



CITY OF DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS

2015 Annual Action Plan for
Community Development Block
Grant Programming

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Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The resources tallied in the below table are up to date as of the submission of this Final Plan Document to the Des Plaines City Council on August 3, 2015. The City anticipates drawing down a high percentage of its prior year resources in the upcoming program year.

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	Federal, HUD	Housing, Public Infrastructure, Public Facilities, Public Services, Planning and Admin	\$276,523	-	Approx \$360,000 Addl \$100,265.82 Revolving Loan	Approx \$736,787 Is Available, Including \$100,265.82 in Revolving Loan Fund	\$1,835,000	Assuming annual allocation remains similar, 5 years x \$275,000 + prior year resources = Expected Remainder

Table 52 - Anticipated Resources

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

The City of Des Plaines does not anticipate using federal funds with a matching requirement, and the CDBG entitlement grant does not have a matching requirement.

The City of Des Plaines intends to allocate CDBG funds towards a portion of Des Plaines Park District projects to replace an anticipated Illinois State OSLAD grant that has been suspended.

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

Apache Park, discussed in the 2015-19 Consolidated Plan, is a publically owned park in a low income, minority concentration area that is in need of revitalized public facilities that would increase the quality of life in the area. In addition, Seminole Park is another public park that will address needs identified in the plan. Finally, public streets are also potential areas for infrastructure improvements.

Discussion

The City of Des Plaines has been allocated \$276, 523 in CDBG funds for 2015. Des Plaines has a large amount of funds (approximately \$425,000) remaining from delayed projects from previous program years. Additionally, \$100,265.82 is available from a Revolving Loan Fund to be allocated towards a new project, clearing up past financial irregularities. The City plans to expend these funds quickly, as HUD CDBG regulations penalize entitlement jurisdictions that carryover more than 150% of their annual allocation (\$414,784.50) from previous years. These carryover funds will be allocated towards large public facility projects that will commence early in the program year, giving City CDBG staff adequate time to respond to any unforeseen project difficulties by amending the program year Annual Action Plan.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

2015 Goals Summary Information

	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Improve Public Facilities	2015	2016	Non-housing Community Development	Low Income Census Block Groups	Public Facilities in Low Income Area	\$142,000 (additional \$100,000 In 'backup projects')	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit
2	Improve Public Infrastructure	2015	2016	Non-housing Community Development	Low Income Census Block Groups	Public Infrastructure In Low Income Area	\$115,205 (additional \$100,000 in 'backup projects')	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit
3	Preserve affordable, accessible, sustainable housing	2015	2016	Affordable Housing	Municipality	Ease high housing cost burden for low income households	\$96,200	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated, Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care
4	Provide Public Services	2015	2016	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Municipality	Public Service Needs	\$20,320	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit
5	Provide Services To Homeless	2015	2016	Homeless And at-risk of homelessness	Municipality	Homelessness	\$21,157	Homelessness Prevention, Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added
6	Conduct Planning and Administration	2015	2016	Planning and Admin	Municipality		\$55,304	

Table 53 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1. Improve Public Facilities – Des Plaines will use CDBG funds to improve park facilities, landscaping, and lighting in low and moderate income neighborhoods. City CDBG staff will partner with the Department of Public Works and the Des Plaines Park District, as well as other potential city agencies, to assess new future project viability in low and moderate income neighborhoods as we prepare future annual action plans.
2. Improve Public Infrastructure – Des Plaines will use CDBG funds to make sidewalk and lighting improvements in low and moderate income neighborhoods. City CDBG staff will partner with the Department of Public Works, as well as other potential city agencies, to assess new future project viability in low and moderate income neighborhoods as we prepare future annual action plans. These projects include streets, sewer, and alley infrastructure.
3. Preserve affordable, accessible, sustainable housing – Des Plaines will use CDBG funds to assist low income residents reduce their housing cost burden by providing counseling, home repairs, and home modifications. In particular, City CDBG staff would like to devise new programs that provide affordable, accessible, sustainable housing for our growing elderly low income population. City CDBG staff will partner with the City's Department of Health and Family Services, the Department of Buildings, and our sub-recipient social service agencies to reassess the need for modified and new housing related programming in future years as we prepare our annual action plans.
4. Provide Public Services – Des Plaines will use 15% of its total CDBG funds to provide social services to low income residents and special needs populations. City CDBG staff will partner with the City's Department of Health and Family Services, the Police Department Social Worker, and our sub-recipient social service agencies to reassess the need for modified and new public services in future years as we prepare our annual action plans.
5. Provide Services to Homeless - Des Plaines will use CDBG funds to provide services to the homeless and services to those at risk of becoming homeless. City CDBG staff will partner with the City's Department of Health and Family Services, the Police Department Social Worker, and our sub-recipient social service agencies to reassess the need for modified and new homeless services in future years as we prepare our annual action plans.
6. Planning and Administration – Des Plaines will use 20% of its CDBG funds to conduct, administer and plan its programming.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City has found that many of the following projects, introduced via previous Consolidated Plans, still serve an unmet need in our low and moderate income communities, and should be continued with the start of our CDBG 2015 Program Year on October 1, 2015. In addition, the City would like to continue to allocate CDBG funds toward new public facility improvements of public parks in low and moderate income areas. Finally, the new 2015-19 Consolidated Plan has identified new areas of need that CDBG funds can be used to address. The City will be introducing a new home rehab program aimed at seniors, the Minor Repair Program for Program Year 2015. The City will be pursuing relationships with new sub recipients to implement programs that address the needs of the Consolidated Plan, and new programs may be introduced later in Program Year 2015 with an Amended Annual Action Plan, following a period of public review.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Apache Park Revitalization
2	Apache Park Neighborhood Lighting Infrastructure
3	Seminole Park Revitalization
4	Infrastructure Improvement Program
5	North West Housing Partnership Home Repair Program
6	City of Des Plaines Emergency Repair Program
7	City of Des Plaines Lead Inspection Program
8	North West Housing Partnership Minor Repair Program
9	Northwest Compass Childcare Assistance Program
10	Northwest Compass Fair Housing Program
11	Northwest Compass Senior Employment Program
12	WINGS Domestic Violence Victim Transitional Housing & Safe House Program
13	Center of Concern Homelessness Prevention and Housing Counseling
14	Center of Concern Housing Counseling, Resources and Home-Sharing
15	The Harbour Safe Harbour Homeless Youth Program
16	Planning and Administration

