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**For Public Comment and Review**

109 S. Second Street

Jacksonville, Arkansas 72076

Annual Action Plan  
2023

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# Executive Summary

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

### 1. Introduction

This section presents the Fiscal Year 2023 Annual Action Plan which is the third year of the Consolidated Plan FY2021-2025. The 2023 Fiscal Year runs from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. The Annual Action Plan provides a summary of actions, activities, and programs that will take place during the Fiscal Year 2023 to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the Consolidated Plan FY2021-2025.

For the 2023 program year, the City of Jacksonville will receive \$227,969.00 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) federal funds. The CDBG funding will be used to support activities that will benefit very low, low and moderate-income persons. The CDBG funds will be used in conjunction with program income, carryover funds and other funding sources to complete programs and projects to further the goals and objectives of the Consolidated Plan.

The Annual Action Plan presents the City's strategy for use of the CDBG funding in conjunction with other sources, to meet the objectives outline in the Consolidated Plan for housing, homelessness, special needs, public services, economic development, public improvements, and neighborhood revitalization. The information will be presented in narrative form and table form in the Annual Action Plan. Finally, it states the manner in which the City intends to address other areas covered in the Consolidated Plan including barriers to affordable housing, coordination of resources, and program monitoring.

### 2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

As part of the FY2023 Annual Action Planning process, the City of Jacksonville's strategies toward serving the needs of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families and households are to continue to seek public input; to continue to invest resources both physical and financial; and to continue to implement programs that will address the community's priority needs. The expected outcomes will provide decent, safe, sanitary, and affordable housing, improve the quality of the living environment, and increase economic opportunity.

- Improve condition of housing for low-income homeowners
- Increase the viability of potential homeownership opportunities
- Improve the condition of housing for low-income renters and homeowners through regulatory programs
- Address community needs through improvement of infrastructure and public facilities
- Address community needs through community-based public service programs
- Support Economic Opportunities for Low/Moderate Income persons
- Prevent, prepare for and respond to housing needs in relation to the COVID-19 pandemic

### **3. Evaluation of past performance**

Due to past evaluation of performances the grantee was able to choose goals and/or projects that will stay in line with the needs of the community during that time and moving forward.

### **4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process**

The City of Jacksonville has a Citizen Participation Plan that details the public involvement process. The plan is available at [www.cityofjacksonville.net/cdbg](http://www.cityofjacksonville.net/cdbg). Public participation is an annual continuous process as a part of the City's commitment to solicit community involvement and participation.

The City places advertisements in the local newspaper as well as on the City's website, encouraging input from the public during forums held throughout the City.

### **5. Summary of public comments**

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

A public comment period for the FY 2023 Action Plan will be held from June 26, 2023 to July 25, 2023. A Public Meetings were held on June 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and June 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am and 2pm.

*No comments have been received as of June 26, 2023.*

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

*No comments have been received as of June 26, 2023.*

### **7. Summary**

The greatest priorities for the City of Jacksonville in providing housing-related assistance are:

- To promote economic development opportunities that will provide low-income individuals long term self-sufficiency in affordable housing
- Provide rehabilitation assistance for low-income homeowners
- Provide affordable housing assistance for elderly, low income households which includes homeless and HIV/AIDS victims, and developmentally disabled residents
- Assist in maintaining and revitalizing neighborhoods, particularly in low income areas of the City

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	JACKSONVILLE	Office of Community Development

**Table 1 – Responsible Agencies**

**Narrative (optional)**

The Office of Community Development is the lead agency and administrator in the development and oversight of both the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.

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

### **1. Introduction**

During the development of the Consolidated Plan and subsequent Annual Action Plans (AAP), the City of Jacksonville is involved in receiving feedback and input from representatives of low-income neighborhoods, non-profits and for-profit housing developers and service providers, lenders, social services agencies, faith-based organizations, homeless service providers, as well as other units of government through on-going yearlong feedback, participation at public forums, etc. The citizens of Jacksonville, its neighborhood associations and other advocacy groups are very participatory in engaging the City regarding the needs, problems, concerns, and solution for the community. New Director is encouraged after receiving an out pour of suggestions and comments during the public meetings. With the extended encouragement the Office of Community Development is confident the abilities of meeting the listed goals of the 2023 AAP.

