citizen Participation. HCCDG implemented a broad outreach campaign to promote public participation in the development of the Annual Action Plan. Concerted effort to reach out to diverse populations was made including outreach to minorities, non-English speaking persons, and persons with disabilities. The following is a summary of these efforts.

- Held a public hearing at the Voters Registration/CDBG Complex, a central location, as well as in or near low- and moderate-income neighborhoods.
- Extended invitations to public hearing to Myrtle Beach Housing Authority and Housing Authority of Conway.
- Advertised in community newspapers including *Waccamaw Publishers Myrtle Beach Herald, Horry Independent, and the Sun News*, all newspapers of general circulation.
- July 21, 2014 held a meeting at Our Lady of the Star Sea Roman Catholic Church and showed a PowerPoint presentation on housing rehab and took applications. August 6, 2014 held a CDBG Subrecipient Training Session. August 20, 2014 held a community meeting at the Bennett Loop Community talking about revitalizing their community using housing rehab, public facilities improvement, and infrastructure improvement. September 10, 2014 held another community meeting with the county planning department, public safety,

community development and other staff members. October 23, 2014 held another Racepath community meeting October 24, 2014 held a Community Conversations meeting with Wells Fargo Bank, non-profits, and other housing providers. November 15, 2014 staff was involved with the Racepath Community Turkey Dinner event. December 11, 2014 held a community meeting at the Bucksport Senior Center. January 26, 2015 held a meeting at the Finklea Community Center. March 5, 2015 held a Planning Commission meeting for public input at the Bennett Loop Community with a draft revitalization plan. The draft plan will go to council for approval.

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	Internet Outreach	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	n/a	No public comments were received.	None	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Public Meeting	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p>	n/a	All comments were accepted and are on file at the Community Development Office.	None	www.horrycounty.org

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)
3	Newspaper Ad	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p>	n/a	No comments were received.	None.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/ attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4	survey on the website	<p>Minorities</p> <p>Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish</p> <p>Persons with disabilities</p> <p>Non-targeted/broad community</p> <p>Residents of Public and Assisted Housing</p> <p>homeless population</p>	548	All comments were accepted and are on file at the Community Development Office.	None.	www.horrycounty.org

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Horry County Government became an Urban County Entitlement in July, 2008. As a Grantee, the County has 2 Sub-Grantees - the City of Myrtle Beach and the City of Conway. Both gave up their city entitlements to become part of the larger Urban County Entitlement. All three entered into a governmental agreement to share the federal funds coming into the county.

It is expected that \$1,475,564 of match/leveraged funds along with the CDBG and ESG funds allocation, will benefit Horry County neighborhoods. At least \$4 million dollars in the 2015-2016 allocation will be distributed throughout Horry County in the LMI Communities.

Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	2,258,417	0	0	2,258,417	0	Urban County Entitlement

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Other	public - federal	Other	199,486	0	0	199,486	0	Emergency Solutions Allocation (ESG)

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

HCCDG will use a combination of public and private funding to carry out affordable housing, housing rehabilitation, infrastructure, public services, and homelessness activities during the period covered by this Plan. The match will be inserted into the IDIS system when entering the activities that go along with the projects.

Of the Subrecipients in this AAP, a total of \$303,610 federal match, \$491,500 state match, \$645,454 local match, \$25,000 private match, and \$10,000 in-kind match for a total match/leveraged funds of \$1,475,564 for this funding allocation period.

The ESG grant is matched by homeless projects/activities of CDBG funds. Also the Housing Authority of Myrtle Beach matches the ESG grant with Section 8 vouchers and other in-kind services.

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

Currently there are no parcels of county owned land in this 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	Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation	2014	2018	Affordable Housing	Central City Revitalization Area - City of Myrtle Beach Rebuild Conway Revitalization Area - City of Conway Race Path - Horry County Bucksport - Horry County Cedar Branch - Horry County City of Myrtle Beach City of Conway Horry County	Fair Housing Awareness Lead-Based Paint Hazards Reductions Removal of Slum & Blight Substandard Owner-Occupied Housing	CDBG: \$1,004,000	Homeowner Housing Added: 2 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 30 Household Housing Unit Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 60 Beds

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	Promotion of Fair Housing Practices	2014	2018	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless	City of Myrtle Beach City of Conway Horry County	Public Services	CDBG: \$10,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 850 Persons Assisted
3	Special Needs Housing	2014	2018	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Central City Revitalization Area - City of Myrtle Beach Race Path - Horry County Freemont - Horry County Bucksport - Horry County Cedar Branch - Horry County Goretown - Horry County Brooksville - Horry County City of Myrtle Beach City of Conway Horry County	Housing for Special Needs Populations	CDBG: \$20,000 199486: \$199,486	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 25 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 572 Persons Assisted Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 60 Beds Homelessness Prevention: 205 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Public Services	2014	2018	Non-Housing Community Development	Central City Revitalization Area - City of Myrtle Beach Rebuild Conway Revitalization Area - City of Conway Race Path - Horry County Freemont - Horry County Bucksport - Horry County Cedar Branch - Horry County Goretown - Horry County Brooksville - Horry County City of Myrtle Beach City of Conway Horry County	Public Services	CDBG: \$224,500	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 6602 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Public Facilities and Infrastructure	2014	2018	Non-Housing Community Development	Central City Revitalization Area - City of Myrtle Beach Rebuild Conway Revitalization Area - City of Conway Race Path - Horry County Freemont - Horry County Bucksport - Horry County Cedar Branch - Horry County Goretown - Horry County Brooksville - Horry County City of Myrtle Beach City of Conway Horry County	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Development	CDBG: \$581,290	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 15748 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Rehabilitate at least 32 owner-occupied units using CDBG funds.
2	Goal Name	Promotion of Fair Housing Practices
	Goal Description	There are quarterly realtor meetings held by the SC Board of Realtors where we present a fair housing course each quarter. In April, a housing fair will be presented to the community on a Saturday to help receive as many people as possible. Other fair housing activities take place year-round.
3	Goal Name	Special Needs Housing
	Goal Description	Provide 60 new beds at the Street Reach facility.
4	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Provide needed public services to LMI residents.
5	Goal Name	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Provide public facility improvements and infrastructure improvements.

