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TOWN OF GREECE
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ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

Two thousand twenty-two (2022) will mark the 47th program year for the Town of Greece (the “Town”) receiving potential allocation of grant funds from HUD’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). This Action Plan will continue with the major initiatives contained in past years program years. In essence, this reflects the fact that the needs and funding priorities addressed by previous Action Plans remain essentially unchanged. The 2022 Annual Action Plan goals are administered utilizing CDBG fund made available by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and as such, Greece will continue to fund programs and activities that meet the broad goals and objectives that include, but are not limited to, the preservation of Greece’s older residential neighborhoods, the upgrading or replacement of inadequate public infrastructure systems and facilities, the provision of affordable housing for the elderly and other low- and moderate-income residents, and the Town’s senior population and those with disabilities.

The Town is required to complete an annual Action Plan, which is based on its annual Five-Year Strategic Plan and which provides a clear vision to residents of community development needs and housing needs, and the intended use of Federal CDBG grant funds to meet these needs. The Town invites and encourages citizen participation through this process and any input they bring forth. This plan represents a coordinated effort by the Town to include, if any, from both public and private individuals and/or entities town-wide to assist in the planning of the different community development programs and also serves as a reporting mechanism/tool to HUD on the planning and evaluation of programs.

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.

The Town of Greece will continue to give priority to the provision of affordable rental housing for seniors and persons with disabilities, along with rehabilitation assistance for houses occupied by low- and very low-income homeowners. The Department of Planning and Economic Development will continue its task of working closely with developers for such projects within the Town. A listing of past, current and proposed projects are provided as an attachment to this plan.
3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The Town will continue to utilize block grant funding to provide housing rehabilitation assistance to low- and very-low income homeowners, town-wide, through its Greece Residential Improvement Program (GRIP) and through assistance offered by Monroe County's Home Improvement Program (HIP) and through the Home Safe Home Program, which is offered by Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc. The Town has also partnered with RENEW and as such, this has opened up the doors for combining grant funds with other not-for-profits to bring much needed resources to the residents of the town. The town's GRIP program helps between 35 to 40 low- to moderate-income homeowner annually make necessary home repairs. Neighborhood and utility improvements are a high priority for the town due to their importance in preserving neighborhoods and these funds assist with improving deteriorating infrastructure to roadways, sidewalks and sewers in these low- to moderate income neighborhoods. Public service projects and programs have been essential in maintaining safe and affordable housing for the community and providing services that benefit underserved populations including seniors and those with special needs.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

As an entitlement community, the Town of Greece has established its own policies and procedures designed to encourage and facilitate citizen participation in its CDBG Programs. The citizen participation plan developed by Greece reflects the demographic, geographic, and economic characteristics unique to the town and includes policies and procedures to increase the availability of information, records to the public review and approval of Action Plans, public notices and hearings, program amendments, provision technical assistance and the development of Greece's Strategic Plan. The Town accomplishes this through the use of town and local publications, including quarterly Town Newsletters sent to every town household, including renters and homeowners, and also publishes information regarding its annual action plan through local newspapers. This information is supplemented through the dissemination of individual programs at locations frequented by lower-income residents, including the elderly. The Town also began to host in-person neighborhood meetings to provide information to residents regarding the Town's CDBG Programs, most notably GRIP, but with the onset of COVID-19, these neighborhood meetings have been put on hold for the time being.

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.
Citizen comments on the Action Plan have been limited to the inquiries concerning the eligibility of new activities for block grant funds and/or how to go about applying for them. In this instance, there were no citizen comments that were not accepted by the Town.

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

No comments or views were not accepted at this time. All and any comments received as a part of this Action Plan and/or CDBG are always welcomed and fully addressed.