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

The City of Jacksonville provides opportunities for the public to give input and feedback at public meetings throughout the year. The City utilizes local newspaper ads to alert the public of upcoming meetings as well as the City’s website.

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

The Central Arkansas Team Care for the Homeless (CATCH) has over 45 members that comprise a broad spectrum of the community including service providers, government agencies, and the private sector. The Director of Community Development represents the City in CATCH. The CATCH membership meets quarterly, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in the months of February, May, August and November. The remaining months, the board meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of those months. During the point-in-time count, the City always actively participates in various ways.

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

The City of Jacksonville receives no ESG funding.

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

See list of partnerships as followed:

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**Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated**

1	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Jacksonville Towers
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services-Elderly Persons
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan and Annual public comment community forums.
2	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Jacksonville Boys and Girls Club
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Children
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums
3	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	JACKSONVILLE PARTNERSHIP FOR HOUSING LP
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	PHA
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy



	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan community forums
4	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Central Arkansas Development Council (CADC)
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services – Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs – Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Invited to participate in the Annual public comment community forums
5	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Business and Civic Leaders
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan Annual Action public comment community forums

6	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Jacksonville Health Unit
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – State
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan Annual Action public comment community forums
7	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Worley's Place
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Housing Services-Elderly Persons
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan Annual Action public comment community forums
8	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	NAACP – Jacksonville
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Civic Leaders

	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Homeless Needs – Chronically homeless Homeless Needs – Families with children Homelessness Needs – Veterans Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan Annual Action public comment community forums
9	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	JACKSONVILLE PARKS AND RECREATION
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Other government – Local
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Public Facilities
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan Annual Action public comment community forums
10	<b>Agency/Group/Organization</b>	Jacksonville Senior and Wellness Center
	<b>Agency/Group/Organization Type</b>	Services-Elderly Persons
	<b>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</b>	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy
	<b>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</b>	Invited to participate in the Consolidated Plan Annual Action public comment community forums

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

No specific agencies were intentionally left out of the consultation process

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care (CoC)	Central Arkansas Team Care for the Homeless (CATCH)	CATCH provides the regional CoC. The purpose is to work to alleviate the impact of homelessness in Central Arkansas in the community through the cooperation and collaboration of social service providers. The Consolidated Plan incorporates goals to address CoC needs where appropriate
Public Housing Plan (PHP), Capitol Fund Program	Jacksonville Housing Authority	The City of Jacksonville receives a copy of the PHP annually to ensure consistency with the City’s Consolidated Plan.

**Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**

**Narrative (optional)**

The City of Jacksonville works closely with other local communities active in the Central Arkansas Continuum of Care process, State agencies, local non-profit organizations, and other departments of the City of Jacksonville in the development of programs to address housing, homelessness, and community development needs and other local issues covered by the overall FY 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan and the FY2023 Annual Action Plan.

**AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200©**

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

**Citizen Participation Outreach**

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Newspaper Ad, May 31, 2023 and June 7, 2023	Residents of Public and Assisted Housing  All Jacksonville Residents and Business Owners	Advertised dates of public meetings, held on June 7 and June 8, 2023	N/A	N/A	
2	Public Meetings held June 7, 2023 at 6pm	All Jacksonville Residents and Business Owners	Residents of City of Jacksonville attended along with City Staff	Provided suggestions and comments during the meeting	All comments were considered	
3	Public Meetings held June 8, 2023 @ 10am	All Jacksonville Residents and Business Owners	Elder Residents of the City of Jacksonville, Service Providers as well as City Officials and City Staff attended	Provided suggestions and comments during the meeting	All comments were considered	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4	Public Meetings held June 8, 2023 @ 2pm	All Jacksonville Residents and Business Owners	Resident of the City of Jacksonville, Civic Leader, PHA Director and City Staff attended	Provided suggestions and comments during the meeting	All comments were considered	
5	News Paper ad, June 21, 2023, June 28, 2023	Residents of Public and Assisted Housing All Jacksonville Residents and Business Owners	Advertised dates of comment and review period of the 2023 AAP, June 26-July 25, 2023	Comments will be included in the final AAP to HUD and final copies provided.	All comments will be updated after comment period ends	

**Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach**

## Expected Resources

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

#### Introduction

Through the use of federal funds, the City plans to carry out the objectives set forth in this Action Plan. The City works in partnership with other City departments to develop coordinated plans, and to leverage resources for parks, clearance of substandard structures, economic development, and other projects in targeted neighborhoods. Coordination with and support from adjacent HUD entitlement grantees will also be sought when appropriate.

#### Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	227,969.00	0	0	227,969.00	0	

Table 5 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

The City of Jacksonville will continue to utilize other housing programs such as Community Development Finance Institutions, (CDFI) and home-

buyer organizations to provide resources to the City. The City will also seek other funding sources to leverage against federal funding. The City will also pursue partnerships with agencies in housing rehabilitation to help in the renovation of low/moderate single-family housing.

In the face of extensive needs and limited resources, the City's funding strategy is to focus its efforts in activities that offer the greatest potential for maximizing benefits on behalf of the City of Jacksonville.

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

The City of Jacksonville does not have any immediate plans for the redevelopment for any vacant lots it owns.

**Discussion**

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## Annual Goals and Objectives

### AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

#### Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	CDBG Administration	2021	2025	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Economic Development	SUNNYSIDE INCLUSIVE OF CT 36.05 Low Income Individuals or Families	Program Administration	CDBG: \$45,594	Other: 0 Other
2	Create a suitable living environment	2021	2025	Non-Housing Community Development	SUNNYSIDE INCLUSIVE OF CT 36.05	Code Enforcement/Removal of Slum and Blight	CDBG: \$20,000	Buildings Demolished: 2 Buildings Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 15 Household Housing Unit
3	Economic Development	2021	2025	Create or retain jobs	Low Income Individuals or Families	Job Creation/Retention	CDBG: \$10,000	Jobs created/retained: 2 Jobs

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Public Service	2021	2025	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Low Income Individuals or Families	Youth Services Transportation Homeless Prevention Counseling Homeless Facilities and Services	CDBG: \$34,195	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1500 Persons Assisted Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 8 Beds Homelessness Prevention: 1 Persons Assisted
5	Public Facility/Improvements	2021	2025	Non-Housing Community Development	SUNNYSIDE INCLUSIVE OF CT 36.05 Low Income Individuals or Families	Public Facilities Public Improvements	CDBG: \$40,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3000 Persons Assisted
6	Housing	2021	2025	Affordable Housing	Low Income Individuals or Families	Housing Rehabilitation Homebuyers Assistance Handicap Accessibility Emergency Home Repairs	CDBG: \$78,180	Homeowner Housing Added: 1 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit

Table 6 – Goals Summary

## Goal Descriptions

1	<b>Goal Name</b>	CDBG Administration
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Funds will be used to cover the cost of planning, administering, operating, and monitoring the CDBG program to ensure compliance with HUD and City policies and regulations.
2	<b>Goal Name</b>	Create a suitable living environment
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Eliminate slum and blight in low to moderate income areas
3	<b>Goal Name</b>	Economic Development
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Program activities conducted in targeted areas to increase job retention and creation by also increasing the efforts by soliciting programs to enhance skills and literacy. Increase community resources through non-profit organizations designed to increase job skills, awareness and abilities for low to moderate income residents.
4	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Service
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Providing public services for low to moderate income residents, through the program for non-profit organization who provides needed services to Jacksonville residents
5	<b>Goal Name</b>	Public Facility/Improvements
	<b>Goal Description</b>	Public facility/improvement projects assist with renovation and development of facilities utilized by local non-profit organizations to provide services to low to moderate income Jacksonville residents.
6	<b>Goal Name</b>	Housing
	<b>Goal Description</b>	The Housing Program provides housing rehabilitation and repairs for low to moderate income persons in owner-occupied housing. Increase the availability of affordable permanent housing in standard condition to low/ moderate income families, direct financial assistance for closing costs and down payment. Assisting home owners with handicap accessibility in order to sustain the quality of homeowner units. Assisting homeowners to rehabilitate, maintain, preserve, and improve the affordable housing stock for low and moderate income residents

