City of East Chicago
Department of Redevelopment

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FY 2018 Annual Action Plan



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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of East Chicago is an entitlement community, under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and a participating jurisdiction, under the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) program and receives funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The City is required to prepare and submit an Annual Action Plan (AAP) which outlines how the City plans to spend those funds. The AAP is a guide to how the City will allocate its resources for specific activities that support the City of East Chicago's Five Year Consolidated Goals and Strategies. This is the City of East Chicago's fifth and final AAP of the FY 2014-2018 Five Year Consolidated Plan (ConPlan).

The ConPlan describes the housing and non-housing needs of City residents and presents a five-year strategy to address those needs. The FY 2018 AAP for the City of East Chicago includes the City's CDBG Program and outlines which activities the City will undertake during the program year beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019. In addition, the Plan includes the HOME funds that the City will receive in FY 2018. The City of East Chicago Department of Redevelopment is the lead entity and administrator for both the CDBG and HOME funds.

The FY 2018 AAP outlines the actions to be undertaken in Fiscal Year 2018 with the Federal resources received by the City of East Chicago. The CDBG Program and activities outlined in this FY 2018 AAP will principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons and funding has been targeted to neighborhoods where there is the highest percentage of low- and moderate-income residents. The City's previous performance under the CDBG Program was discussed at the Public Meetings.

The AAP relied upon efforts of individuals, organizations and citizens, in the development of a comprehensive strategy to revitalize the City.

Available Funds:
The FY 2018 AAP anticipates funding to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the City of East Chicago's FY 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan.

FY 2018 CDBG and HOME Budget

Administration - $326,281.65
- General Administration (CDBG) $280,253.40 (20%)
- HOME Administrative (HOME) $30,685.50 (10%)
- CHDO Operating (HOME) $15,342.75 (5%)

Housing Programs - $1,129,252.10

- Housing Rehabilitation Program (CDBG) $610,013.60 (44%)
- Housing Rehabilitation Program Delivery (CDBG) $300,000.00 (21%)
- Housing Rehabilitation Program (HOME) $100,000 (32%)
- Harborside Apartment Renovation Project (HOME) $119,238.50 (38%)

Public Services - $211,000.00 (15%)

- Boys and Girls Club of Greater Northwest Indiana (CDBG): $10,000.00
- Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Gary (CDBG): $7,000.00
- City of East Chicago Parks & Recreation – Youth Performing Arts (CDBG): $15,000.00
- City of East Chicago Parks & Recreation – Senior Programs (CDBG): $5,000.00
- City of East Chicago Parks & Recreation – Summer Stars Camp (CDBG): $25,000.00
- City of East Chicago Sports Voucher Program (CDBG) - $9,000.00
- East Chicago Housing Authority (CDBG) - $8,000.00
- Far South CDC (CDBG) - $5,000.00
- Haven House Inc. (CDBG) - $15,000.00
- Indiana Legal Services, Inc. (CDBG) - $15,000.00
- Indiana Parenting Institute (CDBG) - $5,000.00
- Northwest Indiana Reinvestment Alliance (CDBG) - $22,000.00
- Summer Youth Employment Program (CDBG) - $50,000.00
- The Salvation Army (CDBG) - $5,000.00
- We Care From the Heart (CDBG) - $15,000.00

Affordable Housing Program - $46,028.25 (15%)

- Affordable Housing Program (HOME-CHDO) $46,028.25

Total CDBG and HOME Budget: $1,712,562.00

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

HOUSING STRATEGY -

Priority Need: Additional affordable, decent, safe, and sanitary housing for homebuyers, homeowners, and renters.

HS-1 – Conserve and rehabilitate the existing housing stock in the community, including emergency repairs and handicap accessibility.

- Housing Rehabilitation Program Delivery (CDBG)

• Housing Rehabilitation Programs (CDBG)
• Housing Rehabilitation Programs (HOME)
• Affordable Housing Program (CHDO)

HS-3 – Assist low and moderate-income homebuyers to purchase a home through housing counseling, down payment and closing cost assistance.
• NWI Reinvestment Alliance - Homebuyer Workshops (CDBG)

HS-4 – Improve the supply of affordable rental housing units and provide rental assistance.
• Harborside Apartment Renovation Project (HOME)

HOMELESS STRATEGY -
Priority Need: Housing opportunities for homeless persons and persons at-risk of becoming homeless.
Goal:

HO-2 – Assist providers in the operation of housing and support services for the homeless and persons at-risk of becoming homeless.
• Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Gary (CDBG)

OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS STRATEGY -
Priority Need: Housing opportunities, services, and facilities for persons with special needs.
Goal:

SN-3 – Support social services, programs, and facilities for the elderly, persons with disabilities, and persons with other special needs.
• City of East Chicago Parks & Recreation: Senior Programs (CDBG)
• We Care from the Heart (CDBG)

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY -
Priority Need: Improve the community facilities, infrastructure, public services, and the quality of life in the City of East Chicago.
Goal:

CD-3 – Improve and increase public safety, programs for youth, the elderly and the disabled including recreational programs, city services, and social/welfare programs throughout the City.
• Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana (CDBG)
• City of East Chicago Parks & Recreation: Youth Performing Arts (CDBG)
• City of East Chicago Parks & Recreation: Summer Stars Camp (CDBG)
• City of East Chicago Sports Voucher Program (CDBG)
• East Chicago Housing Authority (CDBG)
• Indiana Legal Services, Inc. (CDBG)
• The Salvation Army of East Chicago (CDBG).

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY -
Priority Need: Increase employment, self-sufficiency, educational training, and empowerment for residents of the City of East Chicago.
Goal:

ED-1 – Support and encourage new job creation, job retention, and job training opportunities.
• City of East Chicago Summer Employment Program (CDBG)
• Indiana Parenting Institute (CDBG)

ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING, AND MANAGEMENT STRATEGY -
Priority Need: Planning, administration, management, and oversight of federal, state, and local funded programs.
Goal:

AM-1 – Provide program management and oversight for the successful administration of federal, state, and local funded programs.
• CDBG Administration (CDBG)
• HOME Administration (HOME)
• CHDO Operating Funds (HOME)

AM-2 – Provide planning services for Special Studies, Environmental Clearance, Fair Housing, and compliance with all Federal, State and Local Laws and Regulations.
• CDBG Administration-Planning (CDBG)
• HOME Administration-Planning (HOME)
• CDBG Administration-Fair Housing (CDBG)
• HOME Administration-Fair Housing (HOME)

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

Each year the City prepares a Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER). This report is submitted to HUD within ninety (90) days after the start of the next program year. Copies of previous years' CAPERs are available for review at the City of East Chicago Department of Redevelopment's offices.

The FY 2016 CAPER, which was the fourth CAPER for the FY 2014-2018 Five Year Consolidated Plan, was submitted to HUD on September 29, 2017. In the FY 2016 CAPER, the City of East Chicago expended at least 70% of its CDBG funds to benefit low and moderate-income persons. The City expended 15.00% of its funds during the FY 2016 CAPER period on public services, which is below the statutory maximum of 15%. The City expended 20.00% of its funds during this CAPER period on Planning and Administration,

which is below the statutory maximum of 20%. The ratio is currently 1.4, which is below the 1.5 maximum drawdown ratio.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City of East Chicago's approved Citizen Participation Plan has been submitted to HUD and was utilized in the preparation and development of the FY 2018 Annual Action Plan. Each proposed activity is designed to benefit the low- and moderate-income residents of the City of East Chicago.

During the development of the FY 2018 Annual Action Plan, the City of East Chicago held a public hearing to obtain citizen input and an application workshop for the nonprofit agencies that provide services to East Chicago residents. The City e-mailed notifications of the application workshop to various social service and housing agencies/organizations on October 26, 2017, November 28-29, 2017 & December 4, 2017.

The mandatory application workshop was held on Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 10 AM at Ivy Tech Community College, 410 East Columbus Drive, East Chicago, Indiana. The workshop entailed the following: (1) purpose of the application/proposal process, (2) review of the application, and (3) answered any questions regarding the application and funding process. If agencies/organizations were unable to attend the mandatory application workshop or if this was their first time applying for funding, then one-on-one technical assistance was provided. The applications/proposals were due by 12:00pm on Monday, February 5, 2018.

The notice for the public hearing and the draft FY 2018 Annual Action Plan on display was published on Friday, June 22, 2018, July 6, 2018 & July 11, 2018 in The Times newspaper. The public hearing was held on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 5:00pm at City Hall Council Chambers, 4525 Indianapolis Boulevard, 2nd Floor, East Chicago, Indiana. During the public hearing, the residents and agencies/organizations were given the opportunity to comment on the draft version of the FY 2018 Annual Action Plan. The FY 2018 Annual Action Plan was on public display beginning on Friday, June 22, 2018 through Monday, July 23, 2018 via the following:

- The City's website: www.eastchicago.com
- City of East Chicago Mayor's Office, 4527 Indianapolis Blvd., East Chicago, IN
- City of East Chicago Department of Redevelopment, 4525 Indianapolis Blvd., 2nd Floor, East Chicago, IN

The following schedule was used in the preparation of the FY 2018 Action Plan:

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- Citizen, provider, and stakeholder consultation – December 5, 2017 through June 6, 2018

- Published the application workshop – E-mailed the notice October 26, 2017, November 28-29, 2017 & December 4, 2017
- The application workshop – December 5, 2017
- Published the public hearing notice – June 22, 2018, July 6, 2018 & July 11, 2018
- FY 2018 Annual Action Plan on display – begin 30-day public comment period – Friday, June 22, 2018
- Public hearing – Tuesday, July 17, 2018
- End of 30-day public comment period – Monday, July 23, 2018

5. Summary of public comments

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

Newspaper notices, the sign-in sheets, and the summary of the minutes from the public hearings are included at the end of this document in the Exhibits Section.

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

Minutes are included at the end of this document in the Exhibits Section.

7. Summary

During the FY 2018 Program Year, the City of East Chicago anticipates the following Federal Financial resources, as well as anticipated CDBG and HOME Program Income.

- CDBG Funds - $1,331,267.00
- CDBG Program Income - $70,000.00
- HOME Funds - $306,855.00
- HOME Program Income - $4,440.00
- **Total: 1,712,562**

During the FY 2018 CDBG and HOME Program Year, the City of East Chicago proposes to address the following priorities in its Five Year Consolidated Plan: Housing; Homeless; Other Special Needs; Community Development; and Administration, Planning, and Management.

A “draft” of the FY 2018 Annual Action Plan was placed on display at the Mayor's office located at 4527 Indianapolis Boulevard and at the offices of the Department of Redevelopment located at 4525 Indianapolis Boulevard. The display period started on Friday, June 22, 2018 through Monday, July 23, 2018 for a 30-day display period. In addition, the City put the draft Plan on its website (www.eastchicago.com). A public hearing was held on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 to discuss the proposed

activities and solicit citizen comments. The City of East Chicago submitted the FY 2018 Annual Action Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Indianapolis Office on or about August 3, 2018.

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
Lead Agency	EAST CHICAGO	
CDBG Administrator	EAST CHICAGO	Department of Redevelopment
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator	EAST CHICAGO	Department of Redevelopment
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

The City of East Chicago, Department of Redevelopment is the administrating agency for the CDBG and HOME programs. The Redevelopment Department has sufficient and knowledgeable full-time staff members and a planning consulting firm to help assist with the oversight and compliance of the CDBG and HOME programs. The Department of Redevelopment prepares the Five Year Consolidated Plans, Annual Action Plans, Environmental Review Records (ERRs), the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Reports (CAPERs), prepares the vouchers and draw the funds from the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS), administers contracts, and oversees the programs on a day to day basis. Sub recipients are monitored through desk reviews and/or on-site interviews, on an annual basis for compliance.

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

1. Introduction

The City of East Chicago Department of Redevelopment placed calls for in-person consultations and held meetings with the nonprofit agencies, housing providers, social service agencies, community and economic development organizations, and other City departments. Input from meetings and public hearings was used to develop the Annual Action Plan.

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))

Each year, as a part of the CDBG application planning process, local agencies and organizations are invited to submit proposals for CDBG eligible activities. These groups participate in the consultation process by attending the application workshop, public hearings, and informational meetings. A complete list of these groups is included in the Exhibit Section of the Plan. **Social Services Agencies** - The City provides funds to improve services to low and moderate-income persons. **Housing Providers** - The City provides funds to rehabilitate and develop affordable housing for low and moderate-income families and individuals. **Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA)** – Indiana's Balance of State Continuum of Care - Oversees the Continuum of Care Network of Northwest Indiana. **Lake County Housing Taskforce (The City is a participant)** - A consortium of agencies/business located in Lake & Porter Counties, which include governmental agencies, realtors, financial/bankers/mortgage companies, non-profit agencies specializing in housing and others, that meet on a monthly basis to facilitate coordination of the efforts aimed at identification and assessment of housing and financial concerns facing residents of Lake County.

In 2018, key local agencies and organizations which were suggested via HUD's Citizen Participation Consultation Toolkit were consulted during this plan's development. Agencies that responded included the following:

- Continuum of Care Network of Northwest Indiana – Region 1-A
- Joe Wszolek, local Appraiser
- Northwest Indiana Community Action
- Northwestern Indiana Regional Planning Council
- Several departments within the City of East Chicago

Agencies contacted but which did not provide a response were as follows:

- City of Hammond Department of Community Development
- City of Gary Department of Community Development
- Lake County Community Economic Development Department
- City of East Chicago Health Department
- City of East Chicago Building Department
- City of East Chicago Department of Economic Development & Planning
- City of East Chicago Engineering Department
- City of East Chicago Fire Department
- City of East Chicago Public Works
- East Chicago Marina
- East Chicago Public Schools
- East Chicago Urban Enterprise Academy
- Each Chicago Lighthouse Academy
- Ameristar Casino
- Consumer Credit Counseling Services
- Lake Area United Way
- Northwest Indiana Reinvestment Alliance
- Habitat for Humanity of NWI
- Lake Shore Chamber of Commerce
- St. Catherine's Hospital
- Mayor's Committee on Disabilities

Attempts were made to these stakeholders via phone and email and followed up with each at least twice.

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 City of East Chicago maintains its partnership with the Continuum of Care Network of Northwest Indiana Region 1a (CoC Network), which covers Lake County. The CoC Network-Region 1a, is one of 15 regions in the State of Indiana under the Balance of State Continuum of Care. The City of East Chicago attends meetings of the Continuum of Care Network of Northwest Indiana Region in order to enhance coordination.

The CoC Network-Region 1a is an IRS approved Section 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. The CoC Network-Region 1a Board serves and acts as the oversight and planning body on preventing and ending homelessness for the Indiana Balance of State CoC General Membership Body. The Board comprises a diverse set of representative stakeholders throughout Lake County, IN. The Board has the knowledge and expertise to create policy, set priorities and make funding decisions in relation to the homeless.

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 of East Chicago with the extended support of the Continuum of Care works with several agencies and organizations to reach out to those identified as homeless including the unsheltered and will include assessing their individual needs. One specific organization a non-member of the Continuum of Care identified as 'Grace Beyond Borders' does the *"definitive street outreach"* to the unsheltered through the daily process of going out into the community to the areas identified as locations frequented by the homeless. Grace Beyond Borders outreach team does the daily outreach but also provides information relative to the support systems available and offers the listing of resources needed by the homeless including health care, food, housing, and job search as appropriate. There is a second organization identified as 'We Care From The Heart' that has varied outreach processes to the homeless.

The Continuum of Care membership of approximately 60 agencies, which are located in nearby communities do outreach through their service offerings including providing soup kitchens, day shelters, and night shelters and are willing to avail themselves to the homeless of East Chicago.

The Continuum of Care coordinates the annual Point-in-Time Count (PIT), which provides the outreach count for those individuals, families and unaccompanied youth that are un-sheltered in the city. The outreach is held the fourth Wednesday of January annually. That annual outreach service will continue to be made available to the City of East Chicago.

The Continuum of Care through their Coordinate Entry (CE) steering committee, has begun the process of using a vulnerability index tool called VI SPDAT. The goal is to identify the most vulnerable individuals, families, and/or youth to assist in the prioritization process for providing and/or meeting housing needs. All individuals, families, and/or youth identified as homeless are screened through the process and a referral system is utilized for guiding the assistance to those plagued with homelessness and/or precariously housed. The VI SPDAT is a tool approved by the State of Indiana' Balance of State/Continuum of Care (BOS/COC) and is being placed in the HMIS for uniformity through-out the BOS/COC of which the Continuum of Care is a member. The Tool will be offered to East Chicago for such outreach of the homeless.

One other system used in the outreach process for assisting the homeless eradication process is the 211 call systems that is funded through the United Way and housed and operated by the North West Indiana Community Action agency (NWICA).

Since the City of East Chicago is not a direct recipient of ESG funds, it encourages the nonprofit homeless providers to apply through the CoC for these State funds.

The State CoC Board was established in September 2013. The Executive Committee, with the CoC approval, has been reviewing and updating the committee structure. The committees are: The Executive Committee; Resource and Funding; Strategic Planning; Performance and Outcomes; and Ad Hoc Committees, as needed.

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

1	**Agency/Group/Organization**	EAST CHICAGO
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Children Services-Health Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment 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?	The City of East Chicago and its Departments were consulted on the needs for the FY 2018 Annual Action Plan and the availability of funding through CDBG and HOME funds.
2	**Agency/Group/Organization**	EAST CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA Services-Children Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The East Chicago Housing Authority was contacted to determine the housing needs of its very low-income clients. The Housing Authority was contacted and submitted a funding request. The City has allocated CDBG funds for the Housing Authority of East Chicago Program in 2018.
3	**Agency/Group/Organization**	CITY OF EAST CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs 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?	The City of East Chicago Human Resources Department was contacted and submitted a funding request. The City has allocated CDBG funds for the Summer Employment Program in 2018.
4	**Agency/Group/Organization**	CITY OF EAST CHICAGO PARKS & RECREATION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of East Chicago Parks & Recreation Department was contacted and submitted a funding request. The City has allocated CDBG for the Youth Performing Arts, Summer Stars Camp and the Seniors Program in 2018.

