City of Lenexa

2017 Annual Action Plan

Community Development Block Grant Program

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

In July 2015, the City of Lenexa was notified by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that it was eligible for entitlement status. The City was informed that it would receive approximately $200,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding each year as an entitlement city. The Governing Body passed a resolution in August 2015 accepting its entitlement status and authorizing staff to begin the process of developing its CDBG program.

A Consolidated Plan was prepared to fulfill the requirements necessary to receive CDBG funding. It is comprised of a Citizen Participation Plan, a 5-year Strategic Plan describing the objectives the City wishes to accomplish with the CDBG funding and an Annual Action Plan for the time period beginning October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017. The 5-year Strategic Plan addresses the time period beginning October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2020; however, each year the City must develop a new Annual Action Plan that specifically describes the programs and projects and how the annual allocation will be distributed amongst those programs and projects.

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2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The City has determined that the following objectives will be addressed in the 2016-2020 5-year Strategic Plan:

1. Sustain affordable housing opportunities by preserving existing housing stock.
2. Improve vitality, livability and safety of neighborhoods through preservation of housing stock, infrastructure improvements, and community facility improvements.
3. Support community facilities that that improve the quality of life for low- and moderate-income residents.

These objectives satisfy the three program goals of the CDBG program: provide decent housing, suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities for people of low- to moderate-income. They are broad enough to allow flexibility in the projects and programs in each Annual Action Plan to address the community needs identified in the citizen participation process.

3. Evaluation of past performance

The 2016 Annual Action Plan is the City's first program year. The City drew down approximately $24,000 in Administration to conduct a Housing Market and Needs Assessment needed for the Consolidated Plan. The City also anticipates purchasing additional file cabinets to securely store CDBG files through Administration. The City estimated that it would be able to rehabilitate 6 households with its Minor Home Repair program, and in the first year, 9 households were rehabilitated for a total of approximately $36,000. The Recreation Center is still in its first month of operations, but staff has been developing an application process for the recreation scholarship program. The Senior/Community Center feasibility study project was delayed to allow the Parks and Recreation staff to dedicate its efforts towards opening the new facility. However, the City requested proposals and conducted interviews for the Senior/Community Center feasibility study. A firm was selected to begin the study in last quarter of 2017.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

The City of Lenexa developed a Citizen Participation Plan that encourages full citizen participation throughout the planning process and is consistent with federal requirements for the CDBG program. Information regarding the development of a CDBG program was included in city publications that are distributed via mail and e-mail, posted in community facilities and on the city's website and social media outlets, and noticed in the official newspaper.

Approximately, 841 citizens responded to the CDBG fund priority area question that was asked on the 2015 citizen survey that is conducted by ETC Institute every two years for the City of Lenexa.

A public hearing regarding the housing and community development needs was noticed in the *Legal Record* on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. Additionally, the meeting was advertised on the City's website. Non-profit organizations were invited to attend the public hearing or submit written comments to be included in the development of the Annual Action Plan draft. The hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at Lenexa City Hall from 4-6 p.m. There was nobody from the public present.

The 30-day public comment period for the Annual Action Plan was held from July 1, 2017 to July 31, 2017. The plan was posted on the city's website and hardcopies were made available upon request at City Hall. Hardcopies were also made available for review at the Johnson County Library--Lackman Branch. Notice of the comment period was published in the Legal Record on June 13, 2017, and citizens were encouraged to review and provide feedback via print & social media outlets. No comment from the public was received.

5. Summary of public comments

The City did not receive any public comments.

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

The City did not receive any comments; and therefore, no comments or views were not accepted.

7. Summary

In summary, the 2017 Annual Action Plan is similar to the 2016 Annual Action Plan addressing the same three objectives in the community: sustain affordable housing opportunities by preserving existing housing stock; improve vitality, livability and safety of neighborhoods through preservation of housing stock, infrastructure improvements, and community facility improvements, and support community facilities that that improve the quality of life for low- and moderate-income residents.