# Projects

## AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

### Introduction

Listed are the 2023 projects:

### Projects

#	Project Name
1	Program Administration
2	Public Service
3	Public Improvement
4	Neighborhood Revitalization
5	Economic Development
6	Housing

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The proposed project activities are consistent with the 2021-2025 Consolidated Plan goals and priorities.

The primary obstacles to meeting the needs of the underserved are, 1) the ability to leverage other financial resources, 2) the workload capabilities of staff available to administer the CDBG program, 3) and to mediate other unforeseen circumstances or priorities that may arise.

**AP-38 Project Summary**  
**Project Summary Information**

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<b>1</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Program Administration
	<b>Target Area</b>	SUNNYSIDE INCLUSIVE OF CT 36.05 Low Income Individuals or Families
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	CDBG Administration
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Program Administration
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$45,594
	<b>Description</b>	Administration and planning of the day-to-day CDBG, HUD Program.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Administration costs, no direct benefit
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Administration and planning of the HUD Grant programs
<b>2</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Service
	<b>Target Area</b>	Low Income Individuals or Families
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Service
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Youth Services Transportation Homeless Prevention Counseling Fair Housing Education Homeless Facilities and Services
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$34,195
	<b>Description</b>	Provide assistance for seniors, youth, food banks, temporary lodging and utility bills.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	2500 low to moderate income families and individuals
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Transportation, youth services, temporary lodging, general supplies, and assistance with water bills.

3	<b>Project Name</b>	Public Improvement
	<b>Target Area</b>	SUNNYSIDE INCLUSIVE OF CT 36.05 Low Income Individuals or Families
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Public Facility/Improvements
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Public Facilities Public Improvements
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$40,000
	<b>Description</b>	Provide assistance for infrastructure in low/moderate income neighborhoods and areas.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	3500 low to moderate income individuals and families
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Neighborhood parks, Boys and Girls club, sidewalks, Senior Center
4	<b>Project Name</b>	Neighborhood Revitalization
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Create a suitable living environment
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Code Enforcement/Removal of Slum and Blight
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$20,000
	<b>Description</b>	Provide assistance to low to moderate income neighborhoods to create suitable living environment.
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	Citywide population
	<b>Location Description</b>	City of Jacksonville Low-Income Census Tracts
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	
5	<b>Project Name</b>	Economic Development
	<b>Target Area</b>	Low Income Individuals or Families
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Economic Development



	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Counseling Job Creation/Retention
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$10,000
	<b>Description</b>	Provide training for small businesses and/or sole proprietors
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	2 low to moderate income businesses and/or proprietors
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Training to create or retain jobs
6	<b>Project Name</b>	Housing
	<b>Target Area</b>	
	<b>Goals Supported</b>	Housing
	<b>Needs Addressed</b>	Housing Rehabilitation Homebuyers Assistance Handicap Accessibility Emergency Home Repairs
	<b>Funding</b>	CDBG: \$78,180
	<b>Description</b>	Provide housing rehab to very low and low-moderate income single-family homeowners; provide down payment assistance for first time low to moderate-income homebuyers; provide assistance for handicap accessibility for disabled low to moderate sing-family homeowners
	<b>Target Date</b>	12/31/2023
	<b>Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities</b>	6 low to moderate individuals and/or families
	<b>Location Description</b>	Citywide
	<b>Planned Activities</b>	Provide housing rehab to very low and low-moderate income single-family homeowners; provide down payment assistance for first-time low to moderate income homebuyers; provide assistance for handicap accessibility for disabled low to moderate single family homeowners

## **AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)**

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

Rehabilitation assistance for housing units will be available citywide to address housing needs of very low/low-income homeowners to include roof replacement, sewer line replacement, water line repair/replacement, HVAC repair/replacement and Handicap accessibility.

