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## CR-00 - Executive Summary

In accordance with the Federal Regulations found in 24 CFR Part 91, the City of East Chicago, Indiana has prepared this Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the period of July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. The CAPER describes the activities undertaken during this time period with funding provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. The projects/activities and accomplishments described in this CAPER principally benefited low- and moderate-income persons and the funding has been targeted to neighborhoods where there is the greatest percentage of low- and moderate-income residents in the City of East Chicago. The following overall program narrative is based on the Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans. This CAPER is for the third year of the FY 2019-2023 Five Year Consolidated Plan.

As a Federal Entitlement Community, the City of East Chicago received funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136 that was passed by the U.S. Congress on March 27, 2020. The City received two (2) allocations of the Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds. The first allocation received by the City was \$787,698 and in the third round of funding, the City received an allocation of \$182,758 for a total allocation of \$970,456 CDBG-CV funds. These funds were included as part of the City's FY 2019 Annual Action Plan, as amended.

The City of East Chicago's FY 2021 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) was made available for public display and comment at the City's website (<http://www.eastchicago.com/243/Redevelopment>). The "Draft" CAPER was advertised in the newspaper on Monday, September 12, 2022. Those comments are included in section CR-105 Citizen Participation.

### Funds Received –

The City of East Chicago received the following FY 2021 entitlement funds during the time period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022:

	CDBG	CDBG-CV	HOME	HOME-ARP	Total
<b>FY 2021 Entitlement Grants</b>	\$ 1,329,212.00	\$ 970,456.00	\$ 282,564.00	\$ 1,023,095.00	\$ 3,605,327.00
<b>Program Income</b>	\$ 93,969.31	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,275.92	\$ 0.00	\$ 100,245.23
<b>Total Funds Received</b>	\$ 1,423,181.31	\$ 970,456.00	\$ 534,916.00	\$ 1,023,095.00	\$ 3,705,572.23

This chart only includes FY 2021 grant funds received during July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Any previous program year funds that were not spent or which might have been spent during this time period are not shown.

The City received CDBG program income from the Housing Rehab Program Loans (Principal, Interest, and Late Fees), Exterior Renovation Program (Owner’s Contribution Payments), Homebuyer Workshop Fees, mortgage payments, and sale of property. The City received HOME program income from mortgage payments and sale of property.

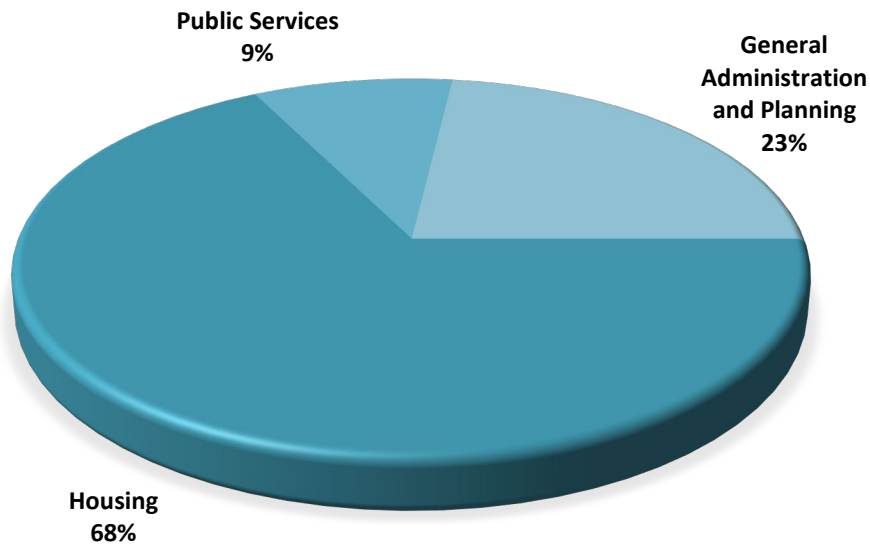
**Funds Expended –**

The amounts shown in the following chart are all CDBG, CDBG-CV, and HOME funds that were expended during the time period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. These expenditures consist of previous program year funds that were not drawn down until this time period and also include any reprogrammed funds from previous years.

Funding Sources	Total Funds Expended
<b>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)</b>	\$ 833,287.14
<b>Community Development Block Grant-CARES Act (CDBG-CV)</b>	\$ 17,949.35
<b>HOME Investment Partnership (HOME)</b>	\$ 166,031.55
<b>HOME Investment Partnerships American Rescue Plan Program (HOME-ARP)</b>	\$ 0.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,017,268.04</b>

The CDBG expenditures by type of activity are shown below.

### Expenditure by Type of Activity



Type of Activity	Expenditure	Percentage
Housing	\$ 562,371.31	67.49%
Public Services	\$ 78,638.30	9.44%
General Administration and Planning	\$ 192,277.53	23.07%
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 833,287.14</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

#### Regulatory Caps –

##### CDBG Program Administration Expense Cap:

The City of East Chicago’s CDBG program administrative expenditures were within the regulatory cap. This is shown in the table below:

	CDBG
<b>FY 2021 Entitlement Grant</b>	\$ 1,329,212.00

<b>FY 2021 Program Income</b>	\$ 93,969.31
<b>Administrative Cap Allowance</b>	20%
<b>Maximum Allowable Expenditures</b>	\$ 284,636.26
<b>Total Administration Funds Expended and Obligated</b>	\$ 192,277.53
<b>Administrative Percentage:</b>	<b>13.51%</b>

The City of East Chicago's CDBG program total administrative expenditures and obligated funds were \$192,277.53, which is below the 20% administrative cap.

#### **HOME Program Administration Expense Cap:**

The City of East Chicago's HOME program administrative expenditures were within the regulatory cap. This is shown in the table below:

	<b>HOME</b>
<b>FY 2021 Entitlement Grant</b>	\$ 282,564.00
<b>FY 2021 Program Income</b>	\$ 6,275.92
<b>Administrative Cap Allowance</b>	10%
<b>Maximum Allowable Expenditures</b>	\$ 28,883.99
<b>Total Administration Funds Expended</b>	\$ 0.00
<b>Administrative Percentage:</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

The City expended \$0.00 of its FY 2021 HOME funds on administration, which was under the 10% administrative cap. The HOME administrative expense is less than 10% at the HOME entitlement allocation.

**CDBG Public Service Activity Cap:**

	<b>CDBG</b>
<b>FY 2021 Entitlement Grant</b>	\$ 1,329,212.00
<b>Prior Year Program Income</b>	\$ 135,318.71
<b>Public Service Cap Allowable</b>	15%
<b>Maximum Allowable Expenditures</b>	\$ 219,679.61
<b>Total Public Services Funds Expended and Obligated</b>	\$ 78,638.30
<b>Public Service Percentage:</b>	<b>5.37%</b>

The City of East Chicago expended and obligated \$78,638.30 in funds for public services, which is below the 15% cap level for public services.

**CHDO Set-Aside:**

	<b>CHDO Set-Aside</b>
<b>FY 2021 HOME Entitlement Grant</b>	\$ 282,564.00
<b>CHDO Set-Aside Minimum Cap</b>	15%
<b>Minimum Allowable Set-Aside</b>	\$ 42,384.60
<b>Actual CHDO Programmed Set-Aside:</b>	<b>\$ 42,384.60</b>

The City of East Chicago programmed \$46,277.40 in funds for CHDO Set-Aside, which was at the 15% of the City’s allocation. During this CAPER period, \$0 CHDO funds were expended.

**Summary of Priority Goals and Expenditures:**

The City of East Chicago’s 2019-2023 Five Year Consolidated Plan established strategic initiatives to be addressed using CDBG and HOME funds. The identified goals and objectives are the following:

**Housing Strategy -**

**Priority Need:** There is a need for additional affordable, decent, safe, and sanitary housing for homebuyers, homeowners, and renters.

**Goals:**

- **HS-1 Homeownership** - Assist low- and moderate-income households who wish to become homeowners by providing down payment assistance, closing cost assistance, and payment of housing counseling training.
- **HS-2 Housing Development** - Increase the supply of decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing that is affordable to owners and renters in the City through rehabilitation of existing buildings and new construction.
- **HS-3 Owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation** - Provide financial assistance to low- and moderate-income homeowners to rehabilitate their existing owner-occupied housing.
- **HS-4 Renter-occupied Housing Rehabilitation** - Provide financial assistance to developers to rehabilitate housing units and support new residential development for rent that is affordable to low- and moderate-income tenants.
- **HS-5 Rental/Mortgage/Utility Assistance** - Provide for utilities, deposits, rent, and mortgage fees for low-income households who are faced with the threat of eviction, foreclosure, and who are at-risk of becoming homeless.
- **HS-5 Fair Housing** - Promote fair housing choice and affirmatively further fair housing through education, training, and outreach throughout the City of East Chicago.

**Homeless Strategy -**

**Priority Need:** There is a need for housing opportunities for homeless persons and persons at-risk of becoming homeless.

