



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Grants Management Division

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TO: Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor, City of Urbana

FROM: Elizabeth H. Tyler, FAICP, Community Development Director

DATE: April 30, 2015

SUBJECT: **AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF URBANA AND URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM (CHAMPAIGN/URBANA/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY) CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015-2019 AND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016**

A RESOLUTION AMENDING HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES AS ORIGINALLY AUTHORIZED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2010-04-010R CITY OF URBANA HOUSING PROGRAM MANUAL PROGRAM YEARS 2015-2019

Description

The City of Urbana, Grants Management Division, has prepared a CITY OF URBANA AND URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM (CHAMPAIGN/URBANA/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY) FY 2015-2019 CONSOLIDATED PLAN and an ANNUAL ACTION PLAN for FY 2015-2016. The Plans must be submitted to the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) by May 15, 2015 in order for the City of Urbana to continue to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funding.

Issues

The issue is for the Urbana City Council to review and approve the Consolidated Plan for FY 2015-2019 and Annual Action Plan for FY 2015-2016.

Background & Discussion

CONSOLIDATED PLAN FY 2015-2019. As a recipient of CDBG and HOME entitlement funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, the City of Urbana and the Urbana HOME Consortium are required to submit a Five-Year Consolidated Plan. HUD provides the following summary statement concerning the Consolidated Plan:

The overall goal of the community planning and development programs covered by this part is to develop viable urban communities by providing decent housing and a suitable living environment and expanding economic opportunities principally for low- and moderate-income persons. The primary means towards this end is to extend and strengthen partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including for-profit and non-profit organizations, in the production and operation of affordable housing.

A more functional purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to guide the utilization of the City's HOME and CDBG resources. Any project funded with CDBG and/or HOME funds must be consistent with the goals, strategies, and objectives included in the Consolidated Plan.

At the March 23, 2015 Urbana City Council Committee of the Whole meeting, staff provided the Council with a schedule for the FY 2015-2019 Consolidated Planning process and a brief overview of the process.

The draft Consolidated Plan (copy attached) differs in format and content from the previous Consolidated Plan that covered the period FY 2010-2014, as the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan are now to be electronically completed and submitted to HUD through the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS). The Executive Summary of the Plan provides an evaluation of the City's past performance as well as a description of the performance measurement framework required by HUD. The demographic information/data, housing/community development information, and related background information are based on information from the 2010 Census and other resources provided by HUD. Many of the housing and community development goals and strategies are similar to those contained in the previous Consolidated Plan. Although the Consolidated Plan covers a five-year period, it can be amended at any time in order to reflect new concerns or opportunities in the community.

A public hearing, to accept comments on the Consolidated Plan, was held at 7:00 p.m. on March 24, 2015 immediately prior to the Community Development Commission meeting. A draft of the Plan was also made available for public review and comment from March 20, 2015 to April 20, 2015. Any comments made will be incorporated into the Plan prior to City Council approval.

The beginning of the FY 2015-2016 program year is July 1, 2015. HUD requires that the Consolidated Plan be submitted at least 45 days prior to the beginning of the program year (i.e. no later than Friday, May 15, 2015). In order to meet this submittal deadline, the Urbana City Council is scheduled to review and approve the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan at its May 4, 2015 Council meeting.

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (AAP) FY 2015-2016. The funding allocation amounts for the next fiscal year have been determined, as the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has announced its formula allocations for entitlement communities. For FY 2015-2016, the City of Urbana's CDBG allocation from HUD is **\$375,514** and the Urbana HOME Consortium allocation is **\$653,084**. In FY 2014-2015, the CDBG allocation was \$386,734 and the HOME allocation was \$754,106. This represents a 3% reduction in CDBG and a 14% reduction in HOME funds.

HOUSING PROGRAM MANUAL FY 2015-2019. City Council has traditionally directed a significant portion of the City's grant funds toward rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing and other housing programs. Federal regulations governing the programs allow the City flexibility in disbursing these funds provided local guidelines exist to assure that program objectives are met and funds are expended in an equitable and timely manner. The Housing Program Manual provides the required guidelines and procedures for the programs and projects undertaken by the Grants Management Division of the Department of Community Development Services. This revised manual will run concurrent with the new Consolidated Plan for years 2015-2019.

HOME PROGRAM FY 2015-2016 Proposed Budget:

HOME Grant Allocation (Actual)	\$653,084.00
Administration (10%)	\$65,308.40
Personnel	\$63,808.27
Other	\$1,499.73
CHDO Set-Aside (20%)	\$130,616.80
CHDO Project Applications (15%)	\$97,962.60
Optional CHDO Operating (5%)	\$32,654.20
CONSORTIUM SPLIT	\$457,158.80
City of Champaign (50.0%)	\$228,579.40
County (18.1%)	\$82,745.74
Urbana (31.9%)	\$145,833.66
TOTAL Budget	\$653,084.00

CDBG PROGRAM FY 2015-2016 Proposed Budget:

CDBG Federal Allocation (Grant)	\$375,514.00
ADMINISTRATION (20%)	\$75,102.80
Personnel	\$55,786.07
Other Administration (CDBG & HOME)	\$19,316.73
PUBLIC SERVICE (15%)	\$56,327.10
Transitional Housing (personnel)	\$29,623.05
Transitional Housing (programming)	\$22,704.05
Neighborhood Cleanup (\$4,000 CDBG; \$1,000 Other Funding)	\$4,000.00
Consolidated Social Service Fund	\$5,000.00
AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROGRAMS	\$244,084.10
Housing-Related Program Delivery	
Program Delivery (Personnel & misc.)	\$85,000.00
Case Preparation	\$4,000.00
Housing-Related Programs	
Emergency/Access	\$80,000.00
Urbana Senior Repair	\$15,000.00
Property Acquisition/Demolition/New Construction (estimated)	\$60,084.10
TOTAL Budget	\$375,514.00

On April 28, 2015, the Community Development Commission forwarded the proposed Ordinance to City Council with a unanimous recommendation for approval. Unapproved minutes from the Community Development Commission meeting are also attached for review.

Options

1. Approve the Ordinance.
2. Approve the Ordinance with changes.
3. Do not approve the Ordinance.

Fiscal Impact

There are considerable fiscal impacts associated with the preparation of the FY 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The main impact of the Consolidated Plan is that it can influence funding availability and utilization of CDBG and HOME funding. If a proposed project is not consistent with the goals and strategies of the Consolidated Plan, the project cannot be funded with CDBG or HOME funding, unless the Consolidated Plan is amended to include the project. The proposed Annual Action Plan FY 2015-2016 includes revenue from HUD of **\$375,514** in CDBG funds, and HOME program revenue from HUD of **\$653,084**.

The Consolidated Plan will guide the annual expenditures of CDBG and HOME funding. Failure to submit the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to HUD by the May 15, 2015 deadline could result in a significant delay in accessing CDBG and HOME funds, which would create a financial burden for the City to advance funds for these programs.

Recommendation

Staff and the Community Development Commission unanimously recommend approval of the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan FY 2015-2019 and the Annual Action Plan FY 2015-2016, along with the Housing Program Manual FY 2015-2019.

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Attachments:

1. AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF URBANA AND URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM (CHAMPAIGN/URBANA/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY) CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR PROGRAM YEARS 2015-2019 AND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016
2. CITY OF URBANA AND URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM (CHAMPAIGN/URBANA/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY) CONSOLIDATED PLAN FY 2015-2019 AND CITY OF URBANA AND URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM (CHAMPAIGN/URBANA/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY) ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FY 2015-2016
3. A RESOLUTION AMENDING HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAM OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES AS ORIGINALLY AUTHORIZED BY RESOLUTION NO. 2010-04-010R (CITY OF URBANA HOUSING PROGRAM MANUAL PROGRAM YEARS 2015-2019)
4. PROPOSED HOUSING PROGRAM MANUAL FY 2015-2019
5. *April 28, 2015 Community Development Commission Unapproved Meeting Minutes*

ORDINANCE NO. 2015-05-047

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF URBANA AND URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM
(CHAMPAIGN/URBANA/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY) CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR FISCAL
YEARS 2015-2019 AND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016**

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana has been designated an entitlement city under the Federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and as such is eligible for Community Development Block Grant (hereinafter "CDBG") funds upon proper submittal being made to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (hereinafter "HUD"); and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana has been designated lead entity for the Urbana HOME Consortium in accordance with the Cranston-Gonzales National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, and as such is eligible to receive HOME Investment Partnerships (hereinafter "HOME") funds on behalf of the City of Urbana, City of Champaign, and Champaign County; and

WHEREAS, on January 5, 1995, HUD published a final rule in the Federal Register requiring a five-year consolidated plan and annual action plans for all HUD community planning and development formula grant programs, consolidating into a single submission the planning, application, and reporting aspects of the CDBG, HOME, Emergency Shelter Grants, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS programs, and the Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy; and

WHEREAS, public hearings were held in neighborhood locations to solicit input on the Urbana Consortium and the City of Urbana Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2015-2019 (hereinafter the "Consolidated Plan") and the City of Urbana Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 (hereinafter the "Annual Action Plan") on January 12, 13, 14, and 15, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana Grants Management Division staff, assisted by the Urbana Community Development Commission, has prepared the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan for public review; and

WHEREAS, said Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan were placed on file for public review beginning March 20, 2015, and ending April 20, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana Community Development Commission held a public hearing on March 24, 2015 to receive comments on the Draft Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Urbana Community Development Commission recommended the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action to the Urbana City Council at its April 28, 2015, meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF URBANA, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. That the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium (Champaign/Urbana/Champaign County) Consolidated Plan for Fiscal Years 2015-2019 and Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2015-2016, in substantially the form as attached hereto, are hereby approved.

Section 2. That the Mayor is hereby designated as the authorized representative of the City of Urbana to take any action necessary in connection with said Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to implement the CDBG and HOME programs and to provide such additional information as may be required.

PASSED by the City Council this _____ day of _____, 2015.

AYES:

NAYS:

ASTAINS:

Phyllis D. Clark, City Clerk

APPROVED by the Mayor this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Laurel Lunt Prussing, Mayor



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**CITY OF URBANA
AND
URBANA
HOME CONSORTIUM
(CHAMPAIGN/URBANA/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY)**



FY 2015-2019 CONSOLIDATED PLAN



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Approved by Urbana City Council
Ordinance No. _____

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Consolidated Plan serves the following basic functions: A planning document for the City of Urbana and the Urbana HOME Consortium, which builds on a participatory process among citizens, organizations, businesses and other stakeholders; An application for federal funds under HUD's formula grant programs for the City of Urbana and the Urbana HOME Consortium; A strategy to be followed in carrying out HUD programs; and A management tool for assessing performance and tracking results. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development program guidelines provide greater detail as to the statutory purposes and functions of the Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan is designed to guide decisions regarding housing and community development funds during the five-year period beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2019.

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The mission of the City of Urbana and the Urbana HOME Consortium is to address the statutory goals of the formula programs encompassed by the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium FY 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan as follows: **To provide decent housing**, which includes: Assisting homeless persons obtain affordable housing, Assisting persons at risk of becoming homeless, Retention of affordable housing stock; Increasing the availability of affordable permanent housing in standard condition to low-income and moderate-income families, particularly to members of disadvantaged minorities without discrimination on the basis or by reason of race, color, creed, class, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, physical and mental disability, personal appearance, sexual preference, family responsibilities, matriculation, political affiliation, prior arrest or conviction record or source of income, or any other discrimination based upon categorizing or classifying a person rather than evaluating a person's unique qualifications relevant to an opportunity in housing, employment, credit or access to public accommodations; Increasing the supply of supportive housing that is designed to develop housing and services that will allow homeless persons to live as independently as possible; Increasing the supply of accessible housing which includes structural features and services to enable persons with special needs to live in dignity and independence; Providing affordable housing that is accessible to job opportunities; Increasing the availability of mortgage financing for low-income persons at reasonable rates using non-discriminatory lending practices. **To provide a suitable living environment**, which includes: Improving the safety and livability of neighborhoods; Increasing access to quality public and private facilities and services; Reducing the isolation of income groups within the City through spatial

de-concentration of housing opportunities for lower income persons; Revitalizing deteriorating neighborhoods; restoring and preserving properties of special historic, architectural, or aesthetic value; and conservation of energy resources. **To expand economic opportunities**, which includes: Creating and retaining job opportunities; Establishing, stabilizing and expanding small businesses; Proving public services concerning employment; Providing jobs to low-income persons living in areas affected by HUD-funded programs and activities, or jobs resulting from carrying out activities under programs covered by the Plan; Increasing the access to capital and credit for development activities that promote the long-term economic and social viability of the community; and Supporting empowerment and self-sufficiency for low-income persons to reduce generational poverty in federally assisted housing and public housing. The Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan provide a budget allocation for Community Development Block Grant funds to be used in Urbana, and a budget allocation for HOME funds to be used by the Urbana HOME Consortium beginning with the fiscal year commencing on July 1, 2010. Consortium members include the City of Urbana, City of Champaign, and Champaign County. HOME funds will be used by these jurisdictions to promote affordable housing in their respective jurisdictions in accordance with an intergovernmental agreement governing use of HOME funds by Consortium members. The focus of all strategies and programs discussed in the Consolidated Plan is to benefit low- and moderate-income persons. Throughout the document terms such as "extremely low-income," "low-income," "moderate income" and "middle income" are used.

3. Evaluation of past performance

Each year, the Urbana Consortium reports its progress in meeting the five-year and annual goals in the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER). The CAPER is submitted to HUD within 90 days after the start of the new program year. Copies of the CAPER are available for review at the City of Urbana Community Development Services.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

In January of 2015, the schedule for the Consolidated Planning Process was made available to the public at the regular Urbana Community Development Commission meeting. Future focus groups, public hearings, and open houses were also posted on the City of Urbana website calendar for public review. In February of 2015, the City of Urbana and the Urbana HOME Consortium hosted four separate focus groups to discuss three different areas of concern to the community. These areas included: Housing & Neighborhood Needs, Youth & Social Services, Seniors & Special Needs, and Homelessness. Invitations were sent out to local community stakeholders in an effort to gather input on the needs and gaps in the community, and all meetings were held in locations accessible to persons with disabilities.

In January of 2015, the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium hosted a public hearing/open house event in each of the four census tracts within the City of Urbana Community Development Target Area. The hearings were designed to obtain resident input regarding community development and

housing needs. These hearings were announced in the Champaign-Urbana News-Gazette and through the Grants Management Division newsletter, which was mailed to approximately 3,000 households. Instructions for non-English speaking persons requiring arrangements for a translator were posted in each notice.

In addition to the above measures, the City of Urbana also hosted two public hearings on the Consolidated Plan at public meetings. The first was held in November prior to a regular Community Development Commission meeting to obtain preliminary comments from the public before a draft was underway. Another was held in March at the start of a Community Development Commission meeting to review the Draft of the Consolidated Plan further along in the development stage. A thirty-day comment period will be held from March 20, 2015 to April 20, 2015. In addition to the municipalities, a number of public and private entities play key roles in the health of the community. The Consortium makes every effort to include these organizations in the planning and implementation of the Consolidated Plan

5. Summary of public comments

Comments received during the public meetings prior and during the preparation of the Plan as well as the Plan priorities are summarized within the Citizen Participation Section of this Plan.

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

All comments and views submitted in this process were incorporated into the 2015-2019 consolidated plan.

7. Summary

The Consolidated Plan reflects the coordinated efforts of the Urbana HOME Consortium and its citizens, as well as the expansive network of housing and human service providers in Champaign County. Through strategies documented in this plan, the effectiveness and impact of federal funds will be maximized through thoughtful investment of resources, reduced duplication of services, and improved service delivery. The goals and objectives identified in this plan aim to improve the quality of life in Champaign County, particularly for low-income, homeless, elderly, and/or special needs individuals and families.

The Process

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

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

The following are the agencies/entities 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	URBANA	Community Development/Grants Management Division
HOME Administrator	URBANA	Community Development/Grants Management Division

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

Copies of proposed and approved Consolidated Plans/Annual Action Plans, Performance Reports, and substantial amendments to the plan are available for public review on the City of Urbana website at www.city.urbana.il.us and at the following location:

- City of Urbana, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana - Grants Management Division & City Clerk's Office
- Urbana Free Library, 210 West Green Street, Urbana
- Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, 1776 E. Washington Street, Urbana

The City of Champaign is responsible to make the Plans and Reports available at the following locations:

- Champaign Public Library, 200 West Green Street, Champaign
- City of Champaign, 102 N. Neil Street, Champaign, Neighborhood Services Department Information Desk

Questions or comments regarding the Community Development Program should be addressed to the Grants Management Division Manager, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, Illinois 61801 or khmierkowski@urbanaininois.us.

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

1. Introduction

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)).

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

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of Champaign County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Urbana HOME Consortium met with the Housing Authority of Champaign County to review the data provided by HUD and discuss the needs in Champaign County. The Housing Authority continues to inform local jurisdictions of major housing opportunities and is currently collaborating on major redevelopments in Champaign (Bristol Place) and Urbana (Aspen Court/Urbana Townhomes). The Housing Authority also has several new developments being designed in the county. The consultation confirmed the need for additional rental housing opportunities for low income households.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Mental Health Board
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Urbana HOME Consortium interviewed the Mark Driscoll of the Mental Health Board during the drafting of the 2015-2109 Consolidated Plan & FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan. The staff of both groups will continue to discuss and monitor ongoing needs for persons with mental health needs, particularly low-income persons and youth. Staff from local government and the Mental Health Board currently serve together on the United Way of Champaign County's Community Impact Committee and will be serving together in the upcoming year on the local Continuum of Care's monitoring subcommittee.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	Developmental Disabilities Board
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Employment Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Urbana HOME Consortium interviewed the Lynn Canfield of the Developmental Disabilities Board during the drafting of the 2015-2109 Consolidated Plan & FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan. The staff of both groups will continue to discuss and monitor ongoing needs for persons with developmental disabilities and seek opportunities for collaboration.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Reinvestment Group
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Business Leaders Civic Leaders Private Sector Banking / Financing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Urbana HOME Consortium is a member of the Community Reinvestment Group (CRG). The CRG meets monthly to discuss affordable housing needs, opportunities for collaboration and education/outreach. During the February 3, 2015, regular CRG meeting, the Urbana HOME Consortium sought input on the upcoming Consolidated Plan and also highlighted information from the City of Champaign's recently completed Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. An increase in rental housing needs were highlighted by staff while the lenders sought to find alternative methods to continue funding homeownership programs. Finally, continuing negative data trends for African Americans seeking housing finance (both the 2007 and 2014 AI) points to a possible testing program to determine if discriminatory practices may be a cause for this disparity.

5	Agency/Group/Organization	Council of Service Providers to the Homeless
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - County Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Anti-poverty Strategy
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Urbana HOME Consortium members (Darlene Kloeppel, Kelly Mierkowski and Kerri Spear) have all served as past chairs for the Continuum of Care and/or Council of Service Providers to the Homeless. All three participating jurisdictions/subrecipients to the HOME Consortium continue to serve on the Continuum of Care and Council of Service Providers to the Homeless. During the February 3, 2015, joint meeting of the Continuum of Care and Council of Service Providers to the Homeless, the Urbana HOME Consortium consulted with both bodies to outline the upcoming Consolidated Plan process and seek input. A key outcome included the need for subsidized housing development for nonprofits to alleviate overwhelming shortage of affordable rental properties and/or subsidies.	

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

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	Champaign County Continuum of Care	The Champaign County Continuum of Care has seven key upcoming goals identified for optimizing housing choices for persons either homeless or at risk of homelessness. These areas align with the Urbana HOME Consortium's goal of ensuring access to decent, safe and sanitary housing for all residents.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(l))

The Urbana HOME Consortium consists of the two largest jurisdictions in Champaign County: Champaign and Urbana. The Consortium also includes the unincorporated portions of Champaign County. Consultation with the Housing Authority of Champaign County provides housing-related information for the remainder of the county.

Narrative

PR-15 Citizen 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 Urbana HOME Consortium undertook various measures to ensure that the public was offered every opportunity to express concerns for the community development and affordable housing needs in the area. Various public hearings were held in both the cities of Champaign and Urbana. The City of Urbana held neighborhood meetings in each of the Census Tracts that comprise the Community Development Target Area. The City of Urbana also held a special public hearing for social service agencies.

Comments received impacted goal-setting in a variety of ways. Area of concern expressed by the community encompassed broad needs in the Urbana HOME Consortium area. Concerns expressed regarding the need for rental assistance impacted the City of Champaign's goals for its Neighborhood Revitalization program. Additionally, comments received regarding the most vulnerable populations in need of affordable housing, mainly those households at or below 30% of the Median Family Income, prompted staff to include Tenant Based Rental Assistance as part of the Annual Action Plan goals and strategies.

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	Non-targeted/broad community	Two ads placed in the local newspaper (News Gazette) to promote the public hearings and public input period for the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan. The ads were a joint effort between the City of Champaign and the Urbana HOME Consortium.	N/A		
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	The City of Champaign Neighborhood Services Advisory Board (NSAB) met on December 11, 2014, February 12, 2015, and March 12, 2015 and included discussion on the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan.	Supportive of the Consolidated Plan process, goals and strategies and proposed Annual Action Plan activities as presented.		

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3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	<p>January 6, 2015 Public Hearing held during the Champaign City Council meeting, along with a study session on the Consolidated Plan process. The video of the meeting can be viewed at http://ci.champaign.il.us/departments/information/cgtv/cgtv-video-on-demand/ and the report for the corresponding study session can be viewed (SS 2015-00 at www.ci.champaign.il.us - go to Council-meeting info-2015)</p>	<p>Issues raised include homelessness concerns, providing information, need for shelters, affordable housing need, needs halfway house(s) for parolees. For complete public comments see attached Citizen Participation Comments.</p>		<p>http://documents.ci.champaign.il.us/v/BwqebO6?hp=0B9AX7CNTof-5ODN0OU1mcnhiWE0%2C0B9AX7CNTof-5VGVFU09ZUENObjg%2C0B9AX7CNTof-5NWhwTU9KaTFTemM%2C0BxXlism</p>

Consolidated Plan

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4	Public Hearing	Persons with disabilities Residents of Public and Assisted Housing Nonprofit partners	January 15, 2015 Public Hearing hosted by the City of Urbana/Urbana HOME Consortium at the Urbana Civic Center for nonprofit partners. Attendees included: Salvation Army, Courage Connection, Community Elements, Housing Authority of Champaign County, Urbana Park District and Regional Planning Commission and City of Champaign.	Meeting minutes not yet available (4/29/15)		
5	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	January 27, 2015 City of Urbana Community Development Commission meeting. Commission board members, City of Urbana staff and City of Champaign staff in attendance.	No comments on the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan were made.		

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7	Public Meeting	Minorities Non-targeted/broad community Seniors Consolidated Plan	February 10, 2015 Beardsley Park/Garwood Area Addition Neighborhood Group meeting held at Stratton Elementary School.	Comments on desires for a specific potential development included: Senior Housing, single story, No hidden interiors (Bristol Place), Senior housing: owner occupied or rental, Senior only. For complete public comments see attached Citizen Participation Comments		16

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8	Public Meeting	Lenders, Nonprofit Housing Agencies	February 12, 2015 Community Reinvestment Group Meeting hosted at the City of Champaign	Kelly Mierkowski offered Urbana is having difficulty finding eligible applicants for the whole house program but a roof program may be added. City of Urbana will look towards new construction for the HOME funds. For complete public comments see attached Citizen Participatio		

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9	Public Meeting	Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	February 13, 2015 Countrybrook Apartments Resident Meeting (subsidized housing)	2015-19 Consolidated Plan comments: Increased affordable housing, Teen programming, Financial literacy, Childcare funding, Education programs for young mothers, Domestic violence programs (D. Shaffer). For complete public comments see attached Citizen Participation		

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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)
10	Public Meeting	United Garden Hills Neighborhood Association	February 16, 2015 United Garden Hills Neighborhood Association (UGHNA) at Garden Hills Elementary School	Suggestions included: Build relationships with landlords, Fence Repairs/uniform fences, Hold a general home repair day (like HGTV), Work on watershed issues, Address Mattis North Apartment security issues, Install more sidewalks		

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11	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community City Council Study Session- Champaign	March 10 Champaign City Council Study Session - 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan	No public comments on the 2015-19 Consolidated Plan were captured.		
14	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	March 30, 2015 "All Call" meeting to be held Leonhard Recreation Center to solicit input during the public comment period.	No Attendance		

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)
15	Public Hearing	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	April 14, 2015 Champaign City Council Study Session to review the draft 2015/2019 Consolidated Plan and FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan - study session and public hearing. Previously advertised in the News Gazette, on CGTV, and www.ci.champaign.il.us	Meeting minutes not yet available (4/29/15)		
16	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community				http://ci.champaign.il.us/cms/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Public-Hearings-and-30-day-public-comment-period-AD-Final.pdf

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Needs Assessment

NA-05 Overview

Needs Assessment Overview

Among the sources used to complete this needs assessment were the following:

- CHAS
- American Community Survey
- Point in Time Count
- Housing Inventory Count
- HMIS
- 2003 Survey of Homeless Residents
- PIC
- CPD Maps
- Champaign-Urbana Public Health District

Representatives from the following organizations were interviewed:

- Housing Authority of Champaign County
- Champaign County Continuum of Care
- Champaign County Mental Health Board

Several key factors became clear through the Housing Needs Assessment, including the pre-eminence of housing cost burden as a key concern in the community. The Disproportionately Greater Need section revealed that certain housing problems particularly affect certain racial and ethnic groups disproportionately compared to other population groups. The Public Housing section revealed that elderly and adult housing are concerns expressed among applicants for Public Housing and Housing Choice Vouchers respectively. The Homeless Needs Assessment section shows that a wide variety of homeless residents live in Champaign County and have a specific set of needs that must be met. The Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment demonstrates that a wide range of residents are in need of supportive housing and supportive services in Champaign County.

NA-10 Housing Needs Assessment - 24 CFR 91.405, 24 CFR 91.205 (a,b,c)

Summary of Housing Needs

As identified through the data, housing cost burden appears to be a substantial concern throughout the HOME Service Area. In particular, moderate and severe housing cost burdens are the most commonly seen housing problems faced by homeowners and renters respectively. Besides the “other” category, small related households are the type of renter households that most commonly face housing cost burden, while elderly households represent the largest absolute number of owner households facing moderate and severe cost burden outside of the “other” household category. Small family households and households containing at least one person 62-74 years of age are the most numerous in the HOME Service Area. A larger absolute number of occurrences of several housing problems are also correlated with low income levels. Housing cost burden in general likely plays into the presence of other housing problems, and could be a key factor for households that are on the edge of homelessness. Outside of housing cost burden, the next most commonly occurring housing issues relate to moderate overcrowding among owner households and a lack of complete kitchen or plumbing facilities for renter households.

Demographics	Base Year: 2000	Most Recent Year: 2011	% Change
Population	103,915	186,642	80%
Households	41,434	73,718	78%
Median Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	

Table 5 - Housing Needs Assessment Demographics

Data Source: 2000 Census (Base Year), 2007-2011 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Number of Households Table

	0-30% HAMFI	>30-50% HAMFI	>50-80% HAMFI	>80-100% HAMFI	>100% HAMFI
Total Households *	13,825	8,819	11,573	6,852	32,619
Small Family Households *	2,499	2,594	3,424	2,575	17,604
Large Family Households *	391	415	709	441	1,864
Household contains at least one person 62-74 years of age	863	915	1,393	1,093	5,458
Household contains at least one person age 75 or older	772	1,037	1,429	742	2,130
Households with one or more children 6 years old or younger *	1,528	1,417	1,541	889	3,827

* the highest income category for these family types is >80% HAMFI

Table 6 - Total Households Table

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

Housing Needs Summary Tables

1. Housing Problems (Households with one of the listed needs)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Substandard Housing - Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities	145	79	93	25	342	0	20	0	30	50
Severely Overcrowded - With >1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	44	15	0	10	69	4	0	0	0	4
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	99	104	94	69	366	0	68	39	63	170
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	8,620	1,770	344	60	10,794	1,236	781	515	138	2,670
Housing cost burden greater than 30% of income (and none of the above problems)	672	3,406	2,523	215	6,816	202	728	1,444	889	3,263

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
Zero/negative Income (and none of the above problems)	1,863	0	0	0	1,863	202	0	0	0	202

Table 7 – Housing Problems Table

Data 2007-2011 CHAS
Source:

2. Housing Problems 2 (Households with one or more Severe Housing Problems: Lacks kitchen or complete plumbing, severe overcrowding, severe cost burden)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Having 1 or more of four housing problems	8,895	1,969	532	159	11,555	1,242	867	556	231	2,896
Having none of four housing problems	1,325	4,336	5,755	2,711	14,127	345	1,672	4,756	3,749	10,522
Household has negative income, but none of the other housing problems	1,863	0	0	0	1,863	202	0	0	0	202

Table 8 – Housing Problems 2

Data 2007-2011 CHAS
Source:

3. Cost Burden > 30%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	1,678	1,557	753	3,988	426	437	983	1,846
Large Related	334	150	90	574	28	111	149	288
Elderly	532	412	272	1,216	516	604	404	1,524

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
Other	6,961	3,202	1,807	11,970	486	380	488	1,354
Total need by income	9,505	5,321	2,922	17,748	1,456	1,532	2,024	5,012

Table 9 – Cost Burden > 30%

Data 2007-2011 CHAS
Source:

4. Cost Burden > 50%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	1,513	342	50	1,905	373	236	307	916
Large Related	330	55	0	385	24	64	29	117
Elderly	394	169	100	663	388	302	84	774
Other	6,562	1,252	239	8,053	459	211	118	788
Total need by income	8,799	1,818	389	11,006	1,244	813	538	2,595

Table 10 – Cost Burden > 50%

Data 2007-2011 CHAS
Source:

5. Crowding (More than one person per room)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Single family households	143	104	55	55	357	4	88	35	53	180
Multiple, unrelated family households	0	0	4	4	8	0	0	4	4	8
Other, non-family households	0	15	35	25	75	0	0	0	0	0
Total need by income	143	119	94	84	440	4	88	39	57	188

Table 11 – Crowding Information - 1/2

Data 2007-2011 CHAS
Source:

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
Households with Children Present	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 12 – Crowding Information – 2/2

Data Source
Comments:

Describe the number and type of single person households in need of housing assistance.

According to the American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates (2009-2013), a total of 26,054 1-person households exist in Champaign County. About 42% of the 14,872 households with one or more people 65 years and over are 1-person households. This indicates that a significant number of single person households consist of senior citizens; consequently, the needs of those households correspond with the needs of senior households in general, but their needs are likely amplified by the lack of another household member. In particular, these needs likely relate to housing cost burden, which could be a factor among elderly households due to their decreased incomes, as well as accessibility improvements, among other needs.

According to the same data set, 1-person households in Champaign County earn a median income of \$25,286, which is twice the Census Bureau’s poverty income threshold of \$12,119 for one individual. An estimated 15,299 1-person households are renters, as opposed to 10,755 1-person households who are owner-occupants.

Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance who are disabled or victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Information provided by Courage Connection which is a supportive housing provider for the homeless and those who experience domestic violence, shows that they served a total of 43 new clients from October to December of 2014. In addition, they saw 72 clients leave their program during that timeframe. According to their website, from July 1st, 2013 to June 30th, 2014, Courage Connection offered 217 clients Domestic Violence counseling and filed 121 Orders of Protection. With regards to individuals with disabilities in need of housing, the Housing Authority of Champaign County stated that there are 13 applicants on the public housing wait list who have requested accessible features.

According to Point-In-Time (PIT) count data provided by the 2015 Champaign County Continuum of Care, four individuals were sheltered and were identified as victims of domestic violence. This information only reflects the situation as it existed on January 28, 2014. According to the 2014 Housing Inventory Count (HIC), a total of 16 individuals were located at the Unlimited Possibilities Services Center, which is a shelter for women recovering from abusive relationships. Similarly, 47 individuals

were identified as having experienced domestic violence through the Continuum of Care's 2014 Annual Performance Report.

Additional information was provided by staff from Rape Advocacy, Counseling, & Education Services (RACES) in Urbana. In particular, they stated that roughly 30% of the agency's adult clients live in a situation with a perpetrator of violence. With that in mind, safe housing for victims of domestic violence is a problem that certainly correlates with homelessness. In particular, many victims of domestic violence are not able to qualify for emergency housing or other domestic violence services. Furthermore, a substantial number of the clients at RACES are unemployed, underemployed, or are relying upon income from sources such as SSI/SSDI or township funds. The lack of affordable housing was also noted as adding difficulty to the necessity of finding safe places for victims of domestic violence. RACES staff also stated that housing features such as communal bathroom and sleeping facilities in emergency housing could be intimidating to victims of domestic violence. Housing can also become problematic with regards to female victims of domestic violence who also have older male children.

PACE is a local agency that operates a Housing Education and Advocacy program for individuals with disabilities. That agency was also contacted, and they reported that they received 69 calls for people in need of housing assistance through that program.

What are the most common housing problems?

According to 2007-2011 CHAS data, the most frequently seen single housing problem among homeowners in Champaign County relates to moderate housing cost burden of between 30% and 50% of household income. Specifically, a total of 5,150 homeowner households have been found to be experiencing this degree of housing cost burden. The next most frequently seen housing problem concerns an even greater housing cost burden of over 50% of a homeowner household's income. This is currently the case for 3,050 homeowner households in Champaign County. However, problems related to actual housing structures are also apparent, as the third most common housing problem is moderate overcrowding such that a ratio of between 1-1.5 persons per room exists. This type of overcrowding alone affects 305 homeowner households in Champaign County. A lack of complete kitchen or plumbing facilities is the next most frequently seen issue among homeowners, and it is experienced by 120 homeowner households. A total of 21% of households experience at least one housing problem. Some of these problems tend to concentrate among lower-income households, while others involve mostly moderate income households.