5	**Agency/Group/Organization**	City of East Chicago Department of Redevelopment
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Service-Fair Housing Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of East Chicago Redevelopment Department was consulted on the needs for the FY 2018 Annual Action Plan and how to allocate the FY 2018 CDBG and HOME funds.
6	**Agency/Group/Organization**	HAVEN HOUSE, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Haven House was contacted and submitted a funding request. The City has allocated funds for Haven House, Inc. in 2018.
7	**Agency/Group/Organization**	INDIANA LEGAL SERVICES, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Indiana Legal Services, Inc. was contacted and submitted a funding request. The City has allocated funds for Indiana Legal Services, Inc. in 2018.
8	**Agency/Group/Organization**	INDIANA PLAN
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Indiana Plan was contacted and did not submit a funding request.

9	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Boys and Girls Clubs of Northwest Indiana
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Boys and Girls Clubs of Northwest Indiana was contacted and submitted a funding request. The City has allocated funds for the Boys and Girls Club in 2018.
10	**Agency/Group/Organization**	NORTHWEST INDIANA REINVESTMENT ALLIANCE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment 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?	Northwest Indiana Reinvestment Alliance was contacted and submitted a funding request. The City has allocated funds for the NWI Reinvestment Alliance in 2018.
11	**Agency/Group/Organization**	WE CARE FROM THE HEART SOCIAL SERVICES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	We Care from the Heart was contacted and submitted a funding request. The City has allocated funds for We Care From the Heart in 2018.
12	**Agency/Group/Organization**	The Salvation Army Gary-Merrillville
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Salvation Army was contacted and submitted a funding request. The City has allocated funds for The Salvation Army in 2018.

13	**Agency/Group/Organization**	JE Wade
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Services - Victims Regional organization Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	JE Wade Ministries was contacted but did not submit a proposal.
14	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Indiana Parenting Institute
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education Regional organization Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs 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?	Indiana Parenting Institute was contacted and submitted a funding request. The City has allocated funds for the Indiana Parenting Institute in 2018.
15	**Agency/Group/Organization**	NORTHLAKE POP WARNER
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Regional organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City has allocated funds for the Sports Voucher Program in 2018.
16	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services - Victims Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy 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?	The Continuum of Care Network NWI, Inc. on behalf of the City of East Chicago and its surrounding partner communities conducts a monthly meeting with agencies/organizations that service the homeless and precariously housed. The monthly meeting provides the environment with a full agenda including presentations when appropriate to discuss challenges faced by specific homeless populations in gaining independence and stable housing. Multiple challenges are discussed monthly including the coordinated systems of standardized assessment and access for the homeless individuals and families, which has culminated in the Coordinated Entry (CE) steering committee that has established criteria, policies, procedures for the use of the Vulnerability Index Tool namely the VI SPDAT for (Families, Individuals, and Youth), that scores the vulnerability to assist in prioritizing housing assistance for those most vulnerable especially the chronically homeless.
17	**Agency/Group/Organization**	Grace Beyond Borders NWI, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Education Business and Civic Leaders
	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 Non-Homeless Special Needs 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?	Grace Beyond Borders was contacted but did not submit a proposal.
18	**Agency/Group/Organization**	First Baptist Church of East Chicago
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Services-Employment Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs 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?	First Baptist Church was contacted but did not submit a proposal.

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

All known agency types were consulted and contacted during the planning process.

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	Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority	The IHCDA is the State CoC for homeless and at risk of being homeless population. The goals of the City and IHCDA are complementary.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Annual and Five-Year Capital Plans	East Chicago Housing Authority	The East Chicago Housing Authority is the lead agency providing public housing assistance and Section 8 Vouchers in the area. The goals of the City and the PHA are complementary.
2014-2019 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing	City of East Chicago, IN	The City of East Chicago incorporated the goals and strategies of the 2014 City of East Chicago Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice into the FY 2018 Annual Action Plan.
2016 Surveillance Report	Indiana State Department of Health Lead and Healthy Homes Programs	The 2016 Surveillance Report from the Indiana Lead and Healthy Homes Program was consulted to ascertain the blood lead levels of children tested in Lake County. https://www.in.gov/isdh/files/lead%20report%202016-new.pdf

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The City of East Chicago has consulted and coordinated with various agencies and organizations, locally, and statewide. The culmination of these efforts has resulted in the FY 2018 Annual Action Plan.

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 FY 2018 Annual Action Plan was designed and planned to receive and encourage citizen participation in accordance with the City's Citizen Participation Plan. Required public hearings were used as a tool for engagement. A separate extensive outreach process through the application workshop was held in order to engage social services providers in the process using a combination of e-mail and direct mail and as a result, the meeting was very well attended. The City provided the following opportunities: requests for proposals for funding (RFP) from agencies and organizations; meetings with agencies and organizations on how to complete the RFP process; and hold a public hearing to gather public comments on the draft plan which was on public display for 30 days. All comments that were received are included in the FY 2018 Annual Action Plan. Through the citizen participation process the City uses resident input to develop how the plan will serve low/moderate income persons in order to reach the goals set forth in the FY 2014-2018 Five Year Consolidated Plan.

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	Application Workshop	Agencies/Organizations Serving These Populations	30 attendees representing 20 agencies/organizations were in attendance.	See summary of comments in Appendix.	None	Not Applicable

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	CDBG Funding Requests	Agencies/Organizations/ City Departments	The City received 15 requests for funding. The City has allocated funding for 14 of them.	Addressed the needs of the Five Year Consolidated Plan.	None.	Not Applicable.
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/Broad Community		See summary of comments in Appendix.	None.	Not Applicable.
4	Public Hearing	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing Agencies/Organizations		See summary of comments in Appendix.	None.	Not Applicable.
5	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	None.	None.	None.	www.eastchicago.com
6	Draft Display Period	Persons with disabilities	None.	None.	None.	www.eastchicago.com

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of East Chicago is applying for $1,331,267.00 in CDBG funds, anticipating $70,000 in CDBG Program Income, $306,855 in HOME funds, and anticipating $4,440 in HOME Program Income for the FY 2018 program year. The program year runs from July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. These funds will be used to address the following priority needs: Housing; Homeless; Community Development; Other Special Needs; and Administration, Planning, and Management. The accomplishments of these projects/activities will be reported in the FY 2018 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

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	1,331,267	70,000	0	1,401,267	0	2 projects/activities will be funded with the FY 2018 CDBG allocation. Housing Rehab Program & Public Services.

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: $		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	306,855	4,440	0	311,295	0	3 projects will be funded with the FY 2018 HOME allocation. CHDO Program (includes CHDO Operating), Housing Rehab Program & Harborside Apartment Renovation Program

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

The City of East Chicago is eligible to receive funds during this program year from the following Federal, State, County, and Private Organizations:
• Low-Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) – The Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority administers this program. The program provides Federal tax credits to owners and developers of qualified low-income rental housing. These tax credits provide incentives for private investment in affordable housing. Costs eligible under the program include acquisition, construction and rehabilitation.
• Moving Forward 3.0 - On June 1, 2017, Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority announced plans for a special set-aside of its LIHTC funds in order to support two new housing developments that will provide “safe, energy efficient affordable housing and transportation options” for approximately 80 Lake County families.

• Federal Home Loan Bank – Affordable Housing Program (FHLB AHP) – Loans are given for capital costs associated with affordable housing projects for low-income persons. A member lending institution is able to access funds as a sponsor for affordable housing development.
• Regional Development Authority (RDA) Funds – This regional agency provides funding for a variety of transportation, infrastructure and lakefront redevelopment projects. The City is currently receiving funds from the agency.
• Indiana Department of Mental Health under Title XX – The Title XX program provides funds for a variety of Social Service programs such as nutrition, and others including HIV/AIDS and related outreach services.
• Indiana Family and Social Services Admin. Block Grant Program (Title XX) – This program provides funding for childcare, recreational and educational services, victims of domestic violence, and homeless individuals. The program also provides childcare for school-age children and free lunch and snacks for youth.
• Regional Development Authority (RDA) – The RDA recently awarded the City of East Chicago more than $30 million for projects in the North Harbor Neighborhood, the community's Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA).
The City of East Chicago residents are able to apply directly:
• North Township Trustee – This agency provides a variety of services for low-income families. These include utility payments, emergency housing, medical payments, hospitalization payments, and others to assist those who are financially distressed. The program is funded through Lake County.
• Catholic Charities of Gary - This agency provides rental and mortgage assistance, utility assistance & operates a food pantry. For more information, visit www.catholic-charities.org/services/emergency/services

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

The City will use a combination of marketing and development, while utilizing outside developers to meet the goals of the FY 2018 Annual Action Plan and the FY 2014-2018 Five Year Consolidated Plan. The City, through the Department of Redevelopment, has acquired numerous sites in the North Harbor Neighborhood of East Chicago through Tax Deeds and/or donations. These sites will be utilized for housing and commercial development.

Discussion

The City is administrating a Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) in the North Harbor Neighborhood. The City has targeted this area for its housing, community development, and economic development efforts to revitalize the neighborhood.

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	AM-1	2014	2018	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy	CDBG: $217,253 HOME: $21,186	Other: 1 Other
2	AM-2	2014	2018	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy	CDBG: $63,000 HOME: $9,500	Other: 1 Other
3	HS-1	2014	2018	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Housing Strategy	CDBG: $910,014 HOME: $146,028	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 35 Household Housing Unit
4	HS-3	2014	2018	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Housing Strategy	CDBG: $22,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 240 Households Assisted
5	HS-4	2014	2018	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Housing Strategy	HOME: $119,239	Rental units rehabilitated: 11 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	HS-5	2014	2018	Affordable Housing	Citywide	Housing Strategy	CDBG: $5,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 50 Households Assisted
7	HO-2	2014	2018	Homeless	Citywide	Homeless Strategy	CDBG: $22,000	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3 Households Assisted Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 10 Persons Assisted
8	SN-3	2014	2018	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Other Special Needs Strategy	CDBG: $20,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 85 Persons Assisted
9	CD-3	2014	2018	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Community Development Strategy	CDBG: $87,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 420 Persons Assisted
10	ED-1	2014	2018	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Economic Development Strategy	CDBG: $55,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 50 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	**Goal Name**	AM-1
	Goal Description	PROVIDE PROGRAM MANAGEMENT AND OVERSIGHT FOR THE SUCCESSFUL ADMINISTRATION OF FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL FUNDED PROGRAMS. • **CDBG Administration (CDBG):** Funds will be used for the overall program administration, coordination, monitoring/evaluation, and public information associated with the preparation of the Annual Action Plan and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and Fair Housing activities. • **HOME Administration (HOME):** Funds will be used for the overall program administration, coordination, monitoring/evaluation, and public information associated with the preparation of the Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). • **CHDO Operating Funds (HOME):** Funds will be used to provide general operating assistance to the certified "Community Housing Development Organization" (CHDO).
2	**Goal Name**	AM-2
	Goal Description	PROVIDE PLANNING SERVICES FOR SPECIAL STUDIES, ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE, FAIR HOUSING, AND COMPLIANCE WITH ALL FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS. • **CDBG Administration-Planning (CDBG):** Funds will be used for Planning and Environmental Reviews associated with the preparation of the Annual Action Plan and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). • **HOME Administration-Planning (HOME):** Funds will be used for Planning and Environmental Reviews associated with the preparation of the Annual Action Plan and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). • **CDBG Administration-Fair Housing (CDBG)**: Funds will be used for Fair Housing activities. • **HOME Administration-Fair Housing (HOME)**: Funds will be used for Fair Housing activities.

3	**Goal Name**	HS-1
	Goal Description	CONSERVE AND REHABILITATE THE EXISTING HOUSING STOCK IN THE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING EMERGENCY REPAIRS, HANDICAP ACCESSIBILITY, AND THE DESIGNATED CENSUS TRACT EXTERIOR FACADE RENOVATION PROGRAM. • **Housing Rehabilitation Program Delivery (CDBG):** Funds will be used for delivery costs directly related to carrying out the Housing Rehabilitation Programs. • **Housing Rehabilitation Programs (CDBG):** Funds will be used to assist owners of existing single family owner occupied housing to repair their homes. • **Housing Rehabilitation Programs (HOME):** Funds will be used to assist owners of existing single family owner occupied housing to repair their homes. • **Affordable Housing Program (CHDO):** The CHDO funds will be used to provide assistance for acquisition/rehabilitation of single family homes for low- and moderate-income homebuyers
4	**Goal Name**	HS-3
	Goal Description	ASSIST LOWER-INCOME HOMEBUYERS TO PURCHASE A HOME THROUGH HOUSING COUNSELING, DOWN PAYMENT AND CLOSING COST ASSISTANCE. • **Northwest Indiana Reinvestment Alliance (CDBG)** - Funds will be used to conduct homebuyer workshops, which are provided once a month by a HUD Certified Counselor, and will cover the following topics: preparation for homeownership; budgeting and credit management; financing a home; selecting a home; maintaining a home; and how to avoid delinquency and foreclosure.
5	**Goal Name**	HS-4
	Goal Description	IMPROVE THE SUPPLY OF AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING UNITS AND PROVIDE RENTAL ASSISTANCE. **Harborside Apartment Renovation Project (HOME)** - Funds will be used to renovate an 11-unit multifamily apartment building.

6	**Goal Name**	HS-5
	Goal Description	PROMOTE FAIR HOUSING THROUGH EDUCATION AND INFORMATION. **Consumer Credit Counseling Services of NWI (CDBG)** - Funds will be used for Fair Housing Education and Information.
7	**Goal Name**	HO-2
	Goal Description	ASSIST PROVIDERS IN THE OPERATION OF HOUSING AND SUPPORT SERVICES FOR THE HOMELESS AND PERSONS AT-RISK OF BECOMING HOMELESS. **Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Gary (CDBG)** - Funds will be provided for the "Preventing Homelessness through Financial Assistance and Self-Sufficiency Workshop", which is a program that aids people living at or below the poverty level by providing a financial resource to help make their rent or mortgage payment, for up to three (3) months, to avoid eviction or foreclosure. **Haven House, Inc. (CDBG)** - Funds will be used to provide temporary emergency shelter for East Chicago residents and their dependants who are victims of domestic violence.
8	**Goal Name**	SN-3
	Goal Description	SUPPORT SOCIAL SERVICES, PROGRAMS, AND FACILITIES FOR THE ELDERLY, PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, AND PERSONS WITH OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS. **City of East Chicago Parks & Recreation: Senior Programs (CDBG)** - Funds will be provided for a series of programs that will serve the City's senior citizen population (ages 55+) focusing on improving and maintaining the quality of life of seniors with programming to encompass the mind, body and spirit. **We Care From the Heart (CDBG)** - Funds will be provided for services that will include: case management, home health care, and a home care companion aide for those who are seniors or special needs.

9	**Goal Name**	CD-3
	Goal Description	IMPROVE AND INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY, PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH, THE ELDERLY AND THE DISABLED, INCLUDING RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS, CITY SERVICES AND SOCIAL/WELFAIRE PROGRAMS THROUGHOUT THE CITY. **Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana (CDBG)** - Funds will be provided for the Junior Staff Leadership Development & Career Preparation Program **City of East Chicago Parks & Recreation: Youth Performing Arts (CDBG)** - Funds will be provided for Arts Programs at the East Chicago Academy of Performing Arts Center. **City of East Chicago Parks & Recreation: Summer Stars Camp (CDBG)** - Funds will be provided for a Summer Program that will include, Fitness, Sports and Field Trips. **City of East Chicago Sports Voucher Program (CDBG)** - Funds will be provided for East Chicago Youth to participate in East Chicago Little League and Northlake Pop Warner Football & Cheerleading. **East Chicago Housing Authority (CDBG)** - Funds will be provided for a Summer Latchkey Program, which will include STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Curriculum. **Indiana Legal Services, Inc. (CDBG)** - Funds will be provided for Low-to-Moderate Income East Chicago residents to have access to legal services. **The Salvation Army of East Chicago (CDBG)** - Funds will be provided for a Summer Soccer Program.
10	**Goal Name**	ED-1
	Goal Description	SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE NEW JOB CREATION, JOB RETENTION AND JOB TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES. **City of East Chicago Summer Employment Program (CDBG)** - Funds will be provided for the Summer Employment Program for persons from the ages of 18-21 who are registered in school. **Indiana Parenting Institute (CDBG)** - Funds will be provided for the FM101 Employment Retention Program, which are interactive workshops that will add skill-based and family strengthening components to address the barriers which prevent working parents, and those parents who want to work, from getting and keeping jobs and working towards steady income for their families.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City of East Chicago will fund the following projects using FY 2018 Funds.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	ADMINISTRATION
2	HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS
3	PUBLIC SERVICES
4	AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM

Table 7 - Project Information

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

- The public services activities are for social service organizations whose clientele are low income or in some cases, a limited type of clientele with a presumed low and moderate income status.
- The housing activities have an income eligibility criterion; therefore the income requirement targets the funds to low and moderate income households throughout the City.
- Economic development projects will either be located in a low and moderate income census tract/block group with a poverty rate greater than 20%, part of a redevelopment plan, or will make 51% of the jobs available to low and moderate income persons.

The proposed activities under the FY 2018 CDBG Program Year are located in areas with the highest percentages of low and moderate income persons and those block groups with a percentage of minority persons above the average for the City of East Chicago.