7. **Summary**

In summary, the goal of the Town is to improve the quality of life for low to moderate-income families, seniors, persons with special needs, and the neighborhoods they inhabit by providing affordable housing opportunities, repairing and conserving existing housing, financing public infrastructure improvements and assisting with funding services that stabilize and enhance living conditions, and providing business/economic development opportunities where feasible.
PR-05 Lead & Responsible Agencies - 91.200(b)

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

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

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<tr>
<th>Agency Role</th>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Department/Agency</th>
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<tr>
<td>CDBG Administrator</td>
<td>GREECE</td>
<td>Department of Planning and Economic Development</td>
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Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The Office of Community Development within the Town of Greece’s Department of Planning and Economic Development (formerly Department of Development Services) is the town government entity responsible for overseeing programs funded by CDBG. While most programs covered by the Consolidated Plan are administered by Greece Personnel, the Town has also relied on sub-recipients, such as not-for-profit Lifespan of Greater Rochester, Inc. to administer certain block grant funded activities. As in past years, the performance of these sub-recipients are monitored by Greece's CDBG Administrator(s).

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

1. Introduction

The Town of Greece Department of Planning and Economic Development consists of Economic Development, Planning, Zoning, Community Development and GIS. These departments coordinate and collaborate together for various projects and work with other town departments and government agencies. The Town of Greece has a close, on-going working relationship with Monroe County to help carry out its Strategic Plan. This continued relationship has enabled the Town to supplement its limited block grant resources with the County's personnel, expertise and funding.

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

The Town's Planning and Economic Development staff meets each Thursday morning with other key departments, (i.e. Building, Fire Marshal, Engineering), and the Planning Board Chairman, meet with local developers to coordinate and provide feedback on potential and/or current projects. This provides a medium to facilitate a coordinated approach to common problems and opportunities with development in the town, including a shared strategy for dealing with impediments to housing choice(s).

The Town will also continue to participate in its membership in the Monroe County Consortium, which includes Monroe County and the Towns of Greece and Irondequoit. The Town is also a stakeholder in a local HUD-funded homeless consortium, Partners Ending Homelessness (“PEH”), formerly known as the Rochester/Monroe County Homeless Continuum of Care, of which Town staff members are engaged with and also serve on the CoC Board.

In past years, the Town of Greece has met annually with Monroe County staff and Town of Irondequoit staff to discuss respective CDBG programs and activities. The meetings are generally to help one another understand policies or procedures; see what is working and what’s not within our respective activities; and to just learn from each other.

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.
Partners Ending Homelessness (PEH), which was formerly known as the Rochester/Monroe County Homeless Continuum of Care Team (CoC) is the lead entity for the Continuum of Care planning and management process, including direct oversight of the implementation of the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), project monitoring and establishment of project priorities. As a member of the PEH, Greece actively participates in the preparation of the PEH's Action Plan which provides the framework for enabling the community to address homelessness and its underlying causes to develop a comprehensive, coordinated system of homeless services to help individuals and families achieve independence. The overall goal is to appropriately transition individuals from homelessness to their maximum level of self-sufficiency. Town staff serve on the CoC Board and on the Monitoring Committee and Project Selection Committee.

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

N/A. The Town does not receive any ESG funding.

2. Agencies, groups, organizations and others who participated in the process and consultations
Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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<th>Agency/Group/Organization</th>
<th>Partners Ending Homelessness</th>
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<td>Agency/Group/Organization Type</td>
<td>Continuum of Care/HMIS</td>
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|   | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment  
Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless  
Homeless Needs - Families with children  
Homelessness Needs - Veterans  
Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth  
Homelessness Strategy |
|   | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | A staff member sits on the Board of Directors for Partners Ending Homelessness (PEH), which was formerly known as the Rochester/Monroe County Homeless Continuum of Care (CoC) and participates in monthly meetings, strategic plans, the annual PIT and sits on two steering committees for such. |

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

N/A

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

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name of Plan</th>
<th>Lead Organization</th>
<th>How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?</th>
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<tr>
<td>Continuum of Care</td>
<td>Partners Ending Homelessness</td>
<td>As a member of the CoC the goals are a collaborative effort. Please refer to Partners Ending Homelessness or Monroe County Action Plan for a full report.</td>
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Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