Table 54 – Project Information

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

The above programs receive an allocation relative to its rudimentary cost and benefit to the community. For instance, public facilities and infrastructure have quite a high cost compared to other projects, due to the nature of the work being done. However, these projects benefit entire neighborhoods of households, not just households that directly participate in a program. Our housing related programming receives a relatively high allocation due to the preservation of affordable housing and reducing housing cost burdens being such a fundamental goal of CDBG activity, nationwide and within the Des Plaines Community. The City's public service programs unfortunately face an obstacle in that their funding allocation can only add up to 15% of the 2015 Annual CDBG Allocation (\$276,523.00), which means Des Plaines CDBG public service programs can only receive \$41,477 in 2015.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Apache Park Revitalization (facilities)
	Target Area	Apache Park Neighborhood, in the southern half of Census Block 806501, containing the largest percentage of low and moderate income households (63.2%). Neighboring census blocks to the west also meet the Low and Moderate Income Area designation of at least 41.26% LMI households.
	Goals Supported	Provide a Suitable Living Environment through Improved Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities in a Low Income Area (see Des Plaines Consolidated Plan 2015-19 section SP-10)
	Funding	\$141,649 (Facilities). This CDBG allocation is based on replacing an OSLAD IL State grant that is on hold. If this state grant is reinstated, a portion of these CDBG funds for Apache Park may be reallocated towards a different public facility projected, based on consultation with the Park District.
	Description	This program aims to implement the suggestions from the 2014 Apache Park Neighborhood Plan (https://apacheparkneighborhoodplan.wordpress.com/documents/). A key suggestion of this plan is to implement urban design techniques that encourage crime prevention through environmental design. The CDBG funding will be used by the Des Plaines Park District in Apache Park itself, providing new facilities, improvements, lighting, pathways, and other amenities that will improve the park and begin to revitalize the neighborhood. Potentially, private land may need to be acquired to fully implement the Gateway Plaza aspect of this project.
	Target Date	Estimated Time of Completion: May 31, 2016
	Estimate the number/type of households that will benefit from the proposed activity	At a minimum, 580 low and moderate income households within the aforementioned census block should benefit from the improved facilities completed by this project.
	Planned Activities (HUD Eligibility Activity Code)	Among the planned activities are the construction of park facilities, lighting, pathways, a community garden and provision of recreational improvements. (3F, 3L) This activity will be performed by the Des Plaines Park District.

2	Project Name	Apache Park Neighborhood Plan Lighting Infrastructure
	Target Area	Apache Park Neighborhood, in the southern half of Census Block 806501, containing the largest percentage of low and moderate income households (63.2%). Neighboring census blocks to the west also meet the Low and Moderate Income Area designation of at least 41.26% LMI households.
	Goals Supported	Provide a Suitable Living Environment through Improved Public Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure in a Low Income Area (see Des Plaines Consolidated Plan 2015-19 section SP-10)
	Funding	\$36,000
	Description	This program aims to implement one of the suggestions from the 2014 Apache Park Neighborhood Plan (https://apacheparkneighborhoodplan.wordpress.com/documents/) and respond to public demands for improved neighborhood safety. A key suggestion of this plan is to implement urban design techniques that encourage crime prevention through environmental design. The CDBG funding will be used by the Des Plaines Department of Public Works and Engineering to provide sidewalk lighting throughout the neighborhood.
	Target Date	May 31, 2016
	Estimate the number/type of households that will benefit from the proposed activity	At a minimum, 580 low and moderate income households within the aforementioned census block should benefit from the improved infrastructure completed by this project.
Planned Activities (HUD Eligibility Activity Code)	(3L) New sidewalk lighting (Performed by City of Des Plaines Department of Public Works and Engineering)	

3	Project Name	Seminole Park Revitalization
	Target Area	Census Block 806600, which is 45.9% low/moderate income households
	Goals Supported	Provide a Suitable Living Environment through Improved Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Public Facilities in a Low Income Area (see Des Plaines Consolidated Plan 2015-19 section SP-10)
	Funding	\$100,000 (back up project, may not be completed in PY 2015)
	Description	Seminole Park has been identified by the Park District as an existing public facility in a low and moderate income area in need. Specifically, improvements will be made to the tennis and basketball courts. This project is a 'back up project' meant to ensure the expedient use of 2015 CDBG funds.
	Target Date	July 1, 2016
	Estimate the number/type of households that will benefit from the proposed activity	At least 715 low and moderate income households within the aforementioned census blocks should benefit from the improved facilities completed by this project.
	Planned Activities (HUD Eligibility Activity Code)	(3F) Parks, Recreational Facilities. This activity will be performed by the Des Plaines Park District.