Despite efforts made by the City and social service providers, a number of significant obstacles to meeting underserved needs remain. With funding resources being scarce, funding becomes the greatest obstacle for the City of East Chicago to meet its underserved needs. Insufficient funding lessens the ability to fund many worthwhile public service programs, activities, and agencies. The City through its planning efforts will use its limited resources to address the City of East Chicago's greatest needs and improve the quality of life for its residents. The following obstacles need to be overcome in order to meet underserved needs:

- Lack of decent, sound, affordable owner and renter occupied housing
- Zoning-related challenges
- High cost of rehabilitation vs. housing values
- High cost of rehabilitation due to lead-based paint
- Aging in place population who needs accessibility improvements
- Major rehabilitation of the City's older housing stock
- Increasing number of vacant and abandoned properties
- High unemployment rate and loss of household income
- Difficulty in obtaining bank mortgages

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	**Project Name**	ADMINISTRATION
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	AM-1 AM-2
	Needs Addressed	Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: $280,253 HOME: $46,028
	Description	FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE FY 2018 CDBG AND HOME PROGRAMS.
	Target Date	6/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not Applicable
	Location Description	Not Applicable

	Planned Activities	• **CDBG Administration (CDBG) $217,253.40:** Funds will be used for the overall program administration, coordination, monitoring/evaluation, and public information associated with the preparation of the Annual Action Plan and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and Fair Housing activities. • **HOME Administration (HOME) $21,185.50:** Funds will be used for the overall program administration, coordination, monitoring/evaluation, and public information associated with the preparation of the Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). • **CHDO Operating Funds (HOME) $15,342.75:** Funds will be used to provide general operating assistance to the certified "Community Housing Development Organization" (CHDO). • **CDBG Administration-Planning (CDBG) $60,000.00:** Funds will be used for Planning and Environmental Reviews associated with the preparation of the Annual Action Plan and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). • **HOME Administration-Planning (HOME) $9,000.00:** Funds will be used for Planning and Environmental Reviews associated with the preparation of the Annual Action Plan and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). • **CDBG Administration-Fair Housing (CDBG) $3,000.00:** Funds will be used for Fair Housing activities • **HOME Administration-Fair Housing (HOME) $500.00:** Funds will be used for Fair Housing activities.
2	**Project Name**	HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HS-1 HS-4
	Needs Addressed	Housing Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: $910,014 HOME: $219,239
	Description	FUNDS WILL BE USED FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS.
	Target Date	6/30/2019

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 46 families will benefit from the proposed activities
	Location Description	Housing Rehabilitation Programs - Citywide • The Exterior Renovation Program is located in the NRSA only Harborside Apartment Renovation Project - 3507 Guthrie Street - This project is located in the North Harbor Area
	Planned Activities	• **Housing Rehabilitation Program Delivery (CDBG) $300,000.00:** Funds will be used for delivery costs directly related to carrying out the Housing Rehabilitation Programs. • **Housing Rehabilitation Programs (CDBG) $610,013.60:** Funds will be used to assist owners of existing single family owner occupied housing to repair their homes. Estimated Number of Households: 30 ; **AMI**: 5 0% - 30%; 10 30% - 50%; 15 50%-80% • **Housing Rehabilitation Programs (HOME) $100,000.00:** Funds will be used to assist owners of existing single family owner occupied housing to repair their homes. Estimated Number of Households: 5 ; **AMI**: 2 0%-30%; 1 30%-50%; 2 50% - 60%; 0 60%-80% • **Harborside Apartment Renovation Project (HOME) $119,238.50** - Funds will be used to renovate an 11-unit multifamily apartment building. Estimated No. of Households: 11 ; **AMI**: 5 0%-30%; 4 30%-50%; 2 50% - 60%; 0 60%-80%
3	**Project Name**	PUBLIC SERVICES
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HS-3 HS-5 HO-2 SN-3 CD-3 ED-1

	Needs Addressed	Housing Strategy Homeless Strategy Other Special Needs Strategy Community Development Strategy Economic Development Strategy
	Funding	CDBG: $211,000
	Description	Funds will be used for public service activities to benefit low- and moderate-income populations in the city.
	Target Date	6/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	858 families will benefit from these activities, including 10 homeless, 3 "at risk" of becoming homeless, 85 special needs, and 760 low- and moderate-income families.
	Location Description	Citywide

	Planned Activities	**Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Northwest Indiana (CDBG) $10,000.00 -** Funds will be provided for the Junior Staff Leadership Development & Career Preparation Program **Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Gary (CDBG) $7,000.00** - Funds will be provided for the "Preventing Homelessness through Financial Assistance and Self-Sufficiency Workshop", which is a program that aids people living at or below the poverty level by providing a financial resource to help make their rent or mortgage payment, for up to three (3) months, to avoid eviction or foreclosure. **City of East Chicago Parks & Recreation: Youth Performing Arts (CDBG) $15,000.00** - Funds will be provided for Arts Programs at the East Chicago Academy of Performing Arts Center. **City of East Chicago Parks & Recreation: Senior Programs (CDBG) $5,000.00 -** Funds will be provided for a series of programs that will serve the City's senior citizen population (ages 55+) focusing on improving and maintaining the quality of life of seniors with programming to encompass the mind, body and spirit**.** **City of East Chicago Parks & Recreation: Summer Stars Camp (CDBG) $25,000.00**- Funds will be provided for a Summer Program that will include, Fitness, Sports and Field Trips. **City of East Chicago Sports Voucher Program (CDBG) $9,000.00** - Funds will be provided for East Chicago Youth to participate in East Chicago Little League and Northlake Pop Warner Football & Cheerleading. **East Chicago Housing Authority (CDBG) $8,000.00 -** Funds will be provided for a Summer Latchkey Program, which will include STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Curriculum. **Consumer Credit Counseling Services of NWI (CDBG) $5,000.00 -** Funds will be used for Fair Housing Education and Information**.** **Haven House, Inc. (CDBG) $15,000.00** - Funds will be used to provide temporary emergency shelter for East Chicago residents and their dependants who are victims of domestic violence. **Indiana Legal Services, Inc. (CDBG) $15,000.00 -** Funds will be provided for Low-to-Moderate Income East Chicago residents to have access to legal services**.** **Indiana Parenting Institute (CDBG) $5,000.00 -** Funds will be provided for the FM101 Employment Retention Program, which are interactive workshops that will add skill-based and family strengthening components to address the barriers which prevent working parents, and those parents who want to work, from getting and keeping jobs and working towards steady income for their families. **Northwest Indiana Reinvestment Alliance (CDBG) $22,000.00** - Funds will be used to conduct homebuyer workshops, which are provided once a month by a HUD Certified Counselor, and will cover the following topics:

4	**Project Name**	AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HS-1
	Needs Addressed	Housing Strategy
	Funding	HOME: $46,028
	Description	CHDO FUNDS WILL BE USED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR ACQUISITION/REHABILITATION OF A SINGLE FAMILY HOME FOR A LOW- AND MODERATE-INCOME HOMEBUYER.
	Target Date	6/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	One (1) family
	Location Description	CHDO Target Area - Citywide
	Planned Activities	• **Affordable Housing Program (CHDO) $46,028.25:** The CHDO funds will be used to provide assistance for acquisition/rehabilitation of a single family home for a low- and moderate-income homebuyer. Estimated No. of Families: 1 ; AMI: 0 0% - 30%; 0 30% - 50%; 1 50% - 80%

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 following information provides a profile of the population, age, and racial/ethnic composition of the City of East Chicago. This information was obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau American Factfinder website, http://factfinder.census.gov. The 2010-2014 American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates were used to analyze the social, economic, housing, and general demographic characteristics of the City of East Chicago. The 5-year estimates are the most recent data available for the City. The 2010 U.S. Census data is included where possible.

Population:

• Between 1980 and 2010, the population decreased by approximately 25.4%, dropping from 39,786 to 29,698.

• Since 2000, the population has dropped 9.34%, which is expected to continue.

• The 2010 Census reports the City's population as 29,698.

Age:

• Median age in East Chicago is 29.8 years old.

• Youth under age 18 account for 31.0% of the population.

• Seniors age 62 and over are 13.4% of the City's population.

• Adults between the ages of 35 and 60 account for 29.02% of the population.

Race/Ethnicity:

• 39.8% are Black or African American

• 50.0% are Hispanic

• 27.5% are White

• 29.5% are Some Other Race

Income Profile:

The Median Income for a family of four (4) in the Gary, IN MSA is $64,000 for 2018. The following is a summary of income statistics for the City of East Chicago:

• At the time of the 2010-2014 American Community Survey, median household income in the City of East Chicago was $27,215 which was lower than Lake County ($60,293) and the State of Indiana ($48,737).

o 32.6% of households have earnings received from Social Security income.

o 5.8% of households have earnings received from public assistance.

o 18.4% of households have earnings, received retirement income.

o 65.6% of female headed households with children were living in poverty.

o 53.9% of all youth under 18 years of age were living in poverty.

Low/Mod Income Profile:

The low and moderate-income profile for City of East Chicago is a measurement of the area's needs. The City of East Chicago has an overall low and moderate-income percentage of 62.05%.

Economic Profile:

• 16.1% of the employed civilian population had occupations classified as management, professional, or related.

• 23.2% of the employed civilian population had occupations classified as sales and office.

• 31.4% were in the service sector.

• The education, health, and social service industry represented 21.1% of those employed.

• 86.5% of workers were considered in private wage and salary workers class.

• 1.7% of workers were considered in the self-employed workers in their own not incorporated business

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide	85

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City of East Chicago will allocate its CDBG funds to those geographic areas whose population is over 51% low and moderate income. Approximately 85% of the City's CDBG funds that are budgeted for those activities will principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons and approximately 15% of the City's CDBG funds will be allocated to the Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA). The following guidelines for allocating CDBG and HOME funds are used by the City:

• The public services activities are for social service organizations whose clientele are low income or in some cases, a limited type of clientele with a presumed low and moderate-income status.

• The public facilities activities are either located in a low and moderate-income census tract/block group, have a low and moderate-income service area benefit, or the clientele is over 51% low and moderate income.

• The acquisition and demolition of structures are either located in low and moderate-income census tracts/block groups or these activities are eligible under the prevention or elimination of slum and blight on a spot basis or area wide basis.

• Acquisition and assemblage of sites for the construction and development of affordable housing will be for low and moderate-income persons.

• The housing activities have income eligibility criteria; therefore, the income requirement targets the funds to low and moderate-income households throughout the City.

• Economic development projects will either be located in a low and moderate-income census tract/block group with a poverty rate greater than 20%, part of a redevelopment plan, or will make 51% of the jobs available to low and moderate-income persons.

The proposed activities under the FY 2018 CDBG Program Year are located in areas with the highest percentages of low and moderate-income persons and those block groups with a percentage of minority persons above the average for the City of East Chicago.

Discussion

The geographic locations and the public benefit for the FY 2018 CDBG and HOME Activities/Projects are as follows:

- General Administration (20%) - Citywide
- HOME Administration (10%) - Citywide
- CHDO Operating (5%) - Citywide
- Housing Rehabilitation Programs (29%) - Citywide Low/Mod Housing (LMH)

- Exterior Façade Renovation Program (15%) – Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area (NRSA) Low/Mod Housing (LMH)

• Housing Rehabilitation Program Delivery (21%) - Citywide Low/Mod Housing (LMH)
• CHDO Affordable Housing (15%) - Low/Mod Housing (LMH)
• Public Services (15%) - Citywide Low/Mod Clientele (LMC) and Presumed Benefit

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of East Chicago will utilize its CDBG and HOME funds to rehabilitate existing affordable housing units. The one-year goals for affordable housing in the City of East Chicago for FY 2018 are as follows.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	21
Special-Needs	0
Total	21

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	1
Rehab of Existing Units	20
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	21

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

Discussion

During this program year, the City does not have any rental assistance or acquisition of existing unit's projects. In addition, the City has no projects that are dedicated to homeless and special needs households. All the projects are open to the residents of the City of East Chicago.

• The City has one (1) project, the Affordable Housing Program (CHDO), funded by HOME funds to acquire and rehabilitate affordable housing.

• The City has two (2) projects, the Housing Rehabilitation Programs (CDBG and HOME), to rehabilitate 20 housing units and the Harborside Apartment Renovation Project, to rehabilitate 11 rental units.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

Mid 2016, ECHA experienced an unexpected Emergency Health and Safety event in its West Calumet (AMP3) housing development of 346 units. A relocation plan has included tenant protection vouchers for 332 families at West Calumet. With the assistance of HUD both through the State Office and a Special Projects Advisor; CVR Consultants; and ICHDA, it successfully moved forward to assist tenants in obtaining other housing. This process was completed in June of 2017.

Simultaneously, ECHA continues with plans outlined in 2016, one of which is the replacement housing for the Nicosia Sr. Building, AMP 2. ECHA is working with a development team to build three – four story buildings in the North Harbor side of the city for the Nicosia residents. A RAD Application was submitted in October 2017 to replace some of the units. The rest of the units will be Project Based Rental Assistance Units. ECHA continues its commitment to modernizing the rest of its existing portfolio by creating new affordable housing opportunities and by assisting residents in reaching self-sufficiency goals. The agency intends to accomplish these important goals by working closely with the City and other local agencies to pool resources and capitalize on the momentum of redevelopment opportunities, such as the North Harbor Revitalization.

ECHA continues its plans for a major redevelopment of the James Hunter Senior Building in phases; the building and the apartments will be completely overhauled. The ECHA team is working to bring in private resources to invest in its affordable housing communities and is continuously looking for ways to operate more efficiently. The uncertain economic times have made the way the agency carries out its mission more critical than ever. ECHA is working to ensure that they maximize their funding available to improve the agency's properties, explore new development opportunities in a wider range of neighborhoods, and discuss the vision for the future of ECHA.

The vision includes the following:

1. Review and discuss five-year goals
2. Review housing needs monthly.

(waiting lists/demographics/City Consolidated Plan)

3. Vision for existing portfolio

AMP 1: James Hunter Senior Building

AMP 2: John B. Nicosia Senior Building – Development in North Harbor

AMP 3: West Calumet – Replacement units throughout the City with HUD's approval

AMP 4: Scattered Sites/Columbus Drive Apartments

4. Priorities for the Agency Modernization

(Required/Preferred)/Development/Homeownership Housing Choice Voucher Program/Community and Supportive Services

5. Tools

ECHA Affiliates/Instrumentalities Disposition/Conversion/RAD (Rental Assistance Demonstration Program)/PBRA (Project Based Rental Assistance Community Partnerships/Memorandums of Agreement

6. Funding Sources

Capital Funds/Program Income/CDBG and HOME Funds/Federal Home Loan Bank/ Youthbuild/ Family

Self-Sufficiency/Resident Opportunities and Self-Sufficiency
7. Future Goals Strategies/Policies and Procedures

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

The East Chicago Housing Authority has budgeted the following funds under its 2018 Capital Funds Budget:

- Operations: $337,384.25
- Management Improvements: $57,500.00
- Administration: $134,957.70
- Fees and Costs: $43,000.00
- Site Improvement: $8,000.00
- Dwelling structures: $344,601.05
- Dwelling Equipment – Nonexpendable: $5,000.00
- Demolition: $119,124.00
- Relocation Costs: $100,000.00
- Mod Used for Development Activities: $200,000.00
- Total: $1,349,577.00

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

The ECHA offers its tenants more than just affordable housing; it provides a variety of social, educational, and recreational activities including operating a youth center. The activities it offers include: employment training, “Teen Scene,” “Voices Against Smokers,” GED Program, Boy’s and Girl’s Scouts program, “Friends of Amigo,” computer classes, referrals to Robertson Day Care Center, and financial services for student workers. ECHA’s Capital Fund Program is aimed to improve the overall management while improving its housing stock. The Authority recognizes that its long term sustainability will depend on management and meeting the market demand.
In an effort to address the needs of public housing, the East Chicago Housing Authority (ECHA) offers its residents opportunities to become involved in the Resident Advisory Board (RAB), where they can participate in all aspects of management and the decision making process. The residents nominate the candidates or can self-nominate themselves for the Resident Advisory Board as long as they are in good standing with ECHA. ECHA also provides a variety of activities aimed at self-sufficiency and homeownership among its residents.

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

The East Chicago Housing Authority is not designated as a troubled housing authority.

Discussion

Not applicable.

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

Introduction

The main strategy to eliminate chronic homelessness is coordination with the Continuum of Care Network of Northwest Indiana and implementation of appropriate actions to eliminate homelessness in East Chicago and Lake County, Indiana. Most of the regional care providers are members of the Network. These providers offer significant resources, services, and housing opportunities for the City's sheltered and unsheltered chronic homeless people. On June 3, 2018, the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA) announced findings from the 2018 Balance of State (BoS) Point-in-Time (PiT) Count. Among the findings was a two percent decrease in the overall homeless population.

Agency officials attribute the continued reduction to the state's BoS homeless population to coordination both regionally and at the local level on implementing strategies to reduce homelessness. This includes the collaboration and partnership on a statewide Coordinated Entry system.
Additional findings from the 2018 BoS PiT include:
Overall Numbers
ï¿§ 3,576 people identified themselves as homeless*
ï¿§ 11% decrease in the total number of households with dependent children
ï¿§ 13% increase in the total number of households without children
*2% decrease from 2017
Chronic Homelessness
ï¿§ 53% decrease in families
ï¿§ 16% decrease in veterans
ï¿§ 8% increase in individuals
Special Needs Populations
ï¿§ 18% increase in adults who identified themselves as having a substance abuse disorder
ï¿§ 8% increase in adults who identified themselves as having a serious mental illness
Rapid Rehousing
ï¿§ 14% increase in available units
The PiT count for 2018 took place on January 24, 2018. IHCDA is the collaborative applicant for the Indiana Continuum of Care (CoC) BoS which is charged with aligning the state's homeless service and prevention programs in 91 of 92 Indiana counties.

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 primary goal of the City to end chronic homelessness is to ensure that chronic homeless people are

moving out of homelessness and into safe, decent, and affordable housing with appropriate and adequate supportive services. The strategy to achieve this goal consists of offering flexible services and housing opportunities with interventions to address both structural and personal reasons for chronic homelessness. Activities sponsored by the City to end homelessness include:

• Involvement in the planning process through the Continuum of Care Network collaborative.
• Support development of 6 to 12 supportive housing units in the CoC.
• Support of on-going maintenance of the existing permanent supportive housing in the CoC.
• Support social service providers and agencies in assisting chronically homeless people by enrolling them in appropriate public benefit programs.
• Support for advocacy, legal representation, and outreach to secure resources for chronically homeless people to become independent.
• Implementing a county-wide HMIS to collect data about chronically homeless people and identify housing and services needed. The collected data will also provide direction to the City in allocating its local resources to better address the homeless needs.

In 2018, the City of East Chicago plans to spend CDBG funds in its homeless related activities by funding agencies such as:

• Catholic Charities Homelessness Prevention Program

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The Five Year Consolidated Plan's prevention goal is based on three (3) core strategies. These strategies consist of the following activities:

• Provide local support to prevent homelessness by expanding early intervention (i.e. foreclosures), outreach, economic opportunities and job training.
• Support and maintain local capacity of services and shelter providers.
• Collaborate regionally to address the needs on a broader scale.

Under the FY 2018 CDBG Program, the City will support agencies and programs which aim to prevent homelessness.

The Continuum of Care Network of Northwest Indiana - Region 1a provides programs for low income individuals and families to avoid becoming homeless, especially those individuals who are being discharged from publically funded institutions and systems of care. The City of East Chicago is a participant in the CoC Network NWI. As a part of the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan, there is a "Discharge and Coordination Policy."