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Narrative

The Town of Greece staff continues its participation in the PEH and its committees and other boards involved in public service issues provide input on community needs as well as the opportunity to merge resources for programs that meet identified needs. Involvement on the PEH Team is an example of community participation that has been beneficial in this regard. A member of Greece's staff serves on the PEH's board and monitoring committee. This individual also has been vetted to participate in reviewing applications that are received for potential funding from the PEH.
AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The Town of Greece has its own policies and procedures relative to citizen participation in its CDBG Program, which reflect demographic and other characteristics of a suburban community. Low-income, minority and disabled residents are not concentrated in easily identifiable geographical areas, but rather are scattered throughout the town. These groups tend not to be organized or represented by local organizations, making direct contact impractical, and has determined that the most effective outreach strategy for encouraging the participation of these groups is through the use of local publications, including a quarterly town newsletter, local newspapers, the town’s website, and neighborhood information meetings to discuss specific CDBG Programs, such as GRIP. The Town supplements its outreach activities through the dissemination of information on individual programs at locations frequented by lower-income residents, including the elderly and disabled. Services designed specifically to benefit senior citizens are provided through town departments which come into direct contact with the elderly on a regular basis. A public notice is placed in the town’s local newspaper and posted on the town’s website inviting residents, community groups, and not-for-profits to submit their proposals for the expenditure of block grant funds. Assistance provided by town staff and a proposal package and application form, contains detailed information about CDBG, outlining national objectives, project eligibility requirements, local needs and priorities. The Town publishes descriptions of program activities and fund allocations in order to provide the public with the information they need to review and comment on the plan. The plan descriptions, which appear in the town’s local newspaper and website, are published approximately two weeks prior to the town board public hearing. Descriptions are also made available for viewing at town hall during normal working hours. As part of the approval process for the Action Plan, the Town Board holds a public hearing to provide town residents with the opportunity to hear and comment upon the Action Plan's proposed activities and fund allocations.

Comments made at this hearing, as well as written comments received separately, are then taken into consideration when the town finalizes the Action Plan for submittal to HUD in mid-June. The town board public hearing, which is usually held in mid-May, includes an informational presentation made by town staff including descriptions of the proposed activities that constitute the Town’s Action Plan, the allocation of block grant funds among the proposed activities, and an analysis of funding by project type. The public hearing is held in Greece’s Town Board

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meeting room, which is handicapped accessible and equipped to accommodate special needs of persons with disabilities. The Town also provides updates of said public hearing through social media (e.g. Facebook and Twitter).

Citizen Participation Outreach

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<tr>
<th>Sort Order</th>
<th>Mode of Outreach</th>
<th>Target of Outreach</th>
<th>Summary of response/attendance</th>
<th>Summary of comments received</th>
<th>Summary of comments not accepted and reasons</th>
<th>URL (if applicable)</th>
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<td>Newspaper Legal Notice</td>
<td>Town wide</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None Received</td>
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<td>3</td>
<td>Towns Webpage</td>
<td>Town wide</td>
<td>None</td>
<td>None Received</td>
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Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach
Expected Resources

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The Town of Greece anticipates receiving an estimated $475,011 for this Community Development Block Grant funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Town's 2022 Program Year. Proposed activities/programs and fund allocations...
are as follows:

Department of Public Works (DPW) Road Program: $166,253.85

Greece Residential Improvement Program (GRIP): $166,253.85

Community and Senior Center (CSC) Elder Care Program: $59,376.38

Lifespan's Home Safe Home Program: $11,875.27

General Administration: $71,251.65

**Anticipated Resources**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Program</th>
<th>Source of Funds</th>
<th>Uses of Funds</th>
<th>Expected Amount Available Year 1</th>
<th>Narrative Description</th>
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<td>Annual Allocation: $</td>
<td>Program Income: $</td>
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<td>CDBG</td>
<td>public - federal</td>
<td>Acquisition</td>
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<td>Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services</td>
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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**
Federal funds will leverage additional resources through the funding the Town of Greece receives from Monroe County HOME funds. This additional funding source has been able to assist a select few Greece residents in need of home improvement and repair work to be done.