With regard to Champaign County's renters, the most commonly noted housing problem is a more severe housing cost burden of over 50% of a renter household's income. In this case, 11,235 renter households experience a housing burden of this magnitude. Similarly, the second most common housing problem is a more moderate housing cost burden where 30%-50% of a renter household's income is devoted to rental payments, which affects 7,355 renter households in Champaign County. This theme of housing cost burden being the preeminent housing problem continues a trend also seen among

homeowners, but with regards to absolute volume, an even larger number of renter households are affected. Slightly more frequently occurring is a lack of complete kitchen or plumbing facilities, which affects 470 renter households. Housing cost burden of over 50% of household income is overwhelmingly concentrated among those earning at most 30% of HAMFI, such that around 80% of those facing such severe cost burden qualify for that lowest income range. Lower incomes are also correlated with incomplete kitchen or plumbing facilities. In this case, only 17% of renter households earn over 100% of HAMFI, which reveals that a substantial percentage of renter households earn below the HAMFI.

Are any populations/household types more affected than others by these problems?

A total of 6,905 White non-Hispanic homeowner households experience at least one housing problem, while 840 African-American households, 460 Asian households, and 340 Hispanic households of any race experience at least one housing issue. Expressed as percentages, only about 18% of White non-Hispanic homeowner households have at least one housing problem, but that percentage jumps to roughly 34% and 30% for Black and Asian homeowner households respectively. Hispanic homeowner households of any race also experience a housing problem at a rate of just over 28%. American Indian or Alaska Native and other races do not contribute many households to the homeowner population, and those populations do experience a relatively low rate of experiencing housing problems by comparison to other minority populations. All 20 Pacific Islander homeowner households experience at least one housing problem. With regards to severe housing problems, about 6% of White non-Hispanic homeowner households, 16% of African-American households, 20% of Asian households, and 19% of Hispanic households experience such issues.

Among renter households in Champaign County, 11,900 White renter households experience at least one housing problem, while the same can be said for 4,320 African-American renter households, 2,175 Asian renter households, and 980 Hispanic renter households of any race. Percentage-wise, the African-American renter population experiences the highest rate of encountering housing problems at 63%. Other races and White renter households experience at least one housing problem at rates of around 60% and 54% respectively. Hispanic renter households of any race experience housing problems at a rate of about 53%, while about half of the few American Indian or Alaska Native renter households experience at least one housing problem. Concerning severe housing problems, roughly 34% of White non-Hispanic renter households, 40% of African-American households, 27% of Asian households, and 40% of Hispanic renter households experience those issues.

With regards to homeowner household type, data is available for homeowner households that are families with one spouse, families with a married couple, and non-family households. The type that has the largest number of homeowner households that experience at least one housing problem is the non-family group, as 3,570 households experience some kind of housing problem. That type of homeowner household is followed closely by married couple families at 3,490, while one-spouse families experiencing housing problems are much rarer, comprising only 1,600 instances in the data. However, homeowner households with a single spouse experience housing problems at a rate of almost 32%,

while homeowner households with a married couple experience housing problems only at a rate of about 13%. Non-family homeowner households experience housing problems at a rate of almost 30%.

A total of 5,770 family renter households with one spouse exist within Champaign County, along with 6,055 family renter households with two spouses. Renter family households with one spouse experience at least one housing problem at a rate of just over 63%, while non-family renter households experience at least one problem at a rate of around 59%. Family renter households with two spouses only experience housing problems at a rate of just under 34%.

Describe the characteristics and needs of Low-income individuals and families with children (especially extremely low-income) who are currently housed but are at imminent risk of either residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered 91.205(c)/91.305(c)). Also discuss the needs of formerly homeless families and individuals who are receiving rapid re-housing assistance and are nearing the termination of that assistance

The Champaign County Continuum of Care (CoC) develops strategic initiatives that address issues and barriers that affect the number of households becoming homeless through its workgroups. The Champaign County Regional Planning Commission manages several funds (ESG, IDHS, FEMA) to assist households with emergency rent assistance to prevent eviction and provides case management and advocacy with landlords to help households obtain and maintain stable housing. Assistance with mortgage foreclosure issues is provided by Land of Lincoln Legal Services. Referrals to other services (food pantries, utility assistance) are made to enable households to balance budgets to pay housing costs. Services cover the entire county.

With regards to formerly homeless families and individuals who are receiving rapid re-housing assistance, the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission provides case management at least weekly to households in rapid re-housing projects and more often if necessary and desired to help households move into stable housing as quickly as possible. Continued case management is offered for up to two years to assist households with improving self-sufficiency, and households are connected with a variety of ongoing supports that may be helpful, such as workforce development assistance, credit counseling and budgeting assistance, help with obtaining mainstream benefits, and other forms of support. The CoC projects provide supportive services to enhance long term stability. Many projects provide aftercare services to support stabilization upon housing transition. The CoC utilizes a portion of the ESG funds for homeless prevention services. Formerly homeless individuals and families that encounter situations that put them at risk for a return to homelessness may access ESG homeless prevention services. ESG Rapid Re-housing staff refer participants to other local supports which can provide family support for up to 2 years and assist with longer-term issues such as employment, child care, transportation, and obtaining health care and disability benefits. Those can be assumed to be the specific needs of rapid re-housing assistance recipients. Follow up is provided until families indicate improved scores on a pre/post self-sufficiency scale or are no longer interested in follow up. ESG programs are entering data into HMIS for data collection and analysis.

A total of 10 homeless households with children are planned to be assisted through ESG-funded rapid re-housing projects in 2015. No information about those families, how long they have been receiving rapid rehousing assistance, or if they are nearing the termination of their assistance is available, but the number for 2015 is an increase of five over the previous projection for 2014. With that in mind, it is possible that a substantial proportion of the rapid rehousing recipients are new to the program and not nearing the termination of that assistance.

A particular housing characteristic that was identified as a key barrier to housing in Champaign County is the ability to obtain sufficient funding to pay for a security deposit and/or utilities for a new rental or ownership unit. Specifically, people who have lost their jobs and were evicted from their first living arrangement, then received new jobs but are not able to afford the entry costs of the new housing are the population group that was identified as being frequently found in this situation.

If a jurisdiction provides estimates of the at-risk population(s), it should also include a description of the operational definition of the at-risk group and the methodology used to generate the estimates:

The Continuum of Care rapid re-housing assistance is currently provided by one agency, CCRPC. CCRPC has written policies and procedures for determining assistance: households are seen at intake on a first-come, first served basis and case management services are provided to households that have no other options (resource of last resort). On a Continuum-wide basis, the CoC Coordinated Intake Workgroup is currently developing Continuum-wide policies and procedures that will reflect the desired coordinated intake for both sheltering and rapid re-housing programs (CoC, ESG and others as appropriate).

Specify particular housing characteristics that have been linked with instability and an increased risk of homelessness

By far the greatest housing characteristic linked to a risk of homelessness in the Urbana Champaign entitlement jurisdiction is affordability. Most low income persons can not reasonably afford a decent housing unit at or below 30% of their income including over 90% of persons 0-10% AMI. In particular, a related characteristic that was identified by CCRPC staff as a key barrier to housing in Champaign County is the inability to obtain sufficient funding to pay for a security deposit and/or utilities for a new rental or ownership unit. Specifically, this was identified to be a common need among people who have lost jobs and been evicted from initial living arrangements, and then received new jobs but are not able to afford the entry costs of the new housing. Therefore, it is reasonable to conclude that housing cost burden developing as a result of tenuous employment is one characteristic that could contribute to instability and an increased risk of homelessness.

Discussion

The above information assists substantially with regards to informing the decision making processes of the Urbana HOME Consortium and in terms of its goal setting. In particular, housing cost burden emerges from the CHAS data as a serious need, while the needs expressed for single people, the homeless, those in danger of becoming homeless, and those threatened by domestic or dating violence are also key findings as well. More specific goals related to alleviating the problems that affect those populations will certainly reflect the trends and input shown above.

**NA-15 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Problems - 91.405, 91.205
(b)(2)**

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

A disproportionately greater number of housing problems is said to occur when members of a certain racial or ethnic group within a particular income category experience a housing problem at a rate of 10% or higher than the rate at which that housing problem is experienced by members of the income group as a whole. Given the anecdotally described quality of housing in which many African-American and Hispanic households live, those two population groups might be considered to be at a higher level of need. The data finds disproportionate need for one American Indian, Alaska Native and one Asian population group.

0%-30% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	11,531	847	1,379
White	7,701	603	429
Black / African American	2,109	215	319
Asian	984	10	595
American Indian, Alaska Native	14	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	400	24	25

Table 13 - Disproportionally Greater Need 0 - 30% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than one person per room,
4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

30%-50% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	6,591	2,194	0
White	4,410	1,529	0
Black / African American	1,154	325	0
Asian	704	154	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	25	10	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	214	164	0

Table 14 - Disproportionally Greater Need 30 - 50% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than one person per room,
4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

50%-80% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	4,734	6,813	0
White	3,559	5,447	0
Black / African American	625	807	0
Asian	279	339	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	10	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	150	208	0

Table 15 - Disproportionally Greater Need 50 - 80% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than one person per room,
4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

80%-100% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	1,495	5,692	0
White	1,225	4,501	0
Black / African American	70	645	0
Asian	155	233	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	77	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	19	148	0

Table 16 - Disproportionally Greater Need 80 - 100% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

*The four housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than one person per room,
4. Cost Burden greater than 30%

Discussion

Key findings from each of the four income levels are as follows:

- 0-30% of AMI (extremely low-income): Disproportionate need is experienced by the American Indian, Alaska Native population
- 30-50% of AMI (low-income): No disproportionate need is experienced
- 50-80% of AMI (moderate-income): No disproportionate need is experienced
- 80-100% of AMI (middle-income): Disproportionate need is experienced by the Asian population

NA-20 Disproportionately Greater Need: Severe Housing Problems - 91.405, 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

A disproportionately greater number of severe housing problems is said to occur when members of a certain racial or ethnic group within a particular income category experience a severe housing problem at a rate of 10% or higher than the rate at which that severe housing problem is experienced by members of the income group as a whole. Given the anecdotally described quality of housing in which many African American and Hispanic households live, those two population groups might be considered to be at a higher level of need. The data only finds disproportionate need for some Hispanic as well as Asian and American Indian and Alaska Native population groups.

0%-30% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	10,270	2,131	1,379
White	6,754	1,566	429
Black / African American	1,939	389	319
Asian	903	90	595
American Indian, Alaska Native	14	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	365	54	25

Table 17 – Severe Housing Problems 0 - 30% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities,
2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities,
3. More than 1.5 persons per room,
4. Cost Burden over 50%

30%-50% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	2,938	5,835	0
White	2,084	3,834	0
Black / African American	435	1,040	0
Asian	209	644	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	15	20	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	169	209	0

Table 18 – Severe Housing Problems 30 - 50% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

50%-80% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	1,235	10,286	0
White	950	8,036	0
Black / African American	125	1,312	0
Asian	63	534	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	10	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	40	318	0

Table 19 – Severe Housing Problems 50 - 80% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

80%-100% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems*	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems	Household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	446	6,732	0
White	311	5,421	0
Black / African American	34	680	0
Asian	100	283	0
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	77	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Hispanic	0	167	0

Table 20 – Severe Housing Problems 80 - 100% AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

*The four severe housing problems are:

1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%

Discussion

Key findings from each of the four income levels are as follows:

- 0-30% of AMI: Disproportionate need is experienced by the American Indian and Alaska Native populations
- 30-50% of AMI: Disproportionate need is experienced by the Hispanic population
- 50-80% of AMI: No disproportionate need is experienced
- 80-100% of AMI: Disproportionate need is experienced by the Asian population

NA-25 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens - 91.405, 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

A disproportionately greater cost burden is said to occur when members of a certain racial or ethnic group within a particular category experience cost burden at a rate of 10% higher than the rate at which cost burden is experienced by members of that category as a whole. Given the anecdotally described quality of housing in which many African American and Hispanic households live, those two population groups might be considered to be at a higher level of need. Disproportionate need with regards to housing cost burden is experienced by certain American Indian, Alaska Native populations as well as African American and Asian populations.

Housing Cost Burden

Housing Cost Burden	<=30%	30-50%	>50%	No / negative income (not computed)
Jurisdiction as a whole	44,242	11,061	14,132	1,409
White	36,914	8,134	9,641	439
Black / African American	3,484	1,509	2,399	319
Asian	2,248	999	1,149	625
American Indian, Alaska Native	155	20	24	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	0	0
Hispanic	1,146	247	510	25

Table 21 – Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens AMI

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

Discussion

- Less than 30% of income going toward housing costs (not cost burdened): Disproportionate need is experienced by the American Indian, Alaska Native population
- 30-50% of income going toward housing costs (cost burdened): No disproportionate need is experienced
- 80-100% of income going toward housing costs (severely cost burdened): Disproportionate need is experienced by the Black / African American population
- No / Negative income: Disproportionate need is experienced by the Asian population.

NA-30 Disproportionately Greater Need: Discussion - 91.205 (b)(2)

Are there any Income categories in which a racial or ethnic group has disproportionately greater need than the needs of that income category as a whole?

Several instances of disproportionate need were discovered in the CHAS data provided. Among them were American Indian, Alaska Native residents earning 0-30% of AMI with regards to housing problems and severe housing problems, as well as Asian populations earning 80-100% of AMI with regards to housing problems and severe housing problems. Disproportionate need was also experienced by the Hispanic population earning 30-50% of AMI with regards to severe housing problems. Concerning disproportionate need related to housing cost burden, need is experienced by the American Indian, Alaska Native population that is not cost burdened, the Black / African American population that is severely cost burdened, and the Asian population that experiences no or negative income.

If they have needs not identified above, what are those needs?

<p style="margin: 0in 0in 10pt;">No further housing needs of any of the described population groups have been identified at this time.</p>

Are any of those racial or ethnic groups located in specific areas or neighborhoods in your community?

<p style="margin: 0in 0in 10pt;">According to CPD Maps, the Hispanic residents are concentrated in certain areas of Champaign-Urbana. Chiefly among them are concentrations near where Neil St. passes over I-74 in Champaign and an area just west of the Niel St. overpass along I-74. Minor concentrations of Hispanic residents are also shown within Sydney Township and Rantoul Township. The Asian population is focused primarily in Champaign-Urbana and especially near where the two communities meet, although other concentrations exist in the City of Champaign. The Black/African-American community is also primarily focused in Champaign-Urbana, and particularly in the northern areas of the two cities, although concentrations also exist in south Urbana. Minor concentrations of Black/African-American residents also exist in Harwood, Ayers, and Brown Townships.</p><p style="margin: 0in 0in 10pt;">Due to the extremely low number of Native American and Alaska Native residents, it is difficult to describe that population's housing needs with certainty.</p>

NA-35 Public Housing - 91.405, 91.205 (b)

Introduction

The Housing Authority of Champaign County has noted that adult housing and elderly housing are both concerns for Housing Choice Voucher Applicants and public housing applicants respectively. Also, a total of 13 public housing applicants have requested accessible features.

Totals in Use

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers in use	0	25	388	1,109	0	1,109	0	0	0

Table 22 - Public Housing by Program Type

*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Characteristics of Residents

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	
Average Annual Income	0	5,992	9,531	10,724	0	10,724	0	0	
Average length of stay	0	0	4	5	0	5	0	0	

	Program Type							
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher	
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program
Average Household size	0	1	1	3	0	3	0	0
# Homeless at admission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of Elderly Program Participants (>62)	0	4	152	72	0	72	0	0
# of Disabled Families	0	6	135	176	0	176	0	0
# of Families requesting accessibility features	0	25	388	1,109	0	1,109	0	0
# of HIV/AIDS program participants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of DV victims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 23 – Characteristics of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Race of Residents

Race	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers			Special Purpose Voucher		
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
White	0	10	104	161	0	161	0	0	0
Black/African American	0	15	278	940	0	940	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	3	3	0	3	0	0	0

Program Type									
Race	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	2	4	0	4	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

Table 24 – Race of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Ethnicity of Residents

Program Type									
Ethnicity	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
Hispanic	0	0	6	19	0	19	0	0	0
Not Hispanic	0	25	382	1,090	0	1,090	0	0	0

*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

Table 25 – Ethnicity of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Section 504 Needs Assessment: Describe the needs of public housing tenants and applicants on the waiting list for accessible units:

The Housing Authority of Champaign County (HACC) stated that there are no public housing tenants waiting for a unit with accessible features. They also stated that there are 13 applicants on the public housing wait list who have requested accessible features.

What are the number and type of families on the waiting lists for public housing and section 8 tenant-based rental assistance? Based on the information above, and any other information available to the jurisdiction, what are the most immediate needs of residents of public housing and Housing Choice voucher holders?

The Housing Authority of Champaign County stated that the most immediate need of the Public Housing applicants is elderly housing. They also stated that the most immediate need of Housing Choice Voucher applicants is adult housing.

How do these needs compare to the housing needs of the population at large

As noted in the section concerning single person households, a substantial percentage of the households with at least one person over the age of 65 consists of single person households. This need corresponds to the needs expressed by applicants for Public Housing and the data presented in NA-10, which shows that 930 households with one person who is at least 62 years old experiences a housing cost burden of at least 30%. Based on the housing cost burden figures presented earlier in the Plan, affordable housing for adult households both with and without children can likely be difficult to obtain, and that information helps to explain why Housing Choice Voucher applicants expressed a need of it. Also, as detailed in the 2014 CoC Annual Performance Report, 39 homeless residents seeking shelter were identified as having some form of physical disability, which is in line with the significant number of Public Housing applicants who are requesting accessible units.

Discussion

NA-40 Homeless Needs Assessment - 91.405, 91.205 (c)

Introduction:

The Champaign County Continuum of Care tracks data related to homelessness and has provided it as part of this Plan to shed light on the characteristics of the homeless population in Champaign County. The data break the homeless population down by various characteristics. This information is critical to accurately targeting homeless assistance funds through applicable grant programs.

Homeless Needs Assessment

Population	Estimate the # of persons experiencing homelessness on a given night		Estimate the # experiencing homelessness each year	Estimate the # becoming homeless each year	Estimate the # exiting homelessness each year	Estimate the # of days persons experience homelessness
	Sheltered	Unsheltered				
Persons in Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	0	57	219	0	0	0
Persons in Households with Only Children	0	3	120	0	0	0
Persons in Households with Only Adults	12	133	573	0	0	0
Chronically Homeless Individuals	0	1	0	0	0	0
Chronically Homeless Families	0	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	0	0	110	0	0	0
Unaccompanied Child	0	0	120	0	0	0
Persons with HIV	0	2	4	0	0	0

Table 26 - Homeless Needs Assessment

Data Source Comments:

Indicate if the homeless population is: Has No Rural Homeless

If data is not available for the categories "number of persons becoming and exiting homelessness each year," and "number of days that persons experience homelessness," describe these categories for each homeless population type (including chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth):

Data is not available through the Continuum of Care based on the subcategories provided; however, there is a plethora of data regarding the number of persons entering and exiting homelessness in a calendar year, unaccompanied youth, and those exiting the homeless provider network. The total number of clients receiving services in 2014 was 913 persons, comprising 765 households. Of this total, 656 were adult-only households, and 120 were unaccompanied youth. Ultimately, 755 individuals exited homelessness by December 31, 2014. An average of 166 individuals were housed each night in 2014.

Of the adults receiving services, 534 were male and 119 were female. Two transgendered persons received services. Of the total 256 children receiving services in 2014, 130 were male and 126 were female. Children accompanied by an adult totaled 136.

Of the adult population, 84 individuals were aged between 18-24 years, 102 persons were aged 25-34, 111 were aged 35-44, 167 were aged 45-54, 81 were aged 55-61, and 28 were aged 62 or older.

Regarding special needs populations, 174 homeless individuals identified themselves as one or more of the following: mental illness, alcohol or drug abuse problem, chronic health condition, HIV/AIDS and related diseases, and/or a developmental or physical disability.

Chronically homeless persons entering into a program in 2014.

Nature and Extent of Homelessness: (Optional)

Race:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
White	344	0
Black or African American	472	0
Asian	1	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	7	0
Pacific Islander	2	0
Ethnicity:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
Hispanic	53	0
Not Hispanic	859	0

Data Source
Comments:

Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance for families with children and the families of veterans.

The 2014 CoC Annual Performance Report estimates that 110 of their clients had veteran status. No further information is available about the types of families of veterans. The same report estimates that 219 households with children and adults were served during the year. All but nine of the adults in those households were estimated to be under the age of 45 while all but 17 of the children in those households were estimated to be under the age of 13.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Homelessness by Racial and Ethnic Group.

The 2014 CoC Annual Performance Report estimates that Black or African-American residents make up a majority of the homeless population (52%). Following that population group in terms of race are White residents (38%), while the Multiple Races group makes up the next highest proportion (6%). Very few members of the Asian, American Indian or Alaska Native, and Pacific Islander population groups were estimated to have been homeless. With regards to ethnicity, 6% of the homeless population identified as Hispanic/Latino.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Unsheltered and Sheltered Homelessness.

The 2014 Point in Time Count indicates that a total of 165 households were homeless in Champaign County. Of that total, 153 households were found to be sheltered while 12 households were unsheltered. All unsheltered households were one person adult households. Among the sheltered households, 133 consisted of adults only, three consisted of children only, and 17 households consisted of adults and children.

Discussion:

The homeless population in Champaign County can be analyzed and assisted through the information provided through the CoC. Important trends related to demographics, veteran status, and household type and size can offer clues regarding how to better target services to appropriate populations.

NA-45 Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment - 91.405, 91.205 (b,d)

Introduction

Several special needs populations have been identified as requiring particular attention within the Consortium jurisdiction. Among those populations are residents in need of substance abuse treatment, youth in need of mental health services, and the developmentally disabled. Interviews and research has revealed steps that can be taken to improve the livelihoods of members of each of these populations.

Describe the characteristics of special needs populations in your community:

To gain insights into this topic, the Urbana HOME Consortium met with Mark Driscoll and Lynn Canfield of the Champaign County Mental Health Board (CCMHB) to discuss the needs of people facing mental illness and developmental disabilities in the County. It was clear from the meeting that a primary concern exists for residents who experience a mental health crisis and/or drug and alcohol abuse, as the case was made that they do not have proper facilities to tend to their needs. Presently, people who become incapacitated through substance abuse or experiencing a mental health crisis are apprehended by police and then are either taken to jail, an emergency room if they are a threat to themselves or others, or released back into the community. Often those released need to be apprehended again by police shortly afterward. One possible solution was presented in the form of a detoxification and respite care facility to respond to people in situations such as these in place of the police taking the individual to jail, to the hospital when not a threat to self or others, or simply released. One case study that is worthy of examination is a facility that operates in Peoria, Illinois called the Crisis Care Center. The Center is a detoxification and respite facility with 16 beds that are available to those who need them. It also has the ability to respond to crisis situations in which a person who is experiencing a mental health crisis or has abused drugs or alcohol needs assistance, and takes them to the facility or a hospital for treatment, thereby easing the burden on police. The Crisis Care Center also has a resource called the Living Room where a person can receive support services from peers in recovery. This type of facility was said to have the potential to supplement the existing residential facilities in Champaign County to more fully serve those in need locally.

Among the other issues that were presented, customized employment for people with developmental disabilities was mentioned as a service that could better match residents with developmental disabilities to employment opportunities. Customized employment may also be an effective model for employment support for other populations (i.e., those with Behavioral Health Disorders.) Another key area of need was noted as the lack of youth access to mental health services. Choices Inc., an organization that serves youth and recently located an office in Urbana, was noted as helping to mitigate this issue. Recidivism was also pinpointed as a particular concern, while the point was also made that housing plays a major

role in recidivism. More broadly, a need for the integration of behavioral and physical health concerns was also voiced.

The 2014-2016 Champaign County Community Health Improvement Plan states that mental health and behavioral health problems were noted as a high priority by 85.4% of resident survey respondents. The Plan calls for added substance abuse treatment, specifically including detoxification and outpatient services along with residential options. Improvement of access to mental health as well as substance abuse treatment for residents making less than 200% of the federal poverty level was identified as part of the goal, while the connection between violence and substance abuse is also listed as an need to address. The objectives for the Behavioral Health priority concerned promotion of awareness of mental health and the improvement of education, capacity, and advocacy.

What are the housing and supportive service needs of these populations and how are these needs determined?

Those who abuse alcohol and drugs are a population of concern, and they could be treated more effectively by a detoxification and respite care facility. Some services exist for people in need of such support in the County, including a transitional housing facility which offers services such as a physical examination, medication assistance, and others. Prairie Center is a partner in the Shelter Plus Care Program and is an option for permanent supportive housing.

Efforts to increase supportive housing capacity for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (ID/DD) include a pilot project through the Corporation for Supportive Housing for those with support/service needs of less than 24 hours/day, with no placements at this time, and the purchase of four Community Integrated Living Arrangements (CILA) homes for up to four persons each with 24 hour service needs. Even though a significant number of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities originating from Champaign County have received notification of award from the Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Developmental Disabilities (IDHS/DDD) to fund CILA services, no vacancies existed in appropriate CILAs in Champaign County in Spring 2014. Local CILA service providers were unable to assume the capital risk associated with the development of additional CILA capacity in Champaign County. In addition to the current identified need, a variety of factors including the Prioritization for Urgency of Needs for Service (PUNS) and the Ligas Consent Decree make it clear that the need for additional CILAs with smaller capacity will continue to increase, and more CILA services in Champaign County will be needed.

The housing needs of people with ID/DD can be met with CILAs, and the CCMHB is currently pursuing the acquisition of CILA facilities in the City of Champaign and unincorporated Champaign County to assist in meeting that need. The CCRPC Independent Service Coordination unit is responsible for assessment, referral, transition planning, placement, service coordination and monitoring of all individuals in Champaign County who have Medicaid waiver funding (CILA or other). In addition to 24 hour supports offered through CILAs, many individuals with ID/DD maintain independence with less intensive supports, some through Medicaid waiver programs like the Home Based Support program

(HBS), Intermittent CILA, and Family CILA, and some through local funding. The settings are typically apartments but sometimes houses, and the providers of service include Developmental Services Center and Community Choices, Inc.

According to the Community Health Improvement Plan, youth in need of mental health services could be served through schools. Also, the needs of the population in need of support from drug and alcohol abuse are currently assessed by the police or hospitals. The service needs of individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities are identified and planned for by a Pre-Admission Screening/Independent Service Coordination Agency (PAS/ISC). This agency will help the individual or household in need to enroll in the PUNS database, which is a waiting list and needs assessment tool for the state and local planners. Individuals whose support needs are met through local funding (less than 24 hour/day support) may have assessment, referral, planning support services through other case managers than the RPS PAS/ISC team. For youth in need of mental health services, the Screening, Assessment, and Support Services (SASS) initiative can direct youth in to the most appropriate agency.

Discuss the size and characteristics of the population with HIV/AIDS and their families within the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area:

According to the Champaign Urbana Public Health District, the HIV incidence rate in Champaign County was 6.64 per 100,000 people in 2009. In 2009, the AIDS incidence rate was 4.09 per 100,000 people. Data is not available from the Champaign Urbana Public Health District for HIV/AIDS related deaths in Champaign County. According to Illinois Department of Public Health surveillance information, there are 389 individuals living with HIV in Champaign County as of December 31, 2014.

More recent data has been provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health, and it states that a total of 17 HIV incident cases had been diagnosed as of 12/31/13, bringing the cumulative number of cases diagnosed from 2006-2013 to 148. This has resulted in a 2006-2013 HIV diagnosis rate of 9.6 per 100,000 population. With regards to AIDS cases, 6.0 had been diagnosed as of 12/31/13, bringing the cumulative number of diagnoses since from 2006-2013 to 79 with an AIDS diagnosis rate over that time span of 5.1 per 100,000 population.

The East Central Illinois HIV Care Connect is a linkage of case managers and service providers for area residents living with HIV. Specific programs include support groups, oral health care, housing and utility support, primary medical services, nutritional support, vaccination, transportation, mental health assistance, and legal guidance. These offerings provide an idea about the characteristics of the population with HIV/AIDS as well as their needs.

Discussion:

Work is underway on the parts of a broad array of governments, agencies, and service providers to make the changes needed to better serve the special needs populations that have been identified as requiring particular attention within the Consortium jurisdiction. Since improvements have been

identified for these populations, the challenge now involves implementing the described services and installing the appropriate infrastructure. Assembling the necessary coalition of partners may be difficult, but such a task can be pursued in the timeframe of this Plan.

NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs - 91.415, 91.215 (f)

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Facilities:

The City of Urbana faces a need for a variety of public facilities. Among them are youth centers, health facilities, neighborhood facilities, parking facilities, and non-residential historic preservation, among several others. With regards to youth centers, the 2014-2016 Champaign County Community Health Improvement Plan states that a need is apparent for additional “options for youth to participate in healthy afterschool and summer activities.” Youth centers are one way to fit that need. Health facilities are also an issue of concern in Urbana, as the Champaign-Urbana Public Health Department’s Health Map Online shows a number of clinics available in the southern and southwestern sections of the City, but fewer toward the northern and northeastern parts of the City. Mental health services in schools were identified as possible solutions for improving access to mental health care among youth in the 2014-2016 Champaign County Community Health Improvement Plan, and additional facilities of that nature could be considered. Champaign County residents could also benefit from the presence of a detoxification and respite facility with residential options. Although this type of facility would likely serve the entire County, its potential utility for Urbana residents is high, whether it is constructed within the City or not. Historic Preservation is also a crucial concern for the City of Urbana and is also an on-going need experienced by the City. The City contains a total of 28 properties that are listed independently or as part of a historic district on the National Register of Historic Places, including a number of academic structures at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The Urbana Free Library is a non-residential historic structure that is in continuous need of basic maintenance, as it performs a critical function within the community and it is important that it remains in operation as much as possible. Among the other facilities experiencing need in the City, supportive housing has previously been noted as a key need in Champaign County, but residents of the City of Urbana could benefit from it as well. For the developmentally disabled population, Community Integrated Living Arrangements (CILAs) represent an instrumental step toward improving the lives of those who experience those disabilities.

How were these needs determined?

The basis for determining community development needs is a function of the following:

- Perceived and documented need in the community.
- Community input.
- Available funding.
- Special circumstances that provide for strategic opportunities.
- Relationship to the City’s community development goals and 2005 Comprehensive Plan.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:

Public improvements are an area of key concern in the City of Urbana. Among them, street improvements are a need that is crucially apparent and is noted in many municipal documents and plans. The City of Urbana 2014 Capital Improvement Plan lists a wide variety of street improvements scheduled for the near term, including streetscape upgrades, landscaping, and public art improvements. Part of Broadway Avenue is also expected to undergo brick to concrete street reconstruction during this upcoming construction season.

Widespread pedestrian accessibility is one of the defining features of the City of Urbana, and the continual improvement of sidewalks, trails, and bike or multi-use paths are of major concern to the community. The City of Urbana 2014 Capital Improvement Plan lists the striping of bike lanes as a future initiative. The 2014 Active Choices: Champaign County Greenways and Trails Plan denotes many bike paths and bike lanes, as well as multi-use paths and other proposed improvements, that are planned for implementation in the City of Urbana.

Though less visibly appealing than streetscape or beautification improvements, water main and sanitary sewer improvements are indispensable to the future development of the City and maintaining the level of economic development that currently exists. The City of Urbana 2014 Capital Improvement Plan notes that expenditures will be paid to rehabilitate and repair storm sewers and ensure that sanitary sewers are also kept functioning in working order.

Flood drainage improvements have the potential to play a major role in protecting large sections of the City of Urbana that are exposed to flood risk. The Boneyard Creek District in the City of Urbana encourages environmentally sustainable planning practices for both occupants and owners of properties in the immediate vicinity of the Creek. With regards to parking facilities, the 2008 Downtown Parking Study noted that the parking facility in the downtown area has been experiencing some deterioration, and naturally such wear could become a more serious concern in the future. The downtown parking facility is critical to the commercial well-being of the downtown area and must be maintained.

The City of Urbana is also famous for its rich arboreal heritage. Urbana is certified as one of 13 charter Tree City USA communities in the entire nation. The City also retains an arborist on staff and operates a Legacy Tree Program to call attention to famous or noteworthy trees in the City. Additionally, a cooperative "Share-the-Cost" Tree Planting Program has also been implemented to encourage residents to plant new trees and otherwise help to beautify the community.

How were these needs determined?

The basis for determining community development needs is a function of the following:

- Perceived and documented need in the community.
- Community input.
- Available funding.
- Special circumstances that provide for strategic opportunities.
- Relationship to the City's community development goals and 2005 Comprehensive Plan.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:

Though it is apparent through examination of other sections of this Consolidated Plan, a wide range of City of Urbana residents are reliant upon readily available public services. In particular, the homeless population in Urbana, and in Champaign County in general, is quite large and only a handful of agencies and facilities exist to support their needs. For example, according to the Champaign County 2014 Point in Time Count, a total of 12 unsheltered homeless individuals were found on January 28th, 2014, indicating that homeless services might either be insufficient or ill-suited to certain populations' needs.

Legal services for the economically disadvantaged and senior residents of the City of Urbana are provided by the Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation. This organization offers no-charge civil legal services to the lower-income and older residents of a 65-county area across Central and Southern Illinois. Among the services they perform are those related to housing matters, public benefits, and senior-services, as well as the services aimed at people with disabilities. Land of Lincoln is funded in part by the federal Legal Services Corporation and a variety of other government and private agencies.