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

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 91.215(b):

In the Consolidated Plan, there were 8 priority needs (PN) identified. They are as follows: PN1 housing rehabilitation; PN2 housing special needs; PN3 public facilities and infrastructure; PN4 public services; PN5 lead-based paint remediation; PN6 fair housing; PN7 homebuyer assistance; and PN8 slum & blight removal.

The estimated breakdown in this AAP is as follows: PN1 housing rehabilitation - a total of 32 housing units are expected this funding cycle; PN2 housing special needs - a total of 60 beds are expected at the end of this funding cycle to house the homeless population; PN3 public facilities and infrastructure - a total of 13,748 people are expected to benefit from improved public facilities and infrastructure; PN4 public services - a total of 6,602 people are expected to benefit from the public services; PN5 lead-based paint removal - up to 32 housing units may contain lead-based paint and the residents living in these unit will benefit using interim controls or abatement techniques in the units; PN6 fair housing - over 5,000 people will benefit receiving more knowledge regarding the fair housing laws this funding cycle; PN7 - a total of 2 people will benefit from the Home Alliance Land Trust Program from this funding allocation; and PN8 slum & blight - at least 2 people will benefit.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

Activities have been selected for inclusion in this Plan based on 2013-2018 Consolidated Plan priorities and public input. During the 2015/2016 Plan, HCCDG will engage in community development activities through increasing the availability and quality of affordable housing, the delivery of public services, investment in neighborhood facilities, and economic development activities. In addition, HCCDG balances the growing need for services with HUD regulations and budget constraints.

#	Project Name
1	Horry County Public Services
2	Conway Public Services
3	Myrtle Beach Public Services
4	Horry County Housing Rehab
5	Myrtle Beach Housing Rehab
6	Conway Housing Rehab
7	Horry County Infrastructure and Public Facility Improvements
8	Conway Infrastructure project
9	Myrtle Beach Park Improvement
10	MB New Directions Special Needs Hsg
11	HC ESG
12	HC Admin
13	Myrtle Beach Admin
14	Conway Admin funds

Table 8 – Project Information

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

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

Project Summary Information

Table 9 – Project Summary

1	Project Name	Horry County Public Services
	Target Area	Horry County
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$165,500
	Description	Horry County Public Services per the annual action plan.
	Target Date	6/30/2016

<p>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</p>	<p>MBHA provides VASH program benefits. Veterans do not have the resources for apartment deposits and utility deposits. CDBG will help eliminate that housing barrier for the veterans. Estimated to help 18 veterans</p> <p>Children's Recovery Center is a center for abused children. CDBG funds will help this program eliminate abuse in children and young adults. Estimated to help 284 children.</p> <p>New Directions administers 3 homeless/transitional shelters. The funds will be used for emergency shelter overnight stays. Estimate is to help 113 homeless people for overnight stays, transitional shelter, and case management.</p> <p>SOS Health provides workforce training for young, disabled autistic adults so that they can mainstream into the community and workforce. The CDBG funds help fund a job coach, which is needed when this population is at the work site. Estimate is to help 5 young adults.</p> <p>Phoenix Renaissance Inc. is a non-profit in the Racepath Community. CDBG funds will be used to operate an after-school program and summer program. CDBG funds will be used along with other grant/foundation funds to help at least 50 children in the programs so that their parents can work and know that their children are in a safe, educational environment.</p> <p>Horry County Sheriff Jail Diversion Program is targeted for the repeat offender. The participants will be trained in workforce development, skills, education, housing, and will be put back into the community as productive citizens. CDBG dollars will be used to offset these costs. Estimate is to help 50 people.</p> <p>Waccamaw Center for Mental Health provides the chronic homeless, who suffer from drug abuse, alcohol abuse or mental disabilities, with overnight, local hospital stays or medical treatment. They enter this program when no other health benefit is available. Estimate 82 recipients.</p>
<p>Location Description</p>	<p>Horry County</p>

	Planned Activities	MBHA - \$10,000 Children's Recovery Center - \$10,000 New Directions - \$50,000 SOS Health - \$5,000 Phoenix Renaissance - \$15,500 Horry County Sheriff - \$25,000 Waccamaw Center for Mental Health - \$50,000
2	Project Name	Conway Public Services
	Target Area	City of Conway
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,000
	Description	Jail Diversion Program - \$13,000
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Repeat offenders that go in and out of jail causing a revolving door effect will be helped in this activity.
	Location Description	City of Conway
	Planned Activities	Jail Diversion Program - \$13,000
3	Project Name	Myrtle Beach Public Services
	Target Area	City of Myrtle Beach