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

There are no publically owned properties in the Town of Greece that are funded through HUD resources.

Discussion

N/A
Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

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<th>Sort Order</th>
<th>Goal Name</th>
<th>Start Year</th>
<th>End Year</th>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Geographic Area</th>
<th>Needs Addressed</th>
<th>Funding</th>
<th>Goal Outcome Indicator</th>
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<tr>
<td>1</td>
<td>Repair and conserve existing housing stock</td>
<td>2020</td>
<td>2024</td>
<td>Affordable Housing</td>
<td>Housing Rehabilitation</td>
<td>CDBG: $166,254</td>
<td>Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 27 Household Housing Unit</td>
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<tr>
<td>2</td>
<td>Improve public infrastructure</td>
<td>2020</td>
<td>2024</td>
<td>Stone Road (East of Dewey Avenue)</td>
<td>Public Infrastructure</td>
<td>CDBG: $166,254</td>
<td>Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Households Assisted</td>
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Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

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<th>Goal Name</th>
<th>Repair and conserve existing housing stock</th>
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<tr>
<td>Goal Description</td>
<td>The Towns GRIP program provides on-going housing improvement grants up to $6000 to low- and very low income homeowners for the rehabilitation of single family, owner occupied homes. These grants will pay for essential rehabilitation projects and also assist with emergency projects like a new furnace, so long as the applicant meets the requirements of the program.</td>
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<td>Goal Name</td>
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<td>Improve public infrastructure</td>
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AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

Over the past years, the Town of Greece’s Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program has experienced a significant decrease and/or stagnation in the amount of funds allocated by HUD. While the Town has experienced a slight increase in allocations than in previous years, this trend, still does not provide for Greece’s ability to meet the demand for the Town’s existing activities or to provide its residents with new programs designed to accommodate unmet needs. In response, the Town has chosen to continue to fund only those activities that have been included in previous Action Plans submitted to HUD.

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<thead>
<tr>
<th>#</th>
<th>Project Name</th>
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Table 7 – Project Information

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

Greece relies on several sources for assigning the priority given to each category of its community development priority needs, based on HUD and Town of Greece established criteria that meet the needs of low- to moderate-income residents. Chief among these is the collective knowledge and experience of the town staff, based upon their long term familiarity with the Greece community. In addition to the knowledge and experience of town staff, another source of priority are those discussed and recommended through the various comprehensive plans and studies the Town of Greece's Department of Planning & Economic Development has undertaken. Supplementing this experience along with planning initiatives, the assistance of professional consultants, consultation with other government agencies and direct contact with town residents at various town forums, helps in implementing the Towns decision making process. As in previous CDBG Program Years, the Town has given priority to the rehabilitation of the older housing stock and neighborhoods, especially those within the very low, low-moderate income neighborhoods that still contain many of the town’s senior citizens. These ongoing activities/programs provide for and allow for the rehabilitation of owner-occupied, single-family homes and to help pay for essential rehabilitation projects, including, but not limited to: health and safety repairs; accessibility improvements, upgrades; structural and major system repairs; and the overall aesthetic improvement to the neighborhoods. However, given the reduction in Greece’s block grant allocations over past years, any actions designed to remove obstacles to meeting unmet needs will be severely limited. For that reason, the Town continues to fund on-going activities, which over the course of many years, have proven to be the most effective in addressing Greece’s priorities for its low- and moderate-income residents.
AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information
AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)

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

As has been the case since the inception of the Town of Greece's CDBG Program, all public infrastructure improvement projects funded by the Action Plan will be location within the Town's target areas, which contain the highest percentage of low- and moderate-income residents. These areas tend to be found in the community's older neighborhoods, located in the eastern section of Greece, adjacent to the City of Rochester.