In the 2016 Program Year, the City developed a Minor Home Repair Program and a Recreation Scholarship Program and selected an architecture firm to study the rehabilitation of the Community/Senior Centers. An investment of $36,000 was made in preserving the existing affordable housing stock in addition to the $24,000 that was spent developing the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan. The study for the Community/Senior Centers will begin in December 2017.

The allocation for the Minor Home Repair Program and Recreation Scholarship Program are increasing in the 2017 program year, and pending the results of the study for the Community/Senior Center launched in December 2017, the City anticipates implementing the first phase of recommendations.

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	LENEXA	Executive

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

The City of Lenexa began consultations with key stakeholders in April 2017 to identify any additional needs that should be addressed using CDBG funds. Staff spoke with community stakeholders as well as public and private agencies including nonprofit & faith-based organizations, several Johnson County Government agencies, neighboring & nearby entitlement communities, and other state and federal government agencies. Additionally, the Executive Department, the department spearheading the CDBG program effort, worked extensively with other city departments in an effort to identify the most important needs for the City of Lenexa. The citizens of Lenexa were encouraged to participate in community surveys and public meetings regarding the identification of community needs and the prioritization of CDBG funds.

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

The City of Lenexa supports several different human service organizations through its work with the United Community Services of Johnson County (UCS). UCS analyzes data that can inform human service planning, leads collaborative planning with human service organizations, mobilizes resources to support human service organizations, and advocates for policy improvements that support people reaching their full potential. Lenexa is represented in a variety of ways in UCS's work whether it is staff or elected officials participating on one of UCS's councils or task forces. Additionally, the Governing Body allocates $17,000 annually to the Human Service Fund that is administered by UCS and funds safety net programs that meet the needs of low-income residents. UCS also administers the Alcohol Tax Fund in which Lenexa allocates approximately $130,000 annually to provide substance abuse education, prevention, intervention, treatment, or recovery services.

UCS recommended the following organizations for the 2017 Human Service Fund: CASA of Johnson & Wyandotte Counties ($32,000), Catholic Charities of NE Kansas ($70,000), El Centro ($20,000), Growing Futures Early Education Center ($9,265), Harvesters ($10,000), Health Partnership Clinic ($42,000), Hillcrest Transitional Housing of Kansas ($5,000), Johnson County Interfaith Hospitality Network ($9,000), Kansas Children's Service League ($19,800), KidsTLC ($15,400), SAFEHOME ($18,000), Salvation Army Family Lodge-Olathe ($18,000), Sunflower House ($32,500), The Family Conservancy ($10,000). These grant amounts represent contributions from all Human Service Fund partners.

UCS recommended the following organizations for the 2017 Alcohol Tax Fund: UCS administration ($7,031), De Soto School District ($9,559), Olathe School District ($1,677), Shawnee Mission School District ($2,226), Preferred Family Healthcare ($6,902), Friends of Recovery ($3,580), The Family Conservancy ($2,649), Heartland Regional Alcohol & Drug Assessment Center ($10,891), Gillis Center

($3,938), Johnson County Mental Health Center Adolescent Center for Treatment ($18,150), Johnson County Mental Health Center Adult Detoxification Unit ($19,229), Johnson County Mental Health Center Adult Dual Diagnosis ($10,023), Johnson County Mental Health Center Prevention Services ($6,758), Johnson County Court Services ($1,897), First Call ($1,897), SAFEHOME ($1,603), Johnson County Department of Corrections ($791), KidsTLC ($3,269), Mirror, Inc ($12,600), Artists Helping the Homeless ($716), Johnson County District Attorney ($430). These grant amounts represent the contribution from the City of Lenexa only.

For more information on the UCS and these organizations and programs, please refer to the 2017 Recommendation Report for the Human Service Fund and Alcohol Tax Fund available by contacting Danielle Dulin at ddulin@lenexa.com.