	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$46,000
	Description	Myrtle Beach Public Services - 2 activities
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Jail Diversion Program will assist repeat offenders with job training, education, skills, and housing so that they can become productive citizens. Helping Hands Program provides ID assistance and gas cards, so the homeless can get to a doctor's appointment, benefits agency, etc.
	Location Description	City of Myrtle Beach
	Planned Activities	MB Helping Hands - \$25,000 MB Jail Diversion Program - \$21,000
4	Project Name	Horry County Housing Rehab
	Target Area	Horry County
	Goals Supported	Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Promotion of Fair Housing Practices
	Needs Addressed	Substandard Owner-Occupied Housing Lead-Based Paint Hazards Reductions Fair Housing Awareness Removal of Slum & Blight
	Funding	CDBG: \$620,000
	Description	Housing rehabilitation and/or reconstruction of owner occupied housing units in Horry County.
	Target Date	6/30/2016

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	GSH - estimate is 4 units MLH - estimate is 9 units HH of HC - estimate is 6 units
	Location Description	Horry County unincorporated areas.
	Planned Activities	Grand Strand Housing CDC - \$120,000 Mary's Lighthouse - \$300,000 His Hands of Horry County - \$200,000
5	Project Name	Myrtle Beach Housing Rehab
	Target Area	City of Myrtle Beach
	Goals Supported	Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Promotion of Fair Housing Practices
	Needs Addressed	Lead-Based Paint Hazards Reductions Fair Housing Awareness Removal of Slum & Blight
	Funding	CDBG: \$264,000
	Description	Myrtle Beach Housing Rehabilitation program.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	MB Housing Rehab program projects that 7 owner occupied units will be completed. Home Alliance Community Land Trust Program projects acquisition of 2 units this year. Demolition will be completed clearing the lots, greening the lots, and preparing the lots for future housing development for affordable units. CDBG funds will be used for acquisition and demolition for future affordable housing.
	Location Description	City of Myrtle Beach

	Planned Activities	MB Housing Rehab Program - \$194,000 Home Alliance Community Land Trust Program - \$70,000
6	Project Name	Conway Housing Rehab
	Target Area	City of Conway
	Goals Supported	Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Promotion of Fair Housing Practices
	Needs Addressed	Substandard Owner-Occupied Housing Lead-Based Paint Hazards Reductions Fair Housing Awareness
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	Housing rehabilitation of owner occupied units in the City of Conway.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	CDBG funds will be used for rehabilitation of at least 4 owner occupied housing units in the City of Conway.
	Location Description	City of Conway
Planned Activities	City of Conway Housing Rehab Program - \$100,000	
7	Project Name	Horry County Infrastructure and Public Facility Improvements
	Target Area	Horry County
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$211,925

	Description	Horry County Infrastructure improvements in the Racepath Community. Park improvements in the Withers Swash area. Public facilities improvement in the Conway Racepath area.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	<p>Horry County Engineers Office is planning for the resurfacing of Racepath Street, located in a donut hole outside of the city of Myrtle Beach known as the Racepath local target area. This is Phase I of the neighborhood revitalization/target area project.</p> <p>Horry County Parks & Recreation is partnering with the City of Myrtle Beach for park improvements to the Withers Swash area that abuts with the Newtown Park area. This is a LMI area. Goal outcome indicators for this activity will be reports (so it is not duplicated) in the Myrtle Beach project.</p> <p>A Father's Place is leasing a former City of Conway police substation for \$1 per year for the next 25 years because they have outgrown their old building. They will use this facility for workforce training LMI and homeless fathers. They are also expanding their training to include housing rehab laborers, park and landscape training, culinary training and other additional courses.</p>
	Location Description	Horry County
	Planned Activities	<p>HC Engineers Office Racepath Drive - \$100,000</p> <p>HC Parks & Recreation Newtown/Withers Swash area - \$50,000</p> <p>A Father's Place Racepath Facility - \$61,925</p>
8	Project Name	Conway Infrastructure project
	Target Area	City of Conway
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$189,365
	Description	Conway drainage project at Whittemore Park: Maple Avenue, Magnolia Avenue, and Wright Blvd.
	Target Date	6/30/2016

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This is an area benefit in an LMI area. 4,396 people will benefit from improved infrastructure.
	Location Description	Conway
	Planned Activities	Conway drainage project at Whittemore Park area - \$189,365
9	Project Name	Myrtle Beach Park Improvement
	Target Area	City of Myrtle Beach
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities and Infrastructure Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$180,000
	Description	Withers Swash/Newtown Park partnership for park improvements in an LMI area.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This is located in an LMI area and is an area benefit for 8,223 people
	Location Description	City of Myrtle Beach
	Planned Activities	Park improvements to Withers Swash/Newtown Park - \$180,000
10	Project Name	MB New Directions Special Needs Hsg
	Target Area	City of Myrtle Beach Horry County
	Goals Supported	Special Needs Housing