Geographic Distribution

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<th>Target Area</th>
<th>Percentage of Funds</th>
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<td>Estall Road</td>
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<td>Bennington Drive</td>
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<td>Stone Road (East of Dewey Avenue)</td>
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<td>Haviland Park</td>
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<td>Swansea Park</td>
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<td>Rogene Street</td>
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<td>Wedgewood Park</td>
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<td>Cosmos Drive</td>
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<td>Surrey Road</td>
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Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Block grant assistance allocated geographically is limited to Greece's CDBG Target area, which consist of block groups that contain the highest percentages of low and moderate-income persons. These areas are given priority by the Town, based upon the income of their residents and the fact that they are often among the community's oldest neighborhoods. As per the Census's Bureau's American Community Survey, the only target area within the town is located within the Dewey/Stone area to the border of the City of Rochester. These neighborhoods are some of the, if not the oldest neighborhoods of the Town.

Discussion
AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing -91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

The Town of Greece does not receive HOME or American Dream Down-payment Initiative funding directly from HUD. Rather, as a member of the Monroe County HOME Consortium, the Town and its residents are eligible to participate in activities funded by the County's HOME allocation. These activities include County's First Time Home Buyers Program, the Affordable Rental Housing Development Program, and the Home Improvement Program.

Greece intends to continue giving priority to the provision of affordable rental housing for seniors and persons with disabilities and rehabilitation assistance for houses occupied by low and very-low income homeowners. During the program year, the town has continued to be involved with the development of new, affordable housing for low-income seniors. Greece's Department of Development Services continues to work closely with developers for several senior housing projects within the town and will continue to support this priority.

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

The update to the Analysis of Impediments (AI) indicates that discrimination continues to be a major negative factor in locating housing for seniors and families. The plan is a multi-year plan designed to address barriers to housing in Monroe County for low-income families and individuals and members of protected classes. The Town of Greece works with and will continue to work with Monroe County, developers and community partners through various outreach programs to promote and market affordable housing and to address housing needs of community members.

Discussion

According to the Analysis of Impediments (AI) to Fair Housing Choice in Monroe County, in which the Town participated as a co-sponsor with Monroe County and the Town of Irondequoit, Greece does not have any public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing. Also not cited by the AI as factors negatively impacting the development, maintenance or improvement of affordable housing in Greece were the Town's: land use controls, zoning ordinances, building codes and growth limits. The Town has continued to explore and implement actions that it can take individually or with other jurisdictions and not-for-profits, which will allow it to more pro-actively address

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affordable housing needs within its borders. At this time, the Town is working to expand its access and knowledge of Section 108 and the possibility of working with a developer for a future rehabilitation or redevelopment project.
AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

Due to a disproportionate percentage of Greece's elderly population fall below the area's poverty level, the Town of recognizes the importance of addressing this groups special needs through its CDBG Program. As stated in previous action and consolidated plans and as in previous years, the block grant program funds will continue to be used by the Town to provide for its most at-risk senior citizens with services that are designated to ensure their continued independence and financial well-being.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The cost of housing continues to remain a burden for low and low-moderate income family along with the number of affordable units in the Town. Demands for resources continue to grow, while the overall amount of the Town's block grant has been decreasing and/or stagnant, historically. The Town will continue to focus its block grant on: 1) Continued funding of the Greece Residential Improvement Program (GRIP) to assist very-low, low, and low-moderate income homeowners to maintain their homes and to provide grants to make necessary repairs/upgrades to their homes; 2) Continued funding of Lifespan's Home Safe Home Program to allow for senior residents to stay in their homes longer by providing safety upgrades to their living unit by making them more accessible (e.g. grab bars, railings, etc.); 3) Continued funding of the Elder Care Program to frail and isolated residents age 65 and older in effort to promote independence and to extend the time that they are living in their own homes.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The need for affordable housing continues to be especially acute, given the Town's large and continued growing elderly population and the very limited number of affordable rental units currently available in the community. Per the Town's recently completed comprehensive plan update and American Community Survey data, the Town of Greece has witnessed a steady increase in the last two (2) decades of the population of those individuals over the age of 55. Due to this increase, the demand for affordable housing for this segment of the population will only increase. Furthermore, attesting to this need are the large number of persons on waiting lists that exist for senior housing project that are developed and/or currently under construction. The Town's Department of Development Services continues to work with developers for the potential affordable and/or senior housing developments to occur within the Town of Greece.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Inspections performed by the building inspectors and personnel in Greece's Department of Technical Services (Building Department), as part of the Town's block grant funded Greece Residential Improvement Program (GRIP) include lead-based paint hazard identification and disclosure. A consultant is retained to inspect potential hazards to determine appropriate remediation activities. The chosen