Homebuyer assistance will be available for purchases within the city limits of Jacksonville to low/moderate households. The area of purchase is not restricted to any particular neighborhood so not to create a concentration of low income neighborhoods.

The public service projects will serve low income elderly, youth, and homeless

### **Geographic Distribution**

<b>Target Area</b>	<b>Percentage of Funds</b>
SUNNYSIDE INCLUSIVE OF CT 36.05	
Low Income Individuals or Families	100

**Table 8 - Geographic Distribution**

### **Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically**

Rather than concentrate on an area, the City will assist low income individuals and/or families citywide.

### **Discussion**

There have been projects in the past that have targeted specific areas of the community and could be again in the future. The current needs of the community are best met by the projects included in the Action Plan and they are available to low to moderate income residents throughout the City.

## Affordable Housing

### AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

#### Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	1
Special-Needs	0
Total	1

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	5
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	5

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

#### Discussion

1. Annual goal for housing assistance for programs such as tenant-based rental assistance and one-time payments to prevent homelessness: None
2. Annual goal for the construction of new units: None
3. Annual goal for rehab of existing units to include sewer replacement: The City plans to provide funding for 4 single-family limited home rehab and 1 handicap accessibility.
4. Annual goal for housing assistance for programs such as down payment assistance: the City plans to provide funding for 1 homebuyer’s assistance grant.

## **AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)**

### **Introduction**

The City will not be allocating any funds for public housing units.

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

The City will not be allocating any funds for public housing units. The City will support revitalization efforts in the future. The City will continue to provide certifications of consistency with the Consolidated Plan as the PHA's responsible entity. Provide information to the PHA regarding the City's grant-funded programs for PHA to share with its clients.

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

Residents were encouraged to participate during the public meetings and comment periods. Also, encouraged to attend workshops on home ownership and financial literacy. Provide down payment assistance for eligible first-time homebuyers when funds are available.

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

N/A

### **Discussion**

This section is optional and was left blank intentionally

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

### **Introduction**

The City will continue to actively participate in CATCH and attend quarterly meetings. Currently the sheltered/unsheltered point in time count is showing a decrease in homelessness in central Arkansas, pulled from the latest data published by HUD. Community Development staff assisted with the latest PIT count which took place in January of 2023.

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

Seeking resources and services through the Continuum in order to assist homeless individuals and families within the jurisdiction. Requesting shelters to provide dedicated beds to the City's homeless in order to assist the homeless who are seeking shelter accommodations.

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

Non-profit agencies in the Continuum of Care provide emergency and transitional housing for the homeless and these efforts can be coordinated and/or accessed through the Community Development office.

Requesting dedicated shelter beds with local shelters outside of the jurisdiction, in order for homeless individuals and families who are desperately seeking shelter to obtain shelter in a timely manner.

### **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**

These activities are carried out by agencies that serve the CATCH area. These agencies are located in Little Rock and North Little Rock. Requesting shelters to provide dedicated beds to the City's homeless in order to assist the homeless who are seeking shelter accommodations.

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

**employment, education, or youth needs.**

These activities are carried out by agencies that serve the CATCH area. These agencies are located in Little Rock and North Little Rock.

**Discussion**

With the construction of 2 new shelters within the area, there are hopes to receive dedicated shelter beds for homeless individuals and families who are not desiring to be on the streets who resided in the City.

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

### **Introduction:**

The City of Jacksonville faces barriers to affordable housing that are common across housing markets, including decreasing supply of land that is available for development, which increases the cost of acquisition and development. Another common barrier is negative reaction from neighbors regarding affordable housing development based upon a misconception that property values will decline with an increase in parking and traffic. Dispelling those beliefs is accomplished in educating the community of the benefits of increasing land development within the jurisdiction in order to eliminate the barriers to affordable housing.