**Goals:**

- **HO-1 Housing** - Support the Continuum of Care's efforts to provide emergency shelter, transitional housing, and permanent housing.
- **HO-2 Operating/Support** - Assist non-profit housing providers in the operation of housing and support services for the homeless and persons at-risk of becoming homeless.
- **HO-3 Prevention and Re-Housing** - Continue to support the prevention of homelessness through anti-eviction activities and programs for rapid re-housing.

**Other Special Needs Strategy -**

**Priority Need:** There is a need for housing opportunities, services, and facilities for persons with special needs.

**Goals:**

- **SN-1 Housing** - Increase the supply of affordable, accessible, decent, safe, sound, and sanitary housing for the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, persons with alcohol/drug dependency, and persons with other special needs through rehabilitation of existing buildings and new construction.
- **SN-2 Social Services** - Support social service programs and facilities for the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, persons with alcohol/drug dependency, and persons with other special needs.

### **Community Development Strategy -**

**Priority Need:** There is a need to improve the community facilities, infrastructure, public services, and the quality of life in the City of East Chicago.

#### **Goals:**

- **CD-1 Public Facilities/Infrastructure** - Improve the City's public facilities and infrastructure through rehabilitation and new construction.
- **CD-2 Accessibility Improvements** - Improve the physical, visual, and handicapped accessibility of community facilities and infrastructure.
- **CD-3 Public Service** - 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.
- **CD-4 Food Programs** - Provide assistance for food and nutritional programs to address the needs of unemployed, underemployed, seniors, and homeless.
- **CD-5 Clearance/Demolition** - Remove and eliminate slum and blighting conditions through demolition of vacant, abandoned, and dilapidated structures in the City.

### **Economic Development Strategy –**

**Priority Need:** There is a need to increase employment, self-sufficiency, educational training, and empowerment for residents of the City of East Chicago.

#### **Goals:**

- **ED-1 Employment** - Support and encourage new job creation, job retention, and job training opportunities.
- **ED-2 Financial Assistance** - Support business and commercial growth through expansion and new development.
- **ED-3 Redevelopment Program** - Plan and promote the development and redevelopment of vacant commercial and industrial sites.

### **Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy -**

**Priority Need:** There is a continuing need for planning, administration, management, and oversight of federal, state, and local funded programs.



**Goals:**

- **AM-1 Overall Coordination** - Provide program management and oversight for the successful administration of federal, state, and local funded programs.
- **AM-2 Special Studies/Management** - Provide planning services for special studies, environmental clearance, fair housing, and compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

**Housing Performance Measurements:**

The following table lists the objectives and outcomes that the City accomplished through the CDBG activities during this CAPER period:

Objectives	Outcomes						Total by Objective	
	Availability/ Accessibility		Affordability		Sustainability			
	Units	\$	Units	\$	Units	\$	Units	\$
Suitable Living	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.00	16	\$ 330,948.00	16	\$ 330,948.00
Decent Housing	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.00
Economic Opportunity	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.00
<b>Total by Outcome</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$ 330,948.00</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>\$ 330,948.00</b>

The chart below lists the objectives and outcomes that the City accomplished through the HOME activities during this CAPER period:

Objectives	Outcomes						Total by Objective	
	Availability/ Accessibility		Affordability		Sustainability			
	Units	\$	Units	\$	Units	\$	Units	\$
Suitable Living	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.00	1	\$ 20,100.00	1	\$ 20,100.00
Decent Housing	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.00

Economic Opportunity	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.00	0	\$ 0.00
<b>Total by Outcome</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$ 20,100.00</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$ 20,100.00</b>

**FY 2021 CDBG, CDBG-CV, and HOME Budgets and Expenditure Charts -**

The chart below lists the FY 2021 CDBG activities that were funded:

Project Title/Description	2021 CDBG Budget	2021 CDBG Expenditures
<b>CDBG Administration</b>	\$ 252,342.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Planning</b>	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Fair Housing</b>	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Housing Rehabilitation Programs</b>	\$ 766,369.60	\$ 0.00
<b>Housing Rehabilitation Delivery</b>	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Boys &amp; Girls Clubs of Greater NWI – Triple Play Challenges Program</b>	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Catholic Charities – Safe Haven Homeless Prevention Program</b>	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 0.00
<b>City of East Chicago Sports Voucher Program</b>	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0.00
<b>City of East Chicago Parks &amp; Recreation - Arts Program</b>	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 0.00
<b>City of East Chicago Parks &amp; Recreation - Senior Program</b>	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0.00
<b>City of East Chicago Parks &amp; Recreation - Summer Stars Camp</b>	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Food Bank of NWI – Pantry Pack Program</b>	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Healthy East Chicago – Just Talk Mental Wellness Program</b>	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0.00

<b>Indiana Plan – Construction Awareness Training Program</b>	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Meals on Wheels of NWI – Meals Delivery Program</b>	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 0.00
<b>New Horizons Childcare Ministry – COVID Childcare Program</b>	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Northwest Indiana Reinvestment Alliance - Homebuyer 101 Program</b>	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 0.00
<b>We Care from the Heart – Senior Services Program</b>	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Public Service Contingency</b>	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,450,712.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

The chart below lists the FY 2021 HOME activities that were funded:

<b>Project Title/Description</b>	<b>2021 HOME Budget</b>	<b>2021 HOME Expenditures</b>
<b>HOME Administration</b>	\$ 23,402.98	\$ 0.00
<b>Planning</b>	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Fair Housing</b>	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00
<b>CHDO Operating</b>	\$ 14,128.20	\$ 0.00
<b>Affordable Housing Program (CHDO)</b>	\$ 42,384.60	\$ 0.00
<b>Multi-family Rehab Program – 3507 Guthrie Street</b>	\$ 128,614.06	\$ 0.00
<b>Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA)</b>	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 289,029.64</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

The chart below lists the FY 2021 CDBG-CV activities that were funded:

<b>Project Title/Description</b>	<b>2021 CDBG-CV Budget</b>	<b>2021 CDBG-CV Expenditures</b>
<b>CV-Administration and Planning</b>	\$ 55,000.00	\$ 17,949.35
<b>CV-Public Service: Indiana Legal Services</b>	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 0.00
<b>CV-Public Service: COVID Food Relief Program</b>	\$ 170,000.00	\$ 0.00
<b>CV-Business Resiliency Forgivable Loan Program</b>	\$ 720,456.00	\$ 0.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$ 970,456.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,949.35</b>

## CR-05 - Goals and Outcomes

### Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

*This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.*

This is the City's third year of the FY 2019-2023 Five-Year Consolidated Plan designed to address the housing and non-housing needs of City residents. This year's CAPER reports on the actions and achievements the City accomplished in Fiscal Year 2021.

The CAPER for the FY 2021 Annual Action Plan for the City of East Chicago includes the City's CDBG and HOME Programs and outlines which activities the City administered during the program year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022. The City of East Chicago's Department of Redevelopment is the lead entity and administrator for the CDBG and HOME funds.

The CDBG Program and activities outlined in this FY 2021 CAPER, principally benefited low- and moderate-income persons and funding was targeted to neighborhoods with the highest percentage of low and moderate income residents.

During this CAPER period the City budgeted and expended CDBG and HOME funds on the following strategies:

- **Housing Strategy – HS** – Budget \$1,217,497.00, expended \$0.00.
- **Homeless Strategy – HO** – Budget \$0.00, expended \$0.00.
- **Other Special Needs Strategy – SN** – Budget \$20,000.00, expended \$0.00.
- **Community Development Strategy – CD** – Budget \$155,000.00, expended \$0.00.
- **Economic Development Strategy – ED** – Budgeted \$5,000.00, expended \$0.00.
- **Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy – AM** – Budgeted \$275,745.00, expended \$0.00.

**Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)**

*Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee’s program year goals.*

Goal	Category	Indicator	Unit of Measure	Expected Strategic Plan	Actual Strategic Plan	Percent Complete	Expected Program Year	Actual Program Year	Percent Complete
<b>AM-1 Overall Coordination</b>	Administration	Other	Other	11	5	45.45%	2	2	100.00%
<b>AM-2 Special Studies/Management</b>	Administration	Other	Other	2	2	100.00%	2	2	100.00%
<b>CD-1 Public Facilities/Infrastructure</b>	Non-Housing Community Development	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0				
<b>CD-1 Public Facilities/Infrastructure</b>	Non-Housing Community Development	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0				
<b>CD-1 Public Facilities/Infrastructure</b>	Non-Housing Community Development	Other	Other	0	0				
<b>CD-2 Accessibility Improvements</b>	Non-Housing Community Development	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0				

<b>CD-2 Accessibility Improvements</b>	Non-Housing Community Development	Other	Other	0	0				
<b>CD-3 Public Service</b>	Non-Housing Community Development	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	575	47	8.17%	288	47	16.30%
<b>CD-3 Public Service</b>	Non-Housing Community Development	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0				
<b>CD-3 Public Service</b>	Non-Housing Community Development	Other	Other	0	0				
<b>CD-4 Food Programs</b>	Non-Housing Community Development	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	685	0	0.00%	73	0	0.00%
<b>CD-4 Food Programs</b>	Non-Housing Community Development	Other	Other	0	0				
<b>CD-5 Clearance/Demolition</b>	Non-Housing Community Development	Buildings Demolished	Buildings	0	0				
<b>ED-1 Employment</b>	Non-Housing Community Development	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0		4	0	0.00%