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consultant must possess expertise in the area of lead-based paint testing.

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

Because a disproportionate percentage of Greece's elderly population falls below the area's poverty level, the Town recognizes the importance of addressing that groups special needs through Greece's CDBG program. Block grant program funds will continue to be used by the Town to provide its most at-risk senior citizens with services that are designed to ensure their continued independence and financial well-being. This will be accomplished primarily through the Town's Elder Care Program, which provides Greece's frail and isolated seniors with referral, housekeeping, and transportation services.

**Actions planned to develop institutional structure**

Another major component of the Greece's anti-poverty and community development strategy is the growing importance of expanding the local economy and providing opportunity to businesses residents, especially given the potential unknown and lasting impacts from the COVID-19 Pandemic. Furthermore, these strategies can be utilized to further increase employment opportunities available within Greece. Similar to previous program years, the Town will continue to pursue this objective through a number of local job-creation initiatives, including the continued development of a large, publically owner parcels located adjacent to the Erie Canal. The long-term development of almost 500 acres had the potential to generate large new office and light manufacturing jobs, many of which would be available to Greece's lower-income residents. It would also substantially increase the Town's tax base, thus providing Greece with financial resources necessary to eliminate the need for large property tax increases. Some major developments within the town that have been proposed and/or received the necessary municipal approvals are:

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

The Town of Greece and its staff will continue to work with and attend monthly meetings of the Rochester/Monroe County Continuum of Care (CoC), now known as Partners Ending Homelessness (PEH) as a resource for pursuing enhanced coordination amongst private and public housing agencies. Each representative and/or entity on the CoC plays a key role in the formulation of projects,
integration of community wide goals and objectives and overall program development.

Discussion

The Town will continue to provide on-going efforts to revitalize the Dewey/Stone Corridor, one of the Greece's older neighborhoods and the location of several of the Town's CDBG target areas (Census Tract 013800). There continues to be a demand and for on-going allocation of block grant funds for programs or projects directly benefitting the area, especially with GRIP funding and public infrastructure. These programs have been designed by the Town of address many of financial restrictions and neighborhood aesthetics problems that have resulted from this area's concentration of very-low, low- and moderate income residents. Furthermore, the Town will work with the local businesses of the area and provide community development assistance to further revitalize the area, when feasible.
Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(1)(1,2,4)

Introduction

The Town of Greece anticipates receiving an estimated $475,011 for this Community Development Block Grant funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Town's 2020 Program Year. Proposed activities/programs and fund allocations are as follows:

Greece Residential Improvement Program (GRIP): $166,253.85
Department of Public Works (DPW) Road Program: $166,253.85
Community and Senior Center (CSC) Elder Care Program: $59,376.38
Lifespan's Home Safe Home Program: $11,875.27
General Administration: $71,251.65

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
Total Program Income: 0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities 0

Annual Action Plan
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OMB Control No: 2506-0117 (exp. 09/30/2021)
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%

Discussion

The Town does not expect to receive any funds prior to the start of the next program year. The Town does not have any Section 108 loans. The Town does not have any urban renewal settlements. The Town does not have any funds being returned to the line of credit for any unplanned use. The Town does not have any float-funded activities.