Youth services are another issue of concern in the City of Urbana, based on interviews with personnel from the Champaign County Mental Health Board. Particularly, they mentioned a lack of youth access to mental health resources. An improvement in this regard would likely make a large impact because it would help to extend more mental health resources to children and those at-risk of developing more serious conditions later in life. Concerning substance abuse services, Champaign County residents could benefit from the presence of a detoxification and respite facility with residential options, as noted previously in this Plan. Services for battered and abused spouses are available in the City of Urbana through Courage Connection's Urbana Shelter. This service helps to fill a need with regards to domestic violence, which was voiced through the 2014-2016 Champaign County Community Health Improvement Plan. In particular, 80.5% of resident survey respondents were shown in that plan to have indicated that family/domestic violence is a high priority in the County. Presumably, the City of Urbana shares in this burden.

Again with regards to Champaign County as a whole, employment training services are an important need. This is apparent because unemployment was shown through the 2014-2016 Champaign County Community Health Improvement Plan to be at 8.0% in Champaign County. At the same time, the stakeholder and resident survey respondents for that planning process also noted that unemployment and underemployment are becoming increasingly salient, while job loss for young people was mentioned in particular.

Regarding crime concerns, southeast Urbana is being examined as part of a Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) study being initiated by City staff. Although the study is still ongoing, recommendations could include an overlay zoning district that would stipulate improved lighting in certain areas, design modifications to certain buildings, and other changes to improve safety and the sense of security in that part of the City.

How were these needs determined?

The basis for determining community development needs is a function of the following:

- Perceived and documented need in the community.
- Community input.
- Available funding.
- Special circumstances that provide for strategic opportunities.
- Relationship to the City's community development goals and 2005 Comprehensive Plan.

Housing Market Analysis

MA-05 Overview

Housing Market Analysis Overview:

The housing market in the Consortium is defined by several key characteristics and trends. A majority of the housing units are owner-occupied. However, rental units make up almost 50% of the market. Many of these rental units are dedicated to students, particularly those who attend the University of Illinois and Parkland Community College. The remainder is often rented by low-to-moderate income householders (which, more than often, are low-to-moderate income families).

Many of the low-to-moderate income householders/families in the Consortium face difficulties when it comes to obtaining affordable housing, as the median home value and median contract rent in the Consortium have both increased rapidly as compared to increases in the Consortium's median family income. Furthermore, with much development focus being placed on communities' downtown areas and the Campustown neighborhood centering on the University of Illinois, many low-to-moderate income householders (particularly renters) are being pushed to the periphery. As the Consortium has a significantly high poverty rate already, many in the community face difficulties being able to afford rents, and home ownership is out of the grasp for numerous individuals, particular members of younger generations. Indeed, if individuals are not able to attain the high levels of education provided by either Parkland Community College or the University of Illinois, they may not be able to maintain long-term employment in the growing industries found within the Consortium (which includes the business and management sectors), further destabilizing the housing market. The housing market is also beset by the fact that the rental units in the Consortium contain a disproportionately high number of substandard conditions as compared to owner-occupied units.

A large number of public housing units are offered in the cities of Champaign and Urbana, and Section Eight Vouchers are also offered- both overseen by the Housing Authority of Champaign County. However, high demand has left many of the public housing structures inaccessible, and often times, the wait list for the Section Eight Vouchers is closed. The concentration of the public housing units in Champaign and Urbana, the low vacancy rates of the public housing complexes, and the continued closure of this list all limit access to affordable housing.

There has been some redevelopment of mixed-income communities and public housing structures within the Consortium, but these redeveloped complexes often carry higher rents due to the presence of amenities, making them unaffordable for many. Furthermore, the expansion of both these public housing complexes and mixed-income communities faces opposition from community members, as they fear that their expansion will contribute to falling property values.

However, both these types of public housing facilities, as well as supportive housing provided by other agencies and private groups, is key to servicing the growing number of individuals that are not only low-to-moderate income within the Consortium, but also the growing number of those who may be homeless, mentally or physically ill, veterans, elderly, and more. Indeed, the provision of counseling and supportive housing allows these groups to become more self-reliant, which is a key foundation to the long-term economic and social sustainability of the Consortium.

MA-10 Housing Market Analysis: Number of Housing Units - 91.410, 91.210(a)&(b)(2)

Introduction

When analyzing the condition of the housing market in the Consortium, it is key to examine the types of residential properties present, as well as the sizes of these different residential units. Overall, it has been determined that there is not a sufficient supply of housing for low-to-median income households, and in particular, these families face obstacles when seeking to achieve homeownership. There is a supply of Section Eight Vouchers and Public Housing units overseen by the Housing Authority of Champaign County. However, lack of expansion in this area minimizes the amount of subsidized housing options available within the community (further reducing affordability).

All residential properties by number of units

Property Type	Number	%
1-unit detached structure	44,279	55%
1-unit, attached structure	4,035	5%
2-4 units	5,547	7%
5-19 units	14,106	17%
20 or more units	9,185	11%
Mobile Home, boat, RV, van, etc	3,540	4%
Total	80,692	100%

Table 27 – Residential Properties by Unit Number

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Unit Size by Tenure

	Owners		Renters	
	Number	%	Number	%
No bedroom	34	0%	1,571	5%
1 bedroom	411	1%	8,946	27%
2 bedrooms	6,685	17%	12,531	38%
3 or more bedrooms	33,301	82%	10,239	31%
Total	40,431	100%	33,287	101%

Table 28 – Unit Size by Tenure

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Describe the number and targeting (income level/type of family served) of units assisted with federal, state, and local programs.

As of January of 2015, there were 422 households in Urbana utilizing Section Eight Vouchers. These residents were disbursed throughout the city. Meanwhile, throughout all of the Consortium, there were 1,722 tenant-based vouchers available, although the waitlist for this program has recently been closed off.

Currently, the Housing Authority of Champaign County (HACC) owns 354 units of public housing. Most are elderly housing consisting of 212 high rise units (Steer Place and Washington Square), 36 garden style units (Columbia Place and Youman Place) and 6 low rise units (Hayes Homes). The Housing Authority houses its mixed population residents ages 18-54 in an additional high rise building (Skelton Place) consisting of 84 units. The only public housing family units in the Housing Authority's portfolio are 16 five-bedroom houses (Scattered Sites).

According to the Champaign County Housing Authority, there are requirements for applicants for the public housing units in regards to their annual income and the number of individuals in their families. For families of just one, the annual income requirement is \$36,500, for families of two it is \$41,700, for families of three it is \$46,950, for families for four it is \$52,150, for families of five it is \$56,300, for families of six it is \$60,500, for families of seven it is \$64,650, and for families of eight it is \$68,850. None of the apartments are furnished, although they include a stove and a refrigerator. For most facilities, rent includes water, electricity, and gas. It does not include cable, satellite, or telephone service.

Section 8 units must meet HUD standards. Private parties have come into agreements with the Champaign County Housing Authority to redevelop mixed-income affordable rental housing, as well as to build new complexes, throughout the Consortium. Such projects include the pending redevelopment of Aspen Court Homes and the Urbana Townhomes (both in Urbana), the Douglas Square Apartments (recently opened in Champaign), Hamilton on the Park (opened in Urbana in 2013, and which replaced the Dunbar Court homes), the Crystal View Townhomes (opened in Urbana in 2010), and others. The redevelopment proposal for Urbana Townhomes and Aspen Court Homes is still being developed. The redeveloped Crystal View Apartments offer two through four-bedroom apartments, as well as a community center. The redeveloped Douglas Square Homes offer one through four-bedroom apartments, and a similar community center. The Hamilton on the Park complex consists of six buildings that have 36 units ranging from two to four bedroom units. The Champaign County Housing Authority has also agreed to a redevelopment of the former Joann Dorsey homes in Champaign, to be overseen by the Benoit Group.

Provide an assessment of units expected to be lost from the affordable housing inventory for any reason, such as expiration of Section 8 contracts.

Due to limited supply, the Section 8 Application list has been closed off for some time. No loss of affordable housing is anticipated as a direct result of federally-funded redevelopment projects.

Does the availability of housing units meet the needs of the population?

The high number of rental units in the Consortium illustrate that a large number of residents in its area of jurisdiction, who may be students at the University of Illinois or Parkland Community College, are a part of a more transient population that typically has a lower median income (and who might not be able to afford a home, as the 2011 median value of a home in Champaign County was \$147,800, while the median household income was \$44,462). More transient individuals also may plan to live in the Consortium for only a few years, further explaining why they may seek to rent. The number of single-bedroom through three-bedroom plus units that are rented within the Consortium is fairly consistent (each making up roughly 30% of all rental units), which illustrates that renters are willing to seek out roommates, as well as a number of families that rent. Of the 78,900 households in Champaign County as of 2011, 42,411 had moved in after 2005 (54.6% of the population). An additional 13,127 householders moved in after 2000, which represents 16.6% of householders. Of the 35,838 renter occupied housing units in Champaign County in 2011, 29,813 had moved in after 2005, while out of the 43,062 owner-occupied households, 12,598 were moved into after 2005, 9,558 were moved in between 2000 and 2004, and 9,996 moved in between 1990 and 1999.

The large gap between Champaign County's median household income and median housing value was significant, illustrating that individuals may not be able to purchase a "starter home." Moreover, only 1% of one-bedroom units were owner occupied, and 17% of two-bedroom units. This further highlights the obstacle that low-income individuals might face when seeking out a home to purchase. The rental vacancy housing rate in 2011 in the county was 6.9%, compared to the homeowner vacancy rate of 2.7%, suggesting that demand for rental units may not be as high as the demographics suggest, or that some rental units may be considered undesirable. For example, building code violations with several apartment complexes in southeast Urbana resulted in condemnations in 2013.

A single-unit attached structure is likely cheaper to purchase than a single-unit detached structure. Such units may be attractive for the age bracket of 20 to 34 years, which makes up 31.91% of the County's 2011 population. However, single-unit attached structures only make up 5% of the units in the Consortium, while single-unit detached structures make up 55% of the units.

As of 2011, in Champaign County, there were 78,900 households. 42,807 were family households (54.3%), 21,307 had children under 18 (27%), and 14,175 households had individuals 65 and over (18%). This means that 55% of households in Urbana have populations between 18 and 65 years.

Describe the need for specific types of housing:

There is a low percentage of one and two-bedroom homes that are owned (instead of rented), at 1% and 17% respectively. This trend may highlight obstructions individuals face when attempting to purchase “starter” homes within the Consortium. Moreover, since the median value of one homes in the county is \$147,800, while the median income for the age 25 to 44 is only \$48,249, younger residents in Urbana may not be able to afford market-rate homes. Fortunately, there are a roughly an even number of renters leasing one, two, and three bedroom apartments (around 30% each). There is also a very low number of rental and owned residential units that have no bedrooms (5%). However, there is little demand within the Consortium for studio/efficiency apartments.

Meanwhile, there is a low count of attached, single unit residential structures (5%) and residential structures with two to four units (7%). The type of housing with the lowest provisions are mobile homes, boats, RVs and vans (at 4%). These types of units typically carry lower sales or rental costs, and may prove more affordable options to younger groups. Indeed, of the 39,710 individuals who had an income below the poverty rate in 2011, 19,729 were aged 18 to 24 years, illustrating the high amount of poverty that is present among Champaign County’s younger population groups.

Discussion

There are a large number of public housing units, as well as rental units that utilize Section Eight Vouchers, in the Consortium. Most of these units are concentrated in Champaign and Urbana, which are the highest population centers in the Consortium. Despite this large capacity, there remains limited space amongst the public housing complexes, while the Housing Authority of Champaign County rarely opens the wait list for Section Eight Vouchers. Meanwhile, there is a significant gap emerging between the median income/economics status of residents and the home values, both within Champaign County and the Consortium. There are plans to expand the public housing offerings in the community, as well as the number of units that can be utilized with Section Eight Vouchers. These expansions are organized by agreements between the Housing Authority and private parties. They often take several years to be designed and built, and are typically the subject of controversy. Meanwhile, the number of renters in the Consortium continues to grow, and home ownership becomes increasingly more difficult to achieve, particularly for younger residents. Indeed, a family must make a large part of the Consortium’s median family income in order to be able to comfortably own or rent a home that meets their needs. Such a conundrum contributes to growing homelessness/temporary homelessness. This problem is compounded by the growing poverty rate within the Consortium (both amongst the student population and the non-student population). Any major modification to the housing market must emphasize the expansion of those types of housing units that are more affordable, including attached housing units and mobile homes (types of homes that are undersupplied within the community). Moreover, any expansion of social services should focus on coordinating the many housing services provided within the

Consortium to best assist low-to-moderate income renters and the homeless (particularly through the expansion of the housing supply), as well as empowering groups to be able to realize home ownership.

MA-15 Housing Market Analysis: Cost of Housing - 91.410, 91.210(a)

Introduction

The unaffordability of housing is a serious obstacle towards financial security for families and householders residing within the Consortium. When householders are near, or make, the median family income of the Consortium, then many, if not all residential units (both renter-occupied and owner-occupied) are affordable. However, as householders make less than the median family income, the types of housing units that are affordable (particularly owner-occupied units) dramatically shrinks. There are a large number of individuals that pay very low rent within the community. However, these individuals are typically students, while families are likely to pay at or above the fair market rent within the Consortium.

Cost of Housing

	Base Year: 2000	Most Recent Year: 2011	% Change
Median Home Value	0	0	0%
Median Contract Rent	0	0	0%

Table 29 – Cost of Housing

Data Source: 2000 Census (Base Year), 2007-2011 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Rent Paid	Number	%
Less than \$500	8,665	26.0%
\$500-999	19,213	57.7%
\$1,000-1,499	3,513	10.6%
\$1,500-1,999	1,290	3.9%
\$2,000 or more	606	1.8%
Total	33,287	100.0%

Table 30 - Rent Paid

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Housing Affordability

% Units affordable to Households earning	Renter	Owner
30% HAMFI	1,670	No Data
50% HAMFI	9,507	2,667
80% HAMFI	23,555	9,221
100% HAMFI	No Data	13,450
Total	34,732	25,338

Table 31 – Housing Affordability

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

Monthly Rent

Monthly Rent (\$)	Efficiency (no bedroom)	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Fair Market Rent	514	645	785	1,012	1,363
High HOME Rent	565	708	862	1,111	1,289
Low HOME Rent	565	670	803	928	1,036

Table 32 – Monthly Rent

Data Source: HUD FMR and HOME Rents

Is there sufficient housing for households at all income levels?

Between 2000 and 2011, there has been a 64.07% increase in the median home value in Champaign County (to \$147,800). Between 2000 and 2011, there was a 53.66% increase in the county’s median contract rent (to \$766). These dramatic increases can limit the affordability of housing, particularly for those in lower-income brackets. Meanwhile, between 2000 and 2011, the poverty rate in Champaign County (21.8% of all individuals and 10.2% of all families), the median household income is \$44,462, and the median family income was \$67,458. The gaps between the median family, household, family incomes, and median house value within the County are significant, creating concern that the county is becoming more unaffordable.

The vast majority of housing units in the Consortium (57.7%) pay a rent between \$500 through \$999, while the second biggest bracket is those who pay less than \$500 (26%). The third biggest bracket is those who pay \$1,000-\$1,449 (10.9%), followed by those who pay \$1,500-\$1,999 (3.9%), and finally, those pay above \$2,000 (1.8%). Individuals that likely pay less than \$999 are students, those who may have not attained a college education, the underemployed, or those that are just starting out on their careers. Furthermore, as noted in Section MA-10, rental residents in the Consortium are roughly evenly disbursed between one, two, and three plus bedroom units. The rent bracket of \$500 to \$999 is considered a fair market rent for an efficiency apartment through two-bedroom apartments, although it is under the fair market rent for three and four-bedroom apartments. Meanwhile, this same rent bracket is also considered a high HOME rent for efficiency through two-bedroom apartments, while it is under what is considered a high HOME rent for three and four-bedroom apartments. However, the \$500 to \$999 monthly rent bracket is considered a low HOME rent for efficiency apartments through three-bedroom apartments, while it is under what is considered a low HOME rent for four-bedroom apartments. Interestingly, high HOME low HOME rent are the same for efficiency apartments, although these rents are higher than the determined fair market rents for efficiency apartments.

The majority of rental housing units that are considered affordable are those that are rented to households at 80% of the Consortium’s median family income. Meanwhile, the majority of owned units

that are considered affordable are those units owned by individuals who make 100% of the Consortium's median family income. The least number of rental units that are considered affordable are those rented by individuals that make 30% of the Consortium's median family income, while the least number of owned units that are considered affordable are those owned by individuals who make 50% of the Consortium's medium family income.

Clearly, the information above illustrates that there is an ample amount of affordable rental units for those that make most of the median family income in the Consortium (indeed, more than 10,000 units were considered affordable to those that made 50% of the median family income). However, there are very few units for sale that are considered affordable to those making 50% or below the Consortium's median family income. There are few rental units available for those households at 80% of the Consortium's median family income. The difficulty that some renters and homeowners face in finding affordable housing can create serious impediments for a family's financial security, which leads to other negative impacts in areas such as food security. The increase in unaffordable housing can potentially result in an increase in homelessness or temporary homelessness.

How is affordability of housing likely to change considering changes to home values and/or rents?

As rents and home values continue to increase, albeit slowly, then less units will be affordable to low-income renters. Moreover, options for home ownership will quickly shrink for those that do not make 100% of the median family income within the Consortium. As new luxury apartment buildings are delivered in the campus town area of Champaign, we will see higher average contract rents asked for within the Consortium. Furthermore, as public housing facilities are redeveloped, the units that will replace them may ask for higher contract rents, although this is variable. However, some two-to-three bedrooms may become more affordable in neighborhoods seeing their poverty rates increase, as well as those neighborhoods within the Consortium that are experiencing a population loss. This may be particularly relevant in southeast Urbana, an area that lost 72 individuals between 2000 and 2013, its poverty rate increase from the teens to nearly 30%, and which also saw the number of rental units increase by 25 (Block Group 2 of Census Tract 57.0). Fortunately, the pending redevelopment projects of Aspen Court and the Urbana Townhomes, as well as the affordable housing project currently being built Cobblefield Drive in Champaign, may expand the number of subsidized units available in the Consortium.

How do HOME rents / Fair Market Rent compare to Area Median Rent? How might this impact your strategy to produce or preserve affordable housing?

The median contract rent of Champaign County in 2011 was \$766. This is higher than the fair market rents, low HOME rents, and high HOME rents for efficiency and one-bedroom apartments within the Consortium. The fair market, low HOME rents, and high HOME rents for those apartments that have two-bedrooms or more are higher than the median contract rent for the county in 2011. Consequently, small affordable housing units may become more and more out of reach for the lowest income renters in the Consortium in the coming years- even more so than today. Interestingly, the fair market rents, low HOME rents, and high HOME rents are higher than the median area rent (as of 2011), suggesting that these larger units are still somewhat affordable to those seeking them out. Consequently, future affordable housing strategies may have to focus on producing units for younger individuals that may be living by themselves, and thus only benefiting from one income. Consideration should be given to creating lower-than published rent schedules if the market is favorable and the development's cash flow can sustain lower prices.

Discussion

There is clearly a lack of affordable housing options for those that make typically less than 80% of the Consortium's median family income. This disparity is particularly present amongst renters. This disparity becomes worse as the median housing value and median contract rent within the Consortium and Champaign County continue to increase. There are a large number of renters within the Consortium that pay a relatively low rent as compared to the fair market and HOME rent values. However, many of these individuals are students, and the higher rents for units that can accommodate families may be difficult for many low-to-moderate income families to afford. The difficulties that individuals may face when seeking to purchase a home in the Consortium can lead to individuals leaving the region for more affordable communities. Furthermore, the serious limit in the number of public housing units and Section Eight vouchers available further pushes individuals to leave, minimizing the Consortium's economic and racial diversity (as well as supply of employment). Continuingly rising rents in those neighborhoods bordering the University of Illinois will further expand the issues of housing affordability within the community and may push out many renters to the periphery of the Consortium. Development in those areas near the University of Illinois contributes to the gentrification of low-to-moderate income communities and may severely transform the demographics of the "North End" of Champaign-Urbana area in the coming decades.

MA-20 Housing Market Analysis: Condition of Housing - 91.410, 91.210(a)

Introduction

Analyzing the physical condition of housing is key to assessing the current status of the Consortium's housing market. Although both a majority of renter-occupied and owner-occupied housing units were built prior to 1979, a dominant majority of those residential units with two or three substandard conditions are renter-occupied units. Consequently, there is a need amongst landlords for greater attention to substandard conditions, in order to maintain property values and to better ensure safer residential environments. In promoting safe residential environments, an accelerated approach must be taken towards reducing the threat of exposure to lead, particularly amongst children aged six and younger.

Describe the jurisdiction's definition for "substandard condition" and "substandard condition but suitable for rehabilitation":

Substandard conditions are defined as the following: residential units lacking full plumbing facilities, units lacking full kitchen facilities, overcrowded facilities (more than one person per room, not including bathrooms, porches, foyers, halls, or half-rooms), and units that present a significant cost burden (more than 30% of household income).

Substandard conditions that are suitable for rehabilitation are those properties that can be brought up to local code standards with no greater than a \$25,000 investment. Homes with repair needs greater than this will not qualify for assistance and will likely continue to deteriorate and result in blight conditions. These properties can only be identified on a case-by-case basis; as such, data is not available through the American Community Survey provided by the U.S. Census Bureau. Any data presented is derived from the City's list of problem properties, which have been identified by the Building Safety Division of the Community Development Services Department.

Condition of Units

Condition of Units	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
With one selected Condition	7,846	19%	18,141	55%
With two selected Conditions	155	0%	510	2%
With three selected Conditions	0	0%	3	0%
With four selected Conditions	0	0%	0	0%
No selected Conditions	32,430	80%	14,633	44%
Total	40,431	99%	33,287	101%

Table 33 - Condition of Units

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Year Unit Built

Year Unit Built	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
2000 or later	6,496	16%	5,867	18%
1980-1999	10,435	26%	8,655	26%
1950-1979	15,938	39%	12,932	39%
Before 1950	7,562	19%	5,833	18%
Total	40,431	100%	33,287	101%

Table 34 – Year Unit Built

Data Source: 2007-2011 CHAS

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
Total Number of Units Built Before 1980	23,500	58%	18,765	56%
Housing Units build before 1980 with children present	3,335	8%	1,452	4%

Table 35 – Risk of Lead-Based Paint

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS (Total Units) 2007-2011 CHAS (Units with Children present)

Vacant Units

	Suitable for Rehabilitation	Not Suitable for Rehabilitation	Total
Vacant Units	0	0	0
Abandoned Vacant Units	0	0	0
REO Properties	0	0	0
Abandoned REO Properties	0	0	0

Table 36 - Vacant Units

Data Source: 2005-2009 CHAS

Describe the need for owner and rental rehabilitation based on the condition of the jurisdiction's housing.

80% of the 40,431 housing units in the Consortium that were owned had no substandard conditions. 19% had one substandard condition, and less than 1% had two substandard conditions. Of the 33,287 rental units in the consortium, 44% had no substandard conditions, 55% had one substandard condition, 2% had two substandard conditions, and less than 1% had three substandard conditions. Of the owned and rented units, none had four substandard conditions. However, clearly, there were a greater number of substandard conditions found amongst rental units than the owned residential units. This is not a significant surprise, as the City of Urbana, in 2010, introduced a program enabling the foreclosure of properties with liens (due to the presence of substandard conditions), and a

rental registration ordinance in 2006, both in part to respond to the growing number of substandard conditions found amongst rental units in that city. Substandard conditions could consist of the following: a lack of complete plumbing facilities, a lack of complete kitchen facilities, a unit that has more than one person per room, and the cost burden of the housing unit is greater than 30% of income (four total substandard conditions).

Estimate the number of housing units within the jurisdiction that are occupied by low or moderate income families that contain lead-based paint hazards. 91.205(e), 91.405

If a housing unit has lead-based paint is dependent on if the unit was built before 1980. According to the data provided by HUD, 58% of the extremely-low to moderate-income units in the Consortium were built before 1980. This large number is not a surprise, as many of the recently built housing units in the Consortium ask for some of the highest contract rents and sales prices in the Consortium. Of these pre-1980, low-to-moderate income housing units, 14.19% have children (3,355 units). These children, as well as their parents, face daily risks due to the fact that lead was likely utilized in the construction of the housing units. Fortunately, many of the new low and mixed-income housing complexes being developed follow standard/required construction standards that minimize the risk of lead exposure.

Discussion

There is a much higher prevalence of substandard housing units amongst rental properties than owner-occupied units within the Consortium. Interestingly, however, there is not much variation in the proportion/the number of each type of housing unit that was constructed in each decade since 1950. This finding suggests that there is little control/regulation over the maintenance of the rental properties within the Consortium. Such substandard conditions create threats for residents (particularly small children). Indeed, the prevalence of these conditions can lead to buildings being shut down and tenants being relocated, which is highly disruptive to their lives. The cities within the Consortium have enjoyed some success through the enforcement of rental inspection/regulation programs, but a stronger layer of review is needed to ensure that the amount of substandard housing conditions does not grow. Meanwhile, there are many low-income housing units in the Consortium that likely were built/painted with lead-based material, and which have children. The accelerated renovation of these housing units, and inspections in regards to lead hazards, will help alleviate this problem.

MA-25 Public And Assisted Housing - 91.410, 91.210(b)

Introduction

The Housing Authority of Champaign County is dedicated to providing a variety of housing options to low-to-moderate income families. These include units that rely on Housing Choice Vouchers, as well as traditional public housing units. Many of the mixed-income communities that utilize Housing Choice Vouchers, as well as public housing units, have undergone renovations (or will soon undergo renovations, pending project approval). However, the residential capacity of both types of units have not been necessarily expanded, limiting the supply of public housing within the Consortium. Furthermore, the public housing facilities are concentrated within the cities of Champaign and Urbana, communities that may be inconveniently located for some low-to-moderate income households in the outlying area of the Consortium.

Totals Number of Units

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project -based	Tenant -based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers available	0	12	451	1,722	0	1,722	0	0	0
# of accessible units									
*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition									

Table 37 – Total Number of Units by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Describe the supply of public housing developments:

Describe the number and physical condition of public housing units in the jurisdiction, including those that are participating in an approved Public Housing Agency Plan:

1,722 Housing Choice Vouchers are utilized within the Consortium. As of January 2015, there were 422 households in Urbana utilizing Housing Choice Vouchers. These residents were disbursed throughout the city.

Currently, the Housing Authority of Champaign County owns 354 units of public housing. Most are elderly housing consisting of 212 high rise units (Steer Place and Washington Square), 36 garden style units (Columbia Place and Youman Place) and 6 low rise units (Hayes Homes). The Housing Authority houses its mixed population residents ages 18-54 in an additional high rise building (Skelton Place) consisting of 84 units. The only public housing family units in the Housing Authority's portfolio are 16 five-bedroom houses (scattered Sites).

Public housing units currently under construction include the 160 units that are being built on Cobblefield Drive in Champaign. The redevelopment of this site, as well as of the nearby Urbana Townhomes/Aspen Court site, will provide additional units in the near future. Private parties have come into agreements with the Champaign County Housing Authority to redevelop mixed-income affordable rental housing, as well as to build new complexes, throughout the Consortium. Such projects include the pending redevelopment of Aspen Court Homes and the Urbana Townhomes, the redevelopment of the Joann Dorsey Homes (in Champaign), and the following completed projects: the Douglas Square Apartments (recently opened in Champaign), Hamilton on the Park (opened in Urbana in 2013, and which replaced the Dunbar Court homes), the Crystal View Townhomes (opened in Urbana in 2010), among others. The redeveloped Crystal View Townhomes offer two through four-bedroom apartments, as well as a community center. The redeveloped Douglas Square Homes offer one through four-bedroom apartments, and a similar community center. The Hamilton on the Park complex consists of six buildings that have 36 units ranging from two to four bedroom units.

Public Housing Condition

Public Housing Development	Average Inspection Score

Table 38 - Public Housing Condition

Describe the restoration and revitalization needs of public housing units in the jurisdiction:

The Aspen Court Apartments in Urbana have many substandard conditions and are the subject of a proposed redevelopment project. Similarly, the substandard Urbana Townhomes has recently been demolished and are also the subject of a redevelopment project.

A recently completed Physical Conditions Assessment (PCA) shows that the stock of public housing units owned/operated by the Housing Authority of Champaign County is currently in generally good condition. The PCA is a requirement of the RAD conversion process. The PCA maps out physical condition of our units and the associated expenses for improvement over a twenty year period which will assist the Housing Authority with the planning process. The PCA stresses energy efficiency, green building practices and accessibility.

The majority of public housing units are located in three high rise buildings, all of which have had recent weatherization and infrastructure improvements. Two of the three buildings have had new kitchens installed. Currently scheduled projects are a new central boiler system for the Steer Place, a new membrane roof for Washington Square and ventilation and make-up air upgrades for all three high rise buildings.

Describe the public housing agency's strategy for improving the living environment of low- and moderate-income families residing in public housing:

Many recent redevelopments of mixed-income communities, as well as newly constructed mixed-income communities, offer numerous community amenities including: community centers, fitness centers, lounges, and more. These amenities are found at Hamilton on the Park, the Crystal View Townhomes, and Douglas Square Homes.

As described earlier, the Housing Authority of Champaign County is in the process of converting all of its public housing units to the Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) Program. Through RAD, all of the Housing Authority's public housing will convert to a Project Based Voucher subsidy, a funding source that is more stable and will provide a higher level of funding than the current public housing program does. RAD funding will allow the Housing Authority to better plan for improvements and to obtain conventional financing to rehabilitate or reposition its public housing assets.

Discussion:

By converting all units to the Rental Assistance Demonstration Program (RAD) and switching over to project-based voucher subsidies, funding will be stabilized for improvements. Through this financial stabilization, renovations can be continued to existing units, and in the future, funding may be available for the expansion of housing assets. This would reduce the current level of strain placed on the Housing Authority. Indeed, the 20 year plan utilized by the RAD can provide ample time for significant expansion. Furthermore, the renovation of current housing structures, and particularly units utilizing Section Eight Vouchers, should be implemented while keeping in mind the long-term goal of expanding capacity. This will preserve affordability while increasing the number of amenities present in these communities/improving the condition of these communities).

MA-30 Homeless Facilities and Services - 91.410, 91.210(c)

Introduction

Throughout the Consortium, as well as Champaign County, there is a significant provision of services and facilities oriented towards the homeless. Services range from counseling, such as the development of life skills and financial counseling, to direct support, such as the provision of housing and food. These services are offered by a wide range of groups, including public agencies, private parties, and organizations that have been formed through the merger of the private and public sectors. Collaboration between these organizations is key to providing the homeless residents of both the Consortium and Champaign County efficient, affordable, and comprehensive services to ensure physical health, as well as financial and personal security.

Facilities Targeted to Homeless Persons

	Emergency Shelter Beds		Transitional Housing Beds	Permanent Supportive Housing Beds	
	Year Round Beds (Current & New)	Voucher / Seasonal / Overflow Beds	Current & New	Current & New	Under Development
Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	0	0	0	0	0
Households with Only Adults	0	0	0	0	0
Chronically Homeless Households	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	0	0	0	0	0
Unaccompanied Youth	0	0	0	0	0

Table 39 - Facilities Targeted to Homeless Persons

Data Source Comments:

Describe mainstream services, such as health, mental health, and employment services to the extent those services are used to complement services targeted to homeless persons

Community Elements, formerly known as the Champaign County Mental Health Center, provides services to the homeless and those confronting mental health issues. This includes supportive housing, group homes, and services to those in private residences. Services may include lifestyle advice, mental health assessments, treatment plans, logistics and transportation support, housing support, and more. Services are also provided to homeless clients, and all clients are assigned caseworkers. Community Elements also provides assistance for runaway and homeless youth, called the Runaway and Homeless Youth Program. In this program, housing, as well as services in the areas of job training, continuing educational, and social skill developments are provided. The Champaign-Urbana Public Health Board also provides assistance to homeless individuals in terms of physical health analyses and the provision of related resources, mental health assessments, life-style mentoring, etc. The Respite Center is overseen by the Champaign County Mental Health Center/Community Elements, and it provides temporary housing for adult men and women. These organizations also work with local hospitals and medical providers, such as Christie Clinic, Carle Hospital, and Presence Hospital to provide services to the homeless.

The Courage Connection, based in Champaign, provides temporary shelter for women and children, as well as supportive services to ensure clients become more self-reliant in both the realms of housing and employment. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program provides homeless and low-income students with career mentoring. The Champaign-Ford Attendance Improvement/Education for Homeless Youth Program works with homeless and low income students to minimize issues of absenteeism.

The Avicenna Community Health Center provides free healthcare to homeless and low-income individuals, while Carle Community Care, based at Carle Hospital, provides low-income and homeless individuals with extensive health insurance coverage.

The University of Illinois's Counseling Center provides counseling mental health counseling services to students at the University of Illinois, including homeless students, and also refers students to private practices. Likewise, the McKinley Center at the University of Illinois provides health coverage to students.

The Pavilion Behavioral Health System in Champaign provides residential treatment in the areas of mental health, addiction recovery, and more. Homeless individuals can receive services if health insurance coverage provided.

The City of Champaign has its own consolidated plan to provide social services. Specific services, including maintenance assistance and affordable housing provisions, are overseen by the city's Neighborhood Services Division.

List and describe services and facilities that meet the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth. If the services and facilities are listed on screen SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure or screen MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services, describe how these facilities and services specifically address the needs of these populations.