<b>ED-1 Employment</b>	Non-Housing Community Development	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	80	0	0.00%			
<b>ED-2 Financial Assistance</b>	Non-Housing Community Development	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation	Business	0	0				
<b>ED-2 Financial Assistance</b>	Non-Housing Community Development	Brownfield acres remediated	Acre	0	0				
<b>ED-2 Financial Assistance</b>	Non-Housing Community Development	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	0	0				
<b>ED-2 Financial Assistance</b>	Non-Housing Community Development	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	80	0	0.00%			
<b>ED-2 Financial Assistance</b>	Non-Housing Community Development	Other	Other	0	0				
<b>ED-3 Redevelopment Program</b>	Economic Development	Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation	Business	0	0				
<b>ED-3 Redevelopment Program</b>	Economic Development	Brownfield acres remediated	Acre	0	0				
<b>ED-3 Redevelopment Program</b>	Economic Development	Jobs created/retained	Jobs	0	0				
<b>ED-3 Redevelopment Program</b>	Economic Development	Businesses assisted	Businesses Assisted	0	0				
<b>ED-3 Redevelopment Program</b>	Economic Development	Other	Other	0	0				



<b>HO-1 Housing</b>	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	0	0				
<b>HO-1 Housing</b>	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	0				
<b>HO-1 Housing</b>	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added	Beds	0	0				
<b>HO-1 Housing</b>	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	0	0				
<b>HO-1 Housing</b>	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Other	Other	0	0				
<b>HO-2 Operating/Support</b>	Homeless	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	0	0				

<b>HO-2 Operating/Support</b>	Homeless	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	0	0				
<b>HO-2 Operating/Support</b>	Homeless	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	60	0	0.00%			
<b>HO-2 Operating/Support</b>	Homeless	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added	Beds	0	0				
<b>HO-2 Operating/Support</b>	Homeless	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	0	0				
<b>HO-3 Prevention and Re-Housing</b>	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	0	0				
<b>HO-3 Prevention and Re-Housing</b>	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	0	0				
<b>HO-3 Prevention and Re-Housing</b>	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Other	Other	0	0				
<b>HS-1 Homeownership</b>	Affordable Housing Public Housing	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	1170	0	0.00%	360	0	0.00%
<b>HS-1 Homeownership</b>	Affordable Housing Public Housing	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	Households Assisted	0	0				

<b>HS-1 Homeownership</b>	Affordable Housing Public Housing	Other	Other	0	0				
<b>HS-2 Housing Development</b>	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Rental units constructed	Household Housing Unit	0	0				
<b>HS-2 Housing Development</b>	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Homeowner Housing Added	Household Housing Unit	2	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%
<b>HS-2 Housing Development</b>	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Other	Other	0	0				
<b>HS-3 Owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation</b>	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	105	18	17.14%	15	18	100.00%
<b>HS-3 Owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation</b>	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Other	Other	5	0	0.00%	1	0	0.00%

<b>HS-4 Renter-occupied Housing Rehabilitation</b>	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Rental units rehabilitated	Household Housing Unit	11	0	0.00%	11	0	0.00%
<b>HS-4 Renter-occupied Housing Rehabilitation</b>	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Other	Other	0	0				
<b>HS-5 Rental/Mortgage/Utility Assistance</b>	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	40	0	0.00%	13	0	0.00%
<b>HS-5 Rental/Mortgage/Utility Assistance</b>	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	0	0		10	0	0.00%
<b>HS-5 Rental/Mortgage/Utility Assistance</b>	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Other	Other	0	0				
<b>HS-6 Fair Housing</b>	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	0	0				

	Community Development Fair Housing								
<b>HS-6 Fair Housing</b>	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Fair Housing	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0				
<b>HS-6 Fair Housing</b>	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Fair Housing	Other	Other	2	2	100.00%	2	2	100.00%
<b>SN-1 Housing</b>	Affordable Housing Public Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing	Households Assisted	0	0				
<b>SN-1 Housing</b>	Affordable Housing Public Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	Homeless Person Overnight Shelter	Persons Assisted	0	0				

<b>SN-1 Housing</b>	Affordable Housing Public Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added	Beds	0	0				
<b>SN-1 Housing</b>	Affordable Housing Public Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	Homelessness Prevention	Persons Assisted	0	0				
<b>SN-1 Housing</b>	Affordable Housing Public Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs	Other	Other	0	0				
<b>SN-2 Social Services</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Persons Assisted	75	0	0.00%	10	0	0.00%
<b>SN-2 Social Services</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit	Households Assisted	0	0				
<b>SN-2 Social Services</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Other	Other	0	0				

**Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date**

**Assess how the jurisdiction's use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.**

During the FY 2021 CDBG and HOME Program Year, the City of East Chicago addressed the following strategies and specific objectives from its Five Year Strategic Initiatives:

**Housing Strategy -**

**Priority Need:** There is a need for additional affordable, decent, safe, and sanitary housing for homebuyers, homeowners, and renters.

**Goals:**

**HS-2 Housing Development** - Increase the supply of decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing that is affordable to owners and renters in the City through rehabilitation of existing buildings and new construction.

- **CHDO Operating Funds (HOME)** - Funds were provided for general operating assistance to the certified "Community Housing Development Organization" (CHDO).
- **Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) (HOME)** - CHDO funds were provided to be used to provide assistance for acquisition/rehabilitation of a single-family home for low- and moderate-income homebuyer.

The City of East Chicago proposed to assist 1 single-family homebuyer through acquisition/rehabilitation. The City did not complete any of these units during this CAPER period. These activities are ongoing and will be completed during the FY 2022 CAPER period.

**HS-3 Owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation** - Provide financial assistance to low- and moderate-income homeowners to rehabilitate their existing owner-occupied housing.

- **Housing Rehabilitation Program Delivery (CDBG)** - Funds were used for delivery costs directly related to carrying out the Housing Rehabilitation Programs.
- **Housing Rehabilitation Programs (CDBG)** - Funds were used to assist owners of existing single family owner occupied housing to repair their homes.

The City of East Chicago proposed to assist 15 housing units and 5 organizations. The City met this goal by assisting eighteen (18) households.

**HS-4 Renter-occupied Housing Rehabilitation** - Provide financial assistance to developers to rehabilitate housing units and support new residential development for rent that is affordable to low- and moderate-income tenants.

- **Multi-Family Rehab Program – 3507 Guthrie Street (HOME)** - Funds were used to renovate 3507 Guthrie Street which is a 11-unit multi-family apartment building.

The City of East Chicago proposed to assist 11 housing units. The City did not meet this goal. This activity is ongoing and will be complete during the FY 2022 CAPER period.

**HS-5 Rental/Mortgage/Utility Assistance** - Provide for utilities, deposits, rent, and mortgage fees for low-income households who are faced with the threat of eviction, foreclosure, and who are at-risk of becoming homeless.

- **Catholic Charities – Safe Haven Homeless Prevention Program (CDBG)** - Funds were provide to Catholic Charities to provide financial assistance of up to three months of past due rent/mortgage assistance to individuals/families in danger of eviction/foreclosure with direct payment to landlords and/or mortgage company.
- **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA) (HOME)** - Funds were used to help individual households afford housing costs such as rent, security deposits, and utility deposits in the City of East Chicago. The City may also assist tenants with utility deposits, but only when HOME is also used for rental assistance or security deposits.

The City of East Chicago proposed to assist 13 households. The City did not meet this goal. This activity is ongoing and will be complete during the FY 2022 CAPER period.

**HS-6 Fair Housing** - Promote fair housing choice and affirmatively further fair housing through education, training, and outreach throughout the City of East Chicago.

- **CDBG Fair Housing (CDBG)** - Funds will be used for Fair Housing activities.

The City of East Chicago proposed to assist two organizations in FY 2021. The City met this goal.

- **HOME Fair Housing (HOME)** - Funds will be used for Fair Housing activities.

The City of East Chicago proposed to assist two organizations in FY 2021. The City met this goal.

#### **Other Special Needs Strategy -**

**Priority Need:** There is a need for housing opportunities, services, and facilities for persons with special needs.

#### **Goals:**

**SN-2 Social Services** - Support social service programs and facilities for the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, persons with alcohol/drug dependency, and persons with other special needs.



- **We Care From the Heart (CDBG)** - Funds were 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.

The City of East Chicago proposed to assist 10 persons in FY 2021. The City did not meet this goal. This activity is ongoing and will be complete during the FY 2022 CAPER period.

### **Community Development Strategy -**

**Priority Need:** There is a need to improve the community facilities, infrastructure, public services, and the quality of life in the City of East Chicago.