The City of East Chicago supports the housing, social service, health care, employment, education, and youth services for its special needs population through funding for public services and through the Continuum of Care Network NWI.

The Regional Mental Health Center, which has a location in East Chicago, manages six (6) transitional housing units in the City of East Chicago. They offer services for adults and children that consists of the following: Feelings of panic or depression, problems with drugs or alcohol, anxiety and stress, marital and family conflict, unemployment or job dissatisfaction, loss of a loved one and provide counselors who specialize in people who are severely depressed, anxious or are in danger of harming themselves or

others. All of the other emergency shelter and transitional housing units are located in the adjacent communities of Hammond and Gary, Indiana.
The City is becoming a more active participant in the Continuum of Care organization. Since HUD is moving from emergency shelter housing to permanent housing, the City will rely on the current facilities in the region for permanent housing. Moving forward, the City will monitor and support this movement to permanent housing.

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

Approximately 35.5% of the City of East Chicago's residents live in poverty, while only 18.2% of Lake County residents live in poverty and 15.5% of the State of Indiana residents live in poverty. Female headed households with children are particularly affected by poverty at 65.6%. This information is from the U.S. Census "2010-2014 American Community Survey." The City's goal is to reduce the extent of poverty by 5%, based on actions the City can control and by working with outside agencies/organizations.
agencies/organizations.
The City's Anti-Poverty strategy is based on attracting a range of businesses and supporting workforce development including job training services for low income residents. The City's home buyer programs will enable wealth creation in the form of purchasing a home. In addition, the City's strategy is to provide supportive services for target income residents. The Anti-Poverty objectives for the City are as follows:

- Promote workforce development programs for City residents.
- Create job opportunities for unemployed and the underemployed.
- Promote job training programs.
- Provide assistance for food and shelter programs.

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.

The City of East Chicago continues to work to develop effective policies to prevent discharge from institutions and health care and foster care facilities that result in homelessness. To this end, the CoC is

in the process of developing a local network of City, County, State, and community organizations to cooperate on a set of activities which ensure cross training, systems integration, and other efforts to improve the reentry of institutionalized individuals into the community. The primary goal of this effort will be reintegration of sex offenders and mental health released patients, and foster care individuals from the criminal justice and mental health systems back into the community. Another goal will be to prevent episodes of homelessness and repeated incarceration.
Potential partners at this point are the Department of Redevelopment, City of East Chicago Police Department, Regional Mental Health Center, Workforce Development, East Chicago Housing Authority, CoC NWI, Inc., and other service providers that can offer a full spectrum of services including case management, substance abuse treatment, mental health services, intensive employment and training support, health care and other needed services.

Discussion

The City is planning to assist persons with other special needs (i.e. elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, which includes mental, physical, development, persons with alcohol or other drug additions), persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, and public housing residents by providing funding to various Public Service agencies/organizations.

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

Introduction:

The following potential impediments to fair housing choice and recommendations were outlined to assist the City of East Chicago to affirmatively further fair housing and were developed as part of the City's FY 2014-2018 Consolidated Plan.

• Impediment 1: Need for a Regional Approach to Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing.
• Impediment 2: Need to Analyze Private Lending and Insurance Practices.
• Impediment 3: There Is a Lack of Financial Resources.
• Impediment 4: Promote Fair Housing Education and Outreach.
• Impediment 5: Need to Address Public Policies and Regulations.
• Impediment 6: There Is a Continuing Need for Affordable Housing That is For Sale.
• Impediment 7: There Is a Continuing Need for Accessible Housing Units That Are For-Sale or Rent.
• Impediment 8: There Is a Need to Redevelop Vacant Sites and Buildings Throughout the City.
• Impediment 9: There is a Need to Improve the Economic Stability of Families and Reduce the Number of Families Living in Poverty.

Actions it planned to remove or ameliorate the negative effects of public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing such as land use controls, tax policies affecting land, zoning ordinances, building codes, fees and charges, growth limitations, and policies affecting the return on residential investment

In May 2014, the City of East Chicago prepared the following strategies to affirmatively further fair housing in the City. Impediment five (5) refers to the need to address public policies and regulations.
Impediment 5: Need to Address Public Policies and Regulations.
The City's Zoning Ordinance appears to be outdated and needs to be revised. The City should review and revise sections of its zoning ordinance to bring it into compliance with the Fair Housing Act. Other municipal policies and ordinances need to be reviewed and revised if necessary, in order to affirmatively further fair housing.
Goal: The City's Zoning Ordinance, Sub-division Ordinance, Housing Standards and other policies and ordinances will promote affordable housing and affirmatively further fair housing in order to meet the needs of all residents living in the City of East Chicago.
The strategies to meet this goal include:
• 5-A: The City will review its Zoning Ordinance to become compliant with the Fair Housing Act by updating the definition of the word "Family" to permit six (6) or less disabled persons to live together and be considered as a single family unit. Other definitions should also be added to the Zoning Ordinance, such as: "Accessibility", "Americans with Disability Act (ADA)", "Community Living Arrangement", "Disability" (Disabled or Handicapped Person), "Fair Housing Act", "Group Home", "Handicap", "Section 504 Rehabilitation Act", and "Visitability".
• 5-B: The City will review and consider expanding locations where group homes are permitted.

Presently, group homes are only permitted in the “R-3” and “R-4” Multiple-Dwelling Districts. These are areas that appear to be impacted, with the highest percentage of minority concentration and over 60% low- and moderate-income households. If the definition of “family” was revised, disabled persons could live together in an “R-1” Single-family District. Group homes need to be located throughout Lake County and this need should be brought to the attention of the Lake County Planning Commission to address on a countywide basis.
The City Planning Department has not yet completed its review and revisions to the City’s Zoning Ordinance.

Discussion:

The following are efforts that different agencies are proposing during this program year to affirmatively further fair housing in the City of East Chicago:
City of East Chicago:
• Provide funds to rehabilitate housing units in the City for low and moderate income households.
• Provide funds for construction of new single family homes for sale to low and moderate income households.
• Demolish vacant dilapidated structures in the City’s low and moderate income neighborhoods.
• Assist low and moderate income individuals and families to purchase a home.
• Assist with down payment assistance to low and moderate income homebuyers.
Indiana Legal Services, Inc.:
• Indiana Legal Services, Inc. is planning to provide legal services to low and moderate income individuals and families. The program provides legal advice and representation in civil matters, foreclosure, community legal education, and support aimed to help low and moderate income individuals to understand their rights.
Northwest Indiana Reinvestment Alliance (NWIRA):
• Assists and promotes active participation from area housing and lending providers, community groups and social service agencies in providing financial and other services that would empower residents to build and strengthen the communities through home ownership, rehabilitation and credit building opportunities, particularly for low and moderate income and minority residents in Lake County.
• Provides Pre- and Post-Homeownership Counseling, Foreclosure Mitigation Modification Counseling, Financial Literacy Counseling & Training, and Small Business Development Entrepreneurial & Small Business Training & Development and Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) Counseling.
• The Lake County Housing Task Force will conduct a review of the mortgage lending practice in Lake County. The Lake County Housing Taskforce, created through a cooperative agreement between the Lake County Community Economic Development Department and the Northwest Indiana Reinvestment Alliance, continues to facilitate coordination of the efforts aimed at identification and assessment of housing and financial concerns facing residents of Lake County. The City of East Chicago participates in the meetings held by the Lake County Taskforce. Currently, the Task Force is focused on foreclosures in the area and completed a community benefit plan.
• Performing a study to determine any patterns of discrimination in mortgages and insurance

underwriting in Lake County.
• The Northwest Indiana Reinvestment Alliance's Banker Community Council consist of representatives from Northwest Indiana's top banks, plus representatives from community groups who work to explore ideas and projects where nonprofits, and governmental agencies and the financial sector can work together

• Consumer Credit Counseling Services of NWI:

Will be providing Fair Housing Education and Information.

• Indiana Parenting Institute:

Funds will be provided for the FM101 Employment Retention Program, which are interactive workshops that will add skill-based and family strengthening components to address the barriers which prevent working parents, and those parents who want to work, from getting and keeping jobs and working towards steady income for their families.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The City of East Chicago has developed the following actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing, reduce lead-based paint hazards, reduce the number of poverty level families, develop institutional structures, and enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Despite efforts made by the City and social service providers, a number of significant obstacles to meeting underserved needs remain. With funding resources being scarce, funding becomes the greatest obstacle for the City of East Chicago to meet its underserved needs. Insufficient funding lessens the ability to fund many worthwhile public service programs, activities, and agencies. The City through its planning efforts will use its limited resources to address the City of East Chicago's greatest needs and improve the quality of life for its residents. The following obstacles need to be overcome in order to meet underserved needs:

- Lack of decent, safe, sound, and affordable owner and renter housing
- High cost of rehabilitation work
- Aging in place population who need accessibility improvements
- Major rehabilitation of the City's older housing stock
- The increasing number of vacant and abandoned properties
- High unemployment rate and loss of household income
- Difficulty in obtaining bank loans and mortgages

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of East Chicago, during FY 2018, proposes to foster and maintain affordable housing through the following Five-Year goals and strategies:

HS-1 Conserve and rehabilitate the existing housing stock in the community, including emergency repairs and handicap accessibility.

- Housing Rehabilitation Program (CDBG)
- Housing Rehabilitation Program Delivery (CDBG)
- Housing Rehabilitation Program (HOME)

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

For rehabilitation projects, the City of East Chicago will continue to ensure that:

- Applicants for rehabilitation funding receive the required lead-based paint information and understand their responsibilities.
- Staff properly determines whether proposed projects are exempt from some or all lead based paint

safety requirements.
• The level of federal rehabilitation assistance is properly calculated, and the applicable lead-based paint requirements determined.
• Properly qualified contractor performs risk management, paint testing, lead hazard reduction, and clearance services when required.
• Required lead hazard reduction work and protective measures are incorporated into project rehabilitation specifications.
• Risk assessment, paint testing, lead hazard reduction, and clearance work are performed in accordance with the applicable standards established in 24 CFR Part 35.
• Required notices regarding lead-based paint evaluation, presumption, and hazard reduction are provided to occupants and documented.
• Program documents establish the rental property owner's responsibility to perform and document ongoing lead-based paint maintenance activities, when applicable.
• Program staff monitors owner compliance with ongoing lead-based paint maintenance activities, when applicable.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

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The City's anti-poverty strategy is based on attracting a range of businesses and supporting workforce development, including job training services for low income residents. The City's first-time home buyer program and other homeownership programs will prevent poverty by enabling wealth creation in the form of acquiring a real estate asset. In addition, the City's strategy is to provide supportive services for targeted lower income residents. The Anti-Poverty objectives for the City are as follows:
• Promote workforce development programs for City residents.
• Create job opportunities for unemployed and the underemployed.
• Promote job training programs.
• Provide assistance for food and shelter programs.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of East Chicago Department of Redevelopment acts as the lead agency for the development and administration of the Annual Action Plan and its funded projects. This agency will coordinate activities among public and private organizations, in order to achieve the prioritized goals of the Annual Action Plan.

The Department of Redevelopment maintains its partnership with the Continuum of Care Network of Northwest Indiana – Region 1a (CoC Network). The CoC Network-Region 1a, is one of 15 regions in the State of Indiana under the Balance of State Continuum of Care. The Balance of State Continuum of Care promotes community-wide commitment to the goal of ending homelessness, provide funding related to ending homelessness, promote access to services for those experiencing homelessness and to provide a framework for optimizing self-sufficiency among persons facing homelessness.

The City of East Chicago is committed to providing quality of life when faced with the housing and community development needs of the City. The City is diligent in creating public and private partnerships that target revitalization through economic revitalization, infrastructure improvements, new construction of single family homes, promoting homeownership, citywide Fiber Optic Networks and art initiatives. Some of the partnerships include the following:

- Housing Authority of East Chicago
- Lake County Housing Taskforce
- Northwest Indiana Regional Development Authority (RDA)
- Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission (NIRPC)
- Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHCDA)
- Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT)
- Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH)
- Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM)
- United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)

The City of East Chicago consulted with business and civic leaders during its Consolidated Planning process. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- East Chicago Urban Enterprise Association
- Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce
- Foundations of East Chicago
- Local elected officials

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

The primary responsibility for the administration of the Annual Action Plan is assigned to the Department of Redevelopment in the City of East Chicago. This agency will coordinate activities among the public and private organizations, in their efforts to implement different elements and to realize the prioritized goals of the Annual Action Plan. The City is committed to continuing its participation and coordination with public, housing, and social service organizations. The City solicits applications for CDBG and works closely with its only CHDO to identify projects needing HOME funds. In addition, the City sends out applications to a list of agencies, organizations, and housing providers that have previously submitted an application, or which have expressed an interest in submitting an application. The application is reviewed by the Department of Redevelopment staff along with representatives of the

Redevelopment Commission and they discuss any questions with the applicant.

Discussion:

The Department of Redevelopment maintains the lead responsibility for monitoring the CDBG and HOME programs. The policies and procedures mandate compliance and timely implementation of the projects by all sub-recipients.

The monitoring procedures are primarily driven by two major activities, which include:

• Detailed evaluation of all proposals for compliance with strategies set forth in the Annual Action Plan.

• Execution of a grant agreement which clearly delineates program objectives, and activities to be carried out by the sub-recipient, time schedule for completion, expected performance goals and reporting requirements.

The monitoring standards and procedures that are used are the standards and procedures set forth in 2 CFR Part 200. The Department's monitoring activities range from screening applicants for income eligibility, accounting procedures of the sub-recipients, to on-site inspection of properties under rehabilitation. The City also monitors expenditures for different projects to assure eligibility, timely disbursement, and achievement of goals. Desk reviews are done every time an invoice is submitted to the Department of Redevelopment. In addition, agencies are monitored at least once during the course of the year. Based on a risk analysis the City will monitor more frequently as needed.

During this program year, the City of East Chicago Department of Redevelopment will perform an annual inspection of all the housing units it owns. In addition, if there is a request for a repair by a tenant, then the Redevelopment Department will inspect the unit as often as needed. Every time the tenant occupancy changes, the unit will be inspected.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

The City of East Chicago receives an annual allocation of CDBG and HOME funds. Since the City receives these federal allocations the questions below have been completed, as they are applicable.

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	70,000
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:	**70,000**

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.	0.70%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

   The City of East Chicago does not anticipate the receipt of any additional program income funds prior to July 1, 2018 that it has not yet programmed. It anticipates that it will receive $4,440.00 in HOME Program Income during the FY 2018 Program Year. The City of East Chicago has adopted HUD's Guidelines for Resale or Recapture found in 24 CFR 92.254 for its homebuyer program.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

   The City of East Chicago guidelines for resale and recapture are:
   • The City has adopted the HOME Program Resale/Recapture Policy for Homeownership Activities. The policy is based on the HOME Program rules found in 24 CFR Part 92.254.
   • The issue of resale/recapture arises when a homeowner that received homebuyer assistance under the HOME Program decides to sell the property. If the property is sold after the period of affordability has expired, there are no restrictions in terms of resale or recapture of HOME funds that apply to such a transaction. However, if the sale occurs before the period of affordability has expired, certain regulatory limitations apply.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

   See attached Resale or Recapture Guidelines for Homeownership Appendix.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

   The City of East Chicago does not intend to use HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds. Not Applicable.

HOME Match Requirements:

• The City of East Chicago is exempt from the HOME Match Requirement.

HOME Program Income:

• The City of East Chicago anticipates it will receive $4,440.00 in HOME Program Income from mortgage and rent receipts during this program year.

CHDO Organizations:

• The City of East Chicago is in the process of certifying a new CHDO Organization.

CDBG Program Income:

• The City of East Chicago anticipates it will receive $70,000.00 in CDBG Program Income from the repayment of residential repair program low interest loans during this program year.

CDBG Percentages:

• Administrative Percentage - 20%

• Public Service Percentage - 15%

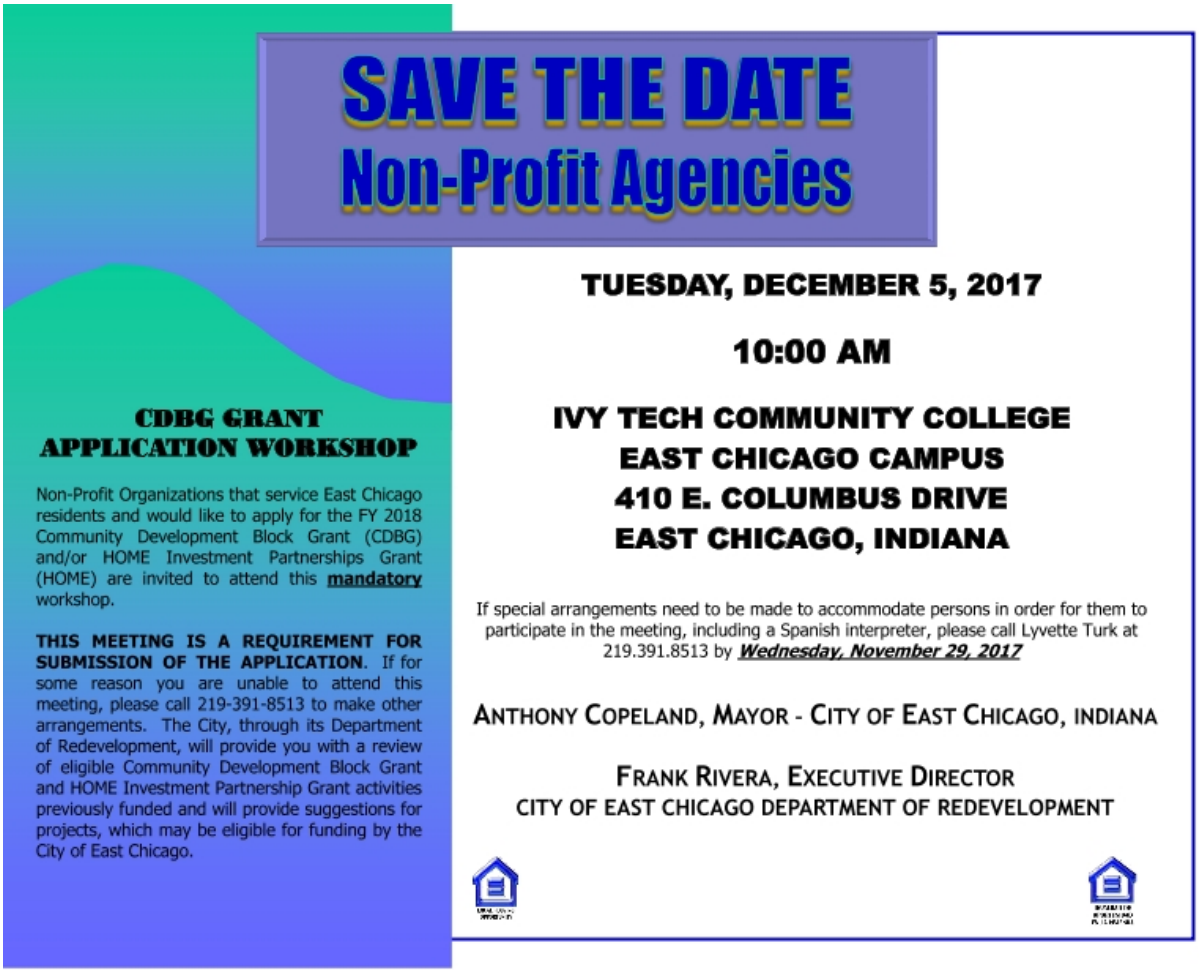
• Low and Moderate-Income Percentage - 70%

• No Slum and Blight Activities.