- **Food Surplus Program- Urbana-Champaign:** distributes food from providers to shelters/food kitchens.
- **Daily Bread Soup Kitchen- Champaign:** provides food on a daily basis.
- **City of Urbana Transitional Housing Program:** provides housing for up to two years to families that have been homeless, assists them in becoming self-sufficient. Housing units are located at scattered sites.
- **Courage Connection- Champaign:** Provides housing for homeless women and their children, as well as financial and self-dependence counseling.
- **Community Element's TIMES Center- Champaign:** provides nightly housing to men over 18 years in age, as well as a soup kitchen that serves three meals a day. Focuses on making these men self-reliant.
- **Salvation Army/Stepping Stone- Champaign:** provides nightly housing for homeless men and two meals a day. Emphasizes Life Style Change Action Plans.
- **Habitat for Humanity- Champaign:** focuses on developing housing for low-income and homeless individuals.
- **Homestead Corporation- Champaign-Urbana:** Small/studio apartments are provided to single individuals who have referrals from social service agencies confirming homelessness.
- **Christian Resource Center- Champaign:** collaborates with landlords to house homeless individuals and families.
- **Cunningham Township General Assistance- Urbana:** General (non-emergency) aid provided to those low-income individuals who are not eligible for state/federal programs such as TANF or SSI. Residents must reside in Urbana.
- **Grants Management at City of Urbana:** grants and low-interest loans provided for housing rehabilitation, and to make housing accessible to the disabled. Applicants must reside in Urbana.
- **United Way- Champaign County:** has launched a pilot shelter for homeless shelters, focuses on their needs and obtaining permanent public housing in a stable environment.
- **Community Element's Roundhouse- Champaign:** a part of the Runaway and Homeless Youth Program, provides temporary housing for those aged 11-17, also provides educational advocacy and life skill training.
- **Champaign County Housing Authority:** provides for Section 8 Vouchers and public housing units in Champaign County.
- **Illinois Department of Veteran Affairs- Champaign County:** provides grants to veterans, including homeless veterans. Grants address PTSD, homelessness, health insurance costs, long-term care, employment, disability benefits, etc.

- **The Pavilion Behavioral Health System- Champaign:** provides treatment in the areas of psychiatric health and addiction treatment, if homeless/low-income patients have insurance coverage.
- **Community Element's Respite Center- Champaign:** residential treatment center aimed at stabilizing clients who are in a crisis.
- **No Limits- Champaign County Regional Planning Commission:** provides low-income clients with case managers to strive towards self-sufficiency and to achieve life goals as established with case managers.
- **Prairie Center Residential Treatment- Champaign:** provides residential treatment to individuals recovering from drug addictions.
- **Safe House- Urbana:** provides residential treatment for those recovering from drug addictions.
- **Crisis Nursery:** provides emergency care for children and support services and resources for families
- **Restoration Urban Ministries:** provides transitional housing
- **Jesus is the Way Prison Ministry:** provides temporary housing

MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services - 91.410, 91.210(d)

Introduction

From both the private and public sector, and more often than not, as a result of a hybrid of the two, there are many special needs facilities and services provided within the Consortium. Special needs groups include the elderly, those with HIV, those with mental or other physical health issues, those recovering from drug/alcohol addictions, and more. The majority of these services are overseen by Community Elements (formerly known as the Champaign County Mental Health Center), which is a private entity. Services from the public sector include those offered by Champaign County, the state (particularly the Illinois Department of Veteran Affairs), the Champaign County Housing Authority, and the Cities of Urbana and Champaign. Private services include those provided by various faith-based groups, the Salvation Army, and Habitat for Humanity.

Including the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities (mental, physical, developmental), persons with alcohol or other drug addictions, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, public housing residents and any other categories the jurisdiction may specify, and describe their supportive housing needs

As of 2011, 9.9% of Champaign County's population was above the age of 64, and as of 2013, a 8.5% of its population was disabled, and roughly 1% was institutionalized. The rate of individuals within the county with HIV was estimated to be 177 persons per 100,000 as of 2013. These individuals, along with individuals recovering from drug addictions, residents in public housing, and others all require a consistent level of care and productive counseling. Specifically, the elderly and those recovering from mental health issues, physical health issues, and drug/alcohol addictions, may require the strongest levels of supportive housing, as they often require day-to-day assistance. Meanwhile, those residing in public housing units may require housing and employment counseling, and assistance in the realms of child care and home maintenance. Individuals with HIV may require enhanced accessibility to medical facilities and a supportive community that does not marginalize them. The need for a welcoming community is also prevalent amongst those recovering from mental health issues, as well as those recovering from drug/alcohol addictions. Indeed, these are often the most discriminated-against groups within a community, and supporting them, as well as other special needs communities, will better prepare them to be self-sustainable and to be able to maintain long-term employment.

Describe programs for ensuring that persons returning from mental and physical health institutions receive appropriate supportive housing

Community Elements provides a variety of housing options for those returning from mental health institutions. They provide housing at two apartment complexes in Urbana, as well as at an apartment complex in Rantoul. They also provide transitional group home services for persons with mental illness via three group homes in Champaign, emergency shelter and transitional housing for homeless youth, behavioral health stabilization services at the Respite Center, transitional housing at the TIMES center (for single men). Many clients are also serviced by Community Elements representatives at their private residences. The Cunningham Children's home provides supporting housing for youth involved with the child welfare system. Supportive housing for those returning from mental and physical health institutions is also provided via the Salvation Army Stepping Stone Center (which provides a shelter), Habitat for Humanity (which provides access to renovated/new housing units), No Limits (which provides housing counseling), the Champaign County Housing Authority (which provides Housing Choice Vouchers and Public Housing Units), Champaign County's Tenant Based Rental Assistance Program (which provides rental assistance), the Homestead Corporation of Champaign-Urbana (which provides supportive housing), Univerd Way)provides supportive housing), the Christian Resource Center (provides supportive housing and housing counseling), the City of Urbana Grants and Transitional Housing Programs (which provides financial assistance for housing repairs and rent), and the Courage Connection (which provides temporary housing for women and children).

The Department of Veteran Affairs provides grants for veterans to obtain supportive housing, particularly those recovering from physical and mental health issues. Urbana's PACE, the Center for Independent Living, provides housing assistance, employment training, and life skill development to the disabled, particularly to the deaf and handicapped. The Calre Hospital Addiction Center, the Prairie Health Center, and Safe Housing in Urbana also provide assistance for those recovering from drug addictions. The Champaign County Nursing Home, located in Urbana, provides supportive housing for the elderly. Specific services include: rehabilitation, memory care, long-term care, and adult day care.

Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. 91.315(e)

More information to come from JG, other staff.

For entitlement/consortia grantees: Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. (91.220(2))

More information to come from JG, other staff.

MA-40 Barriers to Affordable Housing - 91.410, 91.210(e)

Describe any negative effects of public policies on affordable housing and residential investment

Public housing policies can actually have a negative impact on affordable housing and residential development. Many of the apartments located within the Consortium are owned by the same owners. In order to make up from any profit loss a landlord may experience by offering a low-rent property (particularly to tenants with Housing Choice Vouchers), the same landlord may increase rents at other properties throughout Urbana. Furthermore, the closing of public housing units to those who do not meet certain low-income requirements limits housing affordability for the broader population.

The redevelopment of public housing units and mixed-income communities within the Consortium can result in higher contract rents, which raises housing costs for low-to-moderate income individuals and families. Many of these higher rents may be explained by the presence of amenities in these redeveloped complexes/communities, such as community centers. Such amenities are convenient to tenants, but they may limit the number of individuals that are able to afford. Additional rental subsidy is often needed from alternative sources to make tax credit projects affordable to prospective tenants.

Regarding land-use policy, zoning regulations in communities can concentrate multi-housing complexes in the same neighborhood. In tandem with increases in the use of Housing Choice Vouchers, this type of Euclidian zoning practice typically results in the concentration of poverty within a neighborhood, which deters future residential development and business growth. Meanwhile, restrictive historic district and land-use policies will limit the number of multi-family complexes that can be built throughout community, increasing rents for existing multi-family units (as a lower supply of rental units often results in higher rents). These restrictive policies are typically the results of residents demanding the preservation of economic and demographic stability within their own neighborhoods.

Historically, design guidelines for public housing units rendered minimalist complexes that were not in keeping with the design elements of the neighborhood. Recent public housing developments, however, have taken into account the aesthetics of the community and surrounding neighborhoods. The Crystal View Townhomes redevelopment, which was constructed during the FY 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan period, was successful in creating a sense of place.

Public policies that emphasize auto-oriented commercial and residential developments, and which further concentrate commercial activities in only particular neighborhoods of a community, can limit the housing options available to low-to-moderate income households that may have only one, or no, automobile. Compounded with the fact that many communities in the Consortium do not offer public transportation, with the exception of Champaign-Urbana, accessibility is seriously limited for low-to-moderate income families, further diminishing their choices of affordable housing to only those areas near commercial districts, or those areas with strong pedestrian infrastructure.

MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets - 91.410, 91.210(f)

Introduction

As In recent years, the Consortium has seen economic growth take place in both the central downtown areas of its communities, as well as on the periphery of these communities. One of the greatest employment sectors in Urbana's economy is education (explained by the presence of the University of Illinois), which one of the strongest occupation sectors is management, business, and financial services. As businesses seek to expand in Urbana, they will have to develop incentives to motivate graduates of both the University of Illinois, as well as of Parkland Community College, to remain in the community. These incentives may take the form of business counseling provisions, improved transportation infrastructure, and the development of business associations aimed enhancing the vitality of neighborhoods. Urbana enjoys a high number of educated residents, but this high attainment must be funneled towards expanding employment opportunities, particularly for those who do not have a college education, in order to ensure the long-term economic sustainability of the community.

Economic Development Market Analysis

Business Activity

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	21	3	0	0	0
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	1,305	1,598	17	11	-6
Construction	257	739	3	5	2
Education and Health Care Services	1,673	7,154	22	51	29
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	521	385	7	3	-4
Information	282	31	4	0	-4
Manufacturing	720	1,298	9	9	0
Other Services	366	480	5	3	-2

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	644	473	8	3	-5
Public Administration	0	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	1,291	1,406	17	10	-7
Transportation and Warehousing	277	225	4	2	-2
Wholesale Trade	410	241	5	2	-3
Total	7,767	14,033	--	--	--

Table 40 - Business Activity

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS (Workers), 2011 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs)

Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	21,322
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	19,450
Unemployment Rate	8.78
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	22.83
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	3.97

Table 41 - Labor Force

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	6,170
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	764
Service	1,823
Sales and office	3,983
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	590
Production, transportation and material moving	628

Table 42 – Occupations by Sector

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	15,852	90%
30-59 Minutes	1,281	7%
60 or More Minutes	444	3%
Total	17,577	100%

Table 43 - Travel Time

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Education:

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Less than high school graduate	437	19	424
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	1,197	196	472
Some college or Associate's degree	2,447	190	903
Bachelor's degree or higher	7,405	219	1,801

Table 44 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18–24 yrs	25–34 yrs	35–44 yrs	45–65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	0	18	53	142	244
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	472	145	150	372	198
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	2,059	398	561	906	1,026
Some college, no degree	11,230	1,178	382	1,046	575
Associate's degree	161	267	149	518	120
Bachelor's degree	3,215	2,209	706	992	196
Graduate or professional degree	205	2,497	1,147	1,874	858

Table 45 - Educational Attainment by Age

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	15,078
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	25,389
Some college or Associate's degree	26,250
Bachelor's degree	28,139
Graduate or professional degree	38,299

Table 46 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?

The largest employment sector in Urbana is management, business, and financial, which includes educational employment at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Employment for this sector makes up almost 50% of the total employment of the community. Many residents are also employed at Parkland College. The “management” portion of this employment sector includes the hospital operations at Carle and Presence Hospitals (both based in Urbana). The second highest employment sector in Urbana is sales and office, with many commercial operators located along University Avenue, Cunningham Avenue, Philo Road, and in downtown Urbana. This sector includes retail operators, as well as office-based operators such as the Health Alliance, found at Lincoln Square Village. The third largest employment sector is the service area, with numerous restaurants and hotels located along University

Avenue, Lincoln Avenue, and Cunningham Avenue. These services are oriented towards both students and long-term residents. Data provided by HUD from 2011 suggests that the management, business, and financial sector makes up 44.20% of total employment, sales and office take up 28.54%, and service takes up 13.06%. Per American Community Survey data taken from 2011, the management, business, and financial sectors takes up 52.99% of total employment in Urbana, sales and office takes up 20.48%, and service takes up 17.70%.

Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

Workforce and infrastructure needs in the community are varied. As retail operators continue to expand in Urbana, their owners will require employees that are competent in client relations and mathematical skills. Such skill sets may be obtained through the achievement of a high school degree, or possibly an associate's degree from an institution such as Parkland Community College. Businesses could also utilize the University of Illinois's student body for potential employees, and to do so, must advertise on campus or in the digital spheres utilized by students. However, as office-based operations, such as financial and medical services, continue to expand in Urbana, the business community will also require more employees with bachelor's or master's degrees. Consequently, the business community will need to continue developing incentives to attract recent graduates of the University of Illinois and ensure they do not leave the community for larger cities. These incentives may come in the form of higher wages, strong accessibility to employment locations, and the provision of tools that allow individuals to establish careers here. In terms of infrastructure, the business community would hope to see an expanded use of the bus system operated by the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District. With this expansion, the business community seeks more marked bus stops and bus shelters. Meanwhile, continued road improvements, including those on Windsor Road, University Avenue, and Lincoln Avenue, and an expanded bicycle lane system will allow for greater mobility and accessibility within the community. It has become apparent that modifying streets through road diets to make them more pedestrian-friendly, as well as investments in public art and streetscaping, also allow for greater business performance. Such improvements are targeted for the commercial strips of University and Cunningham Avenues in the near future.

Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period. Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.

The recent expansion and rerouting of the Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District's busses have improved accessibility and mobility between residential and commercial areas in Urbana, including areas along High Cross Road, Philo Road, and Cunningham Avenue. These changes have improved employee-employer accessibility throughout the community and have particularly grown business for commercial operators along High Cross Road. Recently completed road diets along Main Street and Philo Road have attracted more pedestrians to the business along those streets and have reduced car-

trips. There is a plan for streetscaping and road narrowing along University Avenue, Lincoln Avenue, and Cunningham Avenue, which would bring more pedestrians into these business districts, as well as improve aesthetics, potentially attracting more operators. The City of Urbana's Economic Development has offered business counseling for several companies in recent years and have utilized TIF districts to provide funding for various projects in the community, including the ongoing renovation of the Urbana Landmark Hotel. Business counseling will likely be aimed at those smaller businesses attempting to establish themselves in the downtown area, as well as those along Philo Road that may be fearful of the neighborhood's unstable demographic performance and perceived crime problem. Recent private sector investment along Main Street, which produced undertakings such as Pizza M, as well as in the Lincoln Square Village, which lead to the expansion of Common Ground Food Cooperative, have provided more commercial operators in the downtown area, increasing employment opportunities. Similarly, the expansion of private businesses along High Cross Road, such as Walmart, and along Philo Road, such as the opening of Hot Spot and Hot Slot), have similarly grown employment opportunities. For service operations, job training should focus on working with customers and ensuring every employee has a baseline understanding of mathematics and logistical systems. As more office-based operators continue to establish themselves in the downtown area, employees will the need the educational credentials to fulfill the jobs offered at these establishments. Such credentials will likely include bachelors and masters degrees, and graduates of the University of Illinois may gain hiring preference. The business community needs to ensure that more residents have access to expanded educational opportunities in order to improve employment prospects within the community. Transportation infrastructure ranging from busses to bicycle lanes covering campus, Urbana's residential areas, and downtown network will need to be continually improved. The business community and the city cannot ignore the environmental and mobility/accessibility improvements that come with enhancing public transportation and bicycle route connections between residential areas and non-downtown business districts.

How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?

Overall, Urbana is a well-educated community. The vast majority of those employed in the city have a bachelor's degree or higher (64.47%). The second highest educational attainment bracket is those with associate's degrees (22.96% of those employed in the city). This high educational achievement is likely explained by the presence of the nearby Parkland Community College. This educational achievement will prepare employees nicely for fields in Urbana's two largest employment sectors- business/management and sales/offices. Employers in these two fields will need to continue to seek out ways to attract graduates from these institutions. Meanwhile, it cannot be ignored that the third largest employment sector in Urbana is services, which typically hire individuals with high school degrees only, and which represent only 10.42% of the city's employed population. The city's highly-educated population is expected to continue to grow (as the University of Illinois and Parkland Community College expand), and the proportion of the population that is not as highly-educated will continue to shrink, likely making it

difficult for the operators of some service-based businesses to find full-time employees (particularly if they are forced to hire full-time students). Per the employment data collected by HUD, there is a slight oversupply of jobs in almost all sectors. The most oversupplied sector is the arts, entertainment and accommodations industry. Areas that are not oversupplied include agriculture, construction, manufacturing, public administration, and, surprisingly, educational/health care services. The most undersupplied sector is educational and health care services.

Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.

The Champaign County Economic Development Corporation relies on a two-year strategic strategy to enhance the local economy. Their two-year goals include working with stakeholders such as businesses, Parkland Community College, and the University of Illinois to produce 3,000 jobs, attract \$225 million in new private investment, increase per capita pay to \$26,000, and double the number of private investors in the local economy. This corporation is funded through a federal workforce board (WIA #17). The corporation assists with small business expansion, workforce training, business site selection, technological counseling, business and manufacturing development, continuing education, talent recruitment, and more. These services can be offered in tandem with the Consortium's goals of attracting talented graduates from Parkland Community College and the University of Illinois to support the local housing market and to expand employment opportunities, and more importantly to provide low-to-moderate income residents with the skills and accessibility they require to obtain and maintain long-term, higher paying employment. In turn, this will allow for low-to-moderate income workers to maintain stable housing situations. The City of Urbana also provides business counseling, TIF district management, and funding counseling through its Economic Development Department, all aimed at growing the number and success of private business operators in Urbana, as well as the number of employment opportunities within the city. Much of this division's work has been focused on improving the vitality of the central business district, as an active downtown area is crucial to the long-term sustainability of the overall community. They also work hard to increase investment in the city's other business districts. The growing employment and business opportunities provided through the Economic Development Division's work will ensure greater employment opportunities for low-to-mid income households, as well as more diverse and accessible retail options.

Workforce training is also provided by other institutions throughout the community, including the Independent Media Center in Urbana, the Division of Rehabilitative Services in Champaign (which is funded by HUD, and provides housing and employment training), public/private social service groups such as Community Elements, continuing education programs offered by Parkland College and the University of Illinois, the PACE Center for Independent Living (which assists the disabled with housing and employment training), and more.

Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?

If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.

This jurisdiction does not participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

Discussion

The largest sector of employment in Urbana, business/management, reflects the valuable education that students in the Consortium gain from both the University of Illinois and Parkland Community College. Fortunately, this employment sector often provides livable wages. Meanwhile, the prevalence of commercial and service operations reflects the commercial preferences of the large student and recent-graduate population. Typically, this sector pays less than what would be considered a livable wage. The high poverty rate within Champaign County illustrates that there are still not enough well-paying jobs to sustain the community. The growth in well-paying jobs can be achieved through several mechanisms. Incentivizing graduates to stay in the community and do business expands employment opportunities, as does counseling by such groups as the City of Urbana's Economic Development and the Champaign County Economic Development Corporation, incentives provided from the University of Illinois (as seen at the Research Park), and incentives offered by the local governments. Moreover, workforce training provided by a variety of parties, including Parkland College, social service provider Community Elements, and the Economic Development Corporation, provides residents with those skills needed to obtain and maintain jobs that pay livable wages.

Private parties, public agencies, and other partners should also focus on incentivizing those businesses in industries that are unrepresented in the Consortium to set-up shop. These would include companies involved in construction, manufacturing, and public service. These jobs, traditionally, offer livable wages for those who have not attended college.

Fortunately, the presence of the University of Illinois and Parkland Community College provide the residents of the Consortium/the City of Urbana with higher-than typical educational attainment rates. However, a significant portion of these populations had no or only some college education, and preparing these individuals to obtain jobs that pay livable wages will be key to maintaining the long-term economic sustainability of both the City of Urbana and the Consortium. Furthermore, when it comes to the City of Urbana, as well as the other communities in the Consortium, it must be guaranteed that low-to-moderate income workers, who often live on the periphery, have transportation access to growing business districts. These districts are increasingly located in downtown areas.

MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion

Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

Substandard housing is concentrated in several communities in the Consortium. These areas include southeast Urbana, where several rental complexes were shut down by the city due to building safety concerns. Moreover, the substandard Urbana Townhomes were recently demolished and will be replaced by a new mixed-income community. Likewise, the nearby Aspen Court Homes are known for their substandard conditions and are the subject of a pending redevelopment agreement. Meanwhile, the Garden Hills, Beardsley Park and Bristol Park areas in the north end of Champaign have a concentration of substandard housing (both rental and owned) and are the subject of a redevelopment proposal developed by the City of Champaign's Neighborhood Services Division.

Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

From 2000 to 2011, Champaign County's population rose 9.91% (to 199,443). As of 2013 it had risen to 202,428. In 2011, the county was 74.9% Caucasian, 12.6% African-American, 5.1% Hispanic, and 9.1% Asian. As of 2011, every Census Tract in Champaign County was majority Caucasian with the exception of the following tracts: Census Tract 9.01 in Champaign, Census Tract 2 in Champaign, Census Tract 53 in Urbana, and Census Tract 60 just south of Urbana. These Census Tracts are concentrated on the "North End" of Champaign and Urbana, with the exception of Census Tract 60, which is located on the south end of Urbana. These tracts help reflect where the strongest concentrations of minority populations are within the Consortium. As of 2011, Census Tract 2 was 94.1% African-American, Census Tract 9.01 was 55.2% African-American, Census Tract 53 was 41.8% African-American and 26.8% Asian, and census Tract 60 was 42.5% Asian and 12.5% African-American. Of these tracts, Census Tract 60 had the highest poverty rate, at 63.6% of all persons. This was followed by Census Tract 9.01, with 59.7% of all persons being under the poverty rate, Census Tract 2, at 49.0%, and finally, Census tract 53, at 35.3%. Meanwhile, other high poverty tracts in the Consortium that did not have minority-plurality or minority-majority populations, but poverty rates over 50%, were as follows: Tract 3.01 (a 87.2% poverty rate), Tract 4.02 (84.9%), Tract 4.01 (82.8%), Tract 59 (73.1%), Tract 3.02 (63.4%), and finally, Tract 111 (50%). Of the above high-poverty census tracts and minority-majority/plurality census tracts, those that may be considered as not oriented heavily towards the university would be Census Tract 9.01, in north Champaign, and, for most considerations, Census Tract 53 in north Urbana.

What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?

Census Tract 9.01, located in northwest Champaign has many auto-oriented, ranch-style homes. Most homes are one-story, although there are some two-story homes. Homes were built in the 1960s and 70s and have considerably aged since then. Many residents are low-to-moderate income. The median household income in 2011 was \$28,941, the median family income was \$26,406, and the median home

value was \$84,300. Several commercial and industrial complexes are located along Bloomington Road, Prospect Avenue, and Bradley Avenue. Of the 2,161 housing units, 473 are vacant, the homeowner vacancy rate was 4.8% and the rental vacancy rate was 22.1%. 1,013 of the 1,688 occupied housing units were rental. Census Tract 2, located in Champaign's North End, is home to that city's historic African-American Business district. Mostly commercial, and some industrial offerings, are located along University Avenue and North First Street. Homes are split roughly half between two-story Victorian homes (built in the late 1800s or early 1900s) and one-story ranch homes build after 1950. Many residents are low-to-moderate income. The median household income in 2011 was \$27,981, the median family income was \$26,579, and the median home value was \$83,300. Many of the homes have aged significantly (particularly the Victorian homes), and 88 of the 809 housing units are vacant. There was a 0% homeowner vacancy rate and a 6.7% of the rental vacancy rate. 348 of the 721 occupied housing units were rental. Fortunately, the commercial district along First Street and University Avenue is one of Champaign's most well-performing. Census Tract 53, located in north Urbana has many auto-oriented, ranch-style homes. Most homes are one-story, although there are some two-story homes. Homes were built in the 1960s and 1970s, and are in relatively good condition. Again, many residents are low-to-moderate income: the median household income in 2011 was \$19,506, the median family income was \$39,181, and the median house value was \$87,500. Several commercial and industrial complexes are located along University Avenue and Lincoln Avenue. This community enjoys proximity to Douglas Park, as well as to King Park and Crystal Lake. Carle Hospital and Presence Hospital take up large stretches of land along south University Avenue, while several industrial facilities are also located along Eads Street and Bradley Avenue. 297 of the 2,306 housing units are vacant, the homeowner vacancy rate was 0% and the rental vacancy rate was 8.6%. 1,674 of the 2,009 of the occupied housing units were rental. Census Tract 60, located both in the southern Urbana, and which runs south of Urbana, is mostly rural. The population concentration area in this census tract is the Orchard Downs Graduate and Family Housing Complex, maintained by the University of Illinois. This facility has 765 units, which are mostly brick, two-story, and in need of some repair. This facility was built in the 1960s, and includes a day care and community spaces. Many residents, as they are students, are low-to-moderate income- the median household income in 2011 was \$18,058, the median family income was \$21,071, and the median house value was \$275,000. The majority of the rest of the census tract includes rural research farms owned by the University of Illinois, some privately owned farms, and some privately owned agricultural complexes. 217 of the 798 housing units in the tract were vacant, the homeowner vacancy rate was 0%, and the rental vacancy rate was 24.7%. The highest poverty tracts in Champaign-Urbana (Tracts 111, 59, 3.0, 3.01, 4.01, and 4.02, all include the University of Illinois or its related "Campustown" area. Most of this community consists of retail shops, Greek Houses, academic buildings, dormitories, and two-four story apartments.

Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?

Within the minority-majority/plurality population census tracts in the consortium, assets include Crystal Lake Park and the Champaign County Fairgrounds (Census Tract 53), Carle and Presence Hospitals (Census Tract 53), the North First Street Business District (Census Tract 2), the Prosperity Gardens Farm and Farmers Market (Census Tract 2), the Champaign Boys and Girls Club (Census Tract 60), the

Champaign Police Department Headquarters (Census Tract 2), the Illinois Central Railroad/nearby Amtrak station (Census Tract 2), the University Avenue Business District (Census Tracts 53 and 2), Kraft Production Center (Census Tract 9.01), the Urbana Park District Outdoor Pool (Census Tract 53), King Junior High School (Census Tract 53), Washington Elementary School (Census Tract 53), Parkland College (just to the west of Census Tract 9.01), Garden Hills Elementary School (Census Tract 9.01), the Japan House (Census Tract 60), the University of Illinois Research Park (parts of Census Tract 60), and the University of Illinois Research Farm (Census Tract 60). Many churches and centers of faith are also located throughout these communities, including the Park Avenue Seventh Day Adventist Church in Census Tract 2. The highest poverty tracks in the Consortium include the campus of the University of Illinois (mostly located in Census Tract 59), the Green Street business district and the University of Illinois Ice House (Census Tract 4.01), the University and Springfield Avenue business districts (Census Tracts 3.01, 3.02, and 111), the University of Illinois Power Station (Census Tract 4.02), the University of Illinois YMCA (Census Tract 4.01), several churches and centers of faith, such as St. John's Catholic Church (Census Tract 4.01), and continuing educational centers (including that operated by the University of Illinois, in Census Tract 59), and more.

Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?

<p style="margin: 0in 0in 10pt;">There are several strategic opportunities within the above areas of focus. Within Census Tracts 3.01, 3.02, and 2, there has been much emphasis placed on connecting the Campustown community to Midtown and downtown Champaign with pedestrian-based infrastructure. This improved accessibility has contributed to, and will continue to provide for, greater business vitality and enhanced economic opportunities. These improvements are/will also be aimed at reducing the flooding threats present in this area. Similarly, continued pedestrian improvements along University Avenue will likely expand business and employment opportunities located on this strip, and form a better physical, social, and economic union between the cities of Urbana and Champaign. Any sale of land owned by the University of Illinois in Census Tract 60 will increase opportunities for the expansion of affordable housing, although there may be opposition to development on the periphery of the built environment. </p>

Strategic Plan

SP-05 Overview

Strategic Plan Overview

The Consolidated Plan builds on a participatory process among citizens, organizations, and other stakeholders. It is an application for federal funds under HUD's formula grant programs for the City of Urbana and the Urbana HOME Consortium, a strategy to be followed in carrying out HUD programs, and a management tool for assessing performance and tracking results. HUD program guidelines provide greater detail as to the statutory functions of the Con Plan, designed to guide decisions re housing and community development funds during the five-year period (July 1, 2015-June 30, 2020). The mission of the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium is to address the goals of the formula programs encompassed by the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium FY 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan by assisting homeless persons obtaining affordable housing; assisting persons at risk of becoming homeless; retention of affordable housing stock; increasing the availability of affordable permanent housing in standard condition to low- and moderate-income families, particularly to members of disadvantaged minorities without discrimination on the basis or by reason of race, color, creed, class, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, physical and mental disability, personal appearance, sexual preference, family responsibilities, matriculation, political affiliation, prior arrest or conviction record or source of income, or any other discrimination based upon categorizing or classifying a person rather than evaluating a person's unique qualifications relevant to an opportunity in housing, employment, credit or access to public accommodations; increasing the supply of supportive housing designed to develop housing and services that will allow homeless persons to live as independently as possible; increasing the supply of accessible housing to enable persons with special needs to live in dignity and independence; increasing the availability of mortgage financing for low-income persons at reasonable rates using non-discriminatory lending practices. To provide a suitable living environment that includes improving the safety and livability of neighborhoods; increasing access to quality public and private facilities and services; reducing the isolation of income groups within the City through spatial de-concentration of housing opportunities for lower income persons; revitalizing deteriorating neighborhoods; restore and preserve properties of special historic, architectural, or aesthetic value; and conservation of energy resources. Goals extend to expanding economic opportunities that include creating and retaining job opportunities; establishing, stabilizing and expanding small businesses; proving public services concerning employment; providing jobs to low-income persons living in areas affected by HUD-funded programs and activities, or jobs resulting from carrying out activities under programs covered by the Plan; increasing the access to capital and credit for development activities that promote the long-term economic and social viability of the community; and supporting empowerment and self-sufficiency for low-income persons to reduce generational poverty in federally assisted housing and public housing.

The Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan provide a budget allocation for CDBG funds to be used in Urbana and a budget allocation for HOME funds to be used by the Urbana HOME Consortium. Consortium members include the City of Urbana, City of Champaign, and Champaign County. HOME funds will be used by these jurisdictions to promote affordable housing in their respective jurisdictions in accordance with an intergovernmental agreement governing use of HOME funds by Consortium members. The focus of all strategies and programs discussed in the Con Plan is to benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

SP-10 Geographic Priorities - 91.415, 91.215(a)(1)

Geographic Area

Table 47 - Geographic Priority Areas

1	Area Name:	CENSUS TRACT NUMBERS 53, 54, 55, AND 56
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Other
	Other Revital Description:	Urbana Community Development Target Area
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	There are several neighborhoods encompassed as part of this target area. The Community Development Target Area's purpose is to identify low-income neighborhoods so that services provided to residents at the bi-annual Neighborhood CleanUp can benefit from the service. It is not intended to be a targeted area for development, etc. However, because these Census Tracts are identified as primarily low-income, it is likely that redevelopment efforts will occur within the Target Area.
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	This target area is large and encompasses a variety of housing and commercial uses. Much of the housing is in need of maintenance and repairs or has seen disinvestment from landlords.
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	This target area has been selected in order to meet certain low-income benefit requirements of one or more of the City's Community Development Block Grant funded programs. Most of the City's grant activities require individual income verifications to be performed; however, the City has at least one project in which only those households within the Community Development Target Area are eligible to participate. This is to ensure that the low-income benefit qualifier is met while serving a large portion of the population. It also reduces the burden on staff for one-time projects such as the Neighborhood CleanUp project staff organizes twice a year.
Identify the needs in this target area.	This area is in need of redevelopment in certain neighborhoods that include a heavy rental presence. Homeowners also have difficulties maintaining and repairing homes due to lack of financial reserves.	

	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	There are several redevelopment opportunities in the area - two larger sites have been identified for potential Tax Credit projects. The Housing Authority of Champaign County has also been actively redeveloping its housing stock with great success and benefit to area residents.
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	The main barriers to redevelopment in this area are financial. The needs vastly exceed available funds, and competition is high for grant funding opportunities.
2	Area Name:	Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Comprehensive
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	The Beardsley Park Neighborhood targeted area boundaries are Bradley Avenue to the north, Neil Street to the west and the railroad lines along the south and east.
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	This area includes rental and owner-occupied housing that is older and some units are in need of substantial repair. There is a node of neighborhood commercial in the northeast corner of this small neighborhood and the neighborhood sits immediately north of Downtown Champaign, accessible to many amenities.
How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	The City works closely with the Beardsley Park neighborhood group to identify needs, goals and strategies. This group will also assist with the upcoming Neighborhood Programs Manual update that will include new locally-funded programs, including housing and neighborhood economic development incentives.	