4	Project Name	Infrastructure Improvement Program
	Target Area	Low and Moderate Income Census Block Groups through Des Plaines
	Goals Supported	Provide a Suitable Living Environment through Improved Public Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure in Low Income Area (see Des Plaines Consolidated Plan 2015-19 section SP-10)
	Funding	\$79,205-\$179,205. The qualifying projects found within the Department of Public Works Capital Improvement Plan are anticipated to cost \$79,205 however, the additional \$100,000 of funding is available as a “back up project” to fulfill CDBG timeliness requirements, should other projects be delayed and not reach completion and invoice status by the August 1, 2016 timeliness test.
	Description	The City of Des Plaines intends to complete a variety of activities as part of the Infrastructure Improvement Program (IIP). Potential infrastructure improvements include the construction or rehabilitation of sidewalks, lights, streets, curbs, water, and sewer lines. Additional infrastructure improvements include pedestrian safety infrastructure to improve neighborhood livability, particularly in the form of pedestrian actuated crosswalk lighting. All activities considered for the IIP must complete and meet the requirements of the environmental review process to analyze the impact it may have on the residents and natural environment within the low-mod areas of the City.
	Target Date	September 30, 2016
	Estimate the number/type of households that will benefit from the proposed activity	2,890 households, including at least 41.26% low and moderate income households within the census block an improvement is placed, will benefit from new infrastructure. Infrastructure Improvement Program activities will be located in any of the 13 Low and Moderate Income Areas specified in the 2015-19 ConPlan, based on consultation with the Department of Public Works Capital Improvement Plan.
Planned Activities	The City of Des Plaines Department of Public Works and Engineering will: Rehab, Replace, or Construct sidewalks, crosswalks, lights, streets, alleys, curbs, water and sewer lines. (3J, 3J, 3K, 3L)	

5	Project Name	Northwest Housing Partnership: Home Repair Program
	Target Area	Low Income Households throughout Des Plaines
	Goals Supported	Preserve Affordable, Accessible, Sustainable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Ease high housing cost burden for low income households
	Funding	\$83,800.00 (15% is NWHP admin costs, the bulk is grants for low income households)
	Description	The city provides single-family homeowner residences with 0% interest, deferred, forgivable loans to correct code violations and perform large scale home repairs. Low-income homeowners are eligible for 100% of repair costs up to \$20,000. Moderate-income homeowners may receive repair costs up to \$12,000. Following completion of the rehabilitation work, a lien is placed on the property for the total cost of the work; if the homeowner does not transfer title to the home within 10 years of obtaining the loan, the lien lapses. If title is transferred within 10 years, the homeowner is required to repay the loan principal in one lump sum payment. No interest is charged. A lead inspection is carried out prior to the performance of any work, and is included in this budget.
	Target Date	September 30, 2016
	Estimate the number/type of households that will benefit from the proposed activity	3 to 4 low income homeowners will benefit from this activity. However, if the initial households do not require the maximum grant amount to complete this activity, more households can participate in this program.
Planned Activities (HUD Eligibility Activity Code)	Rehabilitation of privately owned, single-unit homes, Rehab-Administration. (14A, 14H)	

6	Project Name	City of Des Plaines: Emergency Repair Program
	Target Area	Low Income Households throughout Des Plaines
	Goals Supported	Preserve Affordable, Accessible, Sustainable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Ease high housing cost burden for low income households
	Funding	\$5,000
	Description	The Emergency Repair Program will provide grants of up to \$2,500 to eligible low-mod income City of Des Plaines homeowners for emergency repairs. This must be an emergency situation requiring immediate work (therefore circumventing the HUD requirement that 3 contractor bids be proposed, as in most CDBG housing rehab projects). The assistance will be provided in the form of a grant with no repayment required.
	Target Date	September 30, 2016
	Estimate the number/type of households that will benefit from the proposed activity	2 low income households will benefit from the proposed activity. However, if the initial households do not require the maximum \$2,500 grant to complete this activity, more households can participate in this program.
Planned Activities (HUD Eligibility Activity Code)	Emergency home repairs. An emergency is defined as “actions immediately necessary to safeguard against imminent danger to human life, health or safety, or to protect property from further structural damage (such as when a property has been damaged by a natural disaster, fire, or structural collapse)” (14A) This program is administered by the City of Des Plaines.	