#### **Goals:**

**CD-3 Public Service** - 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 NWI - Triple Play Challenges Program (CDBG)**– The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater NWI will provide a progressive curriculum with age-appropriate activities that focus on building movement skills and positive attitudes toward physical activity.
- **City of East Chicago Sports Voucher Program - Sports Voucher Program (CDBG)** – The City of East Chicago Department of Redevelopment will provide sports vouchers for East Chicago youth to participate in East Chicago Little League and Northlake Pop Warner.
- **City of East Chicago Parks & Recreation - Arts Program (CDBG)** - The City of East Chicago Parks & Recreation will provide Arts Programs at the East Chicago Academy of Visual & Performing Arts Building located at 3601-05 Grand Boulevard.
- **City of East Chicago Parks & Recreation - Senior Program (CDBG)** – The City of East Chicago Parks & Recreation will provide programs for East Chicago seniors.
- **City of East Chicago Parks & Recreation - Summer Stars Camp (CDBG)** – The City of East Chicago Parks & Recreation will provide sports programs for East Chicago youth.
- **Healthy East Chicago - Just Talk Mental Wellness Program (CDBG)** – Healthy East Chicago will provide counseling sessions through the mental wellness program entitled "Just Talk", which focuses on the healing power achieved through talking, to low- and moderate-income persons.
- **Indiana Legal Services – Legal Services (CDBG)** – Funds were provided to the Indiana Legal Services to provide legal advice/counsel or extended representation to low- and moderate-income persons.
- **New Horizons Childcare Ministry – COVID Childcare Program (CDBG)** – Funds were provided to the New Horizons childcare ministry to provide quality childcare to children (6) months to (12) years of age offering assistance to children that are e-learning and those who need homework assistance. This program will allow parents to maintain their employment.

The City of East Chicago proposed to assist 288 persons in FY 2021. The City did not meet this goal. This activity is ongoing and will be complete during the FY 2022 CAPER period.

**CD-4 Food Programs** - Provide assistance for food and nutritional programs to address the needs of unemployed, underemployed, seniors, and homeless.

- **Food Bank of NWI – Pantry Pack Program (CDBG) – Funds were provided to assist** the Food Bank of Northwest Indiana’s Pantry Pack Program to provide monthly groceries to East Chicago residents to low- and moderate-income persons.
- **Meals on Wheels of NWI – Meals Delivery Program – Funds were provided to assist** Meals on Wheels to provide nutritious meals and wellness checks to low income seniors and adults with disabilities.

The City of East Chicago proposed to assist 73 persons in FY 2021. The City did not meet this goal. This activity is ongoing and will be complete during the FY 2022 CAPER period.

### **Economic Development Strategy –**

**Priority Need:** There is a need to increase employment, self-sufficiency, educational training, and empowerment for residents of the City of East Chicago.

#### **Goals:**

**ED-1 Employment** - Support and encourage new job creation, job retention, and job training opportunities.

- **Indiana Plan – Construction Awareness Training Program (CDBG) – Funds were provided to the** Indiana Plan to provide a two (2) week (80 hours) training program designed to inform and prepare an individual for the apprenticeship application process for the union trades.

The City of East Chicago proposed to assist 4 persons in FY 2021. The City did not meet this goal. This activity is ongoing and will be complete during the FY 2022 CAPER period.

### **Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy -**

**Priority Need:** There is a continuing need for planning, administration, management, and oversight of federal, state, and local funded programs.

#### **Goals:**

**AM-1 Overall Coordination** - Provide program management and oversight for the successful administration of federal, state, and local funded programs.

- **CDBG Administration** - CDBG funds were used for the overall program administration, coordination, monitoring/evaluation, fair housing, and planning activities associated with the preparation of the Annual Action Plan and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) and Fair Housing activities.

The City of East Chicago proposed to assist one organization in FY 2021. The City met this goal.

- **HOME Administration** – HOME funds were used for the overall program management, coordination, monitoring, evaluation, public information, fair housing activities and planning activities associated with the preparation of the Annual Action Plan and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The City of East Chicago proposed to assist one organization in FY 2021. The City met this goal.

**AM-2 Special Studies/Management** - Provide planning services for special studies, environmental clearance, fair housing, and compliance with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

- **CDBG Planning** – CDBG funds were used for Planning and Environmental Reviews associated with the preparation of the Annual Action Plan and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The City of East Chicago proposed to assist one organization in FY 2021. The City met this goal.

- **HOME Planning** – HOME funds were used for Planning and Environmental Reviews associated with the preparation of the Annual Action Plan and the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

The City of East Chicago proposed to assist one organization in FY 2021. The City met this goal.

**CR-10 - Racial and Ethnic composition of families assisted**

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).

91.520(a)

	<b>CDBG</b>	<b>HOME</b>
White	17	2
Black or African American	30	1
Asian	0	0
American Indian or American Native	0	0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>3</b>
Hispanic	17	2
Not Hispanic	30	1
<b>Total:</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>3</b>

**Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds**

**Narrative**

The City of East Chicago’s CDBG program benefitted 17 (36.17%) White families, 30 (63.83%) Black or African American families, 0 (0.0%) Asian families, 0 (0.0%) American Indian or American Native families, and 0 (0.00%) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander. Also, 17 families (36.17%) were Hispanic versus 30 families (63.83%) who were not Hispanic.

The City of East Chicago's HOME program benefitted 2 White families (66.67%) and 1 (33.33%) Black/African American families. In addition, 2 families (66.67%) were Hispanic and 2 families (33.33%) were not Hispanic.

**CR-15 - Resources and Investments 91.520(a)**

**Identify the resources made available**

Source of Funds	Source	Expected Amount Available	Actual Amount Expended Program Year
<b>CDBG</b>	FY 2021	\$ 1,419,212.00	\$ 833,287.14
<b>HOME</b>	FY 2021	\$ 289,030.00	\$ 166,031.55
<b>Other – CDBG-CV</b>	FY 2020	\$ 970,456.00	\$ 17,949.35

**Table 3 - Resources Made Available**

**Narrative**

The City of East Chicago received the following funds during the time period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022:

- CDBG Allocation - \$1,329,212.00
- CDBG Program Income - \$93,696.31
- HOME Allocation - \$282,564.00
- HOME Program Income - \$6,275.92
- CDBG-CV Allocation - \$970,456.00
- HOME-ARP Allocation - \$1,023,095.00
- **Total Funds Received - \$3,705,572.23**

**Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments**

Target Area	Planned Percentage of Allocation	Actual Percentage of Allocation	Narrative Description
<b>Harbor Action Plan</b>	4.00%	4.00%	The City funded one (1) project during this CAPER period in this Target Area.
<b>Citywide</b>	96.00%	96.00%	The City funded five (5) projects during this CAPER period in this Target Area.

**Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments**

**Narrative**

The City of East Chicago allocated its CDBG funds to those geographic areas whose population is over 51% low- and moderate-income. At least 70% of all the City’s CDBG funds were budgeted for activities which principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. The following guidelines for allocating CDBG and HOME funds were 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 activities proposed under the FY 2021 CDBG Program Year were located in areas with the greatest percentage 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.

**Leveraging**

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

**Leveraging Funds -**

The City of East Chicago leveraged the following resources to address issues identified in the Five Year Consolidated Plan.

**Other Resources –**

- The East Chicago Housing Authority received \$2,438,579 under the HUD Capital Fund Grant Program for FY 2021.

**Program Income –**

- The City of East Chicago received \$93,969.31 in CDBG program income from the repayment of residential repair program low interest loans during this CAPER period.
- The City of East Chicago received \$6,275.92 in HOME program income from mortgage and sale of a home during this CAPER period.

**Match Requirements –**

- The City of East Chicago is exempt from the HOME Match Requirement according to the FY 2021 HOME Match Reductions released July 2021.

<b>Fiscal Year Summary – HOME Match</b>	
1. Excess match from prior Federal fiscal year	N/A
2. Match contributed during current Federal fiscal year	N/A
3. Total match available for current Federal fiscal year (Line 1 plus Line 2)	<b>N/A</b>
4. Match liability for current Federal fiscal year	N/A
5. Excess match carried over to next Federal fiscal year (Line 3 minus Line 4)	N/A

**Table 5 – Fiscal Year Summary - HOME Match Report**

<b>Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year</b>								
Project No. or Other ID	Date of Contribution	Cash (non-Federal sources)	Foregone Taxes, Fees, Charges	Appraised Land/Real Property	Required Infrastructure	Site Preparation, Construction Materials, Donated labor	Bond Financing	Total Match
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Table 6 – Match Contribution for the Federal Fiscal Year**

**HOME MBE/WBE report**

<b>Program Income – Enter the program amounts for the reporting period</b>				
<b>Balance on hand at begin-nine of reporting period \$</b>	<b>Amount received during reporting period \$</b>	<b>Total amount expended during reporting period \$</b>	<b>Amount expended for TBRA \$</b>	<b>Balance on hand at end of reporting period \$</b>
\$ 66,811.97	\$ 6,275.92	<b>\$ 702.47</b>	\$ 0.00	\$ 72,385.42