	<p>Identify the needs in this target area.</p>	<p>The City of Champaign previously invested substantial local funding in the infrastructure needs of this community and continues to work with the neighborhood association (Beardsley Park Neighborhood Group) to identify needs and solutions. The detention for this area is on the City's future projects and once completed, will close out many of the infrastructure needs for this area. The housing conditions need continued programming to bring homes up to code and the neighborhood group has concerns about the conflicting industrial uses that exist next to the residential areas of this neighborhood.</p>
	<p>What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?</p>	<p>A vacant parcel, currently owned by the City of Champaign, is located in the northwest corner of this neighborhood (Neil Street and Bradley Avenue). The City intends to issue an RFP in the summer of 2015 to create affordable housing for the neighborhood and community. In addition, the City will also begin crafting the targeted neighborhood economic development program and the targeted neighborhood housing programs, both funded with local dollars, that can assist with incentives for investment in this area.</p>
	<p>Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?</p>	<p>This area is challenged by some industrial uses on the perimeter of the neighborhood and a power substation near the center.</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>Area Name:</p>	<p>Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan</p>
<p>Area Type:</p>	<p>Local Target area</p>	
<p>Other Target Area Description:</p>		
<p>HUD Approval Date:</p>		
<p>% of Low/ Mod:</p>		
<p>Revital Type:</p>	<p>Comprehensive</p>	
<p>Other Revital Description:</p>		
<p>Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.</p>	<p>Garden Hills is bounded by Bradley Avenue to the south, Prospect Avenue to the east, Bloomington Road to the north and Mattis Avenue to the west.</p>	

<p>Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.</p>	<p>Commerical rings the perimeter of this neighborhood while the Frances Nelson Health Center (low-income health clinic), Parkland Community College and Business Development Center are located just outside the neighborhood boundaries. There are more than 1,000 housing units in this neighborhood, including apartment complexes, a former public housing site (Joann Dorsey) being redeveloped by the Housing Authority, and many single family homes (owner-occupied and rental). The housing units are older and many are in need of investment to be brought up to code.</p>
<p>How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?</p>	<p>The City works with the local United Garden Hills Neighborhood Association on identifying needs, goals and strategies. The neighborhood group is working in partnership with the City in developing an action plan for the area to achieve code compliance, housing, public safety and public engagement goals.</p>
<p>Identify the needs in this target area.</p>	<p>The needs of this area include targeted housing, code enforcement (including addressing vacant properties), public engagement and safety, and youth programming.</p>
<p>What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?</p>	<p>The targeted neighborhood housing and economic development programs will be forthcoming in 2015 and should provide incentives for investment and engagement.</p>
<p>Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?</p>	<p>Lack of participation in available resources can limit improvements for the neighborhood (i.e. a lien requirement sometimes limits participation in home improvement programs).</p>
<p>4 Area Name:</p>	<p>City of Champaign</p>
<p>Area Type:</p>	<p>Local Target area</p>
<p>Other Target Area Description:</p>	<p></p>
<p>HUD Approval Date:</p>	<p></p>
<p>% of Low/ Mod:</p>	<p></p>
<p>Revital Type:</p>	<p></p>
<p>Other Revital Description:</p>	<p></p>
<p>Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.</p>	<p></p>

	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
5	Area Name:	City of Urbana
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Comprehensive
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	

6	Area Name:	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?		
7	Area Name:	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan Area
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	The Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan is comprised of three subareas: Bristol Place, Garwood Area Addition and Shadow Wood. The general boundaries (overall) are Neil Street on the west, Bradley Avenue on the south, the railroad tracks on the east, and Interstate 74 on the north.

<p>Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.</p>	<p>The Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan was adopted in February 2011 as an amendment to the City of Champaign Comprehensive Plan. The Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan includes three subareas: Bristol Place (which contains a park named Bristol), Garwood Area Addition and Shadow Wood Mobile Home Park. Commercial uses line the perimeter of this entire area and is also centrally located between major retail north of I-74 and downtown Champaign to the south.</p> <p>In summary, the housing in the Bristol Park is noted as: housing of last resort in Bristol Place (and designated to be acquired, cleared and redeveloped by 2019), Garwood Area Addition (public/private investment to bring housing up to code and encourage infill, voluntary development), and Shadow Wood (continue to operate as an affordable housing solution with the mobile home park).</p>
<p>How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?</p>	<p>The City of Champaign formed the Bristol Park Neighborhood Steering Committee in 2011 to help create the policies serving the Bristol Place redevelopment: acquisition, relocation and demolition. The City vetted all policies through an extensive public meeting network both inside the neighborhood and during public Council meetings.</p>
<p>Identify the needs in this target area.</p>	<p>The Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan outlines the needs and goal areas: human development, housing and land use, public safety, parks and open space, and transportation. The full plan can be found on the Neighborhood Services Department webpage at www.ci.champaign.il.us</p> <p>http://ci.champaign.il.us/departments/neighborhood-services/neighborhood-programs/community-development-projects/draft-bristol-place-redevelopment-master-plan/</p>
<p>What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?</p>	<p>The City hopes to increase economic opportunity and improve the housing condition so that all residents can enjoy a quality of life in this neighborhood. Targeting programs, including code enforcement, can help achieve this goal also.</p>
<p>Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?</p>	<p>Limited resources will continue to present a challenge for some needed programs, including job training, youth activities and housing programs.</p>

General Allocation Priorities

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the state

The geographic areas of the Urbana HOME Consortium jurisdiction in which assistance will be directed include the following: The City of Urbana, The City of Champaign, and the Urbana Consortium-wide Area. The City of Urbana has also identified a Community Development Target Area that encompasses Census tracts wherein more than 51 percent of households have incomes at or below 80 percent of the Median Family Income. The City of Champaign has either approved plans or is developing action plans for three targeted neighborhood areas: Beardsley Park, Bristol Park and Garden Hills. These three targeted areas will see greater public investment in order to improve the quality of life for the residents. The City of Champaign also has restoration/preservation planning areas that are targeted programmatically in order to realize the greatest impact with limited funding available. The incomes and housing indicators for these areas are typically lower than the City of Champaign median.



City of Champaign Target Neighborhoods

Champaign Target Neighborhoods

SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.415, 91.215(a)(2)

Priority Needs

Table 48 – Priority Needs Summary

1	Priority Need Name	Affordable Housing
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Rural Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill veterans Victims of Domestic Violence Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Victims of Domestic Violence
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities Address Barriers to Affordable Housing Preserve Existing Affordable Housing Supply Coordinate with Housing Authority Support Services & Training for Low-Income Persons Support Homeless Needs
	Description	Affordable housing is a basic need in the community across all income levels.

	Basis for Relative Priority	This is a high priority because there is currently a gap in housing available that is affordable to those households whose incomes fall below the 80% Median Family Income.
2	Priority Need Name	Homeless Prevention & Services
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Large Families Families with Children Rural Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Support Homeless Needs
	Description	Homelessness and chronic homelessness are high priorities for the Consortium.
	Basis for Relative Priority	This is a high priority for the Consortitum, as it is an integral part of the needs addressed through the Continuum of Care.
	3	Priority Need Name
Priority Level		High

	Population	Extremely Low Low Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	
	Associated Goals	Address Barriers to Affordable Housing Support Services & Training for Low-Income Persons
	Description	Non-homeless special needs includ services affect the following listed special needs populations: Elderly, Frail Elderly, Severe Mental Illness, Developmentally Disabled, Physicall Disabled, Persons with Alcohol or Other Drug Addictions, Persons with HIV/AIDS, Public Housing Residents, and Victims of Domestic Violence.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Non-homeless special needs are a high priority for the Consortium. The Consortium continually seeks holistic ways to address non-homeless special needs through a network of service providers in the community, identifying potential partnerships that ultimately provide better care for these subpopulations in the community.
4	Priority Need Name	Community Development Needs
	Priority Level	High

<p>Population</p>	<p>Extremely Low Low Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Rural Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development</p>
<p>Geographic Areas Affected</p>	
<p>Associated Goals</p>	<p>Support Services & Training for Low-Income Persons Support Homeless Needs Reduce Lead Exposure Risk Support Infrastructure Improvements Preserve Consortium Neighborhoods</p>
<p>Description</p>	<p>Public Facilities, Infrastructure, Public Services and Economic Development initiatives.</p>
<p>Basis for Relative Priority</p>	<p>Community Development needs are a high priority for the Consortium. The Cities of Urbana and Champaign are both Community Development Block Grant entitlement communities that invest in these types of needs that are critical to providing a network of services and infrastructure that both sustain and empower local neighborhoods.</p>

Narrative (Optional)

SP-30 Influence of Market Conditions - 91.415, 91.215(b)

Influence of Market Conditions

Affordable Housing Type	Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type
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Affordable Housing Type	Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type
<p>Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)</p>	<p>Between 2000 and 2011, there has been a 64.07% increase in the median home value in Champaign County (to \$147,800). Between 2000 and 2011, there was a 53.66% increase in the county’s median contract rent (to \$766). These dramatic increases can limit the affordability of housing, particularly for those in lower-income brackets. Meanwhile, between 2000 and 2011, the poverty rate in Champaign County (21.8% of all individuals and 10.2% of all families), the median household income is \$44,462, and the median family income was \$67,458. The gaps between the median family and household and family incomes and median house value within the County are significant, creating significant concern that the county is becoming more unaffordable.</p> <p>As of January of 2015, there were 422 households in Urbana utilizing Section Eight Vouchers. These residents were disbursed throughout the city. Meanwhile, throughout all of the Consortium, there were 1,722 tenant-based vouchers available, although the waitlist for this program has recently been closed off.</p> <p>Currently, the Housing Authority of Champaign County (HACC) owns 354 units of public housing. Most are elderly housing consisting of 212 high rise units (Steer Place and Washington Square), 36 garden style units (Columbia Place and Youman Place) and 6 low rise units (Hayes Homes). The Housing Authority houses its mixed population residents ages 18-54 in an additional high rise building (Skelton Place) consisting of 84 units. The only public housing family units in the Housing Authority’s portfolio are 16 five-bedroom houses (Scattered Sites).</p> <p>Many of the low-to-moderate income householders/families in the Consortium face difficulties when it comes to obtaining affordable housing, as the median home value and median contract rent in the Consortium have both increased rapidly as compared to increases in either the Consortium’s median household or median family incomes. Furthermore, with much development focus being placed on communities’ downtown areas and the Campustown neighborhood centering on the University of Illinois, many low-to-moderate income householders (particularly renters) are being pushed to the periphery. As the Consortium has a significantly high poverty rate already, many in the community face difficulties being able to afford rents, and home ownership is out of the grasp for numerous individuals, particular members of younger generations. Indeed, if individuals are not able to attain the high levels of education provided by either Parkland Community College or the University of Illinois, they may not be able to maintain long-term employment in the growing industries found within the Consortium (which includes the business and management sectors), further destabilizing the housing market. The housing market is also beset by the fact that the rental units in the Consortium contain a disproportionately high number of substandard conditions as compared to owner-occupied units.</p> <p>In order to serve those households whose incomes are at or below the 30 percent Median Family Income, the Consortium will seek to continue Tenant Based Rental</p>

Affordable Housing Type	Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type
TBRA for Non-Homeless Special Needs	<p>A large number of public housing units are offered in the cities of Champaign and Urbana, and Section Eight Vouchers are also offered- both overseen by the Housing Authority of Champaign County. However, high demand has left many of the public housing structures inaccessible, and often times, the wait list for the Section Eight Vouchers is closed. The concentration of the public housing units in Champaign and Urbana, the low vacancy rates of the public housing complexes, and the continued closure of this list all limit access to affordable housing.</p> <p>Clearly, the information above illustrates that there is an ample amount of affordable rental units for those that make most of the median family income in the Consortium (indeed, more than 10,000 units were considered affordable to those that made 50% of the median family income). However, there are very few units for sale that are considered affordable to those making 50% of the Consortium’s median family income. Nor are there relatively many rental units available for those that make 80% of the Consortium’s median family income. The difficulty that some renters and homeowners face in finding affordable housing can create serious impediments for a family’s financial security, which leads to other negative impacts in areas such as food security. The increase in unaffordable housing can also play as a significant contributor to increases in homelessness or temporary homelessness.</p>
New Unit Production	<p>As rents and home values continue to increase, albeit slowly, then less units will be affordable to low-income renters. Moreover, options for home ownership will quickly shrink for those that do not make 100% of the median family income within the Consortium. Particularly, as new apartment buildings are delivered in the campus town area of Champaign, we will see higher average contract rents asked for within the Consortium. Furthermore, as public housing facilities are redeveloped, the units that will replace them may ask for higher contract rents, although this variable. However, some two-to-three bedrooms may become more affordable in neighborhoods seeing their poverty rates increase, as well as those neighborhoods within the Consortium that are losing persons. This may be particularly relevant in southeast Urbana, an area that lost 72 individuals between 2000 and 2013, its poverty rate increase from the teens to nearly 30%, and which saw the number of rental units increase by 25 (Block Group 2 of Census Tract 57.0).</p>

Affordable Housing Type	Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type
Rehabilitation	<p>The large gap between Champaign County’s median household income and median housing value was significant, illustrating that individuals may not be able to purchase a “starter home.” Moreover, only 1% of one-bedroom units were owner occupied, and 17% of two-bedroom units. This further highlights the obstacle that young individuals might face when seeking out a home to purchase. Surprisingly though, the rental vacancy housing rate in 2011 in the county was 6.9%, compared to the homeowner vacancy rate of 2.7%, suggesting that demand for rental units may not be as high as the demographics suggest, or that some rental units may be considered undesirable. Indeed, building safety issues with some apartments in southeast Urbana forced their closure in 2013.</p> <p>There is clearly a lack of affordable housing options for those that make typically less than 80% of the Consortium’s median family income. This disparity is particularly present amongst renters. This disparity becomes worse as the median housing value and median contract rent within the Consortium and Champaign County continue to increase. There are a large number of renters within the Consortium that pay a relatively low rent as compared to the fair market and HOME rent values. However, many of these individuals are students, and the higher rents for units that can accommodate families may be difficult for many low-to-moderate income families to afford. The difficulties that individuals may face when seeking to purchase a home in the Consortium can lead to individuals leaving the region for more affordable communities. Furthermore, the serious limit in the number of public housing units and Section Eight vouchers available further pushes individuals to leave, minimizing the Consortium’s economic and racial diversity (as well as supply of employment). Continuingly rising rents in those neighborhoods bordering the University of Illinois will further expand the issues of housing affordability within the community, and may push out many renters to the periphery of the Consortium. Development in those areas near the University of Illinois contributes to the gentrification of low-to-moderate income communities, and may severely transform the demographics of the “North End” of Champaign-Urbana area in the coming decades.</p>

Affordable Housing Type	Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type
Acquisition, including preservation	<p>There is a substantial number of units in the Consortium area that are deteriorated to the point of presenting blight in the community. These are units that cannot feasibly be rehabilitated up to local code standards without exceeding the value of the unit in investment costs.</p> <p>The housing market is beginning to recover from the Great Recession, placing homeownership out of reach for many low-income homebuyers that are steadily employed but lack the savings needed to purchase a home. The Consortium will continue to look for ways to increase affordable homeownership opportunities for low-income buyers.</p>

Table 49 – Influence of Market Conditions

SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.420(b), 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The Urbana HOME Consortium expects to receive \$653,000 annually for a total five-year allocation of \$2,612,000. These funds are distributed amongst the Consortium Members based on the population share of the Consortium-wide area.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder 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	375,000	0	0	375,000	1,500,000	
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	653,000	0	0	653,000	2,612,000	

Table 50 - Anticipated Resources

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

These federal funds will assist to leverage a variety of private, state and local funds. The City of Urbana and Cunningham Township have historically invested general funds into public service activities funded with CDBG. The City of Urbana was also awarded a Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago grant to supplement down payment assistance funds to low- and very-low income households. There is a potential for additional funds in future application rounds. All Consortium members continue to seek grant opportunities from the State of Illinois that further the goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan. The City of Champaign used its CDBG funding to leverage a Section 108 Loan from HUD for the redevelopment of Bristol Neighborhood. Several tax credit developments are anticipated in the Consolidated Plan period, including the redevelopment of Aspen Court and former Urbana Townhomes site, as well as the Kerr Avenue Sustainable Development. Habitat secured an Attorney General grant in the amount of \$2M for redevelopment activities that will be matched with HOME CHDO funding.

Regarding the match requirement for the HOME program, the Consortium has utilized a variety of leveraging sources to fulfil this obligation. The City of Urbana contributes cash match towards its HOME projects, and the City of Champaign has historically used a combination of cash match and forbearance of customary fees for large developments. Land donations for larger developments will contribute to the program in the coming year, as well as sweat equity and cash contributions provided by the volunteers of Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County will exceed the anticipated match requirement in the coming five years.

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

Discussion

SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure - 91.415, 91.215(k)

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
City of Urbana	Government	Economic Development Homelessness Non-homeless special needs Ownership Planning Rental neighborhood improvements public facilities public services	
CHAMPAIGN	Government	Ownership Planning Rental	
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION	Government	Rental	
COMMUNITY ELEMENTS, INC.	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness Rental	
Courage Connection	Non-profit organizations	Homelessness Rental public services	
HOMESTEAD CORPORATION	CHDO	Ownership Rental	
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY	CHDO	Ownership	
Housing Authority of Champaign County	PHA	Ownership Public Housing Rental	

**Table 51 - Institutional Delivery Structure
Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System**

The City of Urbana, City of Champaign and Champaign County Regional Planning Commission are all members of the Urbana HOME Consortium and have historically worked well together in implementing

the goals and strategies outlined in the Consolidated Plan. The Consortium has several high-performing Community Housing Development Organizations, Habitat for Humanity and Homestead Corporation of Champaign-Urbana. Habitat is very successful in implementing homeownership programs, while Homestead excels at rental development. Several not-for-profits, including Courage Connection, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, and Community Elements, Inc. all provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance to the community and have very strong programs that have leveraged funding from a variety of sources. Each of these organizations is a longstanding entity in the community. The high performance of each member, PHA and not-for-profit is limited only by the funding available in the community at this time.

Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Homelessness Prevention Services			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	
Legal Assistance	X		
Mortgage Assistance	X		
Rental Assistance	X	X	
Utilities Assistance	X	X	
Street Outreach Services			
Law Enforcement	X	X	
Mobile Clinics	X	X	
Other Street Outreach Services	X	X	
Supportive Services			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X	X	X
Child Care	X		
Education	X		
Employment and Employment Training	X		
Healthcare	X		
HIV/AIDS	X		X
Life Skills	X	X	
Mental Health Counseling	X	X	X
Transportation	X		X
Other			

Table 52 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary

Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)

The City of Urbana through its Consolidated Social Service Funding process funds various agencies that provide services to homeless persons and persons with HIV, with regard to health, mental health and employment services. Agencies that provide these services or assist persons in locating these services include Avicenna Community Health Center (health), Promise Health Care/Frances Nelson Health Center (health), Champaign County Health Care Consumers (health), Community Elements (mental health) through various programs, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (employment), and Urbana Neighborhood Connection Center (employment).

Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above

In addition to the services, listed above, the United Way of Champaign County has provided funding for a 2-1-1 system and case management services for an Emergency Family Shelter. The Champaign County Continuum of Care is working towards a centralized intake to assist persons experiencing homelessness find the services they need. In addition, services for special needs populations are provided by Developmental Services Center and PACE.

Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs

The City of Urbana is working to overcome gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system with other organizations in the community, such as the United Way of Champaign County, the Community Foundation of East Central Illinois, the Champaign County Mental Health Board and the Champaign County Developmental Disabilities Board who all meet as part of the Local Funders Group, to discuss the needs in the community and how they are best met by the funding of agencies that provide the services that meet the needs.

SP-45 Goals - 91.415, 91.215(a)(4)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities	2015	2019	Affordable Housing		Affordable Housing		Rental units constructed: 50 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 100 Households Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 90 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	Address Barriers to Affordable Housing	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development		Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 120 Households Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 300 Households Assisted Rental units constructed: 50 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 300 Household Housing Unit Other: 200 Other
3	Preserve Existing Affordable Housing Supply	2015	2019	Affordable Housing		Affordable Housing		Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 200 Household Housing Unit
4	Coordinate with Housing Authority	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Public Housing		Affordable Housing		Rental units constructed: 60 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 120 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Support Services & Training for Low-Income Persons	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development		Affordable Housing Non-Homeless Special Needs Community Development Needs		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 Households Assisted Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 Households Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 200 Persons Assisted Housing for Homeless added: 2 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Support Homeless Needs	2015	2019	Homeless		Affordable Housing Homeless Prevention & Services Community Development Needs		Homeless Person Overnight Shelter: 500 Persons Assisted Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 30 Beds Homelessness Prevention: 200 Persons Assisted Housing for Homeless added: 2 Household Housing Unit
7	Reduce Lead Exposure Risk	2015	2019	Lead Based Paint Hazard Removal		Community Development Needs		Other: 50 Other
8	Support Infrastructure Improvements	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development		Community Development Needs		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 400 Households Assisted
9	Preserve Consortium Neighborhoods	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development		Community Development Needs		Buildings Demolished: 6 Buildings Other: 16 Other

Table 53 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities
	Goal Description	<p>Provide decent affordable housing opportunities for low- and moderate-income households. The following goals and strategies are proposed for the Consolidated Plan period:</p> <p>Strategy: Increase supply of affordable housing available to low and moderate income households.</p> <p>Activity: Provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance to households with incomes at or below 60% of the area median, targeting those at or below 125% of the poverty level.</p> <p>Activity Support new construction for homeownership sponsored by CHDOs and other nonprofits.</p> <p>Activity: Support new construction of affordable rental units sponsored by CHDOs and other nonprofits.</p> <p>Activity: Support and provide guidance for for-profit developers building new affordable renter and owner units.</p> <p>Activity: Support construction of new affordable rental units through LIHTC, in compatible areas.</p> <p>Activity: Encourage the development of non-profit housing development organizations eligible for CHDO status.</p> <p>Strategy: Expand homeownership opportunities for low and moderate income households.</p> <p>Activity: Support and encourage homeownership education programs.</p> <p>Activity: Support the Housing Authority of Champaign County’s Section 8 Homeownership program.</p> <p>Activity: Support the development of local Lease Purchase Programs.</p> <p>Activity: Directly encourage homeownership through downpayment assistance programs such as programs funded with Private activity bond funds.</p> <p>Activity: Develop new downpayment assistance programs for low-income buyers.</p>

2	Goal Name	Address Barriers to Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	<p>Strategy: Address issues faced by certain special populations, such as seniors and individuals in need of supportive service/substance abuse treatment.</p> <p>Strategy: Partner with other municipalities and agencies in the Consortium area to complete a housing needs study that will identify gaps in the housing stock, including an analysis of current housing availability and a projection of future housing needs.</p> <p>Strategy: Provide assistance for affordable permanent housing for persons with targeted disabilities.</p> <p>Strategy: Support efforts to increase accessible and visitable housing units for persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Activity: Encourage housing developers to include visitability/accessibility measures in new construction efforts.</p> <p>Activity: Access Grants: Provide grants for approximately 25 low-income residents over a five-year period to increase the supply of accessible and visitable housing.</p> <p>Strategy: The Urbana Human Relations Division will promote community awareness of the Urbana Human Rights Ordinance and will provide fair housing training for landlords and tenants.</p> <p>Activity: Education and training opportunities, which focus on eliminating barriers to affordable housing, will be encouraged.</p> <p>Activity: Encourage the Urbana Human Relations Division, the Building Safety Division, and Persons Assuming Control of their Environment, Inc. (PACE) to join forces in an effort to acquaint developers with local codes and fair housing laws to insure that handicapped units are produced when new housing is constructed.</p> <p>Activity: Support tenant advocacy and educational efforts by agencies such the C-U Tenant Union.</p> <p>Activity: Encourage landlord and community group distribution of information in multiple languages to help overcome language and/or cultural barriers.</p> <p>Activity: The City could consider undertaking a discrimination testing program to obtain preliminary results to determine if further programs are necessary.</p>

3	Goal Name	Preserve Existing Affordable Housing Supply
	Goal Description	<p>Strategy: Continue and expand city’s repair and rehabilitation programs.</p> <p>Activity: Senior Repair: Provide home repair service for approximately 175 very low-income elderly households over a five-year period to help maintain those households in their homes longer thus reducing demand for higher levels of sheltered care. In addition to home repair, the service would provide referrals to other home-care programs such as Meals on Wheels.</p> <p>Activity: Emergency Grants: Provide emergency repair service for approximately 55 low-income residents over a five-year period to help maintain those households in their homes longer thus reducing demand for higher levels of sheltered care.</p> <p>Activity: Whole House Rehabilitation: Provide loans and grants for major home improvements for low-income homeowners to approximately 25 households over the next five years.</p> <p>Activity: GLO (if funding is available): Provide lead hazard reduction for approximately 22 single family residences over the next five years, in coordination with the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District and the Illinois Department of Public Health.</p> <p>Activity: Purchase Rehabilitation Resale: Purchase housing that is structurally sound but in need of major code-related renovation, and rehabilitate property for sale as affordable housing to income-qualified households.</p> <p>Activity: Acquisition-Rehabilitation: Provide funds for downpayment and rehabilitation to low-income homebuyers to purchase and rehabilitate properties that may be in need of repair.</p> <p>Activity: Rental Rehabilitation: Provide HOME funds for rehabilitation of rental housing units to rent to households with incomes at or below 60% of the area median.</p> <p>Strategy: Support and encourage home maintenance programs.</p> <p>Activity: Encourage counseling and educational opportunities and resources, which teach homeownership maintenance skills.</p>

4	Goal Name	Coordinate with Housing Authority
	Goal Description	<p>Goal 4: Work with Housing Authority of Champaign County (HACC) to improve conditions for residents of public housing.</p> <p>Strategy: Promote substantial upgrading of the living environment for residents of Urbana public housing, particularly family units.</p> <p>Activity: Assist in developing a plan, which partners with the private sector to use private dollars to leverage HOPE VI or other Federal funds, to redevelop units and to replace demolished units with a combination of new on-site units, scattered-site units and Section 8 rent subsidies.</p> <p>Strategy: Encourage the Housing Authority of Champaign County to increase the number of affordable housing units available to extremely low-income households. Seek additional means of subsidizing very low-income households with rental assistance.</p> <p>Strategy: Encourage the Housing Authority of Champaign County to increase the earning potential of extremely low-income households.</p> <p>Strategy: Strongly encourage the Housing Authority of Champaign County to rehabilitate existing units and develop new units, which would be accessible to families, which include persons with disabilities.</p> <p>Strategy: Encourage the Housing Authority of Champaign County to follow a similar process and design as the Burch Village and Lakeside Terrace redevelopment projects for the demolition or redevelopment of any other Public Housing units.</p>

5	Goal Name	Support Services & Training for Low-Income Persons
	Goal Description	<p>Goal 5: Support community efforts to provide services and training for low- and moderate-income residents.</p> <p>Strategy: Encourage and support appropriate area social service agencies to provide additional economic assistance for persons who pay out-of-pocket expenses for medical and psychological services, perhaps by developing a centralized process to contact pharmaceutical companies with requests for donations of medicines.</p> <p>Strategy: Encourage appropriate area social service agencies to expand recreational, educational, and cultural opportunities and alternatives for very low-income youth and young adults</p> <p>Strategy: Support expansion of job-training programs for low-income individuals by area social service agencies, and encourage them to conduct a review of all available programs to determine if they meet current need.</p> <p>Strategy: Support area providers such as the Senior Services Division of Champaign County Regional Planning Commission and Family Service of Champaign County in their efforts to provide supportive services to low-income elderly persons residing in Urbana.</p> <p>Strategy: Support efforts by local service providers to area youth to increase supportive services available to at-risk youth.</p> <p>Strategy: Encourage existing childcare facilities to expand services to late night/overnight and weekend hours.</p> <p>Strategy: Support development of a program(s) by area agencies to provide transitional housing services and/or foster care to teen parents of young children.</p> <p>Strategy: Encourage current and newly created companies to hire low-income persons by providing public incentives linked directly to hiring local residents.</p> <p>Strategy: Support agencies that provide services to victims of domestic violence</p>

6	Goal Name	Support Homeless Needs
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<p>Goal Description</p>	<p>Goal 6: Provide Support for existing agencies delivering services to homeless individuals and families and encourage the expansion of local services to meet community homeless needs.</p> <p>Strategy: Support the existing network of local homeless services.</p> <p>Activity: Continue to provide leadership and support of Continuum of Care.</p> <p>Activity: Provide support to emergency and transitional shelters through Consolidated Social Service Pool fund allocations.</p> <p>Strategy: Improve and expand the existing network of local homeless services.</p> <p>Activity: Support and encourage local efforts to acquire additional grant funding.</p> <p>Activity: Support accurate and comprehensive data management through the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) and annual surveys.</p> <p>Activity: Encourage and support the expansion of transitional housing for women and children.</p> <p>Activity: Encourage development of emergency shelter services or transitional housing for homeless two-parent households with children.</p> <p>Activity: Encourage development of transitional living facilities for adults and youth with substance abuse issues.</p> <p>Activity: Encourage the development of a shelter facility to provide emergency services for elderly persons who are victims of domestic violence.</p> <p>Strategy: Regularly review and evaluate the needs of the community for homeless and homeless prevention service, and encourage local agencies to match service provided to community needs.</p> <p>Activity: Encourage and support area agencies to develop services such as Supportive Housing and Safe Havens for targeted populations such as homeless teens, teen parents, families, persons with disabilities, etc.</p> <p>Activity: Participate in the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care, Council of Service Providers to the Homeless, Supportive Housing Program.</p> <p>Strategy: Take steps to stabilize households at risk of homelessness.</p> <p>Activity: Develop and support rental assistance programs (such as Tenant Based Rental Assistance, the No Limits Program, and Shelter Plus Care) with and without supportive services for extremely low and very low income persons.</p> <p>Activity: Work with regional group to provide information and a support network in the case of a need for emergency relocation of residents of multifamily apartments when utilities are disconnected.</p> <p>Activity: Support programs offering permanent housing solutions for low and extremely low income households (see Goal 1)</p> <p>Activity: Support educational services including financial literacy, homeowner education and debt management.</p>
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7	Goal Name	Reduce Lead Exposure Risk
	Goal Description	<p>Goal 7: Support efforts to reduce the exposure of young children to lead-based paint hazards in their homes</p> <p>Strategy: Coordinate public and private efforts to reduce lead poisoning hazards and protect young children</p> <p>Activity: Encourage Private Funding</p> <p>Activity: Expand Childhood Testing</p> <p>Activity: Prevention Education</p> <p>Strategy: Reduce lead-based paint hazards in residential housing, particularly homes occupied by young children</p> <p>Activity: Lead Assessment in Housing Assistance Programs</p> <p>Activity: Preserve and Expand Funding for Lead Hazard Reduction Activities</p> <p>Activity: Temporary Relocation of Occupants during Lead Hazard Work</p> <p>Activity: Lead Contractor Incentives</p> <p>Activity: Distribution of Lead Contractor List</p>
8	Goal Name	Support Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	<p>Goal 8: Support infrastructure improvements in Urbana’s Community Development Target Area</p> <p>Strategy: The majority of CDBG funds will be targeted toward improvements in and services to the City's Community Development Target Area.</p> <p>Strategy: The City shall allocate to its designated Community Development Target Area its proportionate share of City capital improvement funds for upgrading infrastructure. CDBG funds may be set aside during one fiscal year for infrastructure projects scheduled in another fiscal year in order to fulfill a commitment to a scheduled project.</p>

9	Goal Name	Preserve Consortium Neighborhoods
	Goal Description	<p>Goal 9: Preserve and support Urbana’s neighborhoods as vibrant places to live.</p> <p>Strategy: Identify and encourage or assist in removal of blighting and deteriorated structures from neighborhoods.</p> <p>Activity: Perform regular surveys of City to identify deteriorated housing and accessory structures that need to be addressed either through repair or removal.</p> <p>Activity: Using CDBG funds, clear dilapidated accessory structures such as sheds and garages from income qualified owner-occupied properties</p> <p>Strategy: Acquire and clear deteriorated housing and vacant lots for donation to non-profit home construction programs. Acquisition and clearance efforts may be implemented in the CD Target areas and will be focused on the King Park Neighborhood in accordance with the King Park Neighborhood Plan.</p> <p>Activity: Using HOME and/or CDBG funds to acquire vacant properties and deteriorated and/or substandard structures that will be cleared as necessary, for donation to a non-profit housing developer for the purpose of new construction of affordable housing. The City will properly maintain such properties until transfer of ownership occurs.</p> <p>Strategy: Explore the creation of a Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy for low-income Urbana neighborhoods.</p> <p>Strategy: Clearly identify and document designated Brownfields and seek additional funding sources to alleviate same.</p> <p>Strategy: Through its Neighborhood Organizations, the City will support resident involvement in neighborhood housing development projects.</p> <p>Activity: Encourage the creation and development of local groups concerned with furthering the interests of their neighborhood. Specifically, encourage such groups to accomplish non-profit status by obtaining a 501(c)3 designation, thus making them eligible for grant funding.</p>

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2)

The number of households that are anticipated to benefit from affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2) is approximately 288. This is a combined estimation of the total number of TBRA participants in the coming five years (95), owner occupied rehabilitation recipients (25), down payment awards(60), new construction and rental rehabilitation efforts(108).

SP-50 Public Housing Accessibility and Involvement - 91.415, 91.215(c)
Need to Increase the Number of Accessible Units (if Required by a Section 504 Voluntary Compliance Agreement)

Not applicable (currently a Moving to Work agency)

Activities to Increase Resident Involvements

As a Moving to Work agency, the Housing Authority has many activities to increase resident involvement, include residential councils at its various sites, a resident member on its Board of Commissioners, and self-sufficiency programs the require involvement.

Is the public housing agency designated as troubled under 24 CFR part 902?

No

Plan to remove the 'troubled' designation

Not applicable (Moving to Work agency)

SP-55 Strategic Plan Barriers to Affordable Housing - 91.415, 91.215(h)

Barriers to Affordable Housing

Public housing policies can actually have a negative impact on affordable housing and residential development. Many of the apartments located within the Consortium are owned by the same owners. In order to make up from any profit loss a landlord may experience by offering a low-rent property (particularly to tenants with Housing Choice Vouchers), the same landlord may increase rents at other properties throughout Urbana. Furthermore, the closing of public housing units to those who do not meet certain low-income requirements limits housing affordability for the broader population.