7	Project Name	North West Housing Partnership: Lead Inspection Program
	Target Area	Low Income Households throughout Des Plaines
	Goals Supported	Preserve Affordable, Accessible, Sustainable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Ease high housing cost burden for low income households
	Funding	The funding for this activity is covered by the budget for Northwest Housing Partnership's housing rehabilitation programs.
	Description	The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development requires all homes receiving federal funds for housing rehabilitation assistance to undergo a lead paint inspection and/or risk assessment. Properties that are determined to have significant lead-based paint hazards may also be required to undergo a clearance inspection following completion of the rehabilitation work. This activity is complementary to NWHP home rehab projects.
	Target Date	September 30, 2016
	Estimate the number/type of households that will benefit from the proposed activity	3-6 low income households receiving housing rehab will benefit from this supplementary activity.
Planned Activities (HUD Eligibility Activity Code)	Lead Paint Inspection and Cleanup (14I) This activity is complementary to home rehab work performed by NWHP.	

8	Project Name	North West Housing Partnership: Minor Repair (and home accessibility modification) Program
	Target Area	Low Income Households throughout Des Plaines
	Goals Supported	Preserve Affordable, Accessible, Sustainable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Ease high housing cost burden for low income households
	Funding	\$7,400 (15% of the funding allocation will be given to Northwest Housing Partnership to cover administration costs)
	Description	The Minor Repair Program offers low income households up to \$3,000 to address minor repair issues in the home that don't cause immediate public safety concerns and therefore would not qualify for the Emergency Repair Program. In addition, this program will be marketed towards the low income elderly population as well as low income disabled populations of Des Plaines in order to perform accessibility modifications in these households to support 'aging in place.' In some instances, a lead inspection will be performed prior to work being performed, and is included in this budget.
	Target Date	September 30, 2016
	Estimate the number/type of households that will benefit from the proposed activity	A pilot program, Des Plaines hopes at least 2 low income households will benefit from the proposed activity. It is hoped that these households may consist of elderly and disabled persons, but CDBG income eligibility verification procedures will be required. Also, if the initial households do not require the maximum \$3,000 grant to complete this activity, more households can participate in this program.
Planned Activities (HUD Eligibility Activity Code)	Rehabilitation of privately owned, single-family homes, Rehab-Administration. An emphasis will be placed on accessibility modifications, such as ramps and grab bars (14A, 14H) A lead inspection will occur in conjunction with this activity.	

9	Project Name	Northwest Compass, Inc.: Childcare Assistance Program
	Target Area	Incorporated Des Plaines
	Goal Supported	Provide Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Public Service Needs
	Funding	\$9,000.00
	Description	<p>The Child Care Assistance Program has a two-fold objective: 1) To ensure that low-income pre-school age children are well cared for in licensed child-care facilities, and 2) to eliminate an obstacle to employment for low-income parents, especially single parents. The latter are often unable to obtain employment due to the inability to afford child-care, while employed parents in low paying jobs often find that their income remains insufficient to afford child care costs.</p> <p>The Child Care Assistance Program provides low-income families with a subsidy for child care services provided by local child-care providers. The program will be contracted to Northwest Compass Inc., a sub-recipient with extensive experience in managing childcare programs and assisting single parents. Their duties will include assisting parents in locating child-care services, and arranging for payment of the subsidy directly to the child-care provider.</p> <p>The total subsidy per child will be determined on a sliding scale based on the family's household income. The subsidy will be granted for a maximum of one year, during which the child's parent or guardian receives counseling on self-sufficiency and assistance in developing other child care resources. All parents or guardians must be employed, work training, or attending school full-time.</p>
	Target Date	September 30, 2016
	Estimate the households that will benefit from the proposed activity	At least 25 Low Income Families
	Planned Activities (HUD Eligibility Activity Code)	Childcare Services (5L)

10	Project Name	Northwest Compass, Inc.: Fair Housing Program
	Target Area	Low Income Households throughout Des Plaines
	Goals Supported	Preserve Affordable, Accessible, Sustainable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Ease high housing cost burden for low income households
	Funding	\$5,600.00
	Description	The Fair Housing Counseling Program offers low-income residents free comprehensive counseling on housing related issues. The program's long-term objectives are to eliminate housing discrimination, prevent homelessness, and ensure equal access to standard, affordable housing for all residents, regardless of race, creed, religion, national origin, age, disability, or income level.
	Target Date	September 30, 2016
	Estimate the number/type of households that will benefit from the proposed activity	20 Low Income Des Plaines residents will benefit from this activity
	Planned Activities (HUD Eligibility Activity Code)	One-on-one counseling and advice for tenant and landlord mediation, and fair housing information, quarterly First Time Home Buyers Seminars, and ongoing reverse mortgage, budget and financial counseling. The housing staff typically conducts 30, 60 and 90 day follow up reviews to ensure households continue to be stabilized. (5J)

11	Project Name	Northwest Compass, Inc.: Senior Employment Program
	Target Area	Low Income Households throughout Des Plaines
	Goals Supported	Provide Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Public Service Needs, Provide Economic Opportunities
	Funding	\$5,720.00
	Description	The goal of the Employment Program is to increase economic opportunities for senior citizens (60 and over) and low-income persons by assisting them to obtain full or part-time employment. Senior citizens are encouraged to participate because many elderly jobseekers encounter age discrimination, unfamiliarity with the current job market, and lack of recent work experience.
	Target Date	September 30, 2016
	Estimate the number/type of households that will benefit from the proposed activity	16 Low Income Des Plaines elderly residents will benefit from this activity
	Planned Activities (HUD Eligibility Activity Code)	Individual counseling which focuses on employment-related issues, skills identification, resume preparation, interview practice, job placement assistance, referrals to potential employers, and access to a job bank where jobseekers can exchange information, obtain feedback, and receive support during the job search process. (5A, 5H)