Overall Benefit Years: 2017 & 2018

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments



FY 2018 ACTION PLAN
CDBG APPLICATION WORKSHOP
E-MAIL LIST

Name	Organization
Abraham Marin (abraham_marin@usc.salvationarmy.org)	The Salvation Army
Amanda Maynard <amanda@mealsonwheelsnwindiana.org>	Meals on Wheels Northwest Indiana
April Pugh <asongbird33@aol.com>	
Bettie Robinson <bettielrobinson@gmail.com>	St. Luke AME Food Pantry
Beverly Tate <bjtate@live.com>	St. Luke AME Food Pantry
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HOME Investment Partnerships Grant (HOME)

HOME provides formula grants to States and localities that communities use—often in partnership with local nonprofit groups—to fund a wide range of activities that build, buy, and/or rehabilitate affordable housing for rent or homeownership or provide direct rental assistance to low-income people.

Purpose

HOME is the largest Federal block grant to State and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households. Each year it allocates approximately $2 billion among the States and hundreds of localities nationwide. HOME funds are awarded annually as formula grants to participating jurisdictions. HUD establishes HOME Investment Trust Funds for each grantee, providing a line of credit that the jurisdiction may draw upon as needed. The program's flexibility allows States and local governments to use HOME funds for grants, direct loans, loan guarantees or other forms of credit enhancement, or rental assistance or security deposits.

HOME funds may be used for activities which include, but are not limited to:

- provide home purchase
- rehabilitation
- build or rehabilitate housing for rent or ownership
- demolition of dilapidated housing to make way for HOME-assisted development
- payment of relocation expenses
- provide tenant-based rental assistance contracts of up to 2 years



AGENDA

Welcome

East Chicago Department of Redevelopment

Purpose of Meeting

Current – 2017 Action Plan

Current Program Year: July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018

CDBG Award Amount:	$1,199,552
Estimated Program Income:	$ 80,000
	$1,279,552
HOME Award Amount:	$ 214,811
Estimated Program Income:	$ 4,440
	$ 219,251

2018 Allocation -Has not been announced by HUD as of today

Review Application & Requirements

Lyvette Turk , Programs Manager—Department of Redevelopment

Jason Rusnak-Neighborly Software

Application for Funding

Online Application Available: Monday, December 11, 2017

Submission Deadline: February 5, 2018 by 12:00 noon

Additional Information:

How to Use CDBG for Public Service Activities

https://www.hudexchange.info/programs/cdbg/public-services/

Questions

Final Comments

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. The program is authorized under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended; **42 U.S.C.-5301** et seq.

Purpose

HUD awards grants to entitlement community grantees to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services.

Entitlement communities develop their own programs and funding priorities. However, grantees must give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income persons. A grantee may also carry out activities which aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. Additionally, grantees may fund activities when the grantee certifies that the activities meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs. CDBG funds may not be used for activities which do not meet these broad national objectives.

CDBG funds may be used for activities which include, but are not limited to:

- acquisition of real property;
- relocation and demolition;
- rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures;
- construction of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets, neighborhood centers, and the conversion of school buildings for eligible purposes;
- public services, within certain limits;
- activities relating to energy conservation and renewable energy resources; and
- provision of assistance to profit-motivated businesses to carry out economic development and job creation/retention activities.

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HOME HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

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7	De La Rosa, Rita	East Chicago Housing Authority	Did not attend	4920 Larkspur Drive - P.O. Box 498 East Chicago, IN 46312	219-397-9974	
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CITY OF EAST CHICAGO

CDBG GRANT APPLICATION WORKSHOP

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2017

10:00 A.M.

MINUTES

Lyvette Turk: Hi, my name is Lyvette Turk. I am the Community Development Programs Manager, for the Department of Redevelopment. On behalf of Mayor Copeland, along with my Executive Director, Frank Rivera, we would like to welcome you to the 2018 Community Development Block Grant, also known as the CDBG Application Workshop. The applications should be available online, Monday, December 11th. We have Jason with us, from Atlanta. We have a new software, called Neighborly Software, so he will be talking at some point, during our training this morning.

If you have any questions after this workshop, please set up a meeting with me. We've got some time. This application will not be due back until February 5th. Tentatively we are trying to have this go live, Monday, December 11th. So, you will receive an e-mail. If you did not receive an e-mail from me, before this meeting, please let me know, because that means that I need to add you to the group listing, so that once it goes live, you will

receive an e-mail with the confirmation, so we have confirmation that you did actually receive the application.

The applications are due, and you'll hear me say this numerous times, on February 5th, at 12:00 noon. So, do not wait. I am not sure how this software is going to work, but do not try to submit this at 11:59. So, please do this well in advance of 12 noon. We have given you a little extra time to allot for the software, but it is very simple, more simple than even the last software that we had. If you want to apply for separate programs, you must do a separate application for each program. Please do not combine programs together, because one may get funded and one may not. How many of you got an opportunity to watch the videos. I do admonish you to watch those videos, before you start the application. Those of you that watched it, did it seem helpful to you, what we required for the application.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I believe so. Absolutely. It was much simpler.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: It also made it very clear the activities that you have to align with whatever program you are applying for.

LYVETTE TURK: Very good. That's what I was getting ready to highlight. By watching those videos, it talks about our five-year plan, which is coming up -- this will be the last one for our five-year plan, and we will be starting

a new one in 2018. So, when you come up with your programs, it still needs to line up with our five-year plan. So, as a part of the funding that we receive, we're required to do a five-year plan. And then we do annual action plans. So, each year, we are just grabbing from the five-year plan, so everything is feeding off of that.

Next year, we have quite a few plans due. It will be historic for East Chicago. We have five plans due next year. There are two that are really, really important. There is the Fair Housing Plan, which is the new process that we have to do, to talk about impediments, to get to housing. Some of your programs actually help with that Fair Housing Plan. Because some of the things that you are doing through your programs, are actually helping people to be sustainable, so they can go through housing. And that is not only housing that a person may buy, and have a mortgage, but it is also for rentals. And, so, we will be doing that plan, which is due in October. But we will also be starting our new five-year plan. And I really, really will need your input on both of those two plans. Those are things that we need to hear from you as public service agencies. What you're doing, how we can go forward. That document is supposed to be a workable document that we can use to help the residents of East Chicago. So, next year you may hear us call you about five or six times. If you can, please

send a representative from your agency. It makes all the world of difference. It also helps with your program, so we know what those needs are with your program, so it goes into the five-year plan, which makes it much easier for you to apply for the loan.

For those of you that are keeping up with me, I'm in the Application, on Page 3. I am now at E. All Exhibits and Attachments must be typed and single sided. No handwritten documents, if at all possible, should be uploaded. All attachments must be letter sized 8 1/2 by 11. Each applicant must attend the meeting that you are here for today. If you are going through this workshop and you say, wow, Sue should have been here. Please have them call me and set up a meeting with me as soon as possible, and we will go through some of the highlights that we went through today, that make sure that your application submission is successful. No hard copies will be accepted, we are completely electronic. Jason will go into it. This application software will start from now, and it will take you all the way until the grant goes out. Everything including invoices will be submitted through the software. The deadline again is February 5th, 12:00 noon, Central/Standard Time.

Key Point 1: Funding provided by this process, will be awarded for Fiscal Year 2018. However, no contracts can

be executed until the City, which is us, has completed any necessary environmental assessments and executed funding agreements with HUD. Due to that fact, the city generally receives its funding through HUD around September or October. This year it did not happen that way; in fact, it was later. I just got the okay for it last week, to go ahead and execute agreements, for 2017's funding. They still haven't made the decision for 2018 funding. But when you hear that news about Congress not appropriating funds, it affects this funding. This year they did not announce it until June 15th. We had to go back through a citizen participation process, which was delayed. We are going to try to make sure this time that we don't have to go back and do a second one, and we can get it a little bit sooner. For additional information you can go to HUDexchange.info to learn more about the Community Development Block Grant. And, again, you can go and watch the four videos, and they are not real long. But there are four videos to actually help you before you do the application.

Just to give you an idea, what we will be using is our current program -- and I apologize, because it says 2018, and it should say 2017. Currently this is what we are dealing with for our Fiscal Year 2017, which is technically not going to start until January for us, because we are just getting the approval. We have only gotten approval for a

portion of our funding, we don't have 100 percent approval, because there are some activities that do require an environmental assessment. Yours does not, so it only requires us to provide your agency name, to get approval, in order to start it. This is what we will be using as our guide to try to set up for 2018. It does not stop the clock. Everything is still due to HUD by a certain time. So, even though we don't have the award, we can't wait until they announce it. So, we use this as our guide. The 1.2 million is what we will use. But for public service entities, we can only use 15 percent of that; which if I'm not mistaken, is around $195,000. Historically, it's been $195,000 to $200,000, for public service agencies. So, it doesn't leave a whole lot. It makes it a lot more competitive, because there is not a lot of money to go around, after we do the city programs, and then we try to fund others with the plan. So, about $195,000 is what we are using for our cap for the funding for that.

A question that people ask a lot of times is how much can I apply for. Well, you can always ask for as much as you think you need. But historically it is usually around $15,000. If you're a new entity, it may only be $5,000. There is a lot to this funding, and there are a lot of things that you have to follow, and there are a lot of regulations involved. You must have been running it for at

least a year, before you can apply for our funds. That determines the amount, along with how strong it looks. We are looking to see how long the program has been running, and what are the outcomes of the programs are, that we are running so far. If you have clients that have written sentences, like this program has really helped me, and this, and that. All those things will help you with your application.

The selection criteria, I just want to briefly go through that. It is going to slightly change. We are working on some things to try to simplify it, but these are some of the key point:

A) Does the proposed program/activity meet the national objective?

For those of you who watched the video, it talked about it must provide low-to-moderate income persons, elimination of slums and blights. Which your activities, I'm not aware of any that would need that. That is usually something that we are doing. Like the North Harbor, at one point, was designated a slum and blight area. It has turned around since that time, since the 90's. And urgent needs. Urgent needs only usually happens when we have a disaster. So, for instance, when Katrina came up through the Mississippi and came up this way, we had FEMA here. There were some urgent needs, because the flooding caused that. So, your programs

are usually considered to be Number 1, low-to-moderate income persons.

B) Is the proposed program/activity eligible under CDBG regulations?

So, I cited the regulations for you, and it talks about income and eligibility. You have to make sure that it is actually eligible. So, if you're not sure if your program is eligible, or if you're submitting an application for a new program, again, call me. I can't say that enough. And last year we did get a whole lot of calls, and we had some things that we had questions on. It didn't fit. It didn't really fit with our program or it didn't fit as a program, and we had to work some things out. And we had some that did call. And we went through, and we kind of got some of the logistics out of the way; this is what we need, and this is how it needs to be, in order to fit with the plan, in order to make it eligible.

C) Does the program/activity meet a goal or priority as identified in the Consolidated Plan?

Does it meet a goal outlined in Table 1 or 2. It must meet the priority needs and the goals.

D) What amount of public benefit will be achieved, by the program/activity relative to the cost?

So, if you tell me I need $20,000, but I'm only going to help one person, it's probably not going to get the

funding. We need to see some numbers. We need to be able to maximize the small amount of dollars that we have, and be able to reach more people.

E) Past Performance, this is a key element. With this new software, starting in 2018, we usually have a review committee, and I am a part of the review committee, but the other person sitting there doesn't know the history of the entity applying for funding. They will now be able to look online, and see if you submitted things on time. If we have to send things back, they can see it all on the screen. They no longer have to get it all from me. So, it's very important that submit your invoices in on time. It will also allow them to see your progress reports.

F) Does your organization have any audit concerns or findings in the past three (3) years that have not been resolved?

That has happened with a couple of our agencies, where if you have findings, it will delay your funding, until you get those findings answered.

G) Did the organization define the outcomes and measurement of those outcomes?

When you fill out your application, can you tell me what your outcomes are supposed to be. Your measures, how you are going to measure. As the invoices are coming in, can I actually see that that is actually happening, what you

said was going to happen.

H) Does the program/activity leverage other funding sources, demonstrating cost sharing opportunities, program sustainability, and in-kind contributions?

If you're only getting $10,000 or $15,000 from us, then you have to be able to leverage for this program. So, we are looking at that, and seeing the other funding sources. Those that are actually committed already, look better than those that were just supplied. But we also know that it's early, and some of you won't know some of this before you apply. But it always looks good if you have gotten that funding before.

I) Will the project be ready upon notification of funding?

That has happened to us. It's a new program. Because if it's CDBG, if you watched the video, it talked about this either has to be a new one, or an activity that is being expanded, to allow more persons to get to the funding. It needs to be ready to go. Even though we don't know when that is going to happen, you need to be ready to go within at least 30 to 60 days. We will go the 60, but we would prefer that within the 30 days, that the program is ready to go.

J) Does the organization have the administrative capacity to successfully carry out the program/activity?

This has been a problem. But this software should hopefully help you on some of that, and we don't have to keep going back and forth, and sending invoices back.

K) Does the organization have the financial capacity to operate the program until the funds are available, and the ability to operate on a reimbursable basis.

CDBG funds are reimbursable funds. So, you have to be able to submit your funds, before you can submit for this. You have to be able do that. So, as a city we have not advances funds, it always has to be reimbursable. So, that means you have to have funds to be able to float, until we can get it.

L) Does the application describe collaborative efforts (as applicable) with other service providers and/or agenciesIt looks good if you can operate with other agencies. Sometimes we get the same programs, from two different agencies. So, if you an collaborate and partner, it actually helps your application, and it gives you more resources in partnering with another agency.

On Page 8, you will see a list of HUD's Outcome Performance Measurement System. So, it actually your program or project must fit in one of the four:

1) It must be a suitable living environment. In general, this objective relates to activities that are designed to benefit communities, families, or individuals.

by addressing issues in their living environment.

2) Providing decent housing by addressing issues in their living environment.

3) Creating Economic Opportunities. So, for those of you that have job training programs, that is where that fits.

4) Availability/Accessibility. This outcome category applies to activities that make services, infrastructure, public services, public facilities, housing, or shelter available or accessible to low-to-moderate income people; including persons with disabilities.

5) In this category accessibility does not refer only to physical barriers, but also to making the basics of daily living available and accessible to low-and-moderate income people where they live. For some of you it may be affordability, and this program is now affordable to those who weren't able to do it.

6) Sustainability, promoting livable and viable communities. This outcome applies to projects where the activity or activities are aimed at improving communities or neighborhoods, hoping to make them livable and viable by providing benefits and purchases of low and moderate income, by removing or eliminating slums or blighted areas, through multiple activities or services that sustain communities or neighborhoods.

If you notice I keep saying low and moderate. The Community Development Block Grant requires that you at least reach 70 percent of the residents who are low and moderate. They actually provide a chart and everything, and I believe that is on the last page of your application that you have. Those are the income guidelines for the residents. For you, we only require that 51 percent, at least 51 percent must meet these guidelines. So, it does allow you to go a little bit over the 80 percent.

Just to reiterate this, your program must be either a new access to a service, improved access to a service, or access to a substandard service. And substandard just means that they really just couldn't access your program. You could only reach maybe two people. Now with this funding, you are actually able to make that program what it was meant to be. Maybe you were only able to make two of your goals, and now you have made ten goals, and you can reach more and do more with this program, by having this funding.

The consolidated plan, if you want to read that, is available on HUD's website, and that is listed there. But it is also on East Chicago's website, through the Department of Redevelopment. You go to our page, and on the right-hand side you will be able to see the plans.

As a requirement, if you do receive $25,000, there is what is known as the transparency act. It does mean that if

you get that amount of money in one year, you do need salary information for key persons that are in your organization. So, I always make people aware of it, just so you know that will happen, if you get that amount.

And so now I will turn it over to Jason, so he can go over it a little bit.

JASON RUSNAK: So, we're going to follow this little handout that you have here. And I'm just going to take five minutes, real briefly to introduce you to the software, and we aren't just going to focus on the application fees, because there is a lot more to the application. So, I will give you a sneak preview of some of the things that are capable beyond the application, to submitting invoice requests, and doing your accomplishment reports, etcetera. But that is not really our focus here today, so I'm not going to spend much time on that.

We are Neighborly Software, and my name is Jason Rusnak. You have kind this little packet here to help you get started. But on the day the application goes live, you will get an e-mail, and you can come to that site. You can see it listed right here, the EC Redevelopment Participant Login Site. And what you're going to do is immediately go to the register page. So, you are going to click on register. And you are going to follow the prompts, and you're going to click on your e-mail address. You will

register your first name, your last name, a password, and re-enter your password, so they know they passwords are correct, and then you will click submit on the page here and continue.

Behind the scenes, what the software is going to do is it is going to send you an e-mail to that address, so that will be your login going forward. So, we prefer that this is your actual business address, because this is going to be your login going forward. So, make sure that it is your login, and it is your proper e-mail address that you are using. The system will send you a link. If you don't immediately get a link in the first five minutes, check your junk folder, just in case, because it is possible that it could be there as well. You are going to be getting a lot of e-mails from Neighborly Software going forward. So, you are going to get reminders when your invoices are due. You are going to get reminders when your reports are due. And it will prompt you to log back into the system. So, make sure that you respond and that is not junkmail, and move it back to your inbox appropriately, because you will get correspondence from the system itself.