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

N/A

### **Discussion:**

The City remains committed to preserving and maintaining the existing stock of affordable housing, as well as increasing the number of new affordable housing units when possible. The City regularly seeks to expand its capacity and partnership opportunities to provide affordable housing activities and will continue to seek out and support efforts that will accomplish this goal.

## **AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)**

### **Introduction:**

This section will describe the City's plans to use its 2023 programs to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs, foster and maintain affordable housing, reduce the number of poverty-level families, develop institutional structure, evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards, and enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

### **Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs**

The primary obstacle to addressing underserved needs is lack of funding. The City will continue to seek funding from other sources and seek additional resources of supportive service providers.

### **Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing**

The Director of Community Development will continue to research and explore all avenues and alternative sources of funding to replace the ever decreasing State and Federal funds; and seek private sources for housing assistance and other affordable housing programs. The Director will seek to track housing initiatives at these levels through contact with HUD and through professional organizations and planning offices. Seeking partnerships with local Community Development Finance Institutions, community development service providers and organizations that assist with creatively securing home ownership.

The City will continue to promote and enforce the goals and policies of this Plan relating to preserving the existing housing stock, utilizing good housing redevelopment concepts, maintaining a good housing balance, preventing housing deterioration, and providing housing for the low to moderate income households.

Code enforcement will continue to uncover unsafe and unsanitary conditions. The Single-family rehabilitation Program will be available to income-eligible individuals to improve their properties at no cost.

### **Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards**

Procedures for lead-based paint awareness and treatment will be implemented with respect to the City's federally funded programs including, but not limited to, the Single-family Rehabilitation Program and the Homebuyer's Assistance Program, in accordance with the lead-based paint regulations.

### **Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families**

The City will continue to coordinate efforts to assist households with incomes below the poverty line with other departments providing services to this population and other community organizations providing similar services. It is also the City's intent to assist in whatever way possible through programs



and activities, persons at or below the poverty level

### **Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

The City will continue to address affordable housing and other community needs within the city and will participate in and interact and coordinate service provisions with area/district planning groups such as Metro-plan, Central Arkansas Planning and Development District, Community Development Finance Institutions, and Arkansas Development Finance Authority.

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

During the 2023 program year, the City will enhance coordination between public and private housing and social services agencies through the citizen participation plan that encourages all interested parties to share in the Consolidated Planning process. The City will continue to work with service providers, other private institutions, public housing and assisted housing providers, and community organizations to discuss community needs and opportunities

### **Discussion:**

This section is optional and was left blank intentionally

## Program Specific Requirements

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

#### Introduction:

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

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

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

#### Other CDBG Requirements

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



## Attachments

## Citizen Participation Comments

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#### Public Input from Public Hearings

1. Better lighting all over the City
2. More sidewalks needed, across the City
3. Sidewalks and better lighting in Sunnyside community\*\*
4. Substance abuse training for Sunnyside residents\*\*
5. Homeless suffering from addictions and need helpful resources\*\*
6. More resources are needed in the City period\*\*
7. Re-Entry programs needed, classes to adjust back into society\*\*
8. Life-skills training to low to moderate income residents\*\*
9. Public transportation needed, commonality during each of the 3 public meetings\*\*
10. Homeless Shelter needed
11. More soup kitchens needed to prepare meals and then serve
12. "Unity for the Community", assist small non-profit organization in getting established, in order to share skills to the homeless and low to moderate income residents\*\*
13. Police presence for safety on the streets of the City
14. Houses are needing to be torn down that are unrepairable, more demo's needed\*\*
15. Abandoned vehicles need to be cleared/towed away
16. Housing development to prepare for 2025, expecting extra 60 units, need 13-15 lots within the City limits
17. Support of revitalization effort\*\*

\*\* Donotes projects selected/eligible for CDBG funding