12	Project Name	Women in Need Growing Stronger (WINGS): Transitional Housing and Safe House Program
	Target Area	Low Income Households throughout Des Plaines
	Goals Supported	Provide Public Service
	Needs Addressed	Public Service Needs, Prevent Homelessness
	Funding	\$5,795.00
	Description	The goal of the Transitional Housing and Safe House Program is to reduce homelessness by assisting women and their children to become self-sufficient and return to permanent housing. To facilitate this process, the family is provided with a temporary (24-month maximum) rent and child-care subsidy and participates in a comprehensive counseling program. To participate, the family must currently be homeless or at immediate risk of homelessness, and must agree to adhere to the goals and requirements of the program.
	Target Date	September 30, 2016
	Estimate the number/type of households that will benefit from the proposed activity	8 Des Plaines women or women and children at risk of homelessness will benefit from this activity.
Planned Activities (HUD Eligibility Activity Code)	Battered and Abused Spouses Programs including locating suitable apartments, screening prospective program participants, subsidized rental assistance and security deposits directly to the landlord, and providing comprehensive services to the tenant. These services are intended to ensure that the tenant obtains the necessary knowledge and skills to transition to permanent housing (5G)	

13	Project Name	Center of Concern Homelessness Prevention and Housing Counseling
	Target Area	Homeless or those at risk of homelessness throughout Des Plaines
	Goals Supported	Provide Services to Homeless
	Needs Addressed	Prevent Homelessness
	Funding	\$7,032.00
	Description	The Center of Concern Homeless Prevention Program will provide the in-depth case management counseling of individuals at risk of homelessness, with an emphasis placed on seniors at risk of homelessness. The case manager helps clients address the issues that are responsible for their financial difficulties and develops a plan to stabilize their situation.
	Target Date	September 30, 2016
	Estimate the number/type of households that will benefit from the proposed activity	20 Des Plaines residents at risk of homelessness will benefit from this activity
	Planned Activities (HUD Eligibility Activity Code)	Services provided by the case manager may include assisting the client with legal services, employment/budget counseling, and referrals to other agencies. Often, case management clients have sought or been referred for housing assistance from the sub-recipient and other agencies. Direct financial assistance is utilized from other state and federal programs sources for rental, utility and security deposit assistance. (3T, 5)

14	Project Name	Center of Concern: Housing Counseling, Resources and Home-Sharing
	Target Area	Homeless or those at risk of homelessness throughout Des Plaines
	Goals Supported	Provide Services to Homeless
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness, Prevent Homelessness
	Funding	\$7,000.00
	Description	To assist homeless individuals or those at risk of homelessness to access affordable housing, while utilizing existing housing resources, with an emphasis placed on assisting seniors.
	Target Date	September 30, 2016
	Estimate the number/type of households that will benefit from the proposed activity	20 Des Plaines residents at risk of homelessness will benefit from this activity
Planned Activities (HUD Eligibility Activity Code)	Home sharing is designed to reduce housing costs for both low and moderate-income renters and homeowners. Prospective tenants are screened and matched with elderly, disabled, or low and moderate-income homeowners willing to share their residence in return for rent and/or assistance. The rent requested by the home-seeker is generally significantly below market rents. Home-sharing matches are normally planned to last for at least one year. (3T)	

15	Project Name	The Harbour, Inc: Safe Harbour Homeless Youth Program
	Target Area	Homeless youth or youth at risk of homelessness throughout Des Plaines
	Goals Supported	Provide Services to Homeless
	Needs Addressed	Prevent Homelessness
	Funding	\$1,330.00
	Description	To provide safe and transitional housing for girls and young women ages 12-21. The goal of the program is to provide comprehensive services to homeless youth in the form of short-term housing, transitional living and supportive services. Staff works with the girls and their families to stabilize their circumstances and ensure that they receive the necessary assistance. Services are aimed at placement in a safe and stable living situation and eventually reuniting the participants with their family.
	Target Date	September 30, 2016
	Estimate the number/type of households that will benefit from the proposed activity	3 Des Plaines youth at risk of homelessness will benefit from this activity.
Planned Activities (HUD Eligibility Activity Code)	The Safe Harbour Emergency Shelter located within the City of Des Plaines provides support to run-away, locked-out and homeless girls and young women. Transitional housing services include: crisis intervention, educational support, progress reports, employment skills development and placement for long-term housing. (5D, 5N)	

16	Project Name	Planning and Administration
	Target Area	City of Des Plaines
	Goals Supported	Conduct Planning and Administration
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	\$55,304
	Description	20% of the CDBG annual allocation is used by the City to fund the administration of the whole program.
	Target Date	September 30, 2016
	Estimate the number/type of households that will benefit from the proposed activity	All households that benefit from CDBG activities are supported by Administration.
Planned Activities (HUD Eligibility Activity Code)	Overall program administration, including (but not limited to) salaries, wages, and related costs of grantee staff or others engaged in program management, monitoring, and evaluation. (21A)	

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

The City of Des Plaines uses CDBG dollars to fund Public Facility and Public Infrastructure improvements, which are distributed on a geographic basis. Specifically, the Apache Park Neighborhood Plan Revitalization, the Seminole Park Revitalization, and the Infrastructure Improvement Program are projects that benefit a more immediate geographical area, as opposed to the public service and homeless programs the Des Plaines CDBG program runs which operate on a case by case basis.