	Needs Addressed	Housing for Special Needs Populations
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000
	Description	New Directions is a non-profit agency adding 60 new beds to transitional housing.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	60 new beds will be available at the Street Reach Shelter's second floor once the rehab is completed.
	Location Description	City of Myrtle Beach at the Street Reach Shelter
	Planned Activities	New Directions - \$20,000
11	Project Name	HC ESG
	Target Area	Horry County
	Goals Supported	Special Needs Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing for Special Needs Populations
	Funding	199486: \$199,486
	Description	Horry County Emergency Solutions Grant
	Target Date	7/1/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Overnight shelter stays - 572 Rapid Re-housing - 25 Homeless Prevention - 205
	Location Description	Horry County

	Planned Activities	Through the ESG grant, Horry County works with the MBHA and New Directions for referrals and housing the homeless. Overnight stays at the emergency shelter will take place once a homeless person or family goes to the shelter. They will be allowed to join a back to work program. Homeless prevention is the most important issue, and funds are targeted to help pay back rent and back utilities, and for financial counseling so that the family builds capacity. Rapid re-housing also takes place in the ESG program when a client has already lost their housing unit.
12	Project Name	HC Admin
	Target Area	Horry County
	Goals Supported	Promotion of Fair Housing Practices
	Needs Addressed	Fair Housing Awareness
	Funding	CDBG: \$429,894
	Description	Horry County administration funds to support the CDBG program
	Target Date	12/31/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Administration funds
	Location Description	Horry County
	Planned Activities	HC Administration funds
13	Project Name	Myrtle Beach Admin
	Target Area	City of Myrtle Beach
	Goals Supported	Promotion of Fair Housing Practices
	Needs Addressed	Fair Housing Awareness
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,953

	Description	Myrtle Beach administration funds
	Target Date	12/31/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Myrtle Beach Admin funds
	Location Description	Myrtle Beach
	Planned Activities	Administration funds
14	Project Name	Conway Admin funds
	Target Area	City of Conway
	Goals Supported	Promotion of Fair Housing Practices
	Needs Addressed	Fair Housing Awareness
	Funding	CDBG: \$4,780
	Description	Conway administration funds
	Target Date	7/1/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Conway admin funds
	Location Description	Conway
	Planned Activities	Administration funds

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

This year funding will be divided amongst three geographic areas in particular; 1) City of Conway with 17% of the total funding, 2) City of Myrtle Beach with 29% of the total funding and 3) the balance of Horry County with 54% of the total CDBG funding allocation.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Central City Revitalization Area - City of Myrtle Beach	
Rebuild Conway Revitalization Area - City of Conway	
Race Path - Horry County	
Freemont - Horry County	
Bucksport - Horry County	
Cedar Branch - Horry County	
Goretown - Horry County	
Brooksville - Horry County	
City of Myrtle Beach	29
City of Conway	17
Horry County	54

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

An Intergovernmental Agreement between Horry County, the city of Conway, and the city of Myrtle Beach was executed on October 1, 2013 in order to maximize the amount of countywide Community Development Block Grant funding and to proportionately allocate the benefit. Under this agreement, Horry County's projected percentage of allocation is 54% which includes administrative expenses, Myrtle Beach's percentage of allocation is 29%, and the City of Conway's allocation is 17%. Both Myrtle Beach and Conway are considered Subrecipients of the Horry County Entitlement Grant. In all cases, 100% of the CDBG funds go toward low-to moderately-low income areas.

Discussion

As part of this Consolidated Plan effort, Horry County has identified several target areas throughout the unincorporated areas of the county. These areas are listed in the table above and include, Brooksville, Bucksport, Cedar Branch, Freemont, Goretown, and the Race Path community. Details about each of

these areas can be found in the Geographic Priorities section of the Strategic Plan. Now and in the future, concentrated efforts will be made to allocate funding to the Consolidated Plan communities.

This year Horry County and its municipal partners will continue to focus the bulk of the CDBG funding towards the development and/or preservation of affordable housing. The partners accomplish this by providing for affordable housing in three key categories, 1) owner occupied housing emergency repairs and rehabilitation 2) homeless prevention services and shelter operations 3) the development of new housing via Habitat for Humanity partners for single family development through the HOME Program.

This year all three partners have made owner occupied housing rehabilitation a top priority with a goal of providing services for an estimated 32 households. Additionally, the partners have allocated funding for homeless shelter operations and or expansion in the City of Myrtle Beach and in unincorporated communities throughout Horry County. The County has also provided the Housing Authority of Myrtle Beach with funding to provide rental assistance for up to 18 homeless Veterans.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Horry County and its municipal partners will continue to focus the bulk of the CDBG funding towards the development and/or preservation of affordable housing. The partners accomplish this by providing for affordable housing in three key categories, 1) owner occupied housing emergency repairs and rehabilitation 2) homeless prevention services and shelter operations 3) the development of new housing via Habitat for Humanity partners for single family development (using HOME funds).