**Table 7 – Program Income**

<b>Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises – Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period</b>						
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Minority Business Enterprises</b>				<b>White Non-Hispanic</b>
		<b>Alaskan Native or American Indian</b>	<b>Asian or Pacific Islander</b>	<b>Black Non-Hispanic</b>	<b>Hispanic</b>	
<b>Contracts</b>						
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dollar Amount	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub-Contracts</b>						
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dollar Amount	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total</b>	<b>Women Business Enterprises</b>	<b>Male</b>			
<b>Contracts</b>						
Number	-	-	-			
Dollar Amount	-	-	-			
<b>Sub-Contracts</b>						
Number	-	-	-			
Dollar Amount	-	-	-			

**Table 8 – Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises**



<b>Minority Owners of Rental Property</b> – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted						
	Total	Minority Property Owners				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dollar Amount	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Table 9 – Minority Owners of Rental Property**

<b>Relocation and Real Property Acquisition</b> – Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition						
Parcels Acquired		-	-			
Businesses Displaced		-	-			
Nonprofit Organizations Displaced		-	-			
Households Temporarily Relocated, not Displaced		-	-			
Households Displaced	Total	Minority Property Enterprises				White Non-Hispanic
		Alaskan Native or American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	Black Non-Hispanic	Hispanic	
Number	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cost	-	-	-	-	-	-

**Table 10 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition**

**CR-20 - Affordable Housing 91.520(b)**

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	10	0
Number of non-homeless households to be provided affordable housing units	27	18
Number of special-needs households to be provided affordable housing units	0	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>18</b>

Table 11 – Number of Households

	One-Year Goal	Actual
Number of households supported through rental assistance	10	0
Number of households supported through the production of new units	1	0
Number of households supported through the rehab of existing units	26	18
Number of households supported through the acquisition of existing units	0	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>18</b>

Table 12 – Number of Households Supported

**Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.**

The City of East Chicago did not meet its goal of providing rental assistance to 10 households. This is a new program the City is implementing with TBRA funds. This activity is ongoing and will continue in FY 2023.

The City did not meet its goal of the production of new affordable units. The goal was to develop one new unit affordable unit. This activity is ongoing and will continue in FY 2023.

The City of East Chicago did not meet its goal of rehabilitating 26 housing units, but the City did assist eighteen (18) housing units. This activity is ongoing and will continue in FY 2023.

**Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.**

The City of East Chicago is continuing to work toward achieving its goals of providing decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing for its low and moderate income residents. The City is providing funds for sale and rental housing to make them affordable. In addition, the City is funding a housing rehabilitation program.

The City of East Chicago directly assisted the community with affordable housing by providing CDBG and HOME funds to rehabilitate single family homes through the Residential Repair Program, the Emergency Rehab Program, the Accessibility Program and the Exterior Renovation Program. The City also funded a homebuyer workshop. The Department of Redevelopment will continue to partner with housing agencies and housing service providers. As a part of the Annual Action Plan planning process, the City will continue its extensive consultation and outreach efforts.

**Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.**

Number of Persons Served	CDBG Actual	HOME Actual
Extremely Low-income	8	0
Low-income	7	1
Moderate-income	0	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>

**Table 13 – Number of Persons Served**

**Narrative Information**

The City of East Chicago used its limited CDBG and HOME funds to address the greatest housing and community development needs in the City. The City worked in cooperation with non-profit housing developers to address the City’s affordable housing needs through the use of CDBG and HOME funds.

The information for Table 13 concerning the number of households assisted by income was taken from the CDBG and HOME PR-23 Reports from IDIS.

In FY 2021, the City of East Chicago provided CDBG, HOME, and other funds to develop or rehabilitate housing in the City. The results of the activities funded during the FY 202 CAPER period are below as required in HUD Table 2-A:

- **Acquisition of existing rental units - FY 2021** = 0 existing units; and Five Year Total = 0 existing units
- **Production of new rental units - FY 2021** = 0 new units; and Five Year Total = 0 new units
- **Rehabilitation of existing rental units - FY 2021** = 4 existing units; and Five Year Total = 9 existing units
- **Production of new owner units - FY 2021** = 0 new units; and Five Year Total = 0 new units

- **Rehabilitation of existing owner units - FY 2021** = 18 existing units; and Five Year Total = 57 existing units
- **Homebuyer Assisted - FY 2021** = 0 households ; and Five Year Total = 48 households

### **How has the City addressed the "Worst Case" Housing Needs?**

The City of East Chicago did not provide any direct funding for “Worst-Case” housing, but the City continued its Housing Rehabilitation Program to help homeowners to make accessibility improvements to their homes. The Housing Rehabilitation Program includes the Residential Repair Program, the Emergency Rehab Program, the Accessibility Program and the Exterior Renovation Program. These programs utilize CDBG and HOME Funds to assist the LMI persons to remain in their homes. Redevelopment continued its Roofing Program that was developed during the 2019 CAPER period, which was funded with non-federal funds.

**CR-25 - Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)**

**Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through: Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs**

The City of East Chicago's primary strategy in eliminating chronic homelessness is coordination with the Continuum of Care Network and implementation of programs designed to reduce and address homelessness in East Chicago and throughout Lake County, Indiana. Most of the regional care providers are members of the Continuum of Care of Northwest Indiana. These providers offer significant resources, services, and housing opportunities for the City's sheltered and unsheltered chronic homeless people. On January 26, 2022 the Continuum of Care completed a Point-in-Time survey of the homeless population in Lake County, Indiana. The 2022 Point-in-Time Count:

**Overall Numbers:**

- 212 persons identified themselves as homeless. This is an increase of 188 persons from 2021.
- 63 persons identified themselves as under the age of 18. This is an increase of 41 persons from 2021.
- 12 persons identified themselves as unaccompanied youth. This is an increase of 15 persons from 2021.

**Chronic Homelessness:**

- 61 persons identified themselves as chronic homeless. This is an increase of 41 persons from 2021.

**Special Needs Populations:**

- 52 persons identified themselves with serious mental illness. This is an increase of 28 persons from 2021.
- 20 persons identified themselves with substance abuse disorder. This is an increase of 15 persons from 2021.

During the CAPER period, the City's primary goal to end chronic homelessness was to ensure that chronic homeless individuals moved out of homelessness and into decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing with appropriate and adequate supportive services. The strategies to achieve this goal consisted 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 included:

- Involvement in the planning process through the Continuum of Care Network collaborative.
- Supported the development of 6 to 12 supportive housing units in the CoC area.
- Supported the on-going maintenance of the existing permanent supportive housing in the CoC.

- Supported social service providers and agencies in assisting chronically homeless people by enrolling them in appropriate public benefit programs.
- Supported advocacy, legal representation, and outreach to secure resources for the chronically homeless to become independent.
- Implemented a county-wide HMIS to collect data about chronic homeless people and identify housing and services needed. The collected data also provided direction to the City in allocating its local resources to better address the homeless needs.

### **Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons**

There is a lack of emergency and transitional units within the City and throughout the CoC as a whole. While emergency shelters and transitional housing programs still have a place in the overall continuum, the focus has now shifted to a Housing First model that emphasizes the placement of homeless persons in stabilized housing situations as soon as possible in order to minimize the amount of time in the system. The City continued to coordinate with the CoC and local homeless service providers to determine the most cost-effective way to use limited resources to address the needs of homeless households at their time of crisis. Potential strategies included support for a rehousing program for City residents, creation of a new shelter, and increasing prevention efforts to alleviate the need for emergency shelters.

Under the FY 2021 CDBG Program, the City funded the following agencies and programs which aim to prevent homelessness:

- **Catholic Charities - Safe Haven Homeless Prevention Program** – Catholic Charities will provide financial assistance of up to three months of past due rent/mortgage assistance to individuals/families in danger of eviction/foreclosure with direct payment to landlords and/or mortgage company.
- **Meals on Wheels of NWI – Meals Delivery Program** – Funds were provided to Meals on Wheels of NWI to provide nutritious meals and wellness checks to low- and moderate-income seniors and adults with disabilities.
- **We Care from the Heart – Senior Services Program** – Funds were provided to We Care from the Heart Senior Care Team, to provide senior participants with an individualized plan of care to meet their specific needs and goals for aging in place.
- **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA)** – Funds were provided to be used to help individual households afford housing costs such as rent, security deposits, and utility deposits in the City of East Chicago. The City may also assist tenants with utility deposits, but only when HOME is also used for rental assistance or security deposits.

During this CAPER period, the City continued to supported agencies and programs which aimed to prevent homelessness. The Indiana Legal Services continued to provide assistance to individuals for child support, foreclosure assistance, and other legal needs to maintain family structure and well-being. The residential

repair and loan programs were available to potential applicants to support homeowners with needed repairs, particularly emergency repairs, in an effort 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 publicly 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.

**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**

As an active participant in the CoC, the City plays a role in helping homeless persons of all types (veterans, chronically homeless, families with children, persons discharged from institutions, etc.) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living. The City continued to coordinate with the CoC and local homeless service providers to determine the most cost-effective way to use limited resources to address the needs of homeless households at their time of crisis. Potential strategies included support for a rehousing program for City residents, creation of a new shelter, and increasing prevention efforts to alleviate the need for emergency shelters.

**Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after 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); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs**

The City continued to partner with the CoC and local homeless service providers to determine the most cost-effective way to use limited resources to address the needs of homeless households at their time of crisis. Potential strategies included support for a rehousing program for City residents and increasing prevention efforts to alleviate the need for emergency shelters.

In addition to direct funding, the City continued to coordinate with the CoC and publicly funded institutions to ensure that all discharge policies are being fully implemented to avoid discharge of a person under the care of a publicly funded institution into homelessness.

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.



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**CR-30 - Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)****Actions taken to address the needs of public housing**

The City of East Chicago has its own public housing authority which provides housing for the low income, very low income, and extremely low-income residents in the City.

The Housing Authority of the City of East Chicago received \$2,438,579 under a HUD Capital Fund grant for FY 2021.

The East Chicago Housing Authority (ECHA) owns and manages 789 units of traditional public housing. The overall occupancy rate during this CAPER period is 50%. The Housing Authority of East Chicago also has 1,029 Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers and 485 individuals are on the Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers waitlist.

The East Chicago Housing Authority's "Teen Scene Latch Key After School Program" provided prevention education, tutoring, conflict resolution, culture lessons, wellness programs, and work skills. It provided parents with information on parenting skills and prevention activities for children.

The Housing Authority Family Self-Sufficiency program participants (Public Housing and Section 8) were encouraged to participate in the Homeownership Workshop offered by the City of East Chicago Department of Redevelopment.

**Actions taken 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.

**Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs**

The East Chicago Housing Authority was not classified as “troubled” by HUD and was performing satisfactorily according to HUD guidelines and standards. Therefore, no assistance was needed to improve operations of this Public Housing Authority.

**CR-35 - Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)**

**Actions taken 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. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)**

In May 2014, the City of East Chicago prepared an Analysis of Impediments as part of developing its Five Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2014-2018. The AI identified 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.

**Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

The City's largest obstacle to meeting underserved needs is the lack of funding available to address the City's priority needs. As such, the City continued to seek to work with other stakeholders in the area to attract additional funding into the City to address its goals. Potential funding sources included but are not

limited to tax credits, Opportunity Zone investments, RDA funds, and federal home loan bank funds.

Under the FY 2021 CDBG Program, the City of East Chicago received a CDBG grant in the amount of \$1,329,212.00 and program income in the amount of \$93,969.31 for a total of \$1,423,181.31. The City expended \$192,277.53 for general administration. The City's total expenditures in this program year were \$641,009.61. The City spent \$641,009.61. on projects/activities that principally benefited low- and moderate-income persons, for a low/mod benefit percentage of 100%.

The City of East Chicago, under its FY 2021 CDBG Program, addressed the needs of its elderly population by providing funds for:

- **Housing Rehabilitation Programs (CDBG)** - Funds were used to assist owners of existing single-family owner-occupied housing to repair their homes.
- **City of East Chicago Parks and Recreation - Senior Program** - Funds were used to provide programs for East Chicago Seniors.
- **Multi-family Rehab Program (HOME)** - Funds will be used to renovate 3507 Guthrie Street which is a 11-unit multi-family apartment building.
- **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA) (HOME)** - Funds will be used to help individual households afford housing costs such as rent, security deposits, and utility deposits in the City of East Chicago. The City may also assist tenants with utility deposits, but only when HOME is also used for rental assistance or security deposits.

### **Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

For rehabilitation projects, the City of East Chicago ensured that:

- Applications for rehabilitation funds received the required lead-based paint information and understood their responsibilities.
- The City staff properly determined if proposed projects were exempt from some or all lead-based paint requirements.
- The level of Federal rehabilitation assistance was properly calculated and the applicable lead-based paint requirements were determined.
- Properly qualified personnel performed risk management, paint testing, lead hazard reduction, and clearance services when required.
- Required lead hazard reduction work and protective measures were incorporated into project rehabilitation specifications.
- Risk assessment, paint testing, lead hazard reduction, and clearance work were performed in accordance with the applicable standards established in 24 CFR Part 35.
- Required notices regarding lead-based paint evaluation, presumption, and hazard reduction were provided to occupants and documented.

- Program documents established the rental property owner's responsibility to perform and document ongoing lead-based paint maintenance activities, when applicable.
- The City's staff monitored owner compliance with ongoing lead-based paint maintenance activities, when applicable.

For homeownership projects, the City of East Chicago continued to ensure that:

- Applicants for homeownership assistance received adequate information about lead-based paint requirements.
- The City's staff properly determined whether proposed projects are exempt from some or all lead based paint requirements.
- A proper visual assessment was performed to identify deteriorated paint in the dwelling unit, any common areas servicing the unit, and exterior surfaces of the building or soils.
- Prior to occupancy, properly qualified personnel performed paint stabilization and the dwelling passed a clearance exam in accordance with the standards established in 24 CFR Part 35.
- The home purchaser received the required lead-based paint pamphlet and notices.

### **Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

Approximately 30.6% of the City of East Chicago's residents live in poverty, while only 15.4% of Lake County residents live in poverty and 12.9% of the State of Indiana residents live in poverty. Female headed households with children under 5 are particularly affected by poverty at 66.4%. This information is from the U.S. Census "2016-2020 American Community Survey." The City's goal is to reduce the extent of poverty by 5%, based on actions the City can control and through work with other agencies/organizations.

The best anti-poverty strategy is to assist households in the ability to hold living wage jobs. As such, the focus of anti-poverty programs was to ensure working age members of a household are employable through job training and have access to employment opportunities through supportive services such as childcare and transportation. Programs designed to serve and support youth in their career development is also a critical strategy that will help break the cycle of generational poverty.

The City continued to redevelop the Harbor Area and pursue the economic revitalization. This will, in turn, create more economic opportunities and job prospects for City residents. In addition, the City continued to use public service funding to provide the expansion and improvement of public services primarily benefitting low- and moderate-income persons, which includes poverty-level families. These programs provided supportive services to families as they seek to gain self-sufficiency.

The City of East Chicago continued to support the regional Continuum of Care with applications for funds under the FY 2021 SuperNOFA. The City continued to support economic development to provide new job opportunities for unemployed and underemployed persons in the City of East Chicago.

**Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

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 planning process for the preparation of its Annual Action Plan. This included, but was not limited to, the following:

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

**Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)**

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 CDBG-CV 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.

**Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)**

In May 2014, the City of East Chicago prepared a new Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice. The Analysis of Impediments was submitted to HUD with the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan. Listed below are the Impediments from the 2014 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice:

- **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.

## **CR-40 - Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230**

### **Description of the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements**

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

The monitoring procedures were primarily driven by two (2) 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 Department of Redevelopment used the monitoring standards and procedures set forth in 2 CFR Part 200. The Department's monitoring activities ranged from screening applicants for income eligibility, screening the accounting practices of the sub-recipients, to on-site inspection of properties under rehabilitation. The City also monitored expenditures for different projects to assure eligibility, timely disbursement, and the achievement of goals. Desk reviews were completed every time an invoice was submitted to the Department of Redevelopment. In addition, agencies were monitored at least once during the course of the project. Based on a risk analysis of each sub-recipient, the City monitored more frequently as needed.

When monitoring, the Department of Redevelopment used the standards and procedures set forth in HUD's monitoring handbooks, guidelines, and technical assistance publications. The Department's monitoring activities included: screening applicants for income eligibility; examining the accounting procedures of the sub-recipients; and on-site inspection of properties under rehabilitation. The City also monitored expenditures for different projects to ensure eligibility and timely disbursement.

Another objective of the monitoring procedure was to achieve the goals identified in the Five Year Consolidated Plan. The City achieved this objective through annual reviews of all programs funded in the previous year and a detailed analysis of each sub-recipient's performance. In these efforts, the City required performance reports from all sub-recipients. The City reviewed these reports on a regular basis and provided technical assistance where needed to ensure compliance.

Through regular monitoring actions, the Department of Redevelopment provided information to all sub-recipients about the requirements and expectations of each sub-recipient under the program. The Department of Redevelopment required regular performance updates for each activity to ensure that the activities remain on schedule and that change orders were appropriately issued as unforeseen additional



work was needed. As a result of its monitoring efforts, the Department of Redevelopment ensured the effective and timely delivery of services. During this CAPER period, the City completed only desk reviews because of COVID-19. Desk reviews were completed every time the City received an invoice from a sub-recipient.

**Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)****Description of the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.**

The City of East Chicago placed the CAPER document on public display for a period of fifteen (15) days beginning on Tuesday, September 12, 2022 through Tuesday, September 27, 2022. A copy of the Public Notice is attached.

The "Draft" FY 2021 CAPER was on public display on the City's website: <http://www.eastchicago.com/243/Redevelopment>.

Attached is a Public Hearing Notice that was published in "The Times". The City posted the Public Hearing Notice on the City's Department of Redevelopment webpage. The virtual public hearing was held on Tuesday, September 20, at 6:00 PM through Zoom. Attached are the agenda, sign-in sheet, and the minutes from the meeting.