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

The Community Standards Supervisor and a representative from the Lenexa Police Department regularly participate in the Johnson County Continuum of Care (CoC) in addition to the other services provided by UCS as noted above. The City has been able to identify areas where homeless individuals/families stay within the community that the CoC was not aware of, and the CoC has been able to provide the City with information on resources that might be available to these individuals. The City looks forward to continuing this relationship with the CoC and finding more opportunities to address the needs of homeless persons in the community.

Other than attending the CoC meetings and allocating funds to the Human Service Fund and Alcohol Tax Fund, there has not be another opportunity identified to address general homelessness or subcategories of homelessness. Furthermore, the biggest at risk population of becoming homeless in the City is the students that are “doubled up” with family and friends. However, this is not defined as homelessness by HUD.

The City’s primary effort to address homelessness is to prevent it by keeping individuals in their homes through the Minor Home Repair Program.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards for and evaluate outcomes of projects and activities assisted by ESG funds, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the operation and administration of HMIS

The City does not receive ESG funds.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

2	**Agency/Group/Organization**	LENEXA
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Interview with Governing Body and departments.
3	**Agency/Group/Organization**	City of Shawnee
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Interview with CDBG administrator. An opportunity to partner on a project or program was not identified at this time.
4	**Agency/Group/Organization**	CITY OF OVERLAND PARK
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Interview with CDBG administrator. An opportunity to partner on a project or program was not identified at this time.
5	**Agency/Group/Organization**	JOHNSON COUNTY GOVERNMENT
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA Other government - County
	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 Market Analysis 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?	Interview with CDBG administrator. Johnson County expressed interest in administering the city's program, but there are still many details that need to be discussed and worked through before making a decision.

6	**Agency/Group/Organization**	United Community Services
	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?	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 Market Analysis 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?	Interviews. Staff and elected officials participate on several UCS boards and committees.

7	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Johnson County Continuum of Care on Homelessness
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	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?	Interview with CoC administrator. The city supports the CoC efforts, but an opportunity to partner on a project or program was not identified at this time.
8	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Kansas Department of Health and Environment
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	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?	Interview. The city works with KDHE to ensure it is meeting all requirements related to lead-based paint hazards and sharing any necessary educational materials with residents.

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

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	United Community Services of Johnson County	
Vision 2020	City of Lenexa	
Vision 2030	City of Lenexa	
Parks, Recreation & Open Spaces Master Plan	City of Lenexa	
Comprehensive Plan	City of Lenexa	
A New Look at Old Town	City of Lenexa	
Planning Sustainable Places	MARC	
Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy Plan	MARC	

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

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

The City of Lenexa recognizes that citizens engage with their communities in a variety of ways. The Citizen Participation Plan outlines the policies and procedures that the City will follow to ensure that citizens are kept apprise of the planning process of the CDBG program. In addition to meeting the notice requirements identified by HUD regulations, the City of Lenexa has also utilized its robust Communications Department to notify citizens of public meetings, comment periods, and hearings as well as providing outlets for feedback on community needs, proposed priorities, and draft plan documents. Participation for the first Consolidated Plan process was better than expected, and community needs identified by the citizens were instrumental in developing the goals as well as programs and projects to meet the goals. However, citizen participation was not as robust for the 2017 Annual Action Plan, but the 2017 Annual Action Plan has similar programs and projects that address community needs as the 2016 Consolidated and Annual Action Plans.

A public hearing regarding the housing and community development needs was noticed in the *Legal Record* on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. Additionally, the meeting was advertised and feedback was solicited on the City's website, social media outlets, e-newsletter *Lenexa News*, and bi-monthly newsletter *TownTalk*. The hearing was scheduled for Tuesday, May 23, 2017 at Lenexa City Hall, 12350 West 87th Street Parkway from 4-6 p.m. Two staff members were present, and there was nobody from the public present.