This year all three partners have made owner occupied housing rehabilitation a top priority with a goal of providing services for an estimated 32 households. Additionally, the partners have allocated funding for homeless shelter operations and or expansion in the City of Myrtle Beach and in unincorporated communities throughout Horry County. A total of 37 new beds at the North Strand Housing Shelter is up and running as of April 2015. New Directions is a new homeless organization supplying overnight shelter, case management, transitional housing and permanent housing.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	572
Non-Homeless	230
Special-Needs	60
Total	862

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	205
The Production of New Units	60
Rehab of Existing Units	32
Acquisition of Existing Units	2
Total	299

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

Horry County's ESG grant will provide homeless prevention and rapid re-housing services through the MBHA and New Directions shelters. We are projecting a total of 60 new beds once the second floor of Street Reach Homeless Shelter is completed using CDBG funds. The ESG grant is projecting 572 homeless prevention activities to include payment of past due rent, utilities, financial counseling and other activities to bring the family to capacity. The ESG grant is also projecting 26 rapid re-housing if the tenant has lost their unit.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Horry County works with the two Public Housing Authorities within its jurisdiction; the Housing Authority of Myrtle Beach (MBHA) and the Housing Authority of Conway (CHA). MBHA only offers Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers and does not have any public housing units. The CHA has a small number of public housing units as well as Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers. The County has recently provided CDBG funding to the MBHA to provide vouchers for homeless veterans. In addition you will see in this year's AAP a total of \$10,000 allocated for the same services for veterans as was awarded 2 years ago. MBHA received 27 additional VASH vouchers this year from HUD. We expect to help at least 18 veterans in this year's AAP.

Horry County is partnering with MBHA with our HESG grant countywide. We are concentrating on homeless prevention and rapid re-housing.

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

The MBHA is proposing to build 2 multi-family units for a total of 8 1-bedroom affordable housing units on Carver Street, Myrtle Beach. Horry County is very supportive of this needed project. The County will support using HOME funds this year for that project.

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

Horry County informs the MBHA and CHA on all meetings, fairs, and other actions implemented by the county. Horry County employs various strategies to encourage residents to participate.

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

Neither housing authority is troubled.

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

Introduction

Horry County is focusing on planning efforts that create various ways to address the issues of homelessness and chronic homelessness. It is difficult to accurately measure the number of persons at-risk of becoming homeless. It is impossible to gauge at any one time the number of people who are threatened with eviction, unemployment, foreclosure, or termination of utilities. Families and individuals are at-risk of becoming homeless when they no longer have any cushion against the perils of life. Most commonly, a family is at-risk when it lives paycheck-to-paycheck without any savings for sudden emergencies. That is the new face of the homeless in Horry County. The new face are families whose bonuses have been cut, or their work hours lessened, or they financed 100% of their mortgage and walked away from it because they could no longer afford it. The new face of homelessness is no longer the drug addict in the street, it is your neighbor.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

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

Horry County service providers work collaboratively to provide a wide range of expertise in housing, social, and supportive services within each component of the continuum. A strategy to address homelessness in the CoC is to strengthen and enhance these existing assets. In regards to goals for eliminating chronic homelessness, Horry County works closely with other municipalities, community leaders, and other stakeholders to accomplish this goal. A more coordinated effort is a new non-profit organization, New Directions, which is located in the City of Myrtle Beach. They are streamlining their emergency shelter and women/children center under the new umbrella organization. CDBG funds Year 8 is being put toward this effort. Fund raising events and other events will be utilized so that there is an awareness of homelessness within the City of Myrtle Beach.

The ECHO and the Horry County Housing Coalition constantly review the 10 Year Plan strategies. As part of the strategic planning initiative ECHO and the county include goals set out by the Federal Government's interagency Strategic Plan to End Homelessness called Opening Doors. These goals include: 1) Finish the job of ending chronic homelessness in 5 years; 2) Prevent and end homelessness among Veterans in 5 years; 3) Prevent and end homelessness for families, youth, and children in 10 years; 4) Set a path to ending all types of homelessness.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Horry County and its municipal partners will continue to dedicate funding to the operations and expansion of existing emergency shelters throughout the county. From the last 3 funding years, a new

37 bed shelter has been built on Highway 9, an unincorporated area of Horry County. The shelter is badly needed for the area. The 37 beds will go a long way at the north end of the county to house the homeless, give them food, training, transportation, and a chance to be a productive citizen.

New Directions has applied and received for the last 3 cycles of funding an allocation to remodel the second floor of the Street Reach Homeless Shelter to include 60 new beds for transitional shelter. Street Reach operates a back to work program and trains many of their clients, who then receives a job and can either remain at the shelter and pay rent, or go out into the private sector and rent.

Home Alliance Inc., a non-profit CHDO, is starting a community land trust in the City of Myrtle Beach. They plan to acquire dilapidated houses no longer able to house families. They want to demolish the units, provide a green space, and finally get the plat ready for an affordable housing unit.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

Horry County received \$622,075 of HPRP funds and helped 804 people from becoming homeless. The funds were used to assist families with payments for rent and utilities to prevent them from losing their housing. In addition, case management services were provided to help area families obtain resources to retain financial stability. Funds were also used to assist homeless families to obtain housing and case management services to establish financial stability.

Last year, Horry County was awarded its first Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) in the amount of \$135,144. The grant is now completed. This AAP the County has been awarded a little less than \$200,000 of ESG funds. We are working closely with New Directions and the MBHA in supporting their case management staff, looking for different programs that are a good-fit for the families, and stabilizing the families so that homelessness will not be repeated.