The aforementioned geographical areas can be seen on the following map, with the Apache Park Neighborhood Plan Revitalization taking place within the blue highlighted census block groups and the Seminole Park Revitalization taking place within the green highlighted census block group. The Infrastructure Improvement Program projects will take place within any potential low and moderate income area (census block groups filled in red), based on discussions of need between the City CDBG staff and the Department of Public Works and Engineering.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds (of Total 2015 CDBG Balance:)
Census Block Group 806501 (Apache Park Neighborhood Plan Revitalization)	\$146,000 / \$636,523
Census Block Group 806600 (Seminole Park Revitalization)	\$100,000 / \$636,523
Low and Moderate Income Areas (Infrastructure Improvement Program)	\$115,205 / \$636,523

Table 55 - Geographic Distribution

City of Des Plaines 2010 Low and Moderate Income Block Group and Census Tracts

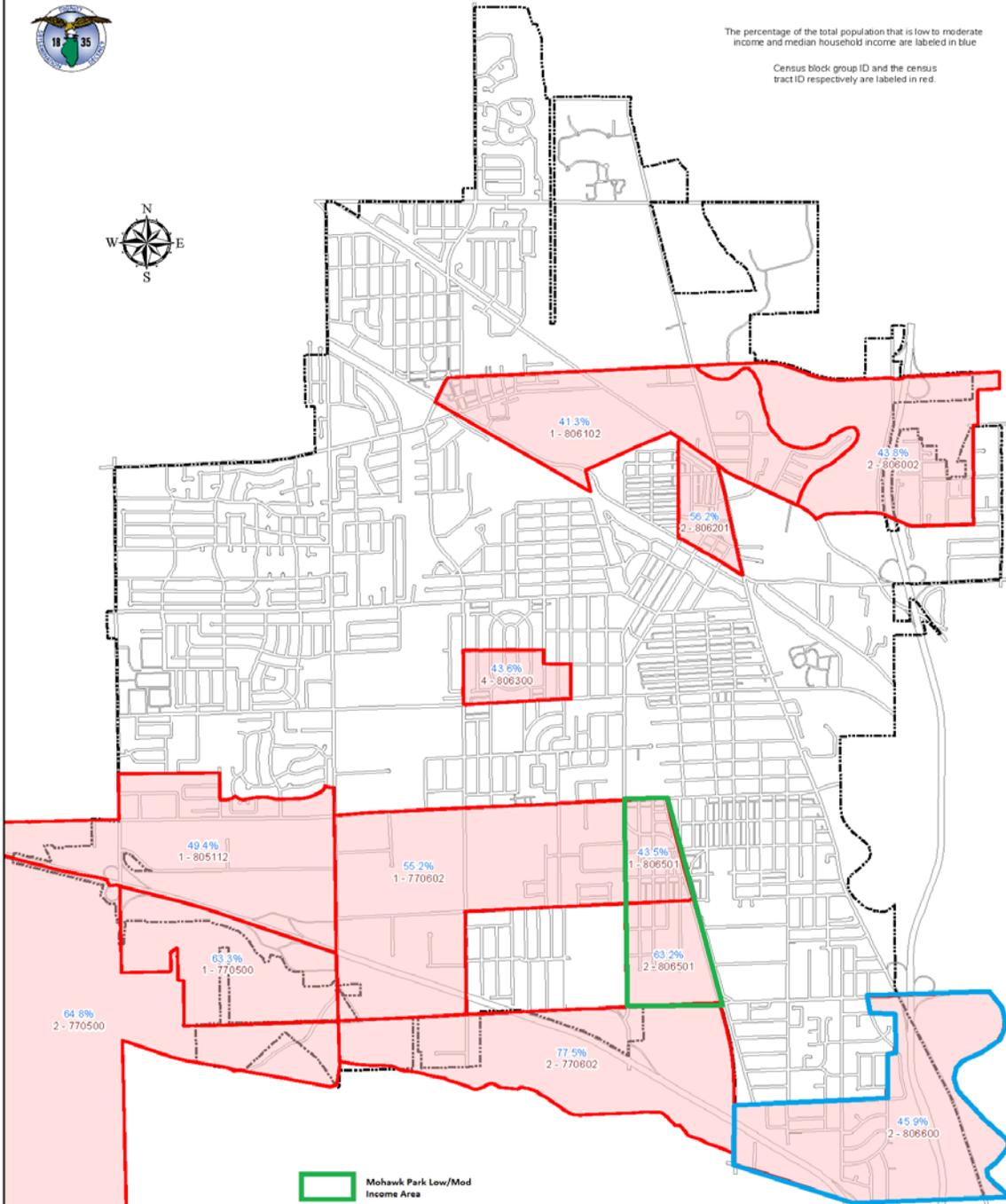


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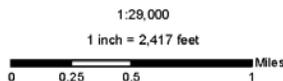
- City Boundary
- Roads
- Low/Mod Income Census Block Groups