The redevelopment of public housing units and mixed-income communities within the Consortium can result in higher contract rents, which raises housing costs for low-to-moderate income individuals and families. Many of these higher rents may be explained by the presence of amenities in these redeveloped complexes/communities, such as community centers. Such amenities are convenient to tenants, but they may limit the number of individuals that are able to afford. Additional rental subsidy is often needed from alternative sources to make tax credit projects affordable to prospective tenants.

Regarding land-use policy, zoning regulations in communities can concentrate multi-housing complexes in the same neighborhood. In tandem with increases in the use of Housing Choice Vouchers, this type of Euclidian zoning practice typically results in the concentration of poverty within a neighborhood, which deters future residential development and business growth. Meanwhile, restrictive historic district and land-use policies will limit the number of multi-family complexes that can be built throughout community, increasing rents for existing multi-family units (as a lower supply of rental units often results in higher rents). These restrictive policies are typically the results of residents demanding the preservation of economic and demographic stability within their own neighborhoods.

Historically, design guidelines for public housing units rendered minimalist complexes that were not in keeping with the design elements of the neighborhood. Recent public housing developments, however, have taken into account the aesthetics of the community and surrounding neighborhoods. The Crystal View Townhomes redevelopment, which was constructed during the FY 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan period, was successful in creating a sense of place.

Public policies that emphasize auto-oriented commercial and residential developments, and which further concentrate commercial activities in only particular neighborhoods of a community, can limit the housing options available to low-to-moderate income households that may have only one, or no, automobile. Compounded with the fact that many communities in the Consortium do not offer public transportation, with the exception of Champaign-Urbana, accessibility is seriously limited for low-to-moderate income families, further diminishing their choices of affordable housing to only those areas near commercial districts, or those areas with strong pedestrian infrastructure.

Strategy to Remove or Ameliorate the Barriers to Affordable Housing

The City of Urbana is working with the Housing Authority of Champaign County to remove barriers to affordable housing; the City and Housing Authority are working together on a redevelopment of the Urbana Townhomes/Aspen Court site which will provide more affordable housing in the community. The City is also working with a developer to develop the Kerr Avenue site for affordable housing, including housing for Veterans. The City works with Habitat for Humanity, who received HOME funding from the Urbana HOME Consortium, to remove the barriers to affordable housing; Habitat works with families to purchase affordable housing by working with them to improve their credit, and by providing down payment assistance.

SP-60 Homelessness Strategy - 91.415, 91.215(d)

Describe how the jurisdiction's strategic plan goals contribute to:

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

Addressing the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Through the CoC, various agencies address the needs of homeless persons, by providing emergency and transitional housing services in the community. Austin's Place provides emergency shelter for single homeless women during the winter months. The Salvation Army Stepping Stone Shelter provides emergency shelter and case management to homeless single men. Seeing a need in the community for an emergency shelter for families, The United Way of Champaign County began a pilot program several years ago to address this need by providing funds for case management and funds for hotel stays. The United Way is now working with the Housing Authority of Champaign County to form a permanent site for a shelter. Courage Connection provides transitional housing and case management for homeless women with children and victims of domestic violence fleeing their situation. Community Elements-TIMES Center provides transitional housing and case management for single homeless men. Community Elements-Roundhouse Runaway Homeless Youth programs provide emergency and transitional housing and case management for homeless youth including pregnant/parenting youth (up to age 24). The City of Urbana has a transitional housing program for homeless families with children.

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.

In addition to the strategies prescribed by the Continuum of Care, the City of Urbana seeks to address homelessness within its own strategies. This includes: prevention, outreach and assessment, emergency shelters and services, transitional housing, and helping homeless persons (especially any persons who are chronically homeless) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living. There is a wide array of services provided in the community that help coordinate these efforts throughout Champaign County. These strategies aim to address each need in the homeless community by coordinating with local service

providers through educational efforts and by supporting community partnerships. Specific efforts in the past to provide leadership in coordinating homeless services have included initiatives such as the Tenant Relocation Task Force. This group aims to prevent homelessness at a level in which a housing situation is out of tenant control and could potentially result in temporary homelessness within the community. This Task Force is creating a response plan to address the possibility of these events in the future.

Help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families who are likely to become homeless after being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care, or who are receiving assistance from public and private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education or youth needs

The CoC provides a broader array of case management, rent assistance, and support services focused on housing stabilization to help families prevent eviction and manage short/medium term crises that could otherwise lead to homelessness. CoC agencies have working relationships with the hospitals and keep them educated about the programs available to address homelessness. The primary mental health agency in Champaign County is an active member of the CoC and maintains working knowledge about the programs available to address homelessness. The CoC agencies have working relationships with the foster care agencies and keep them educated about the programs available to address homeless youth after discharge from foster care. Case management services link households to mainstream benefits, assist with job search and supportive services referrals and coach participants. Individual case managers facilitate efforts to move participants to self-sufficiency by overcoming barriers to employability (child care, transportation, etc.). The local Workforce Investment Act recipient is now an active Continuum member, which we expect to increase access to WIA services for individuals, as coordination with job training and employment resources gives individuals the best chance for long-term success. Initiatives also include continuation of the Salvation Army's homeless mentoring program and re-entry program for ex-offenders, and Courage Connection (formerly The Center for Women in Transition) retail sales training store "Connections." Homeless providers will continue to work with employers, job training agencies and educational institutions to match participants with services to assist in obtaining jobs. Public transportation will be expanding to some un-served, more rural areas of the country, which may reduce transportation barriers to employment and more affordable housing options. The local transportation plan also calls for expansion of bike and pedestrian trails for alternative commuting options.

SP-65 Lead-based Paint Hazards - 91.415, 91.215(i)

Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards

Addressing new lead-based paint hazard requirements is an ongoing concern for the coming year. Staff continues to spend a considerable amount of time attending workshops, reviewing the regulations, revising the rehabilitation manual and coordinating with contractors and environmental regulatory agencies. Activities continue to be pursued to ensure compliance with Title X lead-based paint regulations. The Consortium is committed to meeting these obligations and so doing in the most cost-effective methods available.

How are the actions listed above related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards?

Continue collaborative effort among Consortium members to address best practices in meeting lead-based paint requirements. This will include but not be limited to attending HUD sponsored lead-based paint training workshops, internet training applications and related HUD efforts to provide lead based paint hazard training. Follow-up on grant requests to the Illinois Department of Public Health for assistance and financial resources to address lead-based paint concerns. The City of Urbana has been able to participate in the Get the Lead Out (GLO) Program administered through the Illinois State Department of Public Health. Beginning in FY 2002-2003 and through FY 2009-2010 the City received \$198,005 in GLO funds to address hazards in 22 single family homes.

How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?

The City will continue to address lead-based paint hazard requirements and will work to integrate these actions into housing policies and procedures. In order to be current with developing standards, City staff continues to attend workshops, review and revise the rehabilitation manual, and coordinate with contractors and environmental regulatory agencies. The Grants Management Division of the City will continue to ensure compliance with Title X lead based paint regulations. The Grants Management Division staff is committed to meeting these obligations and will do so in the most cost-effective methods available. The measures to address lead based paint hazards that the City intends to pursue include: (1) Continue to work with the City of Champaign and Champaign County to address best practices in meeting lead-based paint requirements. This will include, but not limited to, attending HUD-sponsored and EPA-sponsored lead-based paint training workshops, internet-training applications (webinars), and related HUD efforts to provide lead-based paint hazard training; (2) Continue coordination with the Illinois Dept. of Public Health (IDPH), Division of Environmental Health, and the Champaign County Public Health District for future funding opportunities; (3) Continue to sponsor education and training events for local government, contractors, public health officials, and other

concerned parties on lead-based paint concerns; (4) Continue efforts to coordinate activities in meeting HUD, IDPH, and EPA lead-based paint requirements with the Building Safety Division of the City of Urbana, Community Development Services Dept.

SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy - 91.415, 91.215(j)

Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families

Encourage appropriate area social service agencies to provide additional economic assistance for persons who pay out-of-pocket expenses for medical and psychological services; encourage appropriate area social service agencies to expand recreational, educational, and cultural opportunities and alternatives for very low-income youth and young adults; support expansion of job-training programs for low-income individuals by area social service agencies, and encourage them to conduct a review of all available programs to determine if they meet current need; support area providers such as the Senior Services Division of CRPC and Family Service of Champaign County in their efforts to provide supportive services to low-income elderly persons residing in Urbana; support efforts by local service providers to area youth to increase supportive services available to at-risk youth; encourage existing child care facilities to expand services to late night/overnight and weekend hours; support development of a program(s) by areas agencies to provide transitional housing services and/or foster care to teen parents of young children; encourage current and newly created companies to hire low-income persons by providing public incentives linked directly to hiring local residents.

How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan

The City of Urbana will continue to utilize its resources to encourage job creation and retention. Section 3 regulations will be carried out with all applicable HOME and CDBG projects in an effort to build the local job pool. Job training programs will be considered under Section 3.

SP-80 Monitoring - 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures that the jurisdiction will use to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and will use to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

Progress toward meeting Consolidated Plan goals and objectives will be monitored by the Urbana Grants Management Division staff, the Urbana Community Development Commission, and the Urbana City Council. The Community Development Commission is appointed by the Mayor and the City Council to provide recommendations and oversight regarding the City's Community Development Block Grant Program, the HOME Consortium, and other housing-related programs. The Commission meets monthly at the Urbana City Building Complex to review staff progress toward housing goals and other housing-related funds. The other members of the Urbana HOME Consortium, the City of Champaign and Champaign County, are responsible for monitoring projects funded with their allocation of HOME funds. This arrangement is outlined in the Consortium's Intergovernmental Agreement. The City of Urbana is responsible for monitoring projects funded with Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) funds.

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The Urbana HOME Consortium expects to receive \$653,000 annually for a total five-year allocation of \$2,612,000. These funds are distributed amongst the Consortium Members based on the population share of the Consortium-wide area.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder 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	375,000	0	0	375,000	1,500,000	

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	653,000	0	0	653,000	2,612,000	

Table 54 - 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

These federal funds will assist to leverage a variety of private, state and local funds. The City of Urbana and Cunningham Township have historically invested general funds into public service activities funded with CDBG. The City of Urbana was also awarded a Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago grant to supplement down payment assistance funds to low- and very-low income households. There is a potential for additional funds in future application rounds. All Consortium members continue to seek grant opportunities from the State of Illinois that further the goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan. The City of Champaign used its CDBG funding to leverage a Section 108 Loan from HUD for the redevelopment of Bristol Neighborhood. Several tax credit developments are anticipated in the Consolidated Plan period, including the redevelopment of Aspen Court and former Urbana Townhomes site, as well as the Kerr Avenue Sustainable Development. Habitat secured an Attorney General grant in the amount of \$2M for redevelopment activities that will be matched with HOME CHDO funding.

Regarding the match requirement for the HOME program, the Consortium has utilized a variety of leveraging sources to fulfil this obligation. The City of Urbana contributes cash match towards its HOME projects, and the City of Champaign has historically used a combination of cash match

and forbearance of customary fees for large developments. Land donations for larger developments will contribute to the program in the coming year, as well as sweat equity and cash contributions provided by the volunteers of Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County will exceed the anticipated match requirement in the coming five years.

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

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	CENSUS TRACT NUMBERS 53, 54, 55, AND 56 Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan City of Urbana City of Champaign Urbana Consortium-wide Area Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan Area	Affordable Housing	HOME: \$653,084	Homeowner Housing Added: 5 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 3 Household Housing Unit Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 10 Households Assisted Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 24 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	Preserve Existing Affordable Housing Supply	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	CENSUS TRACT NUMBERS 53, 54, 55, AND 56 Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan City of Urbana City of Champaign Urbana Consortium-wide Area Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan Area	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$95,000 HOME: \$489,813	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 31 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Coordinate with Housing Authority	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Public Housing	CENSUS TRACT NUMBERS 53, 54, 55, AND 56 Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan City of Urbana City of Champaign Urbana Consortium-wide Area Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan Area		CDBG: \$35,000 HOME: \$100,000	Rental units constructed: 30 Household Housing Unit Rental units rehabilitated: 60 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Address Barriers to Affordable Housing	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	CENSUS TRACT NUMBERS 53, 54, 55, AND 56 Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan City of Urbana City of Champaign Urbana Consortium-wide Area Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan Area	Community Development Needs	HOME: \$170,000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 15 Households Assisted
5	Support Services & Training for Low-Income Persons	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City of Urbana Urbana Consortium-wide Area	Community Development Needs		Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 400 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Support Homeless Needs	2015	2019	Homeless	City of Urbana Urbana Consortium-wide Area	Homeless Prevention & Services		Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added: 26 Beds Homelessness Prevention: 300 Persons Assisted Housing for Homeless added: 8 Household Housing Unit
7	Reduce Lead Exposure Risk	2015	2019	Lead Based Paint Hazard Removal	City of Urbana	Community Development Needs		Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit
8	Support Infrastructure Improvements	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	City of Urbana	Community Development Needs		Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Households Assisted
9	Preserve Consortium Neighborhoods	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Non-Housing Community Development	City of Urbana	Affordable Housing Homeless Prevention & Services Non-Homeless Special Needs Community Development Needs		Buildings Demolished: 2 Buildings

Table 55 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities
	Goal Description	
2	Goal Name	Preserve Existing Affordable Housing Supply
	Goal Description	
3	Goal Name	Coordinate with Housing Authority
	Goal Description	
4	Goal Name	Address Barriers to Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	
5	Goal Name	Support Services & Training for Low-Income Persons
	Goal Description	
6	Goal Name	Support Homeless Needs
	Goal Description	
7	Goal Name	Reduce Lead Exposure Risk
	Goal Description	
8	Goal Name	Support Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	
9	Goal Name	Preserve Consortium Neighborhoods
	Goal Description	

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

The following is a list of proposed programs for the 5-year Consolidated Plan period. All of the proposed projects are in response to an identified need in the Consolidated Plan. Consideration has also been given to program delivery, and staffing requirements to successfully operate the grant activities, various objectives of leveraged funding available, as well as programmatic constraints of both the HOME Investment Partnerships and Community Development Block Grant programs.

#	Project Name
1	HOME Planning & Administration
2	HOME City of Urbana Neighborhood Revitalization
3	HOME CHDO Project
5	HOME Champaign County Neighborhood Revitalization
6	CDBG Planning & Administration
7	CDBG Public Services
8	CDBG Housing Activities
9	CDBG Public Facilities
10	HOME City of Champaign Neighborhood Revitalization

Table 56 – Project Information

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

Allocation priorities are based on the statutory requirements of the HOME Investment Partnerships and Community Development Block Grant programs. Needs have been prioritized in keeping with identified needs in the Consolidated Plan.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	HOME Planning & Administration
	Target Area	CENSUS TRACT NUMBERS 53, 54, 55, AND 56
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$65,308
	Description	Funds will be used to support the administrative activities associated with carrying out the HOME program goals and strategies.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The administrative activities associated with carrying out HOME program activities will benefit all possible quantitative outcomes of the program.
	Location Description	This activity covers the entire Consortium area.
	Planned Activities	Activities include administrative undertakings associated with carrying out the HOME Program goals and objectives.
2	Project Name	HOME City of Urbana Neighborhood Revitalization
	Target Area	CENSUS TRACT NUMBERS 53, 54, 55, AND 56 City of Urbana
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$156,250
	Description	Funds will be used to support the neighborhood revitalization activities undertaken by the City of Urbana, including: Down Payment Assistance, Acquisition-Rehab, Purchase-Rehab-Resale, Rental Rehab, Kerr Avenue Sustainable Development, New Construction activities, Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation, Lot Acquisition/Demolition, and/or other programs currently under development or may be proposed that further the affordable housing goals and mission of the City, Council, and Grants Management Division. Programs must comply with applicable local, state and federal regulations, including but not limited to HOME regulations.
	Target Date	6/30/2016

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 22 households will benefit from Neighborhood Revitalization activities.
	Location Description	The various neighborhood revitalization programs are available within the Urbana city limits.
	Planned Activities	Neighborhood Revitalization activities include: Down Payment Assistance, Acquisition-Rehab, Purchase-Rehab-Resale, Rental Rehab, Kerr Avenue Sustainable Development, Lot Acquisition and/or Demolition, New Construction activities, Owner Occupied Rehabilitation, Tenant Based Rental Assistance, and/or other programs currently under development or may be proposed that further the affordable housing goals and mission of the City, Council, and Grants Management Division. Programs must comply with applicable local, state and federal regulations, including but not limited to HOME regulations. Funds are anticipated to be used for the Urbana Dream Down Payment Program and the Whole House Rehabilitation program. If tax credits are approved for the Urbana Townhomes/Aspen Court and the Kerr Avenue site, the City of Urbana will pursue investing in these tax credit projects in FY 15-16.
3	Project Name	HOME CHDO Project
	Target Area	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$97,962
	Description	Funds will be used to support the projects undertaken within the Consortium-wide area by Community Housing Development Organizations. CHDO Reserve funds in the amount of 15% of the total annual allocation are being set aside to be allocated to certified Urbana Consortium CHDO or CHDOs whose proposed project(s) meet project readiness requirements. In order to meet project readiness requirements, the CHDO project(s) receiving reserve allocation(s) must be able to begin construction within one year from the date of execution of the agreement. Staff is continuing to work to identify feasible projects in the Consortium area, and a rolling CHDO Project application process is currently underway.
	Target Date	6/30/2017

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately four households will benefit from CHDO-funded new construction activities using FY 2015-2016 HOME funding.
	Location Description	CHDO Activities will be carried out in the Consortium-wide area.
	Planned Activities	New construction of approximately four single-family units.
4	Project Name	HOME Champaign County Neighborhood Revitalization
	Target Area	Urbana Consortium-wide Area
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$88,656
	Description	Funds will be used to support the neighborhood revitalization activities undertaken by the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, including Tenant Based Rental Assistance and Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 12 households will benefit from FY 2015-2016 HOME funds under the TBRA No Limits program operated by CCRPC.
	Location Description	TBRA participants can choose to live throughout the Consortium-wide area.
	Planned Activities	TBRA and Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation.
5	Project Name	CDBG Planning & Administration
	Target Area	CENSUS TRACT NUMBERS 53, 54, 55, AND 56 City of Urbana
	Goals Supported	Preserve Existing Affordable Housing Supply Support Services & Training for Low-Income Persons Support Homeless Needs Support Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention & Services Non-Homeless Special Needs Community Development Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,102

	Description	Funds will be used to support the administrative activities associated with carrying out the goals and objectives of the Community Development Block Grant Program.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The families that will benefit from this activity are all the households receiving CDBG assistance as a direct and indirect result of the administrative undertakings of the Grants Management Division staff.
	Location Description	City-wide in Urbana, IL.
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to support the administrative activities associated with carrying out the goals and objectives of the Community Development Block Grant Program.
6	Project Name	CDBG Public Services
	Target Area	City of Urbana City of Champaign
	Goals Supported	Support Services & Training for Low-Income Persons
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Prevention & Services Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$56,327
	Description	Funds will be used to support the public service activities undertaken by the City of Urbana
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The City of Urbana operates a transitional housing program that will utilize CDBG funding for case management for the program participants. The City of Urbana also uses a portion of its CDBG dollars to support public service grant awards for services provided to Urbana residents. The award recipients are not yet known at this time; however, historically approximately 300 persons have benefitted from various services provided as part of these awards to local not-for-profit agencies.
	Location Description	The City of Urbana's Transitional Housing program is operated in Urbana at scattered sites. The public service grant awards will serve participants from both the Champaign and Urbana communities.
	Planned Activities	Transitional Housing and public service grant awards.
7	Project Name	CDBG Housing Activities

	Target Area	CENSUS TRACT NUMBERS 53, 54, 55, AND 56 City of Urbana
	Goals Supported	Preserve Existing Affordable Housing Supply
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Community Development Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$80,000
	Description	Funds will be used to support housing activities undertaken by the City of Urbana.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 30 households will benefit from the City of Urbana's Emergency Grant, Senior Repair, and Access Grant programs.
	Location Description	These programs will be carried out within the City of Urbana limits.
	Planned Activities	Emergency grant, Access grant, and Senior repair programs. The Emergency Grants program allows up to \$5,000 in repairs that risk the health and safety of household occupants, such as a furnace failing in the winter months or an actively leaking roof that needs to be patched. The Access Grant provides improvements necessary to remove barriers to accessibility to persons with disabilities. It is available for renters or homeowners who earn less than 80% of the Median Family Income. The Senior Repair program provides for home maintenance repair for elderly or persons with disabilities who are at or below 50 percent of the Median Family Income. The ultimate goal of the program is to sustain the housing and continue the occupant's ability to remain in their home.
8	Project Name	CDBG Public Facilities
	Target Area	CENSUS TRACT NUMBERS 53, 54, 55, AND 56 City of Urbana
	Goals Supported	Support Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$74,000
	Description	Funds will be used to support the public facilities projects undertaken by the City of Urbana.
	Target Date	6/30/2016

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 200 households will benefit from public facility improvements in Urbana.
	Location Description	This activity will be undertaken within the City of Urbana limits.
	Planned Activities	Planned activities include public facility improvements to social service providers' brick and mortar assets.
9	Project Name	HOME City of Champaign Neighborhood Revitalization
	Target Area	Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan City of Champaign
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing opportunities
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$244,906
	Description	Funds will be used to support the neighborhood revitalization activities undertaken by the City of Champaign, including full home improvement program (FHIP), acquisition rehabilitation program (Acq-Rehab) and lot acquisition/clearance for new construction (LAP). The FHIP and Acq-Rehab programs will be prioritized in the following areas of Champaign in order to provide maximum benefit in areas identified with the greatest housing needs and/or lowest incomes: Planning Areas 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9 14, and 15. The LAP program will be limited to neighborhoods with plans underway or being developed at the time of this Consolidated Plan: Beardsley Park, Bristol Park and Garden Hills.
	Target Date	6/28/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The City of Champaign's program will benefit approximately 10 households in FY 2015-2016.
	Location Description	City of Champaign limits.

<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>Funds will be used to support the neighborhood revitalization activities undertaken by the City of Champaign, including full home improvement program (FHIP), acquisition rehabilitation program (Acq-Rehab) and lot acquisition/clearance for new construction (LAP). The FHIP and Acq-Rehab programs will be prioritized in the following areas of Champaign in order to provide maximum benefit in areas identified with the greatest housing needs and/or lowest incomes: Planning Areas 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 9 14, and 15. The LAP program will be limited to neighborhoods with plans underway or being developed at the time of this Consolidated Plan: Beardsley Park, Bristol Park and Garden Hills.</p>
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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

Assistance will be targeted in the City of Urbana's Community Development Target Area, which includes Census Tracts 53, 54, 55 and 56.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
CENSUS TRACT NUMBERS 53, 54, 55, AND 56	20

Table 57 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

These census tracts have populations in which at least 51% of the total number of households is at or below 80% of the area median family income.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.420, 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of Urbana will use its HOME funds to support its Neighborhood Revitalization program activities, including: Down Payment Assistance, Acquisition-Rehab, Purchase-Rehab-Resale, Rental Rehab, Kerr Avenue Sustainable Development, New Construction activities, Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Owner-Occupied Rehabilitation, Lot Acquisition/Demolition, and/or other programs currently under development or may be proposed that further the affordable housing goals and mission of the City, Council, and Grants Management Division. Programs must comply with applicable local, state and federal regulations, including but not limited to HOME regulations.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	24
Non-Homeless	200
Special-Needs	100
Total	324

Table 58 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	24
The Production of New Units	5
Rehab of Existing Units	3
Acquisition of Existing Units	5
Total	37

Table 59 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type
Discussion

AP-60 Public Housing - 91.420, 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Urbana HOME Consortium and the City of Urbana Annual Action Plan for FY 2015-2016 identifies activities that are planned to be implemented by the City of Urbana and the members of the Urbana HOME Consortium during the period beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016.

This Annual Action Plan budgets the use of two federal housing entitlement funds, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) Program. The Annual Action Plan for FY 2015-2016 has been developed to further five-year strategies identified in the *City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan for Program Years 2015-2019*. The Annual Action Plan identifies activities that will be undertaken by the City of Urbana and the Urbana HOME Consortium during the first year of the five-year Consolidated Plan period.

The CDBG portion of the Annual Action Plan identifies the planned uses of CDBG entitlement funds by the City of Urbana for FY 2015-2016. The HOME portion of the Annual Action Plan identifies uses of HOME funds by members of the Urbana HOME Consortium. The members of the Urbana HOME Consortium (a.k.a. the Champaign/ Urbana/Champaign County HOME Consortium) are the City of Urbana, the City of Champaign, and Champaign County.

The Annual Action Plan was on file for public review and comment during the period beginning March 20, 2015 through April 20, 2015. On March 24, 2015, the City held a public hearing to obtain comments regarding the draft Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. The hearing was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the Urbana City Building, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL. All comments received at the hearing, as well as other written comments submitted during the public review period, are included in the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.

For more information regarding the City of Urbana's use of CDBG or HOME funds, contact:

Kelly H. Mierkowski, Manager, Grants Management Division, City of Urbana, Grants Management Division, at 217-384-2447 or by email: khmierkowski@urbanaininois.us.

For more information regarding use of CDBG or HOME funds in the City of Champaign, contact:

Kerri Spear, Neighborhood Programs Manager, City of Champaign, Neighborhood Services Department, at 217-403-7070. The Neighborhood Services Department email address is NeighborhoodServices@ci.champaign.il.us.

For more information regarding use of CDBG or HOME funds in the City of Champaign, contact:

Darlene Kloepfel, Social Services Director, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, at 217-328-3313 or by email at dkloepfel@ccrpc.org

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

The Housing Authority of Champaign County (HACC) is a Moving to Work (MTW) organization. This innovative approach to housing takes into account the impact work has on an individual, his or her personal growth, as well as an ability to provide for themselves and any other members of the household. Able-bodied public housing residents are required to work a minimum of 20 hours a week, and case management is provided to assist tenants in the job search process. Moving to Work (MTW) is a demonstration that provides a limited number of Public Housing Authorities with the ability to design and test innovative approaches tailored to their communities, using federal dollars more efficiently, providing increased support for families to become economic self-sufficient, and increasing housing choice for low income households. The broad flexibility to waive statute and regulations allows HACC to better serve and house residents while streamlining internal operations.

The seven-member HACC Board of Commissioners consists of two commissioners appointed by each of the Cities of Urbana and Champaign, an appointee that rotates between the two cities called a “floating” appointee, a commissioner appointed by the Champaign County Board, and a commissioner appointed from among residents of the HACC properties.

The City will work with the HACC towards the rehabilitation of Aspen Court and the redevelopment of Urbana Townhomes complex. A developer has been selected for the site. The City will also continue to work with the HACC to develop collaborative measures to further each organization's programmatic goals in the community regarding affordable housing initiatives.

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

The HACC recently started up a revised homeownership program in partnership with Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County. Habitat is a certified Community Housing Development Organization for the Urbana HOME Consortium. The Consortium will seek ways to continue to support Habitat, which will in turn further the homeownership goals set by the HACC for its public housing residents seeking to transition into homeownership.

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

The Housing Authority of Champaign County is not designated as a troubled PHA.

Discussion

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities - 91.420, 91.220(i)

Introduction

The Champaign County Continuum of Care (CoC) surveys homeless person in Champaign County each January as is required by HUD, in an effort to count the number of homeless individuals and families, to better understand the causes of homelessness and to plan services that will effectively address the needs of this population. In summary, the 2014 Point-In-Time survey reported that Champaign County had approximately 222 homeless persons (including 47 children) in 176 household. Of those surveyer, at least one individual was classified as chronically homelss; at least 32 persons were identified as victims of domestic violence; and 23 single men were identified as veterans.

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

Reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs

Priority will be given to programming that meets the needs of the chronic homeless population. However, of the chronic homeless population, priority will not be given to new projects at the expense of undermining the current homeless services provided by existing area organizations.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City of Urbana has partnered with the Housing Authority of Champaign County to rehabilitate a former Urban Park Place apartment complex into an Emergency Family Shelter and a Transitional Housing complex. The City hopes to include its transitional housing in the overall transitional housing program offered to persons exiting the Emergency Family Shelter. This partnership will ideally provide for beter connectivity of services, as well as avoid duplication of services to persons experiencing homelessness.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again

In the most recent survey data available of homeless persons in Champaign County (January 2014), at least one person reported chronic homelessness, i.e. having been homeless for more than one year or having suffered homelessness four or more times in the past three years and having a disabling condition. Transitional homelessness occurs when a housing crisis (i.e. loss of job, domestic violence) temporarily renders an individual or family homeless. When homeless services are provided, these persons usually are able to locate and obtain another stable housing situation.

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

The Champaign County Continuum of care seeks to address homelessness at each stage of homelessness through prevention, outreach and assessment, emergency shelters and services, transitional housing, and helping homeless persons make the transition to permanent housing and independent living. There is a wide array of services provided in the community that help coordinate these efforts throughout Champaign County.

Discussion

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

Introduction

Barriers to affordable housing are largely financial. The need for affordable housing units far outweighs funding available to construct or subsidize those units. In addition to financial gaps, other social aspects play a role in an individual or family's ability to secure affordable housing, including mental illness, unemployment, drug and/or alcohol addictions, as well as criminal record. Residents seeking assistance from the Housing Authority of Champaign County must have a clean criminal record over the past five years. This policy is imposed at a federal level and cannot be amended. Persons or families affected with a criminal history often cannot secure housing in the larger metropolitan area and are forced to seek housing in outlying areas that may be more relaxed regarding background and credit checks.

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

<p align="left">The cost of housing within the Consortium is not significantly affected by local public policies. The City of Champaign, the City of Urbana, and Champaign County have policies on taxation, land use, zoning, building codes, fees, etc., that are conventional and similar to other downstate Illinois and Midwest communities. Housing costs are influenced by the large number of transient tenants and homebuyers who are attending the University of Illinois. This high demand for housing has resulted in increased housing costs, especially in the rental housing market.</p><p align="left">One significant program change that the City of Urbana will be implementing regarding its owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program is the lien structure imposed on participants receiving assistance. The program formerly operated as a deferred loan program that was not forgiven until sale transfer. This often resulted in liens that remained on a property for upwards of 20 years. Some residents aging out of housing may have been burdened by the lien, or those inheriting properties had to pay the lien to receive clear title. As such, the program is being restructured to allow the lien to be forgiven after a set amount of time, such as five or ten years. This will ensure that the low-income household receives the benefit of the investment but is not burdened by long-term secondary financing.</p>

Discussion

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

This section describes any actions to be undertaken by the City of Urbana that will further the goals of the Consolidated Plan.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The communities within the Consortium face numerous obstacles to meeting underserved needs. These include but are not limited to the following:

- Limited Financial Resources**

This is the core obstacle to meeting all underserved needs. It is unlikely that there will ever be enough funding to address all housing and community development needs in the community. Funding at levels of government for many community development initiatives increases the difficulty of meeting underserved needs.

- Success in Providing Social Services**

The City of Urbana and the greater community have been very successful in developing social service assistance programming. The provision of such quality services can result in persons requiring such services migrating to the community to consume these services and programs. With this continued influx of new persons in need, it becomes increasingly difficult to meet an ever-increasing demand.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Urbana will continue to partner with developers, as well as the Housing Authority of Champaign County, to redevelop housing units that are in need of repair or replacement. This includes assisting developers with tax credit applications.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City of Urbana will seek funding opportunities to address lead hazards that are outside the scope of our other programs. The City will continue to use Lead Safe Practices in implementing its various rehabilitation activities.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The Tenant Based Rental Assistance programs in the Consortium area are targeted towards persons who are below the poverty-level. The combination of self-sufficiency case management and stable housing is intended to assist households in escaping poverty. Staff will evaluate these programs for their effectiveness during the Annual Action Plan year.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Urbana staff work to foster creative ideas for improving the institutional structure that is part of a larger,

more holistic network of services that benefit low-income households. By supporting various social service agencies through staff participation on the Continuum of Care, the City of Urbana plays a role in developing programmatic improvements that will further the impact of these services in the community.

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

Urbana staff regularly attend board meetings for the Housing Authority of Champaign County. The City also maintains an active presence on the Continuum of Care, offering assistance with various reporting and application systems inherent to the successful delivery of the Continuum of Care network. The City hosts a public hearing each year specifically for social service agencies in order to gauge the evolving needs in the community and in within the service network.

Discussion

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

This section describes program specific requirements of the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnerships Program.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
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
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.	80.00%

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

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

The City will not be carrying out activities outside of those described in Section 92.205 in the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.

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

For HOME assisted projects that do not include direct buyer assistance, a resale restriction will be used, to be in effect for the duration of the affordability period. The affordability period is based on the amount of HOME assistance provided to the project. A land use restriction, mortgage, and promissory note shall be recorded against the title to the property. Each of these documents will include a provision restricting subsequent transfers to a household having a documented income at or below 80% of the area MFI. The sales price of the unit will be made affordable to a reasonable range of low-income buyers, which is defined as being within 10% above or below the MFI of the original homebuyer of the property, but no greater than 80% MFI. Individual assessment of affordability of buyers within this range shall be calculated using the industry standard PITI (principal, interest, taxes and insurance) at no more than 30 percent of the homebuyer's annual gross income. Should additional HOME investment be required to make the home affordable to the buyer, a new term of affordability will commence at the time of closing. Affordability of the sales price shall be calculated as: $\text{Maximum Permitted Resale Price} = (\text{Owner's Initial Sales Price} / \text{Initial AMI}) \times \text{Resale Median Income}$. Initial Median Income is defined as the Area Median Income corresponding to a household size equivalent to 1.5 times the number of bedrooms in the Home at the time of the Owner's purchase of the home rounded to the nearest whole number. Resale Area Median Income is defined as the Area Median Income corresponding to a household size equivalent to 1.5 times the number of bedrooms in the Home at the time of the Owner's Notice of Intent, rounded to the nearest whole number. Affordability to the reasonable range of low-income buyers shall be calculated using the industry standard PITI (principal, interest, taxes and insurance) at no more than 30 percent of the homebuyer's income. Should additional HOME investment be required to make the home affordable to the buyer, a new term of affordability will commence at the time of closing. The owner shall receive a fair return on his/her investment, which is defined as the homeowner's initial investment into the property at the time of purchase plus the increase in home value as a direct result of capital improvements made on the property that were financed by the homeowner. The sales proceeds will be adjusted to reflect the *value* added (not the amount invested). The value represents 50 percent of the homeowner's financial investment for capital improvements. If evidence of the amount of investment cannot be produced, then an appraisal will be required that identifies the value of the capital improvements. Any capital improvements made without proper documentation will not be included in calculating fair return. No presumption of affordability shall be allowed in regards to resale projects. The mortgage, note, and land-use

restriction shall be recorded against the title to the property. For rental projects, the mortgage, promissory note and land-use restriction agreement shall include rent and occupancy restrictions depending upon the amount of HOME funds invested per unit and the type of project undertaken.