**CR-45 - CDBG 91.520(c)**

**Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction's program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.**

The City of East Chicago did amend its FY 2019-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan to include the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act). HUD received \$3.064 billion in funds through the CARES Act for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG-CV), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG-CV), and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA-CV) programs. The City of East Chicago received CDBG-CV funds and as such the City needed to amend its FY 2019-2023 Five Year Consolidated Plan and FY 2019 Annual Action Plan to access these funds.

**Accomplishments and program outcomes during this CAPER period:**

During this CAPER period, the City of East Chicago expended CDBG funds on the following activities:

- **Housing** - \$562,371.31, which is 67.49% of the total expenditures.
- **Public Services** - \$78,638.30, which is 9.44% of the total expenditures.
- **General Administration and Planning** - \$192,277.53, which is 23.07% of the total expenditures.
- **Total: \$833,287.14**

The City of East Chicago's Timeliness Ratio of unexpended funds as a percentage of the FY 2021 CDBG allocation is 2.20, which is over the maximum 1.5 ratio.

During this CAPER period, the CDBG program targeted the following with its funds:

- **Percentage of Expenditures Assisting Low- and Moderate-Income Persons and Households Either Directly or On an Area Basis** - 100.00%
- **Percentage of Expenditures that Benefit Low- and Moderate-Income Areas** - 0.00%
- **Percentage of Expenditures that Aid in the Prevention or Elimination of Slum or Blight** - 0.00%
- **Percentage of Expenditures Addressing Urgent Need** - 0.00%
- **Funds Expended in Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Area by Community Development Financial Institution** - \$261,409.00
- **Percentage of Funds Expended in Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas and by Community Development Financial Institutions** – 40.78%

During this CAPER period, the income level beneficiaries data are the following:

- **Extremely Low Income (<=30%)** – 70.31%
- **Low Income (30-50%)** – 23.44%
- **Moderate Income (50-80%)** – 3.13%
- **Total Low- and Moderate-Income (<=80%)** – 96.88%
- **Non Low- and Moderate-Income (>80%)** – 3.13%

During this CAPER period, the City had the following CDBG accomplishments:

- **Actual Jobs Created or Retained - 0**
- **Households Receiving Housing Assistance - 8**
- **Persons Assisted Directly, Primarily by Public Services and Public Facilities - 47**
- **Persons for Whom Services and Facilities were Available - 0**
- **Units Rehabilitated - Single Units - 13**
- **Units Rehabilitated - Multi Unit Housing - 4**

During this CAPER period, the City leveraged \$85,123.68 for CDBG Activities based off the PR54 CDBG Community Development Block Grant Performance Profile Report.

During this CAPER period, funds were repaid to HUD for voided checks and funds overdrawn. All of the CDBG funds were used to meet a National Objective. The City did not fund any projects that involved displacement and/or relocation with CDBG funds. The City did not make any lump sum agreements, during this CAPER period. The City did make a prior year adjustments, during this CAPER period.

<b>Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?</b>	No
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**[BEDI grantees] Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.**

**CR-50 - HOME 91.520(d)****Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 92.351(b)**

The City of East Chicago continued to follow its Affirmative Marketing Policies and Procedures. The Affirmative Marketing Policy was in all of the HOME Sub-Recipient Agreements and was applicable to projects that contained five (5) or more units. Most of the City's HOME projects that were developed do not meet this threshold. The City of East Chicago provided all HOME funded projects and all sub-recipients with the Affirmative Marketing Policy. The marketing of units was the responsibility of the housing provider to undertake in accordance with the Affirmative Marketing Policy.

The City established policies to ensure compliance with the Federal, state, and local laws in order to meet the City's outreach goals. The City met the following objectives:

- Provided maximum opportunities for minority and women business enterprises to participate in all HOME funded activities.
- Addressed impediments which have directly or indirectly impacted minority and women businesses from fully participating.
- Diversified participation in HOME funded activities by all business groups including; construction; real estate; appraisals; legal; financial; and other professional service providers.

The City of East Chicago accomplished the following items during this period to promote MBE and WBE participation:

- The City followed its policy to promote the opportunity for full participation by minority owned businesses, women's enterprises, and all other socially and economically disadvantaged persons.
- On a regular basis the Department of Redevelopment reviewed and monitored compliance with the City's affirmative action policies. This included an evaluation of compliance with the regulations on affirmative marketing to minority and women enterprises.
- The City sought minority contractors and vendors to the greatest extent possible in awarding contracts.
- The City monitored the progress of MBE and WBE participation in projects.
- The City provided adequate time for WBE and MBE vendors to respond to solicitations and provided assistance in overcoming barriers to submit bids when required or necessary.
- The City provided information on contracting procedures in the City and what opportunities were available throughout the City for contracts.
- The City conducted pre-bid and pre-construction conferences and informed the potential bidders of the City's requirements for MBE and WBE outreach and participation.

**Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects, including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics**

During this CAPER period, the City received \$6,275.92 in HOME Program Income.

**Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 91.220(k) (STATES ONLY: Including the coordination of LIHTC with the development of affordable housing). 91.320(j)**

The City of East Chicago fostered and maintained the quality of affordable housing through the following FY 2021 projects:

- **Housing Rehabilitation Programs (CDBG)** - Funds will be used to assist owners of existing single-family owner-occupied housing to repair their homes.
- **Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) (HOME)** - The CHDO funds will be used to provide assistance for acquisition/rehabilitation of a single-family home for a low- and moderate-income homebuyer.
- **Multi-family Rehab Program (HOME)** - Funds will be used to renovate 3507 Guthrie Street which is a 11-unit multi-family apartment building.
- **Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program (TBRA) (HOME)** - Funds will be used to help individual households afford housing costs such as rent, security deposits, and utility deposits in the City of East Chicago. The City may also assist tenants with utility deposits, but only when HOME is also used for rental assistance or security deposits.

**CR-58 – Section 3**

**Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided**

<b>Total Labor Hours</b>	<b>CDBG</b>	<b>HOME</b>
Total Number of Activities	0	0
Total Labor Hours	0	0
Total Section 3 Worker Hours	0	0
Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours	0	0

**Table 14 – Total Labor Hours**

<b>Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program</b>	<b>CDBG</b>	<b>HOME</b>
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing Targeted Workers	0	0
Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers.	0	0
Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships).	0	0
Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training.	0	0
Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching).	0	0
Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns.	0	0
Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts.	0	0
Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns.	0	0
Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes, preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services.	0	0
Held one or more job fairs.	0	0
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals.	0	0
Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide one or more of the following: work readiness health screenings, interview clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation.	0	0
Assisted residents with finding child care.	0	0
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year educational institution.	0	0
Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training.	0	0
Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching.	0	0
Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns.	0	0
Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies.	0	0
Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses.	0	0
Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.	0	0
Other.	0	0

**Table 15 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program**

**CR-60 - ESG 91.520(g) (ESG Recipients only)**

The City of East Chicago did not receive an Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) entitlement allocation during the FY 2021 CAPER period. Therefore, agencies must apply to the State of Indiana for ESG funds. Not Applicable.



**CR-80 – HOPWA CAPER Report**

The City of East Chicago did not receive a Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) Grant as an entitlement community in FY 2021. Not Applicable.

**CR-85 – IDIS Reports**

Attached are the following U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Reports from IDIS for the period from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022:

- **IDIS Report PR26** – CDBG Financial Summary
- **IDIS Report PR26** – CDBG-CV Financial Summary
- **IDIS Report PR01** – HUD Grants and Program Income
- **IDIS Report PR03** – CDBG Activity Summary
- **IDIS Report PR23** – CDBG Summary of Accomplishments
- **IDIS Report PR23** – HOME Summary of Accomplishments

## **CR-90 – Section 108 Loan Guarantee Accomplishment Report**

The City of East Chicago does not have a Section 108 Loan. Not Applicable.

### CR-95 – List of Property Acquired and/or Improved

The chart below lists the properties the Redevelopment Department owned at the end of the FY 2021 CAPER period.