Once you register with the system, you can then come back and sign in. So, what I am going to do right now is sign in under my login. And, again, this is just going to be the e-mail address that you register, and the password

that you created. And you have the option, depending on your security settings, that you can do a remember me. So, any time you go into the system, it will already have your e-mail address loaded into here, but that is entirely up to you.

So, I will sign in to the system. And, again, when you first sign into the system, you're only going to see this bottom part, start a new application. So, I am going to show you a couple other sections here about continuing with an existing application. And then once you're approved, your grant here. But when you first sign in, you will click here to start a new application. And it will prompt you and ask you if you want a new application for public service grants. Click Proceed, and it will take you to the application itself. You will see on the left side of the page, these are all the sections that are going to need to be completed. And we are going to update this shortly. Lyvette and I are working on updating the changes and tweaks, but we will walk you through some of the questions in there. Just know that you can do any one of these, in any particular order you want, accept for the last one, receive certification. The only time you can hit the certification box, is when all of these are checked. So, if I start a new application here, you will see the packet that we just walked through in this section here. And if you

ever need to reference it or read it, you come down to the bottom, and you can complete and submit, and you will see now a check box in the general information and disclosures section. You do not, I repeat, you do not have to complete the entire application at one sitting. You will see this save button here at the bottom. Click that save button, and at any point in time if you want to skip around or if you want to go to a different section, and focus on that section, again, you will have the opportunity to click the save button. If you do click the complete button, what will happen is you will a get a check mark here. The only time that you should hit that complete button, is when you are complete with that section. Because the only way you can unlock it, is if you call us at the end of the day to do that. All right. So, let me say that one more time. The save button is your best friend. Save it throughout the process, at every step. Only when you're ready to completely submit the application, you then go through all of those steps and hit complete. Because once you hit complete, you will lock that section up. We can unlock it, it's not the end of the world, but you will have to call Lyvette or you will have to send us an e-mail at support. So, again, use the save button as you're going throughout the process. And you can go back to any section, that you may have not gotten a chance to complete, and you can finish

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that section and then save your changes.

After all of the sections have been completed with all of your information, and, again, if you have any questions please feel free to call Lyvette or send an e-mail to support and we will get back to you as soon as possible to give you any help you may need, or answer any of your questions. After the application has been received, you will recieve an e-mail from Neighborly letting you know the next steps in the process. After this happens, everything you do or need to know after that, will be on the Neighborly website. You can go back and check the status of your application. And everything after that will be done on the website, where you will upload all of your invoices, and your program verification paperwork. There is a Frequently Asked Questions section that also may answer any questions that you have about the way the website works.

So, that is just an overview of the Neighborly Software that we will be using for the CDBG program for 2018. As Lyvette said, please don't wait until the last minute to fill out your application, just in case you do have any problems and you find that you need some help. This is very time sensitive. So, thank you for coming today and good luck.

LYVETTE TURK: I hope our presentation today was helpful and answered some of the questions that you may have

had. Again, we plan to go live with Neighborly on December 11th, and after that, you will receive an e-mail inviting you to come fill out the application. And I want to stress again, that the deadline for filling out the applications is February 5th, 2018. All of the applications are due by February 5th, 2018, but please do not wait until the last minute to go fill out the application, just in case you do have any problems or questions. And please don't hesitate to give me a call if you run into any problems or have any questions. This should be much easier this year with the Neighborly Software, than it has been in the past.)

(Lyvette Turk asked everyone to go around the room and give their name and the organization that they are with.)

* See attached sign-in sheet for those who were in attendance.

Are there any questions? If not, then I would like to thank all of you for taking time out of your busy schedules to attend the workshop this morning. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions. Thank you

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FY 2018 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN
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Notice is hereby given that the City of East Chicago, Lake County, IN will hold a public hearing on June 13, 2018 at 6:00 PM in conjunction with the regularly scheduled meeting of the Redevelopment Commission at the City Hall Council Chambers 4526 Indianapolis Blvd. 2nd Floor East Chicago, Indiana 46312.

The City Hall Council Chambers is accessible to persons with physical disabilities. Persons who require auxiliary aids or services to participate in the public hearing should contact Jessica Rodriguez, (JRodriguez@eastchicago.com) or Ms. Linda Tutt, City of East Chicago Department of Redevelopment at (219) 391-8513 ext. 205 at least three business days prior to the hearing.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive comments on the City of East Chicago's FY 2018 annual action plan for the use of funds received from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds. The City expects to receive $1,883,662 for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds and approximately $306,866 for the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds. The City anticipates that it will receive $70,000 in program income for CDBG projects and approximately $30,000 in program income for its HOME Program. The FY 2018 Annual Action Plan will be submitted to HUD on or before August 15, 2018.

In order to solicit the views of the public regarding the City's proposed activities for the FY 2018 Annual Action Plan, the City of East Chicago will place its FY 2018 Annual Action Plan on display at the following locations during the period June 13, 2018 through July 13, 2018:

City Hall Lobby
Mayor's Office
4527 Indianapolis Blvd.

City of East Chicago Department of Redevelopment
4559 Indianapolis Blvd.

Website: www.eastchicago.com

All interested residents are encouraged to attend the public hearing and will be given the opportunity to express their views concerning the proposed use of Program funds for the FY 2018 Annual Action Plan.

Written comments may be addressed to the City of East Chicago Department of Redevelopment, 4559 Indianapolis Blvd., East Chicago, IN 46312. The comments may also be e-mailed to (JRodriguez@eastchicago.com) or by telephone at (219) 391-8513 ext. 205. Oral comments may be made at the public hearing on Tuesday, June 12,

Public Meeting

WHEN: TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2018
WHERE: CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
4525 INDIANAPOLIS BLVD. – 2ND FLOOR
EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA

TIME: 5:00 P.M.

FY 2018 Action Plan

The purpose of the public meeting is to present the City of East Chicago's FY 2018 Annual Action Plan for the use of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Grant funds in the following amounts:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	**$1,331,066**
Program Income (CDBG)	**$ 70,000**
HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME)	**$306,855**
Program Income (HOME)	**$ 4,440**

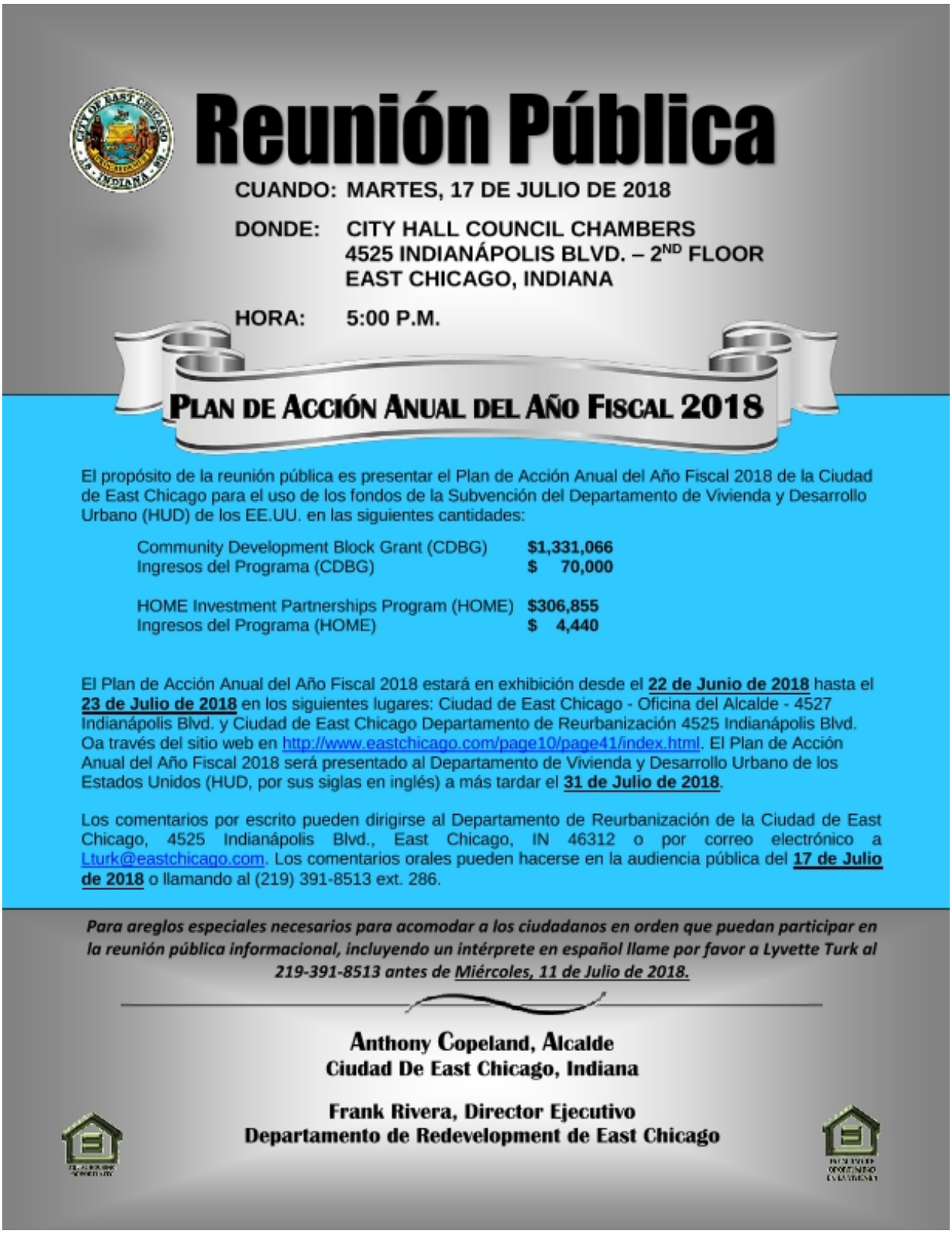
The FY 2018 Annual Action Plan will be on display from **June 22, 2018** through **July 23, 2018** at the following locations: **City of East Chicago - Mayor's Office** - 4527 Indianapolis Blvd. and **City of East Chicago Department of Redevelopment** 4525 Indianapolis Blvd. or via the website at http://www.eastchicago.com/page10/page41/index.html. The FY 2018 Annual Action Plan will be submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) on or before **July 31, 2018**.

Written comments may be addressed to the City of East Chicago Department of Redevelopment, 4525 Indianapolis Blvd., East Chicago, IN 46312 or e-mailed to Lturk@eastchicago.com. Oral comments may be made at the public hearing on **July 17, 2018** or by calling (219) 391-8513 ext. 286.

If special arrangements need to be made to accommodate citizens in order for them to participate in the public informational meeting, including a Spanish interpreter, please call Lyvette Turk at 219.391.8513 by Wednesday, July 11, 2018

Anthony Copeland, Mayor
City of East Chicago, Indiana

Frank Rivera, Executive Director
City of East Chicago Department of Redevelopment


Reunión Pública
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HORA: 5:00 P.M.
PLAN DE ACCIÓN ANUAL DEL AÑO FISCAL 2018
El propósito de la reunión pública es presentar el Plan de Acción Anual del Año Fiscal 2018 de la Ciudad de East Chicago para el uso de los fondos de la Subvención del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD) de los EE.UU. en las siguientes cantidades:
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) $1,331,066
Ingresos del Programa (CDBG) $ 70,000
HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) $306,855
Ingresos del Programa (HOME) $ 4,440
El Plan de Acción Anual del Año Fiscal 2018 estará en exhibición desde el 22 de Junio de 2018 hasta el 23 de Julio de 2018 en los siguientes lugares: Ciudad de East Chicago - Oficina del Alcalde - 4527 Indianápolis Blvd. y Ciudad de East Chicago Departamento de Reurbanización 4525 Indianápolis Blvd. Oa través del sitio web en http://www.eastchicago.com/page10/page41/index.html. El Plan de Acción Anual del Año Fiscal 2018 será presentado al Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los Estados Unidos (HUD, por sus siglas en inglés) a más tardar el 31 de Julio de 2018.
Los comentarios por escrito pueden dirigirse al Departamento de Reurbanización de la Ciudad de East Chicago, 4525 Indianápolis Blvd., East Chicago, IN 46312 o por correo electrónico a Lturk@eastchicago.com. Los comentarios orales pueden hacerse en la audiencia pública del 17 de Julio de 2018 o llamando al (219) 391-8513 ext. 286.
Para areglos especiales necesarios para acomodar a los ciudadanos en orden que puedan participar en la reunión pública informacional, incluyendo un intérprete en español llame por favor a Lyvette Turk al 219-391-8513 antes de Miércoles, 11 de Julio de 2018.
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HOME Investment Partnerships Grant (HOME)

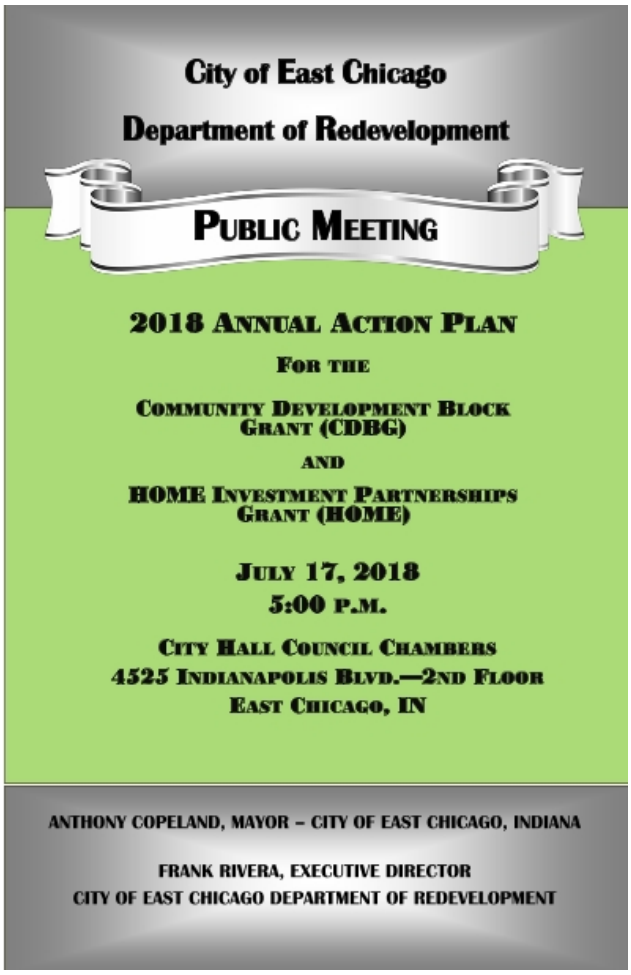
HOME provides formula grants to States and localities that communities use—often in partnership with local nonprofit groups—to fund a wide range of activities that build, buy, and/or rehabilitate affordable housing for rent or homeownership or provide direct rental assistance to low-income people.

Purpose

HOME is the largest Federal block grant to State and local governments designed exclusively to create affordable housing for low-income households. Each year it allocates approximately $2 billion among the States and hundreds of localities nationwide. HOME funds are awarded annually as formula grants to participating jurisdictions. HUD establishes HOME Investment Trust Funds for each grantee, providing a line of credit that the jurisdiction may draw upon as needed. The program's flexibility allows States and local governments to use HOME funds for grants, direct loans, loan guarantees or other forms of credit enhancement, or rental assistance or security deposits.

HOME funds may be used for activities which include, but are not limited to:

- provide home purchase
- rehabilitation
- build or rehabilitate housing for rent or ownership
- demolition of dilapidated housing to make way for HOME-assisted development
- payment of relocation expenses
- provide tenant-based rental assistance contracts of up to 2 years



AGENDA

Welcome

Lyvette Turk, Community Development Programs Mgr.
East Chicago Department of Redevelopment

Purpose of Meeting

Ryan Chasey, HPG Network

BUDGET

FY 2018 Program Year: July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

CDBG Award Amount:	**$1,331,267**
Estimated Program Income:	**$ 70,000**
	$1,401,267
HOME Award Amount:	**$ 306,855**
Estimated Program Income:	**$ 4,440**
	$ 311,295

Comment Deadline

Ends on July 23, 2018

Questions

Final Comments

As part of the City's planning process, we need your opinions on how the Federal Funds should be spent. HUD and the City want to hear from you about what you believe the needs and strengths are in your neighborhoods, so that, together, we will develop plans that will best put these grant funds to use in your neighborhoods.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 219-391-8513

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

The program provides annual grants on a formula basis to entitled cities and counties to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons. The program is authorized under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, Public Law 93-383, as amended; **42 U.S.C.-5301** et seq.

Purpose

HUD awards grants to entitlement community grantees to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services.

Entitlement communities develop their own programs and funding priorities. However, grantees must give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income persons. A grantee may also carry out activities which aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. Additionally, grantees may fund activities when the grantee certifies that the activities meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs. CDBG funds may not be used for activities which do not meet these broad national objectives.

CDBG funds may be used for activities which include, but are not limited to:

- acquisition of real property;
- relocation and demolition;
- rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures;
- construction of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets, neighborhood centers, and the conversion of school buildings for eligible purposes;
- public services, within certain limits;
- activities relating to energy conservation and renewable energy resources; and
- provision of assistance to profit-motivated businesses to carry out economic development and job creation/retention activities.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP/TALLERES DE TRABAJO COMUNITARIOS

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Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
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City Hall Council Chambers
4525 Indianapolis Blvd. - 2nd Floor
East Chicago, Indiana 46312
Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 5:00pm

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM

	NAME/NOMBRE	ADDRESS/DIRECCIÓN	PHONE/TEL	E-MAIL/CORREO ELECTRÓNICO
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2	Ezell Foster	4938 Euclid Ave	219 545-6593	Efoster20@yahoo Com
3	Maune Morgan	2940 Evergreen Lane	219 776-4498	morganredevelopec@yahoo.com
4	Loretta Mosley	3921 Carey st	(219) 290-0928	Mosleyloretta@yahoo.com
5	Judy Nava	5605 Walsh Ave	219-746.1025	jnava@garyhousing.org
6	Shelice Tolbert	1085 Broadway, Ste B, Gary	219-497-3094	Stolbert@tolbertlyons.com
7	Lynette Turk	Redevelopment	219-391-8513 ext 286	LTurk@eastchicago.com

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9	Jennifer Gueyser	NWIRA $209 Hohman	219 750 1206	jennifergueyserwhite@nwira.org
10	Leta Marin	513 W Chicago Ave	219 308 1575	leta_marin@usc.salvationarmy.org
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BEFORE THE EAST CHICAGO
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REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS had at the meeting before the East Chicago Redevelopment Commission, reported by Beth A. Barnette, CSR and Notary Public, Illinois License No. 084-004727, at 4525 Indianapolis Boulevard, East Chicago, Indiana, Common Council Chambers, Second Floor, on the 17th day of July, 2018, at 5:00 o'clock in the evening.