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Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	0	0	0	
2	Ad on city's website	Non-targeted/broad community	0	0	0	
3	Ad on city's social media outlets	Non-targeted/broad community	0	0	0	
4	Ad in city's e-newletter—My Lenexa News	Non-targeted/broad community	0	0	0	
5	Ad in city's newsletter—TownTalk	Non-targeted/broad community	0	0	0	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City has been informed it will receive $216,975 for fiscal year 2017 which will start on October 1, 2017 and run through September 30, 2018. It is anticipated that the allocation for the remaining three years will be similar.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan $	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: $	Program Income: $	Prior Year Resources: $	Total: $		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	216,975	0	150,000	366,975	866,000	The expected amount available for the remainder of Consolidated Plan has been calculated adding the 1 year estimated to $216,000 times the remaining three years of the consolidated plan.

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

Matching funds will not be required.

Homeowners will be encouraged to contribute to the rehabilitation of their homes. Procedures will be put into place to allow for this. Additionally, $40,000 from the City's general fund has been allocated for an exterior grant program. There are no income qualifications to be eligible for an exterior grant, but the property must be within the Neighborhood Revitalization District (NRD). Many of census tracts with more than 51% of the population at or below 80% of the median area income are also in the NRD.

Recreation scholarship recipients will be required to contribute a portion of the cost of membership or program, and the City will put policies and procedures into place to ensure the CDBG funds allocated to scholarships are benefitting LMI households and/or individuals. The fee schedule for the Lenexa Recreation Center includes a non-resident daily pass that is two dollars more than the resident daily pass. This additional revenue will be used to supplement the CDBG funds allocated for recreation scholarships.

CDBG funds will be used to improve neighborhood infrastructure in LMI areas and to improve community facilities to meet the needs of "presumed benefit" populations.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Housing Rehabilitation	2016	2020	Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	City of Lenexa	Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: $53,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 6 Household Housing Unit
2	Community facilities	2016	2020	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City of Lenexa	Community Facilities	CDBG: $240,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 4000 Persons Assisted
3	Public Services	2016	2020	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City of Lenexa	Public Services	CDBG: $33,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 25 Households Assisted

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4	Administration	2016	2020	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development			CDBG: $41,000	Other: 0 Other

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	**Goal Name**	Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	This program will preserve existing affordable housing stock.
2	**Goal Name**	Community facilities
	Goal Description	Community facility improvements such as parks, buildings or public use structures that serve LMI areas or LMI population.
3	**Goal Name**	Public Services
	Goal Description	Any service which improves the quality of life for LMI residents.

4	**Goal Name**	Administration
	Goal Description	Management of all of the projects and their activities including monitoring, compliance and reporting, and closeout.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

This Annual Action Plan is the second program year in the 2016-2020 5-year Strategic Plan.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Housing Rehabilitation
2	Community Facilities
3	Public Services
4	Administration

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The allocation for priorities was determined by the information collected through the consultation and citizen engagement process. The priority areas identified were most frequently referenced as areas where unmet needs were present and programs or projects needed to be developed to address those needs.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	**Project Name**	Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	City of Lenexa
	Goals Supported	Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: $50,000
	Description	This program will preserve existing affordable housing stock.
	Target Date	9/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This program will benefit approximately 6-7 LMI families of any age, physical ability, race, ethnicity, or sex, and that are also homeowners.
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	Minor Home Repair Program
2	**Project Name**	Community Facilities
	Target Area	City of Lenexa
	Goals Supported	Community facilities
	Needs Addressed	Community Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: $120,000
	Description	Community facility improvements such as parks, buildings or public use structures that serve LMI areas or LMI population.
	Target Date	9/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Once the repurposing of the Community and Senior Centers is complete, the facility(ies) will benefit approximately 4,000 LMI persons of any age, physical ability, race, ethnicity, or sex. However, many of the improvements to this facility(ies) will be specifically to accommodate senior activities & imporve accessibility.
	Location Description	Lenexa Community Center, 13420 Oak Street Lenexa Senior Center, 13425 Walnut Street
	Planned Activities	The Community/Senior Centers Rehabilitation project includes a feasibility study for the repurposing of the existing Community Center facility to accommodate senior activities, including ADA upgrades. Necessary renovations will be prioritized and implemented with CDBG funds allocated.