Furthermore, some of the services New Directions offers is **affirmatively furthering fair housing** in identifying households who are eligible for the Rapid Housing Program and who would not be able to be rehoused without benefit of this program. They also assist applicants with applications, documentation and verifications. The agency provides housing search services to ensure that participant's housing is in a timely manner. Some of the supportive services are: counseling in effective communication with landlords; counseling participants in sustaining housing; providing interpreter service; assisting participants in understanding the terms of the lease, and **allowing participants to freely exercise their**

preferences in selecting neighborhoods and buildings in which they want to live.

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

Financial assistance for households who have experienced a life changing situation will be offered through the ESG program. Horry County will fund 2 agencies that concentrate on rapid re-housing of the homeless population. This will include short-term subsidies to defray rent and utilities arrearages for families who receive eviction notices or utility termination notices or are experiencing a hardship that may lead to homelessness. Security deposits and first month's rent to permit homeless families to move into an apartment or rental unit is a second item the county is concentrating on. Waccamaw Mental Health is also a partner in this venture, who will refer their patients being discharged from the hospitals, to the HCCDG Program for rapid re-housing.

Horry County also works closely with the Jail Diversion Program, who works with repeat offenders. The Program works with incarcerated individuals to provide education, workforce skills, housing when the person is released, social services, and other benefits so that each individual can sustain themselves and not go back into the revolving door affect.

North Strand Housing Shelter has opened its doors to the new 37 bed shelter for the homeless.

Discussion

Preventing homelessness, especially family homelessness, is a priority for the County and its partners. The County and CoC assists homeless service providers, many of whom are CDBG and/or ESG subrecipients, to help families implement strategies that keep them stabilized and resolve their financial issues before being identified as 'homeless.' While local nonprofit and faith-based organizations provide basic needs and rent/utility assistance that divert families at imminent risk, New Directions offers a homelessness service that connects families to providers with immediate help and mainstream resources. New Directions is an umbrella homeless organization that is able to streamline needed services to needy families.

Horry County has established a contractual relationship with New Directions and MBHA to manage efforts related to addressing chronic homelessness. The County continues to support their efforts by providing HCCDG staff assistance and CDBG/ESG funding for implementing and operating the HMIS,

implementing the 10 Year Homeless Plan, planning and prevention activities, and the Homeless Point in Time Count.

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family
Tenant-based rental assistance
Units provided in housing facilities (transitional or permanent) that are being developed, leased, or operated
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds
Total

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

Introduction

Horry County Government has put into effect the creation of an “even playing field” for homeowners and renters in all areas of the county. The Community Development Department is going into neighborhoods and tracking the diversity in those neighborhoods. These neighborhoods are revitalization areas, also called targeted areas, as deemed by the County’s Consolidated Plan 2013. Some of the tasks that staff is pursuing is as follows:

Staff is using the HUD funded ESG grant (Emergency Solutions Grant) to help homeowners, who have been the victims of predatory lenders, walk away from their mortgages and build capacity so that they can rebuild their credit. Some of the lending practices staff has found in the targeted areas are families living in dilapidated mobile units while paying upwards of \$1,000 a month on a mortgage. In many instances, they are also paying rent to a family member for the land the mobile unit is occupying. Many of these individuals are then working 2 or more jobs to be able to pay the mortgage, utilities, and food for the family. Quite often, the original affordable mortgage was sold from a prominent bank to a predatory lender. The predatory lender has added on fees, interest, and penalties into the monthly payment until it is no longer affordable for the family to stay there. Now their credit is no longer pristine and they cannot get their mortgage refinanced.

The ESG Program will pay their first month’s rent, the deposit to the landlord, the utility deposit and any past due utility bills. Homeowner’s go through credit counseling, foreclosure counseling, and budget counseling as part of this program. To help them get back on their feet, the ESG Program can provide financial assistance up to 18 months. The result is, the families are then living in decent, safe, and sanitary housing for a lower monthly payment. Additionally, the family is encouraged to file a fair housing complaint. Several complaints have been filed from this office to the state office for processing.

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

In Horry County we find that in lower income communities we are struggling with the ‘slum landlords’ who are encouraging low-income, disabled and elderly to buy old mobile homes. They pull them onto the landlord-owned property and are paying for a mobile unit mortgage plus rent of the land to the landlord. The landlords are taking advantage of the lack of rental housing, and marketing to predominately low-income, disabled, and elderly county residents, who cannot afford high rents. In addition, the same residents often end up in mortgages from predatory lenders. The Community Development staff has gone into the targeted neighborhoods and have held many community meetings explaining that a better alternative is housing counseling. On a case by case basis, staff works with other non-profit agencies to get our residents housed properly, safely, and in some cases, with help to the

family (such as a case or social worker). We are reaching many people, encouraging them to file a fair housing complaint, and helping them find a better solution for their housing needs.

Also, we are assisting elderly and/or disabled residents to move into rental units with ADA accommodations and affordable rent. The classic example is the very low-income family who cannot afford market rents. They need to live in a safer and healthier environment. Only through the SHP Program and the ESG program can they afford to live in a safer, affordable unit, and gain access to ADA accommodations. One resident could not afford to upgrade their bathroom. As a result, he does not use his bathroom, but his wife gives him a daily sponge bath. We have encouraged them to move into an elderly high rise with ADA accommodations that is wheelchair accessible.