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Judy Nava, Secretary

Christine Russell, Commissioner

Loretta Mosley, Commissioner

Shelice Tolbert, Commission Attorney

Lyvette Turk, Community Development Programs Manager

Gloria Hinojosa, Accounting Assistant

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MS. TURK: Good evening, Commissioners and Attorney Tolbert. This portion tonight will satisfy the citizen participation plan for the fiscal year 2018

Annual Action Plan. Each one of you should have received a copy of the draft plan. The draft plan is also available on the website at www.eastchicago.com. Tonight we have with us Ryan Chasey, which is our consultant for the plan, from HPG Network, also known as High Performance Government Network, and I will let him come forward and talk a little bit about the plan.

MR. CHASEY: Thanks, Lyvette. Good evening. The purpose of this hearing tonight is to provide the public with an opportunity to hear more and ask questions about the City of East Chicago's 2018 Annual Action Plan. The Annual Action Plan is submitted to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the grant funds for 2018 for the City of East Chicago are as follows: Community Development Block Grant, $1,331,267; Program Income from the Community Development Block Grant, $70,000; HOME Investment Partnerships Program, $306,855; and HOME Program Income, $4,440.

Just before I walk through a little bit of the details, I want to note that

the plan is on display at the mayor's office, as well as the Department of Redevelopment, and it will remain on display through July 23rd. Residents who have comments that they wish to submit can do that via written comments that can be E-mailed to Lyvette or they can make oral comments at the public hearing here.

I want to recognize and thank a number of the agencies here in East Chicago who have provided input into this plan as part of our outreach effort. We have contacted a number of the agencies who are located here in East Chicago and asked for their input. We had six different agencies that provided input to us and we've been able to incorporate that into the plan. So we appreciate their time.

I'm going to just review the goals that are outlined in the plan, as that's a high level look at the plan going forward. The first goal is to provide program management and oversight for the successful administration of federal, state, and local funded programs. The second goal is to provide planning services for special studies,

environmental clearance, fair housing, and compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations. The third goal is to conserve and rehabilitate the existing housing stock in the community, including emergency repairs, handicap accessibility, and the designated census tract Exterior Facade Renovation Program. The fourth goal is to assist lower income home buyers to purchase a home through housing counseling, down payment, and closing cost assistance. The fifth goal is to improve the supply and affordable rental housing units and provide rental assistance. The sixth goal is to promote fair housing through education and information. The seventh goal is to assist providers in the operation of housing and support services for the homeless and persons at risk of becoming homeless. The eighth goal is to support social services programs and facilities for the elderly, persons with disabilities, and persons with other special needs. The ninth goal is to improve and increase public safety programs for you, the elderly, and the disabled, including recreational programs,

city services, and social welfare programs throughout the city. And the tenth goal is to support and encourage new job creation, job retention, and job training opportunities.

In order to work towards these goals, you've been provided with a budget of how these funds will be utilized in the coming year. Each of those entities has programs that will be supported in order to reach the goals that I've just named.

MS. TURK: Thank you, Ryan. Did anyone have any questions for Ryan?

(No immediate response.)

MS. TURK: Okay. So if you have any comments or questions or concerns, you can just, of course, reach our office Monday through Friday, from 8:30 to 4:30 p.m., at 219-391-8513.

Grantee Unique Appendices

2018 ACTION PLAN BUDGET
JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

				CDBG
	HOUSING PROGRAMS			
	HS-1	HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM DELIVERY		$ 300,000.00
	HS-1	HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS		$ 610,013.60
		Subtotal	**65%**	**$ 910,013.60**
	PUBLIC SERVICES			
	CD-3	BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER NORTHWEST INDIANA		$ 10,000.00
	HO-2	CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF GARY		$ 7,000.00
	CD-3	CITY OF EAST CHICAGO PARKS & RECREATION - YOUTH PERFORMING ARTS		$ 15,000.00
	SN-3	CITY OF EAST CHICAGO PARKS & RECREATION - SENIOR PROGRAMS		$ 5,000.00
	CD-3	CITY OF EAST CHICAGO PARKS & RECREATION - SUMMER STARS CAMP		$ 25,000.00
	CD-3	CITY OF EAST CHICAGO SPORTS VOUCHER PROGRAM		$ 9,000.00
	CD-3	EAST CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY		$ 8,000.00
	HS-5	CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICES OF NWI		$ 5,000.00
	HO-2	HAVEN HOUSE INC		$ 15,000.00
	CD-3	INDIANA LEGAL SERVICES, INC.		$ 15,000.00
	ED-1	INDIANA PARENTING INSTITUTE		$ 5,000.00
	HS-3	NORTHWEST INDIANA REINVESTMENT ALLIANCE		$ 22,000.00
	ED-1	SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM		$ 50,000.00
	CD-3	THE SALVATION ARMY		$ 5,000.00
	SN-3	WE CARE FROM THE HEART INC.		$ 15,000.00
		Subtotal	**15%**	**$ 211,000.00**
	ADMINISTRATION			
	AM-1 / AM-2	CDBG ADMINISTRATION (GENERAL, PLANNING & FAIR HOUSING)	**20%**	$ 280,253.40
		Subtotal		**$ 280,253.40**
		Total		**$ 1,401,267.00**
		Total amount to fund		$ (1,401,267.00)
		Remaining to be funded		$ -

2018 Allocation	*CDBG*	*HOME*
Grant	$ 1,331,267.00	$306,855
Estimated PI	$ 70,000.00	$ 4,440.00
Total	***$ 1,401,267.00***	***$ 311,295.00***

Public Services	
Grant	$ 1,331,267.00
Times 15% Cap	***15%***
	$ 199,690.05
2017 Actual PI	$ 79,510.47
as of 6-30-2018	*15%*
Total	***$ 11,926.57***
	$ 199,690.05
	$ 11,926.57
	$ 211,616.62

General Administration	
Grant	$ 1,331,267.00
Times 20% Cap	***20%***
	$ 266,253.40
2018 Estimated PI	$ 70,000.00
	20%
	$ 14,000.00

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2018 ACTION PLAN BUDGET
JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

	HOUSING PROGRAMS			HOME
	HS-1	HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS	32%	$ 100,000.00
	HS-4	HARBORSIDE APARTMENT RENOVATION PROJECT	38%	$ 119,238.50
	HS-1	AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM (CHDO)	15%	$ 46,028.25
		Subtotal		**$ 265,266.75**
	ADMINISTRATION			
	AM-1 / AM-2	HOME ADMINISTRATION (GENERAL, PLANNING & FAIR HOUSING)	10%	$ 30,685.50
	AM-1	CHDO Operating Funds	5%	$ 15,342.75
				$ 46,028.25
		Total HOME		**$ 311,295.00**
			Total amount to fund	$ (311,295.00)
			Remaining to be funded	$ -

HOME - CHDO		
Grant	$	*306,855.00*
Times 15% Cap		***15%***
Total	**$**	***46,028.25***

Admin		
Grant	$	*306,855.00*
Times 15% Cap		***10%***
Total	**$**	***30,685.50***

CHDO Operating		
Grant	$	*306,855.00*
Times 15% Cap		***5%***
Total	**$**	***15,342.75***

Resale and Recapture Guidelines for Homeownership Programs



Anthony Copeland, Mayor
City of East Chicago

Frank Rivera
Executive Director
Department of Redevelopment

Updated 8-14-2018



Resale and Recapture Guidelines for Homeownership Programs



OVERVIEW

The HOME-assisted homebuyer requirements of the HOME rule can be found at 24 CFR Part 92.254, *Qualification as Affordable Housing: Homeownership*. It states that in order for homeownership housing to qualify as affordable housing it must:

- Be single-family, modest housing,
- Be acquired by a low-income family as its principal residence, and
- Meet affordability requirements for a specific period of time as determined by the amount of assistance provided.

In addition, to ensure affordability, the PJ must impose either resale or recapture requirements on the housing. These provisions will be imposed for the duration of the period of affordability on all HOME-assisted homebuyer projects.

HOMEBUYER RESALE PROVISIONS

When a homebuyer's property is constructed, redeveloped, rehabilitated, or acquired, in whole or in part, with HOME funds and the HOME funds are provided to the homebuyer property in the form of a development subsidy and there is no direct homebuyer subsidy, the resale provisions must be implemented. A direct homebuyer subsidy consists of any financial assistance that reduces the purchase price from fair market value to an affordable price, or otherwise directly subsidizes the purchase ("***direct homebuyer subsidy***"). The development subsidy consists of the difference between the cost of producing the unit and the market value of the property ("***development subsidy***").

What triggers the resale provisions during the Affordability Period?

- The homebuyer transfers or conveys the property by deed, land contract, or otherwise;
- Foreclosure proceedings are commenced against the property;
- The property is transferred by an instrument in lieu of foreclosure; or
- The title to the property is transferred from the homebuyer through any other involuntary means.

The resale provision requires that the property:

(1) Must be resold to another individual or family, whose income is at or below eighty percent (80%) of the area median income;
(2) Must be occupied by that individual or family as its primary residence for the remainder of the Affordability Period;
(3) Must be resold at a price that is affordable, therefore a family between fifty percent (50%) and eighty percent(80%) of the area median income (AMI) would not pay more than thirty percent(30%) of its gross income towards the principal, interest, taxes and insurance for the property on a monthly basis ("affordable price");
(4) Must be affordable for a reasonable range of low income families between fifty percent (50%) and eighty percent (80%) of the AMI for the geographic area published annually by HUD.

The homebuyer is entitled to a fair return on its investment (as described below) upon the sale of the property. The fair return will be based on the percentage change in the "Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers" (Bureau of Labor Statistics - https://www.bls.gov/cpi/) for Owners' Equivalent Rent of Primary Residence line item in Table I of the CPI Detailed Report ("CPI Index") under "Unadjusted Percent Change" during the last 12 months. Accordingly, the CPI Index during the month the residence was completed (the month during which the completion reports were received by and approved by the City of East Chicago Department of Redevelopment, administrator of the HOME funds for the City of East Chicago) will be compared to the CPI Index during the month the homebuyer sells the residence to determine the percentage of return. This percentage will be multiplied by the homebuyer's investment.

Here is an example of the calculation:
Original Sales Price: $110,000
Initial Homebuyer Investment: $1,000
Capital Investment/Improvements: $5,000

CPI Percentage at completion: 3.1%
CPI Percentage at sale of property: 3.9%
3.9% + 3.1% = 7% ÷ 2 = 3.5%

($1,000 + $5,000) x 3.5% = $210 (Fair return)
$1,000 + $5,000 + $210 = $6,210 (Total return to original homebuyer at sale)
$110,000 + $6,210 = **$116,210** (Maximum allowable subsequent sales price)

The homebuyer's investment will include any down payment (excludes the City's Forgivable Down Payment Assistance Program), plus any capital improvements. A capital improvement is any property enhancement that increases the overall value of the property, adapts it to new uses, or extends its life such as: adding windows, insulation, a new driveway, a new furnace, a garage, bedroom, new roof, remodeling kitchen, etc. Any capital improvements will be valued based on actual costs as documented by the homebuyer's receipts. Generally, replacing worn or dated components such as appliances or carpet would not be considered an improvement that adds

value or adapts it to new uses. In certain circumstances, such as a declining housing market where home values are depreciating, the homebuyer may not receive a return on his or her investment because the home sold for less or the same price as the original purchase price and a loss on investment may constitute a fair return.

The City of East Chicago will provide HOME assistance to the subsequent homebuyer to ensure that the original homebuyer receives a fair return and that the unit is affordable to the defined low-income population.

Imposing Resale Provisions

The City will impose the resale provisions when only a "development subsidy" is utilized. The Department of Redevelopment will be required to ensure that a lien and restrictive covenant agreement has been executed and recorded on any HOME-assisted property. In accordance with CPD Notice 12-003, the Department of Redevelopment must also execute a HOME written agreement with the homebuyer before or at the time of sale. The purpose of the agreement is to ensure that all parties are aware of the provisions related to the lien and restrictive covenant agreement and HOME requirements applicable to the HOME-assisted unit (i.e., period of affordability, principal residency requirement, etc.)

AFFORDABILITY PERIOD	
If the total HOME investment (resale) or direct subsidy (recapture) in the unit is:	**The period of affordability is:**
Under $15,000	5 years
$15,000 to $40,000	10 years
Over $40,000	15 years

Non-compliance

Failure to comply with the resale requirements means that:

(1) The original HOME-assisted homebuyer no longer occupies the unit as his or her principal residence (i.e., unit is rented or vacant), or

(2) The home was sold during the period of affordability and the applicable resale or recapture provisions were not enforced.

If this noncompliance occurs, the City of East Chicago through its Department of Redevelopment, as the entity responsible for the day-to-day operations of its HOME program, must repay its HOME Investment Trust Fund with non-Federal funds. The City must repay the HOME investment in accordance with §92.503(b)(3) whether or not it is able to recover any portion of the HOME investment from the noncompliant homebuyer.

HOMEBUYER RECAPTURE PROVISIONS

The Department of Redevelopment must implement recapture restrictions for any homebuyer property purchased, in whole or in part, by a homebuyer that receives a direct subsidy for the recipient from HOME funds Direct HOME subsidy is the amount of HOME assistance, including any program income, which enabled the homebuyer to buy the unit. The direct subsidy includes down payment, closing costs, interest subsidies, or other HOME assistance provided directly to the homebuyer. In addition, direct subsidy includes any assistance that reduced the purchase price from fair market value to an affordable price. If HOME funds are used for the cost of developing a property and the unit is sold below fair market value the difference between the fair market value and the purchase price is considered to be directly attributable to the HOME subsidy. ***Developers, other than CHDO's, are not allowed to provide down-payment or closing cost assistance, however a developer may provide a direct subsidy by reducing the purchase price from fair market value to an affordable price***.

What triggers the recapture provisions during the Affordability Period?

- The homebuyer transfers or conveys the property by deed, land contract, or otherwise;
- Foreclosure proceedings are commenced against the property;
- The property is transferred by an instrument in lieu of foreclosure; or
- The title to the property is transferred from the homebuyer through any other involuntary means.

The recapture approach requires that all or a portion of the direct subsidy provided to the homebuyer be recaptured from the net proceeds of the sale. Net proceeds are defined as the sales price minus superior loan repayment (other than HOME funds) and any closing costs.

Under recapture, there is no requirement that the original HOME-assisted homebuyer sell the unit to another low-income homebuyer. Instead, if the homebuyer transfers the property either voluntarily or involuntarily during the period of affordability, the Department of Redevelopment recovers, from available net proceeds, all or a portion of the HOME assistance to the homebuyers.

There are four (4) recapture options that are described in the HOME rule and are as follows:

(1) **Recaptures Entire Direct HOME Subsidy** - In this option, Redevelopment recaptures the entire amount of the direct HOME subsidy provided to the homebuyer before the homebuyer receives a return. Redevelopment's recapture amount is limited to the net proceeds available from the sale.

(2) **Reduction During Affordability Period** – In this option, Redevelopment may choose to reduce the amount of direct HOME subsidy on a pro-rata basis for the time the homebuyer has owned and occupied the housing, measured against the required affordability period. The resulting ratio would be used to determine how much of the direct HOME subsidy Redevelopment would recapture. The pro rata amount recaptured by Redevelopment cannot exceed what is available from net proceeds.

(3) **Owner Investment Returned First** - In this option, Redevelopment would permit the homebuyer to recover their entire investment (down payment and capital improvements made by the owner since purchase) before recapturing the HOME investment.

(4) **Shared Net Proceeds** - In this option, the HOME rule states that if the net proceeds are not sufficient to recapture the entire HOME investment or a reduced amount as described above, plus enable the homebuyer to recover the amount of the down payment and any investment in the form of capital improvements made by the homebuyer since purchase, Redevelopment may share the net proceeds. Shared net proceeds, in combination with the pro rata reduction over time, is the most commonly used approach.

The Department of Redevelopment has chosen "Shared Net Proceeds", in combination with the pro rata reduction over time.

To calculate the amount of net proceeds (or shared appreciation) to be returned to Redevelopment:

- Divide direct HOME subsidy by the sum of the direct HOME subsidy and the homebuyer's investment,
- Multiply by the net proceeds to calculate the amount of HOME investment to return to Redevelopment.

$$\frac{\text{Direct HOME Subsidy}}{\text{Direct HOME Subsidy + Homebuyer Investment}} \times \text{Net Proceeds} = \text{HOME Recapture}$$

To calculate the amount of net proceeds (or shared appreciation) available to the homebuyer:

- Divide the homebuyer's investment by the sum of the direct HOME subsidy and the homebuyer's investment,
- Multiply by the net proceeds to calculate the amount of homebuyer investment to return to the homebuyer.

$$\frac{\text{Homebuyer Investment}}{\text{Direct HOME Subsidy + Homebuyer Investment}} \times \text{Net Proceeds} = \text{Amount to Homebuyer}$$

Imposing Recapture Provisions

The City will impose the recapture provisions when a "direct subsidy" is utilized. The Department of Redevelopment will be required to ensure that a lien and restrictive covenant agreement has been executed and recorded on any HOME-assisted property. In addition, and in accordance with CPD Notice 12-003, the Department of Redevelopment must also execute a HOME written agreement and mortgage with the homebuyer before or at the time of sale. The purpose of the agreement is to ensure that all parties are aware of the provisions related to the lien and restrictive covenant agreement and HOME requirements applicable to the HOME-assisted unit (i.e., period of affordability, principal residency requirement, etc.)