The percentage of the total population that is low to moderate income and median household income are labeled in blue

Census block group ID and the census tract ID respectively are labeled in red



- Mohawk Park Low/Mod Income Area
- Seminole Park Low/Mod Income Area



Source: 2010 Census



Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

All Des Plaines Public Facility and Public Infrastructure CDBG projects take place within a census block that contains at least 41.26% low and moderate income households. These census blocks are referred to as 'Low and Moderate Income Areas.' Therefore, the physical improvement will benefit a large number of low and moderate income individuals that live nearby.

Specifically, the Apache Park Revitalization and Apache Park Neighborhood Lighting Infrastructure takes place within a census block group (806501) that has one of the highest percentage of low and moderate income households and is also one of the two census block groups with a "concentration" of Hispanic households (double the number of Hispanic households within the block group as found throughout the municipality as a whole, see section MA-60 of the City of Des Plaines 2015-19 Consolidated Plan). It is for this reason that Apache Park will receive a larger portion of Des Plaines geographically allocated CDBG funds.

The Seminole Park Revitalization takes place within a census block group (806600) that contains 45.9% low income households, and 20.6% Hispanic households. While this does not meet the definition of a "concentration," 20.6% is higher than the percentage of Hispanic households found throughout the entire City of Des Plaines, 17.7%.

The Infrastructure Improvement Program will locate projects in low and moderate income areas. The City aims to have specific improvement projects planned by consulting with the Department of Public Works and Engineering. However, if the end of the program year nears and funds are still available, additional projects can be located within any of the Low and Moderate Income Areas in Des Plaines to provide a benefit to nearby low and moderate income households. This will serve as a "back-up project" that ensures if Des Plaines finds itself with an excess of prior year CDBG funds, the Annual Action Plan contains flexible means of dispersing funds to avoid timeliness issues with HUD (as described in the 'Ensuring CDBG Sub-recipient Timeliness' guidebook, https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=DOC_12898.pdf)

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	40
Non-Homeless	20
Special-Needs	11
Total	71

Table 56 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	N/A
The Production of New Units	N/A
Rehab of Existing Units	7
Acquisition of Existing Units	N/A
Total	

Table 57 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Public Housing in Des Plaines, made up of one 127 unit public housing facility and 195 Housing Choice voucher recipients, is administered by the Housing Authority of Cook County. The City of Des Plaines is not involved directly in the management of public housing within its borders.

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

According to consultation with the HACC, there are no actions planned to occur during Des CDBG program year 2015.

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

According to consultation with the HACC, there are no actions planned to occur during Des CDBG program year 2015.

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

The HACC is not designated as troubled.

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

Introduction

Des Plaines' primary action to prevent homelessness is to enlist social service agencies who have the expertise and capacity to tackle this difficult issue. Specifically, Des Plaines works with The Harbour, an agency that provides services to homeless and at-risk of homelessness youth, Women in Need Growing Stronger(WINGS), who provides services to homeless and at-risk of homelessness victims of domestic violence, and Center of Concern, who provides services to the entire spectrum of homeless and at-risk of homeless citizens.

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 of Des Plaines Department of Health and Human Services and Police Department will continue to reach out to homeless persons, refer them to the social service programs available to them via the City's CDBG sub recipients, and relate their needs to the Des Plaines CDBG staff.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

City of Des Plaines is best able to assess the needs of homeless persons by engaging its sub-recipient agencies who directly serve the homeless community. Their experience in this matter is truly helpful in assessing the needs of a population that is difficult to track via Census data and will be valuable in shaping future action plans. The following two sub-section topics include content provided directly by the Center of Concern, a recipient of a large portion of Des Plaines' CDBG public service funds aimed at preventing homelessness.

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

Supporting homeless persons and families' transition to stable permanent housing and independent living:

1. Outreach, including internet web based, to the already homeless. Provide appropriate outreach to strengthen the homeless person's ability to identify resources, plan strategically, manage relationships and build bridges to care and affordable housing in

the community. Provide a special focus on the most vulnerable which includes youth, persons with disabilities and age 50+ seniors.

2. Homeless Related Housing Counseling to the already homeless. Provide Housing Counseling that includes housing options clarification, linkage to housing and homeless assistance funds, and short term benefit counseling/financial planning. Provide special focus on preventing return to homelessness strategies.
3. Homeless Housing Case Management. Provide coordinated housing assessment and services to connect each, and sustain each, individual and family with the best fit housing solution. Provide comprehensive assessment, goal setting and linkage to care. Address vocational, mental health, addiction, benefits management, financial counseling, and linkage to health care services.
4. Rapid Re-housing. Expand Rapid Re-housing resources to respond to episodic homelessness.
5. Sustainably Housed Support. Create ongoing, including internet web based, educational and service supports for populations - especially youth, persons with disabilities and age 50+ seniors - who struggle to function within the homeless services system of care. Provide special focus on preventing return to homelessness strategies.