When applying for housing rehabilitation, staff finds many single women as head of the household with children. For example, one rehab single female was faced with the following barriers: 1 - her deceased husband's lengthy illness brought a financial burden that resulted in their inability to maintain their home and 2 - her disability resulted in her own LMI status after his passing. The mortgage company forced her to renegotiate her new loan, which is at a higher rate and fees.

Our relationship and partnership with SC Legal enables us to remove barriers to affordable housing based on deed/heirs property and estate issues. But it also enables us to deal directly with predatory lenders. For example, SC Help is negotiating new loans, new rates, and more for one of our female clients. In addition to having a safe and sanitary home, she now has an affordable one, due to the efficiencies that the rehab brought and the services provided by SC Help/SC Legal Services.

Horry County has compiled a list of more than 200 inquiries for housing assistance, and is now managing 40 active projects, in conjunction with its partners. Staff interacts directly with each applicant during the housing repair application process. All contacts are documented in a County Housing Repair database, subscribed through Happy Software's Rehab Pro product. Data is collected on applicant barriers to qualifying for assistance (deeds, environmental, income), priority needs (ADA, HVAC, roofing), priority areas (locales, target areas), and more. The new approach and direct contact with each applicant has been invaluable in informing the county on housing needs.

In addition, staff works with our code compliance department, our planning department, and other municipalities, to offer reasonable solutions for our citizens of Horry County. Fees and charges are often waived for our LMI residents, as well as working through to a solution for some violations.

Discussion

Horry County Government is using their HOME funds allocating funding to CHDO's to purchase housing units for rental to low-income families. The areas are racially identified creating affirmative fair housing. For example, 4 single-family units are purchased in the City of Conway by GSH. Approximately \$180,000 of HOME funds were used to purchase the 4 units, and an additional loan of \$126,056 was used to rehabilitate these units to bring them up to code and make them attractive for marketing. Conway's racial makeup is mostly white (57.1%). 3 of the units are rented to African-American families and 1 of the units is rented to a Caucasian family. The City of Conway is one of our targeted areas per the Consolidated Plan. Staff believes that we are affirmatively furthering fair housing by creating a diversified community that ultimately levels the playing field.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

Through the County's community development program, the county seeks to meet underserved needs. One particular need is financial assistance to homeless families and/or who are at-risk of being homeless families. The County's ESG funds are used for homeless prevention and rapid re-housing and the county is partnering with the MBHA and New Directions. This partnership has proven successful in helping our homeless community.

The County continues to encourage local support service providers to expand existing Consumer Credit Counseling and First Time Home-Buyer programs with funding assistance where possible. Additionally, the CDBG office will continue working with community groups to seek additional resources to build consumer credit education counseling and awareness among low income and minority residents to include local faith-based organizations, higher education institutions, Head Start programs and other forums for fair housing.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Many residents from Horry County struggle economically and few have safety nets to prevent them from slipping into poverty. Often they rely on payday loans to make ends meet. Families are one mortgage payment or utility bill away from poverty. Horry County is committed to preventing poverty through its efforts to not only aid those already in poverty, meeting the underserved needs, but also by enabling individuals to increase income, own homes and build assets.

Habitat for Humanity, Hope's Crossing, is a new development just outside the City of Conway off of Highway 905. CDBG funds were used to develop the infrastructure at a cost of approximately \$500,000. Hope's Crossing is next to another subdivision, which is mostly populated by Caucasian families. There is a small woody area separating the two subdivisions.

A total of 23 housing units will be built by Habitat for Humanity. One unit is completed and the family has moved in. A waiting list of 22 families has been created which is a holding placement for them in the remaining 22 units. HOME funds have already been allocated for the next 5 units at \$45,000 each. 211 sweat-equity hours are put into each unit by the families who are purchasing them. The remainder is funded by donations. Home ownership is one way the community development office is meeting underserved needs.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The County continues to support local groups, such as Habitat for Humanity and Grand Strand Housing, who work to provide affordable homes and seek viable financing options for potential low to moderate-income home buyers. Community Development is also working with local lenders to identify changes or patterns in lending practices, especially those that impact low-income, minorities, Section 3 residents, and other special populations.

Grand Strand Housing assists low-income families in the unincorporated areas of Horry County needing repairs such as roofs, windows, plumbing, heating, electrical, and other appropriate emergency and/or essential repairs. Any pre-1978 unit will have a lead inspection/risk assessment before work begins. They anticipate providing emergency repairs to 4 homes within Horry County (\$120,000).

His Hands of Horry County will assist low-income families with necessary repairs and also reconstruction of units too far gone for rehabilitation. Work will consist of new roofs, a better water supply system, better sewer systems, warmer living quarters, and a safer living environment. Any pre-1978 unit will have a lead inspection/risk assessment before work begins (\$200,000).

Mary's Lighthouse is a non-profit CHDO and will assist low-income families with substantial repairs including reconstruction of units too far gone for rehabilitation. Work will consist of bringing the units up to code, new roofs, sewer system, HVAC, and other necessary repairs. Any pre-1978 unit will have a lead inspection/risk assessment before work begins (\$300,000).

City of Myrtle Beach Rehab Program will rehabilitate owner-occupied homes of qualified low-income homeowners who are unable to afford rehab work. Rehabs can be emergency repairs or full-code compliance projects, depending upon the circumstances of the property and/or homeowner. A total of \$192,000 is for housing rehab and \$2,000 is for housing rehab administration (\$194,000).