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

The City of Urbana, Urbana HOME Consortium members, and designated Community Housing Development Organizations agree that, to the extent allowable by law, to secure the HOME funds, an agreement with the homebuyer, as well as a mortgage and promissory note shall be executed for any HOME funded homeownership property. Each document will include the prescribed net sales proceeds provisions for the recapture of HOME funds as outlined below. The mortgage and promissory note are to be recorded against the title to the property. For HOME-assisted, homeownership units, wherein HOME funds are utilized to provide direct assistance to the homebuyer, the Urbana HOME Consortium members may use one of two net sales proceeds formulas to recapture HOME funds in the event that affordability requirements are not met for the full term of the affordability period due to a transfer of the property or foreclosure. The table below provides for the minimum terms of affordability based on the amount of direct assistance provided to the homebuyer:

The amount subject to recapture is the amount of assistance directly provided to the homebuyer in the form of downpayment and closing cost assistance, or in the form of gap financing that directly enables the homebuyer to purchase the unit. The calculations below are subject to the availability of net sales proceeds. In the case that net proceeds resulting from the transfer of a HOME assisted property are present but are not sufficient to recapture the full amount of the HOME investment and enable the homeowner to recover the amount of the homeowner's down payment and the value of any capital improvements made by the owner since purchase, the Participating Jurisdiction will share the net proceeds. The net proceeds are the sale price minus loan repayment (other than HOME funds) and closing costs. The net sales proceeds may be divided proportionately as set forth in the following mathematical formula: $(\text{Home Investment} / (\text{Home Investment} + \text{Homeowner Investment})) \times \text{Net Proceeds} = \text{Recaptured HOME Funds}$

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

Refinancing of a project may occur only if specifically authorized in an Annual Action Plan approved by the Urbana City Council, and then only if conditions of the refinancing are clearly stated in the Plan. To be eligible for refinancing a project must meet the following conditions:

- Refinancing cannot be the primary purpose of the HOME investment. Refinancing is only

appropriate when HOME funds are loaned to rehabilitate the property for which refinancing is being requested and then only when necessary to permit or ensure continued affordability. To demonstrate that rehabilitation is the primary activity for which HOME funds have been expended in connection with the property, at least \$5,000 per unit average in HOME funds must have been provided for rehabilitation of the property.

- The project sponsor requesting HOME funds for debt refinancing must demonstrate, and the City must confirm, that disinvestment in the property has not occurred, long-term needs of the project can be met through the refinancing, and servicing the targeted population over an extended affordability period is feasible.
- Refinancing may be approved either to maintain current affordable units or to create additional affordable units.
- Properties for which refinancing is approved may be located anywhere within the Urbana corporate limits.
- Properties for which refinancing is approved are subject to an affordability period of at least five years starting on the date the refinancing is closed.
- HOME funds cannot be used to refinance multiple-family loans made or insured by any other federal program, including but not limited to, the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Discussion

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

2015-2019 Consolidated Plan Public Input Process
Updated 2/9/2015 at 2:22 PM

Public Hearing?	Date	Time	Location	Room # (if applicable)	Target Audience	Schedule	Presenter
	1/27/2015	5:30-7:00 pm	City of Champaign	Council Chambers	RDW - Central Projects	DCRE	KS
Y	2/6/2015	7-9 pm	City of Champaign	Council Chambers	Study Session - Central Projects	DCRE	KS
Y	1/16/2015	10-11 am	City of Urbana, Unit Center	Unit Center	Microgrids	DCRE	KS
	1/22/2015	7-8 pm	City of Urbana	Council Chambers?	Community Development Legislation	DCRE	KS
	2/3/2015	3:00-4:30	Community Meetings	Conference Room	Consult of service providers to the Champaign Consortium of Gov	KS/MS	KS
	2/6/2015	2-3 pm	Douglas Library	Meeting Room	All call prior to developing goals/strategies	DCRE	KS
	2/7/2015	11-noon	Leeland Center	Meeting Room	All call prior to developing goals/strategies	DCRE	KS
	2/18/2015	8-7 pm	Skidway School	?	Thursday Park Campus Area Adjacent	KS	KS
	2/12/2015	6:15 PM	City of Champaign	?	Community Reinvestment Series	DCRE	KS
	2/12/2015	5:30-7 pm	City of Champaign	Council Chambers	RSA - Potential Goals and Strategies	DCRE	KS
	2/13/2015	4-5 pm	Kennethwood Apartments	Community Room	Community residents	KS	KS
	2/16/2015	6:30 PM	Garden Hills Elementary School		United Garden Hill Neighborhood Association	KS	KS
	3/12/2015	7-8 pm	City of Champaign	Council Chambers	Study session	DCRE	KS
	3/12/2015	5:30-7 pm	City of Champaign	Council Chambers	RSA - Goals, Strategies and potential Activities for Draft Plan	DCRE	KS
	3/20/2015	8-7 pm	Skidway Unit	?	?	DCRE	KS
	3/24/2015	7:30-8:30 am	Leeland Center	Meeting Room	All call during public comment period	DCRE	KS
	3/31/2015	11-noon	Douglas Library	Meeting Room	All call during public comment period	DCRE	KS
Y	4/14/2015	7-8 pm	City of Champaign	Council Chambers	Study Session - Draft Plan	DCRE	KS
	5/5/2015	7:30 PM	City of Champaign	Council Chambers	Approval of the Consolidated Plan/Annual Action Plan	DCRE	KS
	?	?	?	?	Central Illinois Banker Property Professionals	KS	KS
	?	?	?	?	Bank Chamber of Commerce	CM/MS	KS
	?	?	?	?	North First Street Business Association	KS	KS
	?	?	?	?	Champaign Center for Innovation	KS	KS
	?	?	?	?	Planning and Economic Development Team/DEI	KS/MS/DCRE	KS
	Feb-April 2015	24 hours	City of Champaign	MS/MS	All citizens, stakeholders	KS - KR - IT	KS
	180	?	Ill. Design Public Library	?	Taylor Thomas residents/owners	KS	KS
	180	?	Douglas Annex	Douglas Annex	Douglas Bankers	KS	KS
Ads:							
	12/22/2014		Norm Gazette	?	Website		
	3/5/2015		Norm Gazette	?	Website		



NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING
 FOR THE CITY OF URBANA & URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM
 FYs 2015-2019 CONSOLIDATED PLAN & FY 2015-2016 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015 @7:00PM
 HAMILTON ON THE PARK, 1201 N. Brookstone Dr., Urbana

SIGN-IN SHEET

NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE	ORGANIZATION
<u>Jan Gonzalez</u>	<u>400 S. Vine St</u>	<u>584-2447</u>	<u>City of Urbana</u>
<u>Rachel Butler</u>	<u>400 S. Vine St</u>	<u>328 328-8263</u>	<u>City of Urbana</u>

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FY 2015-2016
PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, January 12, 2015, 7:00 P.M.
Prairie Elementary School, 2102 East Washington Street, Urbana

Minutes

Present: Jennifer Gonzalez, Rachel Buchler, Community Development Services Department, City of Urbana.

Others Present: Robin Arbiter and James Moreland, Lierman Neighborhood Action Committee (LNAC). See attached sign-in sheet.

Ms. Gonzalez called the public hearing to order at 7:11 p.m. The purpose of this public hearing is to provide an opportunity for the public to provide input and comments regarding the proposed City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Notice of this public hearing was placed on the City's website on Friday, December 29, 2014; faxed, mailed and emailed to the media, various social service agencies and citizens; and published on Friday, December 31, 2014 in Champaign-Urbana's local newspaper, The News-Gazette.

Robin Arbiter, on behalf of LNAC, expressed interest in the City of Urbana holding a public hearing for the consolidated plan that includes both Urbana and Champaign as well as the Housing Authority of Champaign County and Urbana Park District. Ms. Gonzalez stated that focus groups were held before public hearings at community councils in the past, which, if feasible, can once again be incorporated into the Action Plan and Consolidated Plan development process.

Ms. Arbiter presented Ms. Gonzalez and Ms. Buchler with a list of concerns, the first of which is that Area One, which is Lierman Avenue and adjacent streets, is very dense in rental housing and many residents are affected by intersecting issues, such as unemployment or underemployment and low-income status. Ms. Arbiter stated that the Lierman area is need of greater infrastructure, particularly a community center for residents that can provide social and recreational opportunities. Ms. Arbiter stressed the importance of eliminating blighting and nuisances in order to put a positive face on the neighborhood, particularly for the two lots attached to the Urbana Townhomes.

Ms. Gonzalez stated that the City of Urbana originally acquired the aforementioned lots to create affordable housing. Ms. Arbiter suggested directing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding towards a community garden in those lots, which would eliminate blighting conditions. Ms. Arbiter also mentioned that CDBG funding could also be used for the development of employment opportunities in the area for low-income residents.

Ms. Arbiter stated that Aspen Court, which is located on Lierman Avenue, has the potential to provide a decent living situation for low-income residents, but the area has been victimized by landlords for the past ten years, sowing mistrust in property management. Ms. Arbiter stressed that landlords in the area need to maintain rent at its current price, otherwise it will place a large burden on the unemployed and underemployed. While Ms. Arbiter stated that providing affordable housing and eliminating blights will improve the area, the City of Urbana should consider forgoing rehabilitation at Aspen Court, as several units have been unoccupied for up to eight years. Ms. Arbiter suggested that funding should instead be directed towards housing rehabilitation for other homes in the Lierman area as well as community and public service gaps.

Ms. Arbiter also stressed the importance of a sanctioned route to Philo Road from the Lierman area, as many residents travel to Philo Road for their jobs and the unsanctioned route that many utilize is dangerous and has damaged surrounding residents' properties. Ms. Arbiter also expressed an interest in stabilizing homeownership and encouraging landlords to enforce tenant responsibilities that result in nuisances; she also stressed that long-time homeowners in the area need assistance to finance rehabilitation services.

While Ms. Gonzalez acknowledged the financial assistance required by homeowners that are in need of rehabilitation services, she noted that many homes in the Lierman area have already have liens and are ineligible to receive more assistance from the City of Urbana. Ms. Gonzalez also mentioned the possibility of the City of Urbana approaching landlords and suggesting that they allow interested tenants to purchase the property in which they have been residing.

Ms. Arbiter noted that there is a greater need for better contracts and management in regards to area development as opposed to new housing; she stated that money has been wasted by funding inadequate contractors. However, Ms. Arbiter stated that there needs to be more affordable housing options for individuals receiving Supplemental Security Income and/or Social Security Disability Income, mentioning that such individuals are excluded from Habitat for Humanity.

Seeing no further comments, Ms. Gonzalez closed the public hearing at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Rachel Buchler, CD Associate



1. We'd like to see the lot at 1603 E. Washington Street, currently rented by LNAC for a community garden, dedicated in perpetuity in some fashion to meeting the needs and serving the wishes of the neighborhood, particularly that part identified as Area 1 on the recent Lierman Neighborhood Needs Assessment Survey. This area is primarily composed of residents who rent their housing, with high numbers of low-income households, high reliance on public transportation and lower employment than other parts of Urbana, making it important to find ways to establish and maintain no-cost social, recreational, and health-promoting resources in the immediate neighborhood. The lot at 1603 E. Washington is the only property in the heart of this neighborhood at this time that can meet the need for that kind of resource center.
2. Planned development of UT and planned rehabilitation of Aspen Court may result in improved amenities in the neighborhood, but the maintenance and provision of them will not be public and will be provided only at the will of incoming developers and managers. Their capacity to add improvement to the neighborhood does not mean amenities will be open to the surrounding public, nor is it something longtime residents can be part of directing; therefore, these private, semi-publicly assisted programs should not replace significant planning on the part of the city to meet the needs of the neighborhood.
3. Lierman Neighborhood's Aspen Court Apartments are currently priced at about \$475, \$575, and \$675 per month for one, two, and three bedroom apartments, respectively. The floor space of a one bedroom is about 630 square feet. The apartments feature side by side construction, with no neighbors above or below units. They are spread over nine acres of grassy grounds dotted with trees. While the grounds and apartments need significant care, the property is almost unique its affordability. The city of Urbana needs housing that is affordable to those working minimum wage jobs who do not necessarily qualify for housing assistance. City planners are asked to push for a rehabilitation plan that allows the continuation of this affordable rent scale.
4. In addition, consideration should be given to lowering the density of the apartments on the UT site from its previous 93 units, and to lowering the density of the housing at Aspen Court from its current 146 or 148 to something that more closely matches the properties' ability to provide amenities for a largely pedestrian, low-income tenant pool. (Development of the entire UT property might mitigate previous issues related to high-density housing). However, a large number of Aspen Courts units have been unoccupied for more 5-7 years (residents estimate 20-30 such apartments), and the cost of rehabbing them will add to the likelihood of rents be raised. Since a number of them are located on or adjacent to Ivanhoe Way, consideration should be given to design proposals that consider removing these units, perhaps in stages and in coordination with the city, as,
5. this current city council has made as one of its goals the creation of a sanctioned route from Aspen Court to Philo Road. A multi-phase plan involving a new owner, the city, and perhaps the

county, could see Ivanhoe Way and the old railroad easement transformed into routes and natural recreational opportunities that would improve neighborhood life.

6. The city's zoning plans call for the prioritization in the Washington/Glover area of businesses that will serve the needs of area residents. As the fate of the old Tri-Star building is considered, that priority should be kept in mind. A proposal by the Bercan Church, with backing from Stone Creek Church to create a community arts center, is favorably viewed by a number of LNAC organizers and area residents, and it, or similar plans to create a community center should be seriously considered.
7. Inquiry into the feasibility of a trust, special fund, or program that would help stabilize the neighborhood through a homeownership program is requested. Landlords failing to hold their tenants accountable to the terms of their leases in the most basic of ways are contributing to a climate in which homeowners and neighboring renters alike are frustrated and at risk from the consequences of blight and criminal activity—both of which could be stemmed through landlord intervention at more basic violations of lease agreements. The condition of housing on Austin, Lanore, and Ivanhoe is deteriorating, and grants or low-interest loans that would allow current owner-occupied housing to make improvements or that would allow currently rented housing to be rehabbed and sold to low-income housing should be considered.
8. The City must work much more critically with the Housing Authority of Champaign County to assure that housing projects developed under the auspices of HACC or HACC and Urbana strictly include commitment to best hiring and management processes. The failures at Hamilton on the Park are remarkable and frightening in their implication for what could go wrong in the Lierman Neighborhood. Issues of demonstrated skill by management, lack of appropriate staffing and security, and lack of appropriate tenant screening have already made their mark on the Lierman Neighborhood: new housing will make few positive changes without plans, funds, and staff to properly manage the sites.
9. The attraction of businesses that can serve and employ neighborhood residents should also be a priority.
10. Routes via public paths and public transportation should be designed to more safely and conveniently allow walking, biking, rolling, stroller-pushing, and otherwise non-car-driving traffic to move from one neighborhood to another, from neighborhoods to business districts, and from home to school. These could also alleviate stresses on homeowners who fear the use of unsanctioned routes through their property lines. Utilization of the old railroad could be part of such a plan. Enhanced weekend bus service in the Lierman Neighborhood would add significantly to the quality of daily life.

Eugene Barnes (metaphor)
Homeownership Trust? →

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FY 2015-2016
PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, January 13, 2015, 7:00 P.M.
City Council Chambers, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana

Minutes

Present: Jennifer Gonzalez, Kelly H. Mierkowski, Community Development Services Department, City of Urbana.

Others Present: None.

Notice of this public hearing was placed on the City's website on Friday, December 29, 2014; faxed, mailed and emailed to the media, various social service agencies and citizens; and published on Friday, December 31, 2014 in Champaign-Urbana's local newspaper, The News-Gazette.

Ms. Mierkowski called the public hearing to order at 7:15 p.m. The purpose of this public hearing is to provide an opportunity for the public to provide input and comments regarding the proposed City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Seeing no further comments, Ms. Mierkowski closed the public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly H. Mierkowski, Manager

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FY 2015-2016
PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, January 14, 2015, 7:00 P.M.
Crystal View Townhomes, 102 East Stebbins, Urbana

Minutes

Present: Jennifer Gonzalez, Kelly H. Mierkowski, Community Development Services Department, City of Urbana.

Others Present: None

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Ms. Mierkowski called the public hearing to order at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of this public hearing is to provide an opportunity for the public to provide input and comments regarding the proposed City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

Seeing no further comments, Ms. Mierkowski closed the public hearing at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kelly H. Mierkowski, Manager

ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FY 2015-2016
PUBLIC HEARING

Thursday, January 15, 2015, 10:00 AM
Urbana Civic Center, 108 E Water St, Urbana, IL 61801

Minutes

Present: Kelly Mierkowski, Rachel Buchler, Community Development Services Department, City of Urbana.

Others Present: Representatives from social service agencies in Champaign and Urbana.

Kelly Mierkowski called the public hearing to order at 10:13 AM. The purpose of this public hearing is to provide an opportunity for the public to provide input and comments regarding the proposed City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2015-2016.

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Public comments opened with Lisa Benson from Community Elements stating that her organization would like to see opportunities for permanent, affordable, and supportive housing. She claimed that large numbers of homeless youth struggle with locating housing, and that landlords in the community are often hesitant to rent to younger populations. Transitional housing with constant supportive services in community is necessary for youth placement, as options are limited.

Ellen Kirsanoff of the Urbana Park District mentioned that the Urbana Park District serves a significant portion of Urbana, including families, and is able to provide access to services for families who otherwise wouldn't receive those services due to the assistance of the Consolidated Social Service Fund. She also stated that the Urbana Park District provides much needed childcare in the form of summer/day camp.

When queried about the amount of Consolidated Social Service Funding available for the upcoming fiscal year, Mrs. Mierkowski stated that the amount and awards depend on the decision of the Urbana City Council. When the application becomes available, technical assistance training will be offered, and agencies will be offered the opportunity to give presentations to Council after the application period ends.

Tom McDowell of The Salvation Army stated that the community is in need of employment services. According to Major McDowell, 90% of Salvation Army clients, all of whom are men, arrive unemployed; the challenge lies in providing full-on engagement and intensive case management. Major McDowell states that the Salvation Army is in a position in which they need to aggressively pursue funding.

Jean Algee of Courage Connection claimed that her organization often has a full waiting list and that funding is needed for housing and services, specifically for moving from transitional housing to supportive services. Ms. Algee stated Courage Connection tries to address multiple issues and move from one step to another, relying on other agencies in the community to provide supportive services as well.

Ms. Benson stated that, regarding tenant based rental assistance (TBRA) offered through the HOME Consortium, there was a clarification that states that there is no requirement for clients to receive supportive services if a client is receiving TBRA. Ms. Benson, along with Darlene Kloepfel of Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, expanded upon the difficulties of providing clients with TBRA while being unable to provide supportive services, as clients may struggle with developing self-sufficiency skills. Kerri Spear of the City of Champaign stated that it would be beneficial to obtain data on clients who receive TBRA and also utilize supportive services.

Major McDowell mentioned the need for a partnership with youth employment programs in the community, as young people need help in looking for and maintaining enthusiasm for jobs. It was stated that youth employment is especially helpful for youth that tend to be involved in delinquent activities in summer.

When queried about existing services for youth employment in the community, Ms. Kloepfel mentioned that the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission subcontracts with eight providers in the community that provide year-round services as well as youth employment, such as Urbana Adult Education.

It was mentioned that, at Courage Connection, new employment training has been established for women, including engaging in mock interviews and constructing résumés. There are also a number of employment workshops for women with felony convictions.

Melanie Hertel of The Salvation Army stated that securing childcare is an issue for many in the community, though not particularly for Salvation Army clients, noting that childcare can be very expensive.

When queried if there were any population subsets that need support, continued support, or the attention of the Champaign City Council, Ms. Kloepfel mentioned that those with mental health issues and developmental disabilities, due to changes at the state level for program funding.

Seeing no further comments, Mrs. Mierkowski closed the public hearing at 11:03am.

Respectfully Submitted

Rachel Buchler, CD Associate

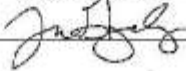


PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CITY OF URBANA &
URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM



AMENDMENT TO ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FY 2013-2014
10:00 AM, MONDAY, APRIL 6, 2015

CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana - SIGN-IN SHEET

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Jeanne Gonzalez	400 S Vine, City of Urbana	384-2147	



APPROVED
MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, January 27, 2015, City Council Chambers
400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

Call to Order: Commissioner Silvis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Kelly H. Mierkowski called the roll. A quorum was present.

Commission Members Present: Janice Bengtson, Brian Cunningham, Chris Diana, Anne Heinze Silvis, Lauren Karplus, and Lisabeth Searing

Commission Members Excused/Absent: Fred Cobb, Jerry Moreland

Others Present: Kelly H. Mierkowski and Jen Gonzalez, Community Development Services.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Silvis asked for approval or modifications to the August 26, 2014 minutes. It was moved and properly seconded to approve the minutes as written; the motion carried unanimously.

Petitions and Communications: None.

Staff Report: Kelly H. Mierkowski, Grants Management Division Manager, provided a brief overview of the staff report provided to the Commissioners that evening. Ms. Mierkowski noted that the HUD activity included the City receiving a letter regarding the Supportive Housing Program (SHP) Annual Performance Report (APR), that the program is meeting the requirements of the CoC program and goals as set out in the original NOFA application. The City also received a letter regarding the Program Year-End Review Letter for Program Year 2013 (review of CAPER). Also noted on the staff report were activities that staff completed and meetings staff attended since the last meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Schedule for Fiscal Years 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) and Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan (AAP)

Ms. Mierkowski reviewed the above Schedule with the Commission. Ms. Gonzalez further explained the process and reason for the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. Commissioner Silvis asked if a copy of the draft plan would be available on the City website and Ms. Gonzalez explained that the draft Plan would be presented at the Community Development Commission (CDC) meeting in February. Packets are made available the Friday before the meeting and are sent to the Commissioners for review. The packets are posted on the City website the day the packets are sent out and available for public review at that time.

Ms. Gonzalez noted that the City held five public hearings, four evening and one during the day, per the schedule. The public hearings are held in targeted neighborhoods in the City to increase participation; they include Prairie School Hamilton on the Park, Crystal View Townhomes and the City building. The public hearing for social service agencies in the community was held at the Urbana Civic Center. There was good attendance and good feedback at several of the public hearings, but need more input from the community especially from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Silvis asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the schedule as laid out by staff. Noted was the fact that we are half way through the schedule at this point in the process.

Community Development Commission Bylaws

Commissioner Silvis announced the next item under New Business is the Bylaws for the Community Development Commission and asked if these had been discussed previously. Ms. Mierkowski stated that it had been quite a while since the bylaws had been amended, that last time being about 10 years previously. The City's Legal Department contacted all departments and requested that their Boards and Commissions' bylaws be updated to reflect changes in the law. The changes were highlighted and underlined, starting with Page 2, Article III, Section 8, which adds after follows "unless a majority of the Board members present agree to alter the order of business. Additions to the agenda shall not be made unless properly noticed per the Open Meetings Act."

The second change was noted on Page 3, the Agenda starting with Call to Order/Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum, there is the addition of "Approval of" Minutes of Previous Meeting, and the addition of Audience Participation to the Agenda. In the past, Petitions and Communications was used the same way as audience participation, both oral and written communication, but they are two different items. Now they are to be separated out, so petitions and communications involves anything written and audience participation involves someone coming from the audience and speaking. The agenda will reflect the changes to the bylaw and agenda order, for the next meeting, if the changes are approved.

Ending with Adjournment, the next paragraph states that "Members of the public shall have up to five (5) minutes each for input during audience participation; it shall be the prerogative of the Chairperson to extend the five (5) minute time limit. If more than ten (10) individuals seek to provide public input during petitions and communications, then the Chairperson shall have the authority to reduce the five (5) minute time limit to three (3) minutes. All public input shall be limited to topics germane to those described on the agenda for that particular meeting. No member of the Commission is obligated to respond to anything contained in a person's public input."

This in new language required in the Commission's bylaw. Ms. Mierkowski noted that the third line down had an error, that petitions and communications should be audience participation. It was noted that only a few sections were updated and amended, with additions or changes. Commissioner Silvis noted that with regard to Article II – Officers, there is not a formally appointed Vice-Chair and that it has been the practice of the Commission to have the Commissioner with the most seniority be the acting Vice-Chair in the absence of the Chair, to run the meeting in the absence of the Chair. There was a long discussion about this topic many years ago, and the Commissioners felt comfortable with that particular practice.

What is stated in the bylaws is a different recommendation and different than what is practiced. It was noted that what is in the bylaws may differ from the actual practice of the Commission, and that this section could be changed to reflect the actual practice of the Commission in the absence of the Chair. Commissioner Silvis stated that the Commission could agree to keep that language and make it a formal procedure rather than the more informal procedure currently. Ms. Mierkowski stated that the wording could reflect the consensus and wishes of the Commission. It was also noted that the second section under the same article also does not reflect the practice of the Commission currently and that the term of the Chair is not limited.

Commissioner Searing asked for clarification regarding the appointment of the Chairperson, stating that the Mayor is the one who appoints the Chair, and staff confirmed. It was noted that the Article II – Officers section does allow for a more informal process, and suggested that “by majority vote” be removed from this section, in order to make the section fit the practice. It was also suggested that the wording remain as is. Commissioner Diana commented on the definition of absence, which normally means more than just being absent for one meeting, as if someone was ill and gone for an extended time.

Commissioner Silvis stated that staff would like for the changes in the bylaw to be approved, or make the changes and bring the document back to the Commission, and staff concurred, stating that it was a decision of the Commission as to what was preferred. The changes could be made and the document brought back for final approval, or the bylaws could be approved with the changes as is, and send out after revised.

Commissioner Diana also commented about the additional wording of “approval of” minutes of previous meeting. It was noted that the previous wording was only minutes of previous meeting, which omitted the word “approval.” The word was added for clarification, as other changes are being made. Also noted was the wording “study session” which is in the bylaws but not used in practice. Staff noted that a study session was done in the last year on the topic of Fair Housing. Commissioner Diana, for further clarification, asked if this was to reflect the place where a study session might take place if on the agenda, as it states the agenda for each meeting. It was decided that the study session item should always be included on the agenda, and if there was an item to be discussed at a study session, it would be reflected under this agenda item.

Commissioner Searing agreed with Commissioner Diana’s definition of absence and so no changes are needed in the wording of Article II, only the typographical error needs to be changed. The question was asked if the bylaws need to be approved as amended. It was decided that it is customary to make a motion to accept the bylaws with the suggested changes; that is what is done in other instances. Commissioner Silvis asked if the Commissioners were all in agreement with regard to the change that the audience participation should replace petitions and communications, and that Sections 1 and 2 under Article II which describes the appointment of an acting Chair, the wording would remain that same. Commissioner Silvis asked if there were any other items to discuss regarding the bylaws, none were noted. Commissioner Searing made a motion to accept the bylaws with the changes as noted, and Commissioner Diana seconded the motion, motion carried.

A Resolution Approving Modifications to the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium FY 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan (Neighborhood Revitalization and Program Income)

This is an amendment for the current fiscal year's Annual Action Plan. Previously, the City's entire allocation of its HOME entitlement funds were allocated to the Whole House Rehabilitation Program, which is the owner-occupied rehab program that Randy Burgett, Housing Rehab Coordinator operates. It has been noted that in the last several years applications for assistance have slowed down. Several reasons for this include the marketing of the program by a former staff person who has since retired that many homes have liens on them, which affect their eligibility for the program, and that funds are being targeted to specific low-income areas within the City. Considerations are being made to expand the program at some point, but spending funds in a timely manner is also a concern; HUD deadlines have to be adhered to as far as commitments.

The Resolution is to move funding from the Whole House Rehabilitation to the City Redevelopment Program that is in the City of Urbana's section of the Annual Action Plan. There are several activities that are included in this section, but the main focus of the funds will be for the Urbana Dream Downpayment Assistance Program. The program has been going very well, with at least nineteen households having been assisted so far. For the first round, ten households were assisted. The City then applied to the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago (FHLBC) for funds and received \$58,000, which helped augment City HOME funds. Nine households have been helped with these funds, with one slot available through Busey Bank.

This resolution also includes program income that was received this year from the liens the City has on homes who were assisted in the past through this program. When people sell their homes, they are to pay back the City, and this is program income. The memo notes the amount of program income received (\$12,500) from the sale of one home.

By reallocating the funds, seventeen down payment grants would be made available, as a deferred loan. The program is structured where people would receive up to 10% down payment assistance, based on the purchase price and are required to live in the home for five years. This is standard language found in the federal statutes and regulations. It is being considered for this program to be open to all lenders, which is how the program was originally created, so the funds would move quickly. Also, there have been some changes with regard to the loan regulations, as Habitat must now follow the same regulations that banks must follow, which makes them eligible to participate in this program. This will hopefully assist the City with commitments and spending the funds more quickly, as Habitat is constructing homes that do not receive any CHDO funds, but their buyers would be able to obtain down payment assistance. Only this year's funds are affected, there are three projects with one

Commissioner Karplus asked if there was any discussion regarding marketing the Whole House Program. Ms. Gonzalez stated that if the program changed significantly, such as expanding it City wide, then we would look at marketing the program, as households previously excluded from the program would then become eligible for participation. Previously, we would market the program through our neighborhood newsletter, which was sent out three times a year. Now we are only sending it out twice a year, with information geared to our Neighborhood Cleanup; the third newsletter would have much more information about programs that are available and might qualify for.

Commissioner Silvis asked if there are any implications to the City general budget or is this just a shifting of funds. Ms. Gonzalez stated that with regard to this year's budget in the AAP, it just changes the name of the activity. However, down the road there is the potential for loss of future program income, if there is a foreclosure or quit claim deeds. Based on staff capacity, there is a struggle to manage funds and find projects to add these funds to. Some years, the City receives \$30,000 in program income, other years no funds are received.

The down payment assistance program is really helpful for households who want to put 20% down, but are unable to do so, because of the tight lending restrictions, in order to avoid private mortgage insurance. There are not many resources available to assist households with down payment. Commissioner Diana agreed that this program has been a very attractive program which has helped Urbana, especially for first time home buyers and lower income households as a level playing field with the surrounding communities. There is a tremendous impact, in that it takes a little bit more private mortgage insurance, property taxes, and other costs that would cause them to not quite qualify for the home. The down payment assistance helps bring the cost down; it would also be good to make it available for all lenders.

Financing for affordable housing seems to be geared more towards rental, such as LIHTC from the State, so it is important to make sure there are opportunities for homeowners. New homes are not a problem to finance, it is the older homes that are a problem, because the quality of the home is not sufficient to get it appraised. Being able to buy it down with a larger down payment to a conventional loan is very helpful. It also helps with the housing stock quality, because the down payment assistance program requires inspections be done by the City inspectors, who cite all the code violations. The seller and buyer then negotiate the fixing of the violations; usually the buyer ends up paying for it.

Commissioner Silvis asked if there were any more comments about the information provided. If not, there are several options, such as forward the resolution to Council with a recommendation for approval, forward the resolution with a recommendation for approval with suggested changes, or decide not to forward. Commissioner Diana made a motion to forward the Resolution as written to City Council with a recommendation for approval; Commissioner Searing seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Seeing no further business, Commissioner Silvis asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bengtson made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Karplus seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.

Recorded by Kelly H. Mierkowski, Manager

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MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, March 24, 2015, City Council Chambers
400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

Public Hearing on the Proposed City of Urbana & Urbana HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan FY 2015-2019, Annual Action Plan FY 2015-2016 & FY 2015-2019 Housing Rehab: Acting Chairperson Silvis called the public hearing to order and declared it open at 7:05 p.m. Ms. Mierkowski read the following statement:

“As a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) entitlement funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the City of Urbana, the City of Champaign, and the Urbana HOME Consortium (made up of the Cities of Urbana & Champaign, and Champaign County through CCRPC) are required to submit a Five-Year Consolidated Plan, which is to guide the utilization of the City’s HOME and CDBG resources. Any project funded with CDBG and/or HOME funds must be consistent with the goals, strategies, and objectives included in the Consolidated Plan. A draft of the Urbana HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan, and the City of Urbana Annual Action Plan and Housing Program Manual became available for public review and comment on Friday, March 20, 2015 and will be available for 30 days, ending on April 20, 2015.”