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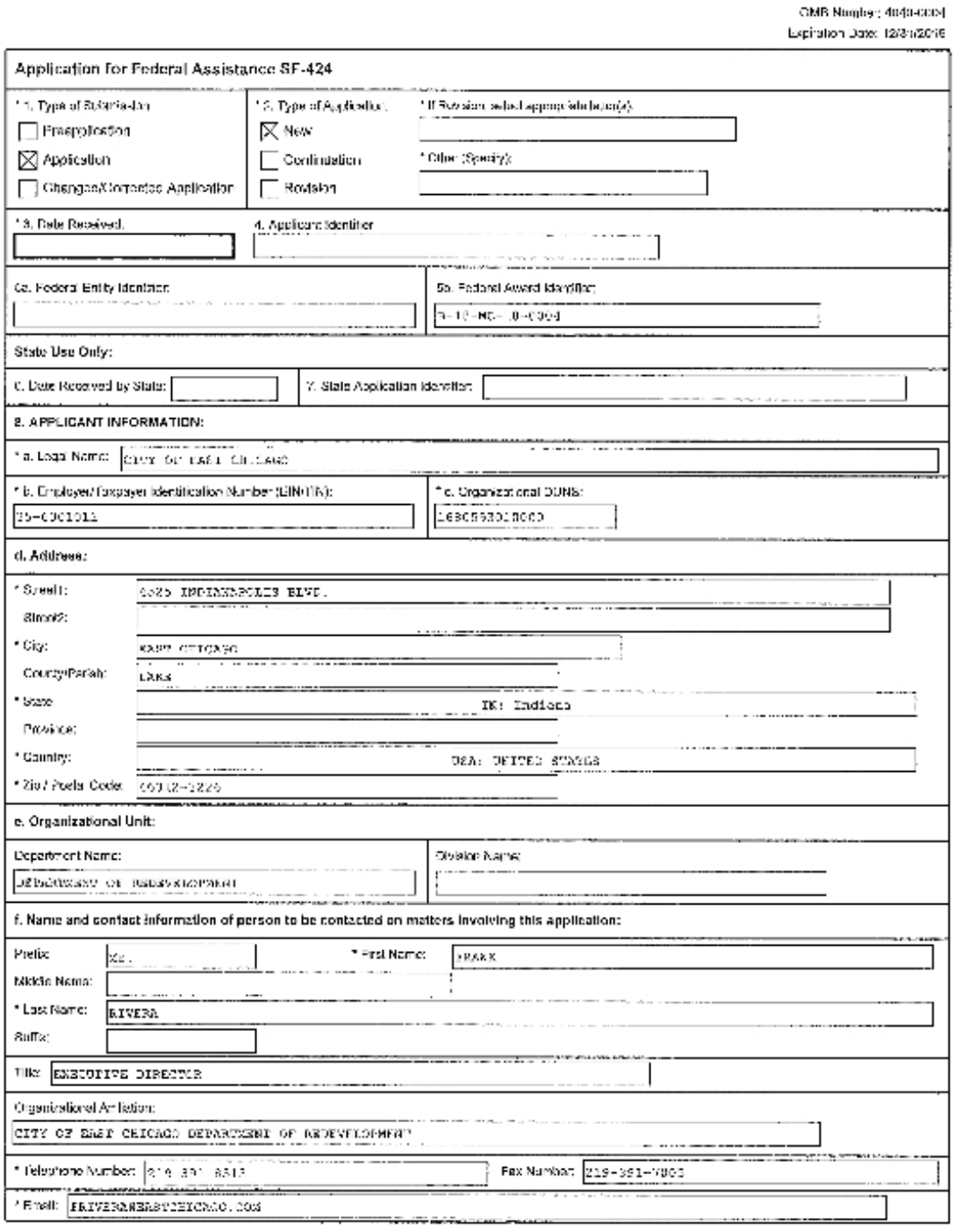
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Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO)

The Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) will be required to use the City HOME Resale/Recapture documents for their projects.

Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s)



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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

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* 3. Date Received:

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

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6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: CITY OF EAST CHICAGO

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 35-6001011

* c. Organizational DUNS: 168059301[illegible]

d. Address:

* Street1: 4525 INDIANAPOLIS BLVD.

Street2:

* City: EAST CHICAGO

County/Parish: LAKE

* State: IN: Indiana

Province:

* Country: USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code: 46312-2220

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name: [illegible]

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: Mr.

* First Name: MARK

Middle Name:

* Last Name: RIVERA

Suffix:

Title: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Organizational Affiliation: CITY OF EAST CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF REDEVELOPMENT

* Telephone Number: 219-391-8519

Fax Number: 219-391-7803

* Email: MRIVERA@EASTCHICAGO.COM

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* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

[illegible] City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.218

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)/Entitlement Grants

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

* Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

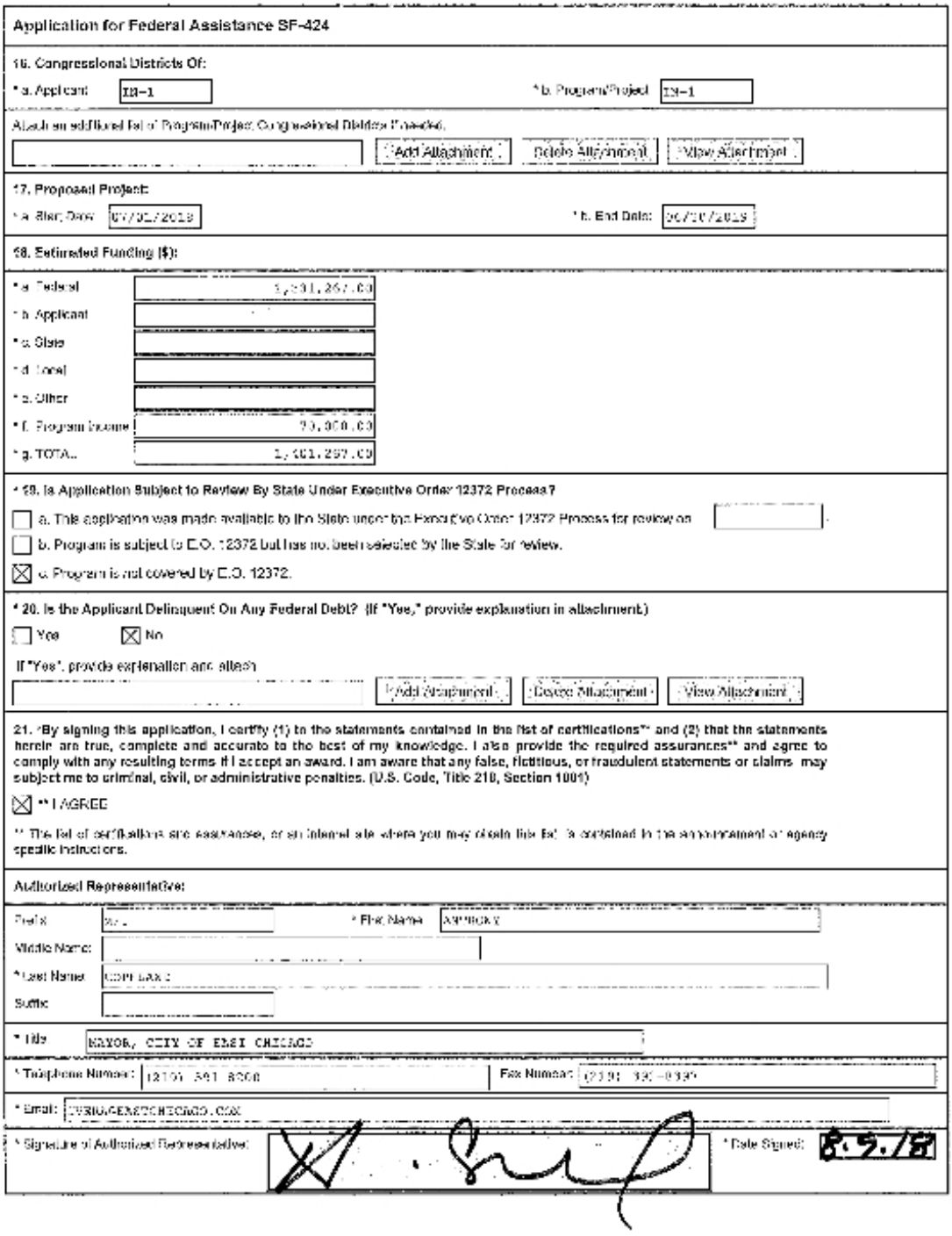
City of New Chicago's FY 2018 CDBG Annual Action Plan.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant: IN-1 * b. Program/Project: IN-1

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: 07/01/2018 * b. End Date: 06/30/2019

18. Estimated Funding ($):

* a. Federal	1,291,267.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	70,000.00
* g. TOTAL	1,361,267.00

* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?

☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .

☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)

☒ ** I AGREE

** This list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix:	Mr.
* First Name:	ANTHONY
Middle Name:	
* Last Name:	[illegible]
Suffix:	
* Title:	MAYOR, CITY OF EAST CHICAGO
* Telephone Number:	(219) 391-8500
Fax Number:	(219) 391-8510
* Email:	[illegible]@EASTCHICAGO.COM
* Signature of Authorized Representative:	
* Date Signed:	8.2.18

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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.

12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.

14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is $10,000 or more.

15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).

16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).

18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."

19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.

20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

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6. Date Received by State:	7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:	CITY OF EAST CHICAGO

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN)	* c. Organizational DUNS
35-6001071	[illegible]

d. Address:

* Street1:	4525 INDIANAPOLIS BLVD.
Street2:	
* City:	EAST CHICAGO
County/Parish:	LAKE
* State:	IN: Indiana
Province:	
* Country:	USA: UNITED STATES
* Zip / Postal Code:	46312-3225

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:	Division Name:
DEPARTMENT OF REDEVELOPMENT	

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:	Mr.
* First Name:	FRANK
Middle Name:	
* Last Name:	CIVIDA
Suffix:	
* Title:	[illegible]
Organizational Affiliation:	CITY OF EAST CHICAGO DEPARTMENT OF REDEVELOPMENT
* Telephone Number:	219-391-8515
Fax Number:	219-391-8505
* Email:	[illegible]

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.218

CFDA Title:

[illegible]

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

* Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

City of Saint Charles's FY 2018 HOME Annual Action Plan.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant: IN-1 * b. Program/Project: IN-1

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date: 07/01/2018 * b. End Date: 06/30/2019

18. Estimated Funding ($):

* a. Federal	307,850.00
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	
* c. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	4,440.00
* g. TOTAL	311,290.00

* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?

☐ a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on .

☐ b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

☒ c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)

☒ ** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: Mr. * First Name: STEVE

Middle Name:

* Last Name: JORDAHL

Suffix:

* Title: MAYOR, CITY OF EAST CHICAGO

* Telephone Number: (219) 391-8300 Fax Number: (219) 391-8367

* Email: SVERA@EASTCHICAGO.COM

* Signature of Authorized Representative: * Date Signed: 8.9.18

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Number: 4040-0009
Expiration Date: 01/31/2019

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NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728–4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681-1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee-3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

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11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.

12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.

13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.

14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is $10,000 or more.

15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) Implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).

16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.

17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).

18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."

19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.

20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	MAYOR
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
CITY OF EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA	

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CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;

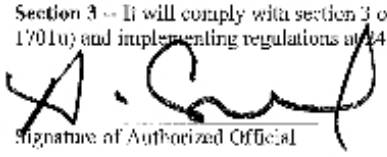
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and

3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.



Signature of Authorized Official

8.9.18

Date

Mayor

Title

Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) **2017 & 2018** [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

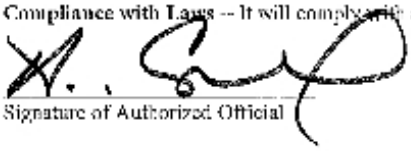
1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and

2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.



8.9.18

Signature of Authorized Official — Date

Mayor

Title

Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy layering - Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;



Signature of Authorized Official

8.9.18

Date

Mayor

Title

APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than $10,000 and not more than $100,000 for each such failure.

CITY OF EAST CHICAGO – REDEVELOPMENT COMMISION
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-RED-1760

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REDEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY OF EAST CHICAGO APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2018 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AND THE HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS GRANT (HOME) AND AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF THE PLANS WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD)

WHEREAS, under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) authorized under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, Public Law 93-383, as amended; 42 U.S.C. 5301 et seq., the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to extend financial assistance to communities to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment, and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate income persons; and

WHEREAS, under the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) authorized under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, the Secretary of HUD is authorized to extend financial assistance to participating jurisdictions to expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the staff of the City of East Chicago Department of Redevelopment has prepared the Annual Action Plan, which proposes how the entitlement grants will be expended to address the housing and community development needs identified in the 5 Year Consolidated Plan, along with an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice; and

WHEREAS, a draft of the FY 2018 Annual Action Plan appeared on public display from June 22, 2018 to July 23, 2018 and public meeting on the aforementioned plan were held and the comments of various agencies, groups and citizens were taken into consideration in the preparation of the final documents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REDEVELOPMENT FOR THE CITY OF EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the FY 2018 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant and the HOME Investment Partnerships Grant is hereby, in all respects, APPROVED and the Executive Director of the Department of Redevelopment is hereby directed to file a copy of said plans with the Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of this Board of Commissioners; and

SECTION 2. That the City of East Chicago and its Department of Redevelopment are cognizant of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of the Community Development Block Grant and the HOME Investment Partnerships Grant with Federal financial

assistance, including those relating to (a) the relocation of site occupants, (b) the prohibition of discrimination because of race, color, age, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin and other assurances as set forth under the required HUD Certifications.

SECTION 3. That the Department of Redevelopment is authorized to file, on behalf of the City of East Chicago, the FY 2018 Annual Action Plan with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the proper officers are authorized to sign any and all documents in regard to these programs.

SECTION 4. That the Mayor, on behalf of the City of East Chicago is authorized to provide all assurances and/or certifications as required by HUD.

ADOPTED INTO A RESOLUTION THIS 24th DAY OF JULY 2018 BY THE BOARD OF COMMISIONERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REDEVELOPMENT OF THE CITY OF EAST CHICAGO, INDIANA.

Ezell Foster, President

Maune Morgan, Vice President

Judy Nava, Secretary

Christine Russell, Commissioner

Loretta Mosley, Commissioner

Frank Rivera, Executive Director

EXHIBIT A

BUDGET FOR FY 2018 ACTION PLAN

2018 ACTION PLAN BUDGET
JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

				CDBG
	HOUSING PROGRAMS			
	HS-1	HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM DELIVERY		$ 300,000.00
	HS-1	HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS		$ 610,013.60
		Subtotal	**65%**	**$ 910,013.60**
	PUBLIC SERVICES			
	CD-3	BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF GREATER NORTHWEST INDIANA		$ 10,000.00
	HO-2	CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF GARY		$ 7,000.00
	CD-3	CITY OF EAST CHICAGO PARKS & RECREATION - YOUTH PERFORMING ARTS		$ 15,000.00
	SN-3	CITY OF EAST CHICAGO PARKS & RECREATION - SENIOR PROGRAMS		$ 5,000.00
	CD-3	CITY OF EAST CHICAGO PARKS & RECREATION - SUMMER STARS CAMP		$ 25,000.00
	CD-3	CITY OF EAST CHICAGO SPORTS VOUCHER PROGRAM		$ 9,000.00
	CD-3	EAST CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY		$ 8,000.00
	HS-5	CONSUMER CREDIT COUNSELING SERVICES OF NWI		$ 5,000.00
	HO-2	HAVEN HOUSE INC		$ 15,000.00
	CD-3	INDIANA LEGAL SERVICES, INC.		$ 15,000.00
	ED-1	INDIANA PARENTING INSTITUTE		$ 5,000.00
	HS-3	NORTHWEST INDIANA REINVESTMENT ALLIANCE		$ 22,000.00
	ED-1	SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM		$ 50,000.00
	CD-3	THE SALVATION ARMY		$ 5,000.00
	SN-3	WE CARE FROM THE HEART INC.		$ 15,000.00
		Subtotal	**15%**	**$ 211,000.00**
	ADMINISTRATION			
	AM-1 / AM-2	CDBG ADMINISTRATION (GENERAL, PLANNING & FAIR HOUSING)	**20%**	$ 280,253.40
		Subtotal		**$ 280,253.40**
		Total		**$ 1,401,267.00**
		Total amount to fund		$ (1,401,267.00)
		Remaining to be funded		$ -

2018 Allocation	CDBG	HOME
Grant	$ 1,331,267.00	$306,855
Estimated PI	$ 70,000.00	$ 4,440.00
Total	$ 1,401,267.00	$ 311,295.00

Public Services	
Grant	$ 1,331,267.00
Times 15% Cap	15%
	$ 199,690.05
2017 Actual PI as of 6-30-2018	$ 79,510.47
	15%
Total	$ 11,926.57
	$ 199,690.05
	$ 11,926.57
	$ 211,616.62

General Administration	
Grant	$ 1,331,267.00
Times 20% Cap	20%
	$ 266,253.40
2018 Estimated PI	$ 70,000.00
	20%
	$ 14,000.00

2018 ACTION PLAN BUDGET
JULY 1, 2018 - JUNE 30, 2019

	HOUSING PROGRAMS			HOME
	HS-1	HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS	32%	$ 100,000.00
	HS-4	HARBORSIDE APARTMENT RENOVATION PROJECT	38%	$ 119,238.50
	HS-1	AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAM (CHDO)	15%	$ 46,028.25
		Subtotal		$ 265,266.75
	ADMINISTRATION			
	AM-1 / AM-2	HOME ADMINISTRATION (GENERAL, PLANNING & FAIR HOUSING)	10%	$ 30,685.50
	AM-1	CHDO Operating Funds	5%	$ 15,342.75
				$ 46,028.25
		Total HOME		$ 311,295.00
			Total amount to fund	$ (311,295.00)
			Remaining to be funded	$ -

HOME - CHDO	
Grant	$ 306,855.00
Times 15% Cap	15%
Total	$ 46,028.25

Admin	
Grant	$ 306,855.00
Times 15% Cap	10%
Total	$ 30,685.50

CHDO Operating	
Grant	$ 306,855.00
Times 15% Cap	5%
Total	$ 15,342.75

Prepared By: Lynette E. Tuck Date: 7/20/2018
Lynette Tuck, C.D. Programs Manager

Reviewed By: Frank Rivera Date: 7/26/18
Frank Rivera, Executive Director