3	**Project Name**	Public Services
	Target Area	City of Lenexa
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: $25,000
	Description	Any service which improves the quality of life for LMI residents.
	Target Date	9/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	25
	Location Description	LMI households of any size age, physical ability, race, ethnicity, or sex, will benefit from the recreation scholarship program.
	Planned Activities	Recreation scholarship program.
4	**Project Name**	Administration
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Administration
	Funding	CDBG: $21,500
	Description	Management of all of the projects and their activities including monitoring, compliance and reporting, and closeout.
	Target Date	9/30/2018
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Administration activities are exempt from estimating beneficiaries.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Administration of programs and projects and monitoring and reporting activities. A Housing Needs and Market Assessment Study was commissioned in order to develop the Consolidated Plan.

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

Lenexa will allocate investments citywide; however, the community needs that need to be addressed are primarily located in census tracts that contain 51% of more of the population earning less than 80% of the Area Median Income or will benefit low- to moderate-income individuals.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City of Lenexa	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City of Lenexa does not allocated CDBG funds geographically. Funds are used throughout the City.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City recognizes the importance of preserving its existing affordable housing stock. These housing units are primarily found in the older neighborhoods in the eastern part of the city. The City will use CDBG funds to implement a Minor Home Repair Program for LMI households in conjunction with its exterior grant program to promote upkeep and maintenance of the existing housing stock.

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

Table 9 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	6
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	6

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

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Johnson County administers the Section 8 Housing Voucher Choice program and other public housing programs for the entire County which includes the City of Lenexa.

There are no public housing structures within the City of Lenexa. During the consultation process and based on available input from Lenexa residents, public housing was not identified as a need or a priority in the City. Therefore, the City has allocated its limited CDBG funds for projects that address needs and priorities as identified in the Annual Action Plan.

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

There are no public housing structures within the City of Lenexa. During the consultation process and based on available input from Lenexa residents, public housing was not identified as a need or a priority in the City. Therefore, the City has allocated its limited CDBG funds for projects that address needs and priorities as identified in the Annual Action Plan.

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

During the consultation process and based on available input from Lenexa residents, encouraging public housing residents to become more involved in management and participate in homeownership was not identified as a need or a priority in the City. Therefore, the City has allocated its limited CDBG funds for other projects that address needs and priorities as identified in the Annual Action Plan.

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

Johnson County Public Housing Authority is not a troubled PHA.

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

Introduction

Homelessness was not identified as one of the priority areas of concern or unmet needs for the allocation of CDBG funds through the consultation and citizen participation process in Lenexa. The Johnson County CoC reported a decrease of individuals identified as homeless on a single night in the last ten days in January from 315 in 2011 to 130 in 2017 for the annual point-in-time (PIT) count.

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

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

The City will continue to work with the CoC to reach out to homeless persons identified in Lenexa. The City has limited interaction with homeless persons on a day-to-day basis. The majority of homeless persons in Johnson County are in emergency shelters or transitional housing. When the City is made aware of homeless persons living in Lenexa, the Community Standards Division, Police or Fire Departments provide them with information on emergency shelters and other resources. This information is provided to the City by the CoC.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

There are no emergency shelters or transitional housing units in the City of Lenexa; the City understands it is served by emergency shelters and transitional housing in neighboring communities and will continue to communicate with the CoC so as to stay apprised of any changes in emergency shelters or transitional housing. Emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons were not identified as unmet needs through the consultation process; therefore, the City is not allocating any of its CDBG funds towards this.