City of Conway Rehab Program will provide rehabilitation to owner-occupied homes that qualify as low income homeowners that are unable to afford rehab work. They will be concentrating on the Racepath of Conway area for housing rehabilitation (\$100,000).

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

All housing units undergoing emergency repairs or rehabilitation that were built prior to 1978 will have a lead inspection/risk assessment before any physical work begins on the unit. If lead is present, the owner/tenant will be relocated, if applicable. Also, information will be distributed regarding lead-based

paint to all residents that participate in any housing program. Approximately 10% of the units contain lead-based paint with the units that have already undergone rehabilitation. The County will continue to support programs available through DHEC and will develop a lead hazard control program to eliminate lead hazards in housing when a unit undergoes rehabilitation through the CDBG Program.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Horry County supports services that assist poverty-level families in a variety of ways as to enable families to gain more income. Support services such as through Phoenix Renaissance, for the Racepath Community and surrounding areas will offer services for affordable child care, enabling parents to seek education, job training, and become employed at a higher wage. Through continued funding of the Jail Diversion Program, which promotes training and rehabilitation of 'revolving door' prisoners, fathers are encouraged to break the cycle of poverty. Horry County also supports A Fathers Place, for workforce training of homeless fathers and/or LMI fathers, with training to improve their skills of to find appropriate, decent jobs.

The strategies outlined in the Annual Action Plan are intended to serve the county's anti-poverty strategy by planning for expanded housing, economic development opportunities for LMI persons, and public services, such as the ones above, to help with this strategy. It is only by improving our citizens' living conditions, employment opportunities, and access to services that they may emerge from poverty.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Horry County's Department of Community Development & Grants is under the direction of County Council, Mr. Mark Lazarus, Chairman. The Department continues to improve its processes and programs by participating in HUD sponsored trainings and other training that will increase our capacity to deliver excellent customer service. The number of LMI clients have increased each year and have also exceeded our goals in the 2008-2013 Consolidated Plan.

Internally the department is comprised of 4 major functions: administration including fair housing activities, grants administration & management, compliance, and monitoring.

Monitoring - Subrecipient monitoring is conducted to educate subrecipients on compliance requirements and to discuss reporting expectations. A yearly meeting is held with all subrecipients usually in August, of each year. A PowerPoint presentation is used to highlight the points. There are usually 3 different groups; housing, public services, and public facilities/infrastructure. There are 3 meetings so that the presentation is specific to the activities and each take approximately 2 hours. Expectations are explained in detail and information is provided which includes but is not limited to contract administration, payment processes, financial systems payment requests, performance measures, documentation, and record keeping. Administrative and programmatic regulations are also

explained.

Annually staff monitors each Subrecipient. Staff goes to their agency in May and June each year. Correspondence is sent to the Subrecipient with a list of information that will be needed and reviewed. During the monitoring visit, staff will perform an audit of the Subrecipient's files, financial statements, and program accomplishments. These monitoring visits are concluded with an exit interview of preliminary findings and followed by a written report to the Subrecipient summarizing the results of the visits and any matters that need to be addressed.

Grants management in compliance - The County actively is involved in monitoring labor standards in its public facilities improvements and infrastructure projects. For development that involves the Davis-Bacon Act, staff attends a pre-construction meeting with the Subrecipient, general contractors, and subcontractors to explain the legislation and required submissions. The County assures that appropriate labor standards are included in both the bid specifications and in the general contract. Staff also conducts reviews of the certified payrolls and conduct several on-site employee reviews. The County follows up with the appropriate parties when discrepancies are found and pursues resolution of identified issues.

Staff also conducts site inspections on all projects to include but not limited to housing reconstruction projects, housing rehab projects, infrastructure projects, public facilities improvement projects, and any other projects that include 'sticks and bricks' projects. Also, staff goes out to the public services to take pictures and observe that the public service is being performed, answers questions, and enjoys the time it takes to review any issues that need to be resolved.

Fair housing - The AI was updated in 2013 and many fair housing activities are offered each funding year. Quarterly, the Grants Coordinator teaches a fair housing course to area realtors. Each quarter, there are approximately 80 participants in each course. The realtors are up to date on the fair housing laws and issues.

A housing fair is offered each April to Horry County residents. Last year over 100 residents attended. Mini-classes of one hour were offered on fair housing, heirs' property, financial management, and other topics of interest to help of LMI residents.

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

Horry County has targeted significant CDBG and HOME resources within the low-income areas described in this Plan. Horry County HOME funds come into the County through the Waccamaw Regional Council of Government (WRCOG). Combined these resources will act as a catalyst to invite additional public and private investment of capital and services, to increase the quantity and quality of affordable housing, and to help low to moderate income residents acquire needed information, knowledge, and skills to

improve their employment opportunities.

Discussion

Horry County is continually refining its strategies to foster affordable housing, reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of families in poverty, develop institutional structure, and enhance coordination of agencies. By enhancing coordination and developing better collaboration, the HCCDG will work to create an environment in which affordable housing is supported and included.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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

Other CDBG Requirements

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

Discussion

We will estimate the percentage of CDBG funds used to benefit low to moderate income families at 100%.