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

Keeping persons and families who are at risk for homelessness, housed in permanent housing and independent living:

1. Outreach, including internet web based, to those persons and families at risk for homelessness, especially after discharge from a service setting. Provide appropriate outreach to strengthen the at risk person's ability to identify resources, plan strategically, manage relationships and build bridges to homeless prevention services, care and affordable housing. Include the recently re-housed from homelessness. Provide a special focus on the most vulnerable which includes youth, disabled persons and age 50+ seniors.
2. Collaborative Service Networks. Establish and support collaborative networks of care communication, including internet web based, between various service providers and homeless prevention service providers.

3. Homeless Related Housing Counseling to those in precarious housing. Provide Housing Counseling that includes housing options clarification, linkage to homeless prevention assistance funds, benefit counseling/financial planning, and eviction prevention - including landlord negotiation and mediation. Include special focus on housing counseling services for youth, persons with disabilities, age 50+ seniors and persons being discharged from publicly funded institution or system of care, or who are receiving assistance from public and private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education or youth needs.
4. Homeless Prevention Housing Case Management. Provide coordinated housing assessment and services to support each, and sustain each, individual and family with the best fit housing solution. Provide comprehensive assessment, goal setting and linkage to care. Address vocational, mental health, addiction, benefits management, financial counseling, and linkage to health care services.
5. Sustainably Housed Support. Create ongoing, including internet web based, educational and service supports for populations - especially youth, persons with disabilities and age 50+ seniors - who struggle to function within the homeless prevention services system of care. Provide special focus on homeless prevention strategies.

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

Introduction:

Compared to neighboring communities, and much of the metropolitan region, Des Plaines boasts a reasonable supply of relatively affordable housing. However, there are realities and policies in place in Des Plaines that may potentially be an impediment to affordable housing:

Cost of Land – Des Plaines is a built out community, and as there is little in the way of vacant land to develop, housing costs are driven up by higher land costs

Zoning and Code Requirements – Des Plaines requires minimum lot widths and setbacks that decrease the amount of single family housing units that can be built with a certain amount of space, therefore causing them to be less affordable. In addition, the first floor of any single family unit is required to be of masonry construction, a more expensive material than alternatives. Overall, the zoning code in Des Plaines has encouraged an urban fabric that consists mainly of single family homes on large lots, which promotes higher priced housing due to less units available. Despite this barriers, however, the zoning and code requirements of Des Plaines are less strict than its neighbors.

Institutional – Des Plaines lacks City staff dedicated solely to the provision of affordable and publically subsidized housing, instead relying on the Housing Authority of Cook County to oversee federally assisted housing in the City by managing the Henrich Homes and overseeing Housing Choice voucher recipients.

Finally, proposals to incorporate affordable housing units into new multifamily residential developments run the risk of being met by opposition by local residents who may associate affordable units with an undesirable element.

Actions 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 City of Des Plaines is in the process joining the regional HOME Consortium, partnering with Cook County and opening up an additional federal revenue stream for affordable housing. This will increase Cook County's HOME allocation by figuring Des Plaines' population into the formula, and give the County the opportunity to invest HOME funds in Des Plaines to increase affordable housing stock. In addition, this will lead to increased interaction between Des Plaines and County staff, exposing Des Plaines staff to the County's increased capacity and expertise on affordable housing matters.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The actions discussed in this section have been described in greater detail in AP-38, and support the goals of the Strategic Plan section of the 2015-19 Consolidated Plan.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The chief obstacle to meeting underserved needs is the lack of funding available to provide new affordable units in Des Plaines. To address this obstacle, Des Plaines is joining the Cook County HOME Consortium, providing an additional federal revenue stream and increased institutional capacity to meet this underserved need. Des Plaines is scheduled to join the Cook County HOME Consortium in program year 2016.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Many of Des Plaines 2015 CDBG programs aim to maintain affordable housing. The various home repair programs offered by CDBG ease the prohibitive costs of physically maintaining a livable and sustainable home environment, increasing the affordability for housing cost burdened low income households.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

A lead based paint inspection and treatment service is provided as a complementary component of all CDBG repair activities that have the potential to disturb the paint in a home.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The public services performed by the City of Des Plaines CDBG program will reduce the number of poverty-level families by providing counseling, financial support, and referral services to families in need.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

A key benefit of joining the Cook County HOME Consortium is strengthening institutional cooperation between the County and the City of Des Plaines.

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

The City of Des Plaines CDBG staff learned a great deal from the focus group meeting that involved City Departments and sub-recipient social service agencies. The meeting was such a valuable tool in preparing the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan that the city feels it should hold



similar meetings on at least an annual basis. In addition, these partner Departments and agencies are available for one on one consultation as needed to help strengthen the actions the City takes to alleviate low and moderate income household challenges.

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

Introduction:

The City of Des Plaines is an entitlement jurisdiction for the CDBG program. As such, information is provided below concerning program specific requirements for the CDBG program.

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: **\$0.00**
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 **\$0.00**
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements **\$0.00**
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. **\$0.00**
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities. **\$0.00**

Total Program Income: **\$0.00**

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%**