IDIS ACTIVITY #	PROPERTY ADDRESS	CDBG FUNDS UTILIZED TO PURCHASE	DATE OF ACQUISITION	PROPERTY USE AT ACQUISITION	CURRENT STATUS OF BUILDING	HAS THE PROPERTY MET END USE?	END USE NATIONAL OBJECTIVE
#1973	NO ACQUISITIONS	NO	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
#2340	2616 141ST (Sunnyside Façade Program)	NO	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
#2340	4102 DEARBORN (Sunnyside Façade Program)	NO	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
#2340	3736 ALDER		2/28/1978	HOUSE	VACANT LOT	NO	NO
#2340	1607 BROADWAY STREET	NO	4/15/2011	COMMERCIAL	VACANT BUILDING / ORDERING APPRAISAL TO SELL	NO	NO
#2226/ 2340	1804-1816 BROADWAY STREET	YES	3/21/2008	COMMERCIAL	DEMOLISHED / ORDERING APPRAISAL TO SELL	NO	NO
#2340	1904 BROADWAY STREET		8/25/2011	COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL	DEMOLISHED / ORDERING APPRAISAL TO SELL	NO	NO
#2340	1906 BROADWAY STREET		9/29/2010	HOUSE	DEMOLISHED / ORDERING APPRAISAL TO SELL	NO	NO
#2286	1908 BROADWAY STREET	YES	2/19/2010	COMMERCIAL	DEMOLISHED / ORDERING APPRAISAL TO SELL	NO	NO

#2340	2020 BROADWAY STREET		5/16/2011	COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL	DEMOLISHED - TRANSFERRED TO PARKS DEPT.	YES	LMA
#2250	2102 BROADWAY STREET	YES	1/23/2009	COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL	NEW CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING	YES	LMA
#2250	2104 BROADWAY STREET	YES	1/21/2009	COMMERCIAL	NEW CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING	YES	LMA
#2340	2108 BROADWAY STREET		9/12/2001	COMMERCIAL	NEW CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING	YES	LMA
#2250	2110 BROADWAY STREET	YES	3/3/2009	COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL	NEW CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING	YES	LMA
#2250	2112 BROADWAY STREET	YES	8/12/2009	COMMERCIAL	NEW CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING	YES	LMA
#2250	2114 BROADWAY STREET	YES	2/10/2009	COMMERCIAL	NEW CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING	YES	LMA
#2340	2204 BROADWAY STREET		9/7/2011		NEW CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING	YES	LMA
#2340	2206 BROADWAY STREET		9/26/2012	COMMERCIAL	NEW CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING	YES	LMA
#2250	2214 BROADWAY STREET	YES	8/5/2009		NEW CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING	YES	LMA
#2250	2216 BROADWAY STREET	YES	2/24/2009		NEW CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING	YES	LMA
#2340	2220 BROADWAY STREET	NO	3/15/2013	COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL	NEW CONSTRUCTION OF COMMERCIAL BUILDING	YES	LMA
#2340	2302 BROADWAY STREET		4/7/2010	VACANT	SENIOR BUILDING	YES	LMH
#2250/ 2340	2304 BROADWAY STREET	YES	3/4/2009	COMMERCIAL	SENIOR BUILDING	YES	LMH

#2340	2308 BROADWAY STREET		9/7/2011	HOUSE	SENIOR BUILDING	YES	LMH
#2287/ 2340	2310-2320 BROADWAY STREET		4/29/2010	COMMERCIAL	SENIOR BUILDING	YES	LMH
#2340	3936 CAREY STREET		10/26/2006	VACANT LOT	VACANT LOT	NO	NO
#2250	2012-2014 E. COLUMBUS DRIVE	YES	11/20/2009	COMMERCIAL	NEW CONSTRUCTION OF DOCTOR'S OFFICE	YES	LMA
#2340	4004 DEAL STREET	NO	5/18/2011	HOME	TRANSFERRED TO EAST CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY	YES	LMH
#2340	4008 DRUMMOND STREET	Sherriff's Deed	9/1/2005	HOME	REHABBED HOME / LEASED TO PURCHASE	YES	LMH
#2002	3504 - 3506 MAIN STREET (VFW 2710)	YES	4/8/2004	COMMERCIAL	VACANT	NO	NO
#2250	3507 MAIN STREET	YES	6/26/2009		VACANT	NO	NO
#2250/ 2383/2340	3508 MAIN STREET	YES	6/26/2009	COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL	VACANT	NO	NO
#2250	3511 MAIN STREET		6/26/2009		VACANT	NO	NO
#2173	3514 MAIN STREET	YES	6/8/2007	COMMERCIAL	VACANT	NO	NO
#2340	3515-3517 MAIN STREET		3/9/2010		VACANT	NO	NO
#2002	3516 MAIN STREET	YES	1/23/2004		VACANT	NO	NO
#2250	3518 MAIN STREET	YES	7/10/2009		VACANT	NO	NO

#2250/ 2340	3521 MAIN STREET	YES	5/6/2009	COMMERCIAL	VACANT	NO	NO
#2150/ 2383	3524 MAIN STREET	YES	3/2/2007	COMMERCIAL	VACANT	NO	NO
#2226/ 2383	3526 MAIN STREET	YES	7/18/2008	COMMERCIAL/RESI DENTIAL	VACANT	NO	NO
#2002	3602 ½ - 3604 MAIN STREET	YES	1/23/2004		THE SHORES ON BROADWAY TOWNHOMES	YES	LMH
#2250	3603 MAIN STREET	YES	10/30/2009		THE SHORES ON BROADWAY TOWNHOMES	YES	LMH
#2226	3605 MAIN STREET	YES	8/8/2008	COMMERCIAL/RESI DENTIAL	THE SHORES ON BROADWAY TOWNHOMES	YES	LMH
#2250	3606 MAIN STREET	YES	6/26/2009		THE SHORES ON BROADWAY TOWNHOMES	YES	LMH
#2071	3609 MAIN STREET	YES	5/6/2005	COMMERCIAL	THE SHORES ON BROADWAY TOWNHOMES	YES	LMH
#2250	3610 MAIN STREET	YES	6/26/2009		THE SHORES ON BROADWAY TOWNHOMES	YES	LMH
#2150	3616 MAIN STREET	YES	10/27/2006		THE SHORES ON BROADWAY TOWNHOMES	YES	LMH
#2173	3617 MAIN STREET	YES	6/8/2007		THE SHORES ON BROADWAY TOWNHOMES	YES	LMH

#2173	3618 - 3620 MAIN STREET	YES	10/22/2007		THE SHORES ON BROADWAY TOWNHOMES	YES	LMH
#2173	3619 MAIN ST.	YES	6/8/2007		THE SHORES ON BROADWAY TOWNHOMES	YES	LMH
#2150	3621 ADJ MAIN STREET	YES	10/27/2006	VACANT/ALLEY	THE SHORES ON BROADWAY TOWNHOMES	YES	LMH
#2150	3622 MAIN STREET	YES	10/27/2006	COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL	THE SHORES ON BROADWAY TOWNHOMES	YES	LMH
#2150	3623-27 MAIN STREET (also known as 2202 BROADWAY)	YES	10/27/2006	COMMERCIAL	VACANT	YES	LMA
#2340	4031-35 MAIN STREET	NO	5/18/2011	COMMERCIAL	VACANT	NO	NO
#2002	3409 MICHIGAN AVENUE	YES	10/24/2003		VACANT	NO	NO
#1861	3415-3419 MICHIGAN AVENUE (CURRENTLY LISTED AS 3419 MICHIGAN)	YES	11/5/2001	COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL	CURRENTLY OWNED BY MANAGED EAST CHICAGO HOUSING ASSOCIATION	YES	LMH
#2002	3425 MICHIGAN AVENUE	YES	12/28/2006		VACANT	NO	NO
#2002	3437 MICHIGAN AVENUE		2/28/1997		VACANT	NO	NO
#2002	3443-45 MICHIGAN AVENUE	YES	11/18/2003		VACANT	NO	NO
#2071	3449 MICHIGAN AVENUE	YES	9/23/2005	COMMERCIAL	VACANT	NO	NO



#2002	3469 MICHIGAN AVENUE	YES	1/9/2004	COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL	VACANT(EMERGENCY DEMOLITION: UNDERGROUND GAS STORAGE TANKS LEAK FROM 3471 MICHIGAN)	NO	NO
#2226/ 2383	3487 MICHIGAN AVENUE	YES	3/17/2008	COMMERCIAL	DEMOLISHED (ACQUISITION REIMBURSED W/EMPOWERMENT ZONE FUNDS)	NO	NO
#2002	3491-3497 MICHIGAN AVENUE	YES	2/20/2004	COMMERCIAL/RESIDENTIAL	VACANT	NO	NO
#2340	3601-05 GRAND BLVD. (FORMERLY ANDREW CARNEGIE LIBRARY)	NO	n/a	OLD ABANDONED LIBRARY / TAX DEED	EAST CHICAGO ACADEMY OF VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS CENTER	YES	LMA
#2340	3601-3627 GUTHRIE STREET		11/9/2001	COMMERCIAL	UNITY RECREATION CENTER	YES	LMA
#2340	3733 HEMLOCK STREET	NO	5/5/1995	CHURCH	NEWLY CONSTRUCTED HOME / SOLD HOME	YES	LMH
#2340	3735 HEMLOCK STREET	NO	5/5/1995	CHURCH	NEWLY CONSTRUCTED HOME / LEASE TO PURCHASE	YES	LMH
#2340	4302 IVY STREET	NO	10/14/2010	HOME	TRANSFERRED TO EAST CHICAGO HOUSING AUTHORITY	YES	LMH
#2340	4802 KENNEDY AVE (originally 4802-04 Kennedy)	Sherriff's Deed	5/31/2001	HOME	NEWLY CONSTRUCTED HOME / LEASE TO PURCHASE	YES	LMH

**CR-100 – Harbor Area NRSA**

The following were the accomplishments in the Harbor Area NRSA during the FY 2021 CAPER period:

- The following programs were available for the Harbor Area NRSA:
  - Housing Rehabilitation Program
  - Harborside Apartment Renovation Project

**CR-105 – Citizen Participation**

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