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

Lenexa does not administer any programs to address homelessness. As previously discussed, the City has limited interaction with homeless persons as most homeless persons in Johnson County are in emergency shelters or transitional housing. Addressing homelessness was not identified as an unmet need or priority through the consultation process; therefore, the City is not allocating any of its CDBG

funds towards this. The City will continue to work with the CoC and support its efforts in addressing homelessness in the community.

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.

Lenexa's primary effort in helping low-income and extremely low-income households avoid becoming homeless is through its Minor Home Repair Program which keeps individuals in their homes by providing funding for necessary repairs and maintenance on the exterior of their home.

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

Introduction:

The primary barrier to affordable housing in Lenexa is due to market supply. The supply cannot keep up with the demand which drives the cost of both for-sale and rental housing up. Additionally, the availability of resources to address the supply issue is a barrier. Even if the City dedicated all of its CDBG entitlement towards production of affordable housing it would not be enough to make an impact on the issue.

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

The Housing Market and Needs Assessment conducted in April 2016 did not identify any policies that have a negative impact on affordable housing in Lenexa. The City does not have any plans to change its land use controls, tax policies, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitation, and policies affecting return on residential investment in 2017 program year.

The City recognizes the importance of preserving its existing affordable housing stock. These housing units are primarily found in the older neighborhoods in the eastern part of the city. The City will use CDBG funds to implement a Minor Home Repair Program for LMI households in conjunction with its exterior grant program to promote upkeep and maintenance of the existing housing stock.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

Lenexa is committed to collaborating with community partners to address underserved community needs as they are identified; however, the largest obstacle to addressing underserved needs is funding, not only in Lenexa, but throughout the community.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Lenexa is committed to collaborating with community partners to address underserved community needs as they are identified; however, the largest obstacle to addressing underserved needs is funding, not only in Lenexa, but throughout the community. In its annual budget, the City allocates $17,000 to the United Community Services of Johnson County's Human Service Fund and $130,000 to the Alcohol Tax Fund to meet underserved needs in the community.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

There are six other strategies recommended in the Housing Needs and Market Assessment. The City has investigated the first two strategies: a single-family home rehabilitation program and land acquisition for affordable housing. The first strategy has been implemented through the Minor Home Repair Program. The second strategy is not a viable option at this time. In the 2017 Program Year, the City will investigate pursuing funding through the Kansas Housing Resources Corporation.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City will comply with all federal regulations regarding lead-based paint hazards. The City ensures that all of its contractors for the Minor Home Repair Program are licensed with the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Additionally, the City provides educational materials from the US Environmental Protection Agency on its website and to individuals applying for the Minor Home Repair Program.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Lenexa will continue its ongoing work with the United Community Services of Johnson County by serving on its boards and committees and allocating dollars from its General Fund to the Human Service Fund and using them to administer its Alcohol Tax Fund dollars.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The Comprehensive Plan promotes development and revitalization that is balanced and orderly to

enhance the built environment for residents of all ages, abilities, and financial means.

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

Lenexa will continue to collaborate with the various social service agencies to identify additional resources available to LMI individuals and households and encourage all public and private housing and service agencies to do so as well. As previously discussed, the City will also continue its ongoing work with the United Community Services of Johnson County by serving on its boards and committees and allocating dollars from its General Fund to the Human Service Fund and using them to administer its Alcohol Tax Fund dollars.

Program Specific Requirements

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

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

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

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
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.	75.00%

Discussion:

Lenexa anticipates that over 70% of the CDBG funds expended in the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan will benefit LMI persons. The City is allocating a minimum dollar amount to cover costs of administrating the program and to assist with any necessary planning activities that are required by HUD. Moving forward, close attention will be paid to the actual administrative costs, and the City will adjust its adminstrative allocation so that as much of the CDBG funds can go towards programs and projects that benefit LMI persons as possible.