“We are asking that the Community Development Commission review the ConPlan/AAP/ Housing Manual over the next 30 days during the public review period and submit any comments to us, which we will incorporate into the Plan, as we will be asking the Commission at the April 28, 2015 CDC meeting to forward the resolutions approving the Plans to the Urbana City Council with a recommendation for approval. The Plans and Manual will be going to the City Council meeting on May 4, 2015 for approval. Hard copies of the documents are also available at the Urbana Free Library, City Clerk’s Office, Community Development Services, and electronically on the City website (www.urbanaininois.us). If you would like a personal hard copy, please let us know. On May 5, 2015, Neighborhood Services staff will be asking the Champaign City Council for consideration of approval of the ConPlan and their Annual Action Plan at the Champaign City Council meeting at 7:00 pm.”

“The Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and the Housing Program Manual are due to HUD by May 15, 2015. Failure to submit the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan to HUD by the May 15, 2015 deadline could result in a significant delay in accessing CDBG and HOME funds, which would create a financial burden for the City to advance funds for these programs.” In addition to the public hearing this evening on the draft ConPlan/AAP/Housing Program Manual, a public hearing on the draft ConPlan and Champaign’s AAP will be held during the Champaign City Council on April 14, 2015 at 7:00 pm.”

Robin Arbiter spoke, stating that after reviewing the plan, she had some questions and comments that are concerning to her. The most precariously housed populations in the Consortium area and also in her neighborhood, tend to be those at 30% or less MFI and the plan states that the least number of rental units that are considered affordable are those rented by individuals that make 30% of the Consortium’s MFI. Not only are people who fall into that income level fairly precariously housed, but part of the issue may be that the housing stock is limited, or is rent not affordable for people in that category?

Ms. Gonzalez responded the data is probably in regards to mismatched housing, as part of the CHAS data; the housing that is available is unaffordable or that particular household income level is cost burdened. The point that Ms. Arbiter wanted to make is that people who make \$724/month (SSI) are falling into that 30% MFI, and also people receiving Township funds (\$224/month) would also fall into that category. There is a concern in that there are a lot of new projects coming or have come in the last couple of years, that seem to be catering to the higher end of what is considered low income; they are instead catering to people at 60% MFI. It does not appear that the replacement in housing is being planned for persons at 30% MFI or below.

As an example, there is the new development which is occurring in a significant block on Lierman Avenue. Is what is going to be built there that can accommodate people at 30% MFI going to make up the deficit of what has disappeared in terms of housing affordable to persons at 30% MFI? The perception is that this is not going to happen through this particular project. The bigger concern - is it happening throughout the City at all? Are we in fact replacing what we are losing, or do we have enough of housing that is affordable for people in the income level? The other question in the draft report (page 67) refers to a population loss around the Consortium, particularly relevant in Southeast Urbana, an area that lost 72 individuals between 2000-2013; what does that mean? Southeast Urbana area is a broad encompassing area from Philo Road north, which could include the Silver/Vawter area to everything adjacent to Lierman Avenue. Also, it is not clear on how the number seventy-two (72) was derived, as on Lierman Avenue, between Urbana Townhomes and Aspen Court, there were 93 units lost with the demolition of Urbana Townhomes and 60 unoccupied units at Aspen Court, for a total of 150 units with more than 150 people in them, absent from the neighborhood.

There is an exodus from the neighborhood, which has happened once before, when the properties were going through foreclosure, and at that point the census said Aspen Court dropped really low. As a resident, the apartment complex has not looked so barren and unoccupied since, until now. There is definitely an exodus from the neighborhood and it is unclear where they are going. Two people in the neighborhood have given up their vouchers because the conditions and stresses there are so high, and the quality of life is so poor, that one person is now in a nursing home and the other moved into a fairly unstable family situation. The vouchers are seen as a ticket to stable housing; however, they felt they could not stay where they were and did not feel they could find adequate replacement housing, even with the vouchers. So, where did the number seventy-two (72) come from and it is referring to the same kind of exodus that has been seen in the past in the Lierman Neighborhood?

The third comment is in regards to the presentation by Herman & Kittle Properties to the Urbana City Council the previous evening. They have been effectively selected by the City and HACC; the question being, how much of what they are proposing is actually negotiable? How much will the tenants, City staff, or anyone be able to influence in the direction of the needs of the neighborhood, the decisions they will ultimately make? More obviously, apartments are unstable in the neighborhood, and on Austin and Lanore, a lot of houses have transitioned from owner-occupied to rental properties. Some housing has been turned over frequently, some has been used very hard, and by driving through the neighborhood you can see the deterioration of some of the housing conditions. The question is, in the longer term, how can we secure decent rental housing stock in the neighborhood? And also, secure conditions for home owners (owner-occupied)? Homeowners are extremely concerned, as their neighbor's conditions affect their own.

In a previous part of this process, it has been brought up the possibility of looking at a community land trust, and wanted to bring it up at this hearing, because maybe in a year from now we might be in a position, if people think it is warranted, residents and perhaps people from the City would be talking about a community land trust as a model for retaining the affordability of the neighborhood and offering home ownership opportunities to lower income residents who want to live in this part of the neighborhood. This could be a second wave of action to take beyond this development, which will offer some stability that is needed, whether it will accommodate the neighbors who are already there now, is less certain and hope to become more certain of as time passes.

Acting Chairperson Silvis thanked Ms. Arbiter for her comments and asked her to submit her comments in writing, to make sure that all she said was captured. Acting Chairperson Silvis also stated that Ms. Mierkowski would be taking written comments until April 20, 2015. Seeing no more comments, the public hearing was closed at 7:21 p.m.

Call to Order: Acting Chairperson Silvis asked if a vote was needed for her to chair the meeting in Chairperson Cobb's place. It was decided that this should be done, per the bylaws. Commissioner Diana made the motion and Commissioner Cunningham seconded. Motion carried. Acting Chairperson Silvis then called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m.

Roll Call: Kelly H. Mierkowski called the roll. A quorum was present.

Commission Members Present: Brian Cunningham, Lauren Karplus, Janice Bengtson, Anne Heinze Silvis, Chris Diana, Lisabeth Searing, Jerry Moreland

Commission Members Excused/Absent: Fred Cobb

Others Present: Kelly H. Mierkowski and Jen Gonzalez, Community Development Services.

Approval of Minutes: Acting Chairperson Silvis asked for approval or modifications to the January 27, 2015 minutes. Commissioner Cunningham moved to approve the minutes as written and Commissioner Diana seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Petitions and Communications: Acting Chairperson Silvis asked if anyone in the audience had any comments, there were none.

Audience Participation: Acting Chairperson Silvis asked if the written petitions were part of the audience participation. Ms. Mierkowski stated that the written comments were under the petitions and comments section, the audience participation is the verbal. There were none.

Staff Report: Kelly H. Mierkowski, Grants Management Division Manager, provided a brief overview of the staff report provided to the Commissioners that evening. Ms. Mierkowski noted that the HUD activity included the City receiving a letter from HUD HQ that the FY 2014 Continuum of Care Program project application for the Supportive Housing Program/Homeless Families in Transition project was approved for funding. Also, a letter was received from HUD HQ for the FY 2015-2016 allocations for CDBG and HOME grants. Also noted on the staff report were activities that staff completed and meetings staff attended since the last meeting, as well as that staff has been diligently working on the Consolidated Plan for FYs 15-19, the Annual Action Plan for FY 1516, and the Housing Program Manual for FYs 15-19. Also of note is that the City's Blight Reduction Program application was approved by IHDA for more than was requested, to assist with vacant and blighted housing.

Old Business:

Community Development Commission Bylaws

Acting Chairperson Silvis announced the next item under Old Business is the Bylaws for the Community Development Commission, which were discussed at the January 27, 2015 meeting. Acting Chairperson Silvis asked if there were any comments or changes to the bylaws and Ms. Mierkowski stated the bylaws had been approved at the previous meeting; this was the final printed version with corrections.

New Business:

A Resolution Certifying a Community Housing Development Organization for the Urbana HOME Consortium (Habitat Spring 2015)

A Resolution Approving and Authorizing the Execution of an Urbana HOME Consortium Community Housing Development Organization Agreement (Habitat CHDO Developer Fy 2014-2015)

Acting Chairperson Silvis asked if the items were to be taken individually or as a group. Ms. Mierkowski suggested these items be discussed together and that the Ms. Gonzalez would discuss them. Ms. Gonzalez stated that Habitat for Humanity submitted a Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) project application to build five homes, three builds are in Champaign and two in Urbana, as listed on page two of the memo. One project will be a rehab that will be rebuilt on the inside of the home, which had been gutted, in order to fix it up to code and then sell to a homebuyer. All the sales contracts and environmental reviews for these projects have been completed by Habitat. As lead entity, we are required to sign the environmental forms, but Habitat greatly assisted the City in completing this documentation.

Before any CDBG or HOME project can begin, environmental reviews need to be completed, per the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) guidelines, to make sure that the project will not adversely impact the environment. A tiered process is used, so for a Tier 1 CHDO project involving new construction, an initial cursory environmental is completed for HUD. When a site is identified, a Tier 2 is completed, which is a follow up on the site-specific information. Such items that are reviewed include the noise calculations caused by traffic in the area, is the project on a wetland or floodplain, and are there any historic factors that need to be taken into account (the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency is contacted via email for this information), local airports have to be contacted. HUD came out with a more involved process for doing the environmental reviews, so it has helped that Habitat has completed their own environmentals. The Executive Director, Sheila Dodd, previously worked for the City of Champaign and is very familiar with this process.

Habitat requested \$150,000 for their projects, but only \$118,274 was available. Approximately \$5,000 is FY 2013-2014 carry over funds and the remainder is from the current fiscal year. Urbana is proposing to augment the balance of funding requested with \$31, 724.81 of its own allocation. This would assist with funding approximately 50% of each build that is proposed in Urbana, but the projects would essentially still be CHDO projects. This will also assist with our commitments, as we look to make sure we have enough commitments this time of year. Habitat is still certified and meets all the requirements of being a CHDO. Construction is expected to start by Fall 2015.

Commissioner Karplus asked a question regarding the programmatic impact section of the memo, where it states that “the \$31,724.81 Urbana HOME Consortium entitlement funds will reduce the number of down payment projects that will be completed as part of the FY 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan amendment;” in that how much would this impact the down payment program? Ms. Gonzalez explained that she had originally proposed to do \$10,000 grants, which would assist 3 homebuyers, but the Downpayment amendment that the Commission approved at the last meeting will be amended when taken to Council, as there are more requirements by HUD for this program. Policies and procedures need to be updated and in place before this program can begin. The amount per grant will be reduced, in order to provide more assistance to more people, which will show evidence of a greater impact. It will depend on how the program is structured as to how much each grant will be.

Commissioner Diana commented suggested that the typo on page 3 of 37 of Habitat’s application should be fixed, and asked where the maximum purchase price of \$190,153 amount came from, also on the same page of the application. Ms. Gonzalez stated HUD publishes this number every year and, per changes in the regulations, are not allowed to publish these numbers as they were borrowed from another source. This figure is actually a new construction purchase price, which comes from Chicago because this area is considered a high cost/purchase area and we are part of the HUD Chicago Field Office. We are allowed to raise the amount by 210%, because of the designation by HUD in Chicago, but developments in this area are actually below that purchase price amount. Commissioner Diana also asked what the purchase price of the Habitat homes will be and Ms. Gonzalez stated that Habitat homes usually appraise at \$100,000, the homes are sold for \$80,000-\$85,000, and the mortgages are for \$60,000-\$65,000. The homebuyers are usually able to get different down payment assistance grants to help with the mortgage, such as Hickory Point Bank.

Acting Chairperson Silvis stated that these two items could be forwarded to Council with a recommendation for approval, forwarded with suggested changes, or not recommended for approval. Ms. Gonzalez stated that both items should be approved together, as they are related items. Commissioner Diana made a motion to forward the resolutions to Council for approval and Commissioner Searing seconded. Motion carried.

A Resolution Approving Additional Modifications to the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium FY 2013-2014 Annual Action Plan (HOME County TBRA Amendment)

Ms. Gonzalez stated that this proposed amendment is an amendment to an amendment. The Commission and Council had originally approved financing for the demolition and new construction of 301 Thompson Street, which was to be a Habitat project, but because of the environment review process, the project would not meet the deadline for timeliness for the HOME program. The total project amount was to be \$80,000, with \$40,000 for demolition and \$40,000 for the construction subsidy. The funds are now uncommitted and are now contributing to our commitment shortfall, so staff is proposing to allocate those funds to augment the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission’s TBRA No Limits Program, which meets the housing needs of families who are at 30% or below MFI. There is also a self-sufficiency component to their program, which is beneficial to families in the program. It is also an easy way to meet commitments, while helping those in need. CCRPC also runs the program very well.

Acting Chairperson Silvis stated the options are to approve the resolution, approve with changes, or not approve and asked for a motion. Commissioner Moreland made a motion to approve the resolution and Commissioner Bengtson seconded. Motion carried.

CDBG Public Service Funding Priorities as part of the Consolidated Social Service Funding Pool (FY 2015-2016)

Acting Chairperson Silvis asked Ms. Mierkowski to present this agenda item; stated that staff are coming to the Commission, in their advisory capacity, to identify the priorities for the CDBG portion of the Consolidated Social Service Funding pool. Applications were made available March 9, 2015 and will be due to the City on April 9, 2015. The background section of the memo give the history of this grant program, in that this grant was established in 1996. The estimated contribution to the pool is for \$5,000 of CDBG Public Service Funds, same as the current fiscal year amount. It is estimated that the total amount available for FY 2015-2015 will be less than the current fiscal year amount of \$300,000.

The priority designations for the current fiscal year funding were Youth/Seniors, Homelessness, and Special Needs Population. In order to address these priorities, the agencies that were funded that fit into these priorities were Community Elements/Roundhouse Youth Shelter (Youth & Homelessness), and Courage Connections/Domestic Violence Services (Special Needs Population). Under the options section of the memo is listed the funding priorities available, however, affordable housing, lead-based paint, infrastructure, and public housing activities are addressed through other CDBG and HOME-funded programs. Staff is recommending that the same priorities of Youth/Seniors, Homelessness, and Special Needs Populations be chosen, because they provide for a larger range of funding possibilities.

Acting Chairperson Silvis asked what the funding priorities were for the current fiscal year, and Ms. Mierkowski stated that they were the same as the recommendations from staff for next fiscal year. The funding priorities have been the same for the last several years, due to the large pool of applicants which helps in determining who is funded by CDBG. Commissioner Searing asked about the limited funds and when the priority says it is for Youth and Seniors, with Community Elements/Roundhouse Youth Shelter being funded, are other sources of funding available that is directed to seniors, or is not as significant of a problem in our community. Ms. Mierkowski stated that there are other funding sources for seniors, in the larger pool there is Cunningham Township funding which contributed about \$100,000 and City of Urbana General Funds which provided the rest of the funding. The small portion of CDBG only funds a few agencies, with the bulk of agencies being funded by the other two funding sources. So agencies that provided services to seniors get funding from the other two sources in the pool. Agencies who have received federal or state funding are also reviewed for CDBG funding, due to the complexities with regulations.

Commissioner Moreland asked if the percentage of need has varied over the last year in regard to the priorities and Ms. Mierkowski stated that they are relatively consistent. Commissioner Karplus asked about the number of applicants who apply for this funding and Ms. Mierkowski stated that typically 30-40 agencies apply for funding, submitting a total of 55-60 applications. Council then determines who gets funded for how much; initially the pools of money are placed all together and once Council makes the decision for funding, then agencies are determined from what particular funding source they will be funded from. Grants management and Cunningham Township make the determination regarding the funding sources.

Acting Chairperson Silvis asked if there were further questions. Commissioner Searing made the motion for the priorities recommended and Commissioner Karplus seconded. Motion carried.

Study Session: Acting Chairperson Silvis commented that this agenda items is now required on our agenda per the amended bylaws.

Adjournment: Seeing no further business, Acting Chairperson Silvis asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Recorded by Kelly H. Mierkowski, Manager

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MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, April 28, 2015, City Council Chambers
400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

Call to Order: Chairperson called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Kelly H. Mierkowski called the roll. A quorum was present.

Commission Members Present: Fredd Cobb, Brian Cunningham, Lauren Karplus, Janice Bengtson, Anne Heinze Silvis, Lisabeth Searing, and Jerry Moreland.

Commission Members Excused/Absent: Chris Diana

Others Present: Kelly H. Mierkowski and Jen Gonzalez, Community Development Services.

Approval of Minutes: Chairperson Cobb asked for approval or modifications to the March 24, 2015 minutes. It was noted that the date of the minutes was incorrect and that there was a typo under Petitions and Communications. Commissioner Karplus moved to approve the minutes as corrected and Commissioner Bengtson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Petitions and Communications: Chairperson Cobb asked if there was any written communication to the Commission, after Ms. Mierkowski explained the difference between Petitions and Communications, and Audience Participation; there were none.

Audience Participation: Chairperson Cobb asked if there was anyone in the audience who wished to speak, there were none.

Staff Report: Kelly H. Mierkowski, Grants Management Division Manager, provided a brief overview of the staff report provided to the Commissioners that evening. Ms. Mierkowski noted that the HUD activity included the City receiving several letters from HUD regarding the Closing Out of an Expired Continuum of Care Grant, and the Four-Month Progress in Complying with HOME Program 2013 Funds Commitment Deadline. Ms. Mierkowski explained that a letter had also been received from HUD regarding the upcoming monitoring of the HOME program. Noted on the staff report were activities that staff completed and meetings staff attended since the last meeting.

Chairperson Cobb asked a question about the Illinois Attorney General's Grant, and Ms. Mierkowski explained that it was a grant from the Illinois Attorney General with regard to a foreclosure settlement. There was a lawsuit against the five major banks with regard to their practices involving foreclosures which resulted in billions of dollars having to be paid. Illinois was involved in this process and received \$70 million. Through an RFP process, organizations/teams were eligible to apply for funds for housing counseling, and other purposes regarding foreclosures. Habitat for Humanity formed a team with the Cities, Novadebt and U of I to pursue this grant; initially \$3 million was requested by \$2 million was received. Habitat is purchasing properties, demolishing and rebuilding on those lots. Chairperson Cobb also commented about the closing for 1302 West Dublin.

Old Business: None

New Business:

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE CITY OF URBANA AND URBANA HOME CONSORTIUM (CHAMPAIGN/URBANA/CHAMPAIGN COUNTY) CONSOLIDATED PLAN FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015-2019 AND ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016

Ms. Mierkowski explained that the issue before the Commission was to review the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan and make a final recommendation to City Council. Per the memo, because we are a recipient of CDBG and HOME grants, we are required to submit a five-year plan to HUD. It helps to guide our utilization of the funds. The Consolidated Plan is in a new format, as it now has to be completed and submitted to HUD electronically through the Integrated Disbursement and Information System (IDIS), which is why the plan looks incomplete. We are working to learn and use this system, which has a lot of bugs and kinks in it, but they will hopefully be figured out and fixed before the due date to HUD.

Ms. Mierkowski also made note, per the memo, the public hearing that was held in March 2015, and that the Plans have to be submitted before the deadline of 45 days prior to the beginning of the next fiscal year, which is July 1, 2015. Also noted in the memo is the Annual Action Plan funding allocations for CDBG and HOME, and a comparison between FY 2015-2016 and FY 2014-2015 allocations, showing the reductions in those funds. The memo also lists the proposed budgets for HOME and CDBG, with the options for the Ordinance.

Ms. Mierkowski then reminded the Commissioners that they were asked to review the ConPlan and AAP over the last month, and to provide any comments or questions at this meeting to include in the comment sections. An email was received from Commissioner Searing, which will be answered upon review of the questions in more detail. Commissioner Searing stated her questions were basically because of not understanding some parts of the plan, such as acronyms used, etc. The biggest question involves the impact of students on the numbers and their transient nature in our community. What is the impact on how our application (plan) looks to HUD? It depends on where the students live as to how the numbers are impacted, as most of the funds are directed towards targeted areas (low-mod) in the City. It is uncertain how much of an impact the students have; they might have more of an impact near campus, but probably not in other areas of the City where HUD funds are targeted.

Chairperson Cobb asked about the issue of affordable housing, specifically with regard to a large number of persons being displaced by housing that was torn down. The question involved the difference in the number of displaced persons, from 72 to 150 persons displaced, and wondering which is the most accurate number. Is the issue of people not being able to afford the housing that exists, and housing that will be built, addressed sufficiently in the plan? Is the issue resolved in the plan? The plan does state that it is accurate that there are a lot of people who cannot afford the housing. Some rents are driven by students, particularly 3-4 bedrooms, making them unaffordable to lower income residents. There is insufficient information regarding the rents of the new development, but since this project is in the beginning stages, that information is not available yet.

Commissioner Searing commented on the new development and compared it to Crystal View Townhomes (a mixed income development) project, particularly regarding the number of units at the

site before the new development and the number of units after it was built and occupied by low income families. The original site was public housing that had 99 units. Council had requested the new development to have close to that number of units, but the developer (Brinshore) was unable to do so, possibly due to IHDA or Federal regulations with regard to less density, so the development has 70 units. Staff did not have the breakdown with regard to the number of low income households living there, but could obtain that information if the Commission so wished.

Commissioner Searing commented if the same thing could be expected at the new development with regard to a lesser number of units available and a smaller number of occupied units by lower income households. For Aspen Court, it is expected that the number of units will remain the same, as the units will be completely gutted and rehabbed. For Urbana Townhomes, there may be more units than the original site had, but the proposed plans would have to be reviewed to compare the original number of units to the proposed units.

Commissioner Silvis commented that the changeover from the traditional concentration of housing to mixed income housing, where some are market rate and some are available for subsidized or lower rent, the idea was to provide a one for one match, and that it would be a mix of those units available to lower incomes plus Section 8 (HCV), which would not be on site but rather out in the community. The idea then was that there would not be that concentration of low income housing in one area, and that people could choose other places to live, so it would add up to what we had before. Ms. Mierkowski also commented that the Housing Authority is looking to move away from the tenant based vouchers (HCV) to having more project based vouchers or hard units. The vouchers would be on the unit versus attached to a particular person. Through their Moving to Work program, the Housing Authority wants more hard units. Commissioner Searing commented that nationally the problem with the voucher has been that there are not as many places available to rent for people with vouchers and that people were moved out of spaces were given vouchers, including this community. We need to be realistic that there are people who got lost in the shuffle, which is part of why we need to work for affordable housing. It underscores all the work that we do to pull these grants together to make these things happen.

Commissioner Silvis asked about the scattered site effort that HUD was pursuing, and Ms. Mierkowski asked for more clarification. Commissioner Silvis clarified that it was the housing choice voucher, and Ms. Mierkowski stated that the Housing Authority still has the HCV program, but there are a limited number of vouchers. Through the Moving to Work program, the Housing Authority is looking at the project based vouchers or hard units versus the Section 8 (HCV) vouchers. The Housing Authority recently received some HUD-VASH vouchers, which are for veterans, in cooperation with the Veteran's Administration in Danville, for that specific population.

Commissioner Karplus had a question regarding the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, specifically the section about the amending of the plan to include other projects. After the plan is submitted and funds are received, if the need in the community changes, the plan could be amended. The process involves a 30-day comment period for public input and comments, with the need being stated. Chairperson Cobb had a question regarding the comments from different sources and some of the spaces for comments, especially for the minutes submitted from various entities, are we still waiting on minutes. Ms. Mierkowski confirmed that it was so, that they are still being worked on. Chairperson Cobb asked when the draft would be more complete and Ms. Mierkowski stated that the plan would be going to Council the following Monday, so the draft would be more complete this week.

The Commission's input will be included in the public comment section of the plan. Ms. Mierkowski asked if any sections needed more clarification. Commissioner Karplus asked about housing problems and what section specifically addresses common problems that renters have, and also where the plan talks about the characteristics of the community, specifically the security deposit. One issue that keeps coming up is the security deposit (page 32 of the plan). Commissioner Karplus quoted the section in questions and asked how this is addressed in the plan. Ms. Gonzalez stated that the way we address these issues in the Consolidated Plan is through our Annual Action Plan. The main way that issue is addressed, since it involves homelessness and avoiding homelessness, is through the Tenant Based Rental Assistance program (TBRA). Households at or below 30% of the Medium Family Income (MFI) are considered the most vulnerable population, because they do not have savings for a security deposit, or they have been evicted, or they have bad credit. The TBRA program is a good program because there is guaranteed rent for the landlord plus there is a case management aspect of the program that various agency providers have offered. This is good for the participant, because they have been able to return to school. The Champaign County Regional Planning Commission (CCRPC) is committing its HOME funds to the TBRA program and the amendment that was recently passed with give more funds to CCRPC for this program. This activity is the best way to address this issue using HOME funds.

Chairperson Cobb stated that there were some unresolved issues in the plan, and asked to be notified when the issues are addressed. Ms. Mierkowski asked for more clarification and/or specific pages that needed to be addressed. Chairperson Cobb stated that the City was going to put in \$31,000 into a project so that Habitat could build. There was a question regarding the reassigning of the funds for other purposes, and that the other purpose would be affected by the City putting in the \$31,000. How is this situation going to be resolved, as the amount would be reduced for the alternative purpose? Questions were asked to determine the best answer to this question, specifically if it was CHDO funds or operating funds. Chairperson Cobb stated it was \$10,000 for three things, would be reduced. It was determined that the question came from the minutes of the previous meeting, where approximately " \$31,000 HOME funds would reduce the number of down payment projects and how it would impact the program." From a programmatic standpoint, there are no concerns, as a recent amendment was approved to add \$170,000 for down payment assistance.

There is a concern with regard to spending our funds, as the City recently received the Blight Reduction Program grant. We are hoping to speed up some of the funding expenditures. Chairperson Cobb asked if the shortfalls seen will be taken care of, and Ms. Gonzalez stated that for the most part the funding that needs to be committed is about \$50,000. Most have been addressed in the recent amendments that were taken to Council over the past month, i.e. the TBRA for CCRPC and the Habitat CHDO contract. Going forward, we will have to keep better track of our commitments. A couple of large projects are coming up, i.e. Urbana Townhomes and Kerr Avenue Redevelopment (the developer is again applying for low income housing tax credits), where HOME funds can be invested.

Chairperson Cobb stated that the Commission needs to forward these plans to City Council, or not. There are options: to forward as the drafts are right now, modifications can be made, or not forward to City Council. Input can still be given and included in our public comment section. Commissioner Searing made a motion to forward the draft plans to City Council with a recommendation for approval and Commissioner Bengston seconded. Commissioner Moreland asked a question with regard to making sure that the Plan is further completed in the future for the April meeting to make the May 15 deadline.

It was noted that the Con Plan is done every five year and the Annual Action Plan done yearly is a smaller document, but it was agreed that the documents would be more complete in the future for the Commission when they review them. The electronic format will be repeating that on an annual basis, so staff will be more comfortable with this new format. Hopefully HUD will work out a lot of the kinks in the system, the help desk was shut down because of too many questions about the system and not enough help to answer them. Staff apologized for not having submitted this plans in March for review. Champaign staff assisted greatly with providing information for this plan, since we are understaffed. Commissioner Karplus commented that what struck her is that the plan can be amended if the needs in the community change. Chairperson Cobb noted that the actual decision makers are City Council, regardless of what the Commission says. Motion carried.

Study Session: Chairperson Cobb commented that this agenda item is now required on our agenda per the amended bylaws; no items for this agenda.

Adjournment: Seeing no further business, Chairperson Cobb asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was adjourned at 7:41pm.

Recorded by
Kelly H. Mierkowski
Manager, Grants Management Division

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Neighborhood Services Department
Neighborhood Services Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers – City Building
12/11/14 @ 5:30 pm



√ Donte Lotts	√ Charlotte Miles	√ Colleen Madera, Notetaker
— Debra Karplus	√ Brent West	√ David Oliver, NSD
√ Felicia Cockrell	√ Doug McCarty	√ John Ruffin, NSD
√ Wesley Clayborn	— Kevin Jackson, NSD	√ Kerri Spear, NSD

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1. Call to Order, Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm.
 2. Minutes from Previous Meeting – Charlotte motioned, Doug seconded. The minutes were approved on a voice vote.
 3. Old Business –
 - A. Bristol Update – Jason Greenly stated that Neighborhood Services received five responses to our RFQ for this service. After careful review, Regional Planning Commission (RPC) was selected as the service provider. Staff is now in contract negotiations with RPC to formalize the agreement. RPC is a long-time service provider in our community, with extensive experience in assisting individuals and families with self-sufficiency goals through their “No Limits” program and other services. RPC will conduct the initial interviews with Bristol Place residents, gathering the information needed for NSD staff to provide relocation assistance. This will also allow RPC to promote their case management services to any families who wish to participate. These services are open to Bristol Place residents from any time between the formal opening of the program to one year after physical relocation from Bristol Place, allowing residents to utilize the service later if they do not initially choose to do so.

Greg Skaggs spoke about the other activities going on in Bristol. A contractor application has been developed and sent to 25 contractors who expressed interest in wanting to be added to the pre-qualified contractor pool. On November 4, 2014 a Contractor Orientation meeting was held to explain the application, the bidding process, the permitting process, and the requirements for a contractor to participate in the contractor pool. A contractor would need to demonstrate the following minimum requirements:

 - Designation as a small business, MBE/WBE or a Section 3 contractor

- Achieve 20% minority and/or women participation with a goal of at least 10% for minorities through:
 - o Current employee makeup of their company
 - o Subcontracting
 - o Joint Venture
- Bonding capacity of \$50,000
- Demonstration of positive demolition experience equivalent to job requirements

The meeting was attended by 14 contractors who appreciated the City's effort to provide opportunities for MBE/WBE and small contractors. The contractors were told that applications would be accepted throughout the estimated three year demolition time period. Five contractors submitted their applications for consideration. Another meeting will be held to invite contractors to meet other subcontractors that their team may need and to receive technical assistance from City staff. The first bid packet is expected to be advertised by the end of the year and the contractors who have an approved application will be invited to bid on this first demolition.

Wesley asked if we were looking to make the new homes energy efficient. Greg stated that with the master plan they are trying to obtain LEED certification. Kerri announced Greg's retirement effective December 26. He has over 30 years in the City.

Brent also noted that the City recently received an award for the LEED-ND Master plan.

4. New Business –

- A. Champaign City Government "101" – John notified the board about the new initiative, Champaign City Government 101 Academy (CCG-101), which will be launched in September 2015.

In an effort to fulfill one of the goals of the City of Champaign's Communication Plan, the Communications Advisory Committee (CAC) is proposing implementation of a new civic engagement platform. The proposed initiative will be administered by the Neighborhood Services Department Coordination Division (NSD-C).

The Champaign City Government 101 Academy is designed to provide an opportunity to learn about the inner workings of municipal City government and the various departments within the City organization that work collaboratively to provide services and serve the residents of the City of Champaign. The academy is also designed to increase the civic IQ of residents and provide a pipeline of qualified and educated citizens to serve on City Government Boards and Commissions.

Brent stated it was a great idea. John stated the goal is to record the content and play them later on CGTV. Wesley asked if there was a marketing strategy as to who to target the program to. John stated that a survey was done by the Communication Advisory Committee which requested some kind of classes to inform the public about City government.

- B. Consolidated Plan Process – Kerri spoke about the consolidated plan process. January 6 to study session with an overview of what has been accomplished, still ongoing since the last plan was created 5 years ago and goals for the next 5 years. The plan needs to be submitted to HUD by May 17.
 - C. 2015 STAR Planning Process – John spoke about STAR Expo/Awards. This is the 6th year and the nomination process will start December 15. Wesley asked where they can submit applications. John stated they can go online to submit the applications. Colleen provided the website link and also responded that it will be listed on the City's website, Facebook and Twitter accounts, as well as in the News Gazette and advertised in the school districts.
5. Staff Reports and Announcements – Neighborhood Programs: Kerri stated that Greg Skaggs is retiring at the end of the month and Susan Jones moved to the Code Compliance Division. There are two openings for Community Development Specialists that will be interviewed this month with hopes to announce hires in January.

Neighborhood Code Compliance: David spoke about the 2 study session memos that went to Council this week – Bamboo Ordinance and Garden Hills Code Compliance Strategy. David also spoke about the Keep Champaign Beautiful initiative. A litter analysis survey was recently completed and a document will be shared with the board to give their input.

Donte asked how challenging it is from someone to get rid of the running bamboo on a property. David stated that most of it needs to be removed by digging it up. Donte asked how many landlords from the south side compared to the north side. David said those in attendance represented both sides of the neighborhood.

Wesley asked about the bamboo regulations and how that might affect those who have it as a religious use. David stated most of it was due to direction from Council to ban it. Brent asked about the 3 inches above the soil but then the ordinance said it shouldn't be more than 3 inches above the soil. David stated the barrier needs to protrude at least 3 inches above grade so they can detect when that rhizome is there. Doug asked if they will have more sessions regarding Garden Hills and landlords. David stated there will be another meeting with landlords in the future and everyone is always welcomed to come to their neighborhood meetings the 3rd Monday each month.

Neighborhood Coordination: John also stated that Neighborhood Coordination will be adding 3 other actions plans to the overall Garden Hills Neighborhood plan. Also, we will start our annual update process with all of our registered neighborhood groups at the beginning of the year. The Neighbors of Champaign website will launch by the end of this year.

6. Board Comments and Suggestions – Donte stated there was a new member to the board. Wesley Clayborn, new member to the board, introduced himself. He is a lifelong resident of Champaign and happy to be on the board. Charlotte also announced that this is her last meeting as she is moving to Florida at the end of the month.

7. Public Participation – None

8. Adjournment – Seeing no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm.

CHAMPAIGN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Council Meeting

January 6, 2015

There being a quorum present, Deputy Mayor Bruno called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. following the monthly Township meeting.

ROLL-CALL: Present: Michael La Due, Vic McIntosh, Tom Bruno
Marci Dodds, Paul Faraci, Deborah Feinen
Karen Foster, William Kyles,

Absent: Mayor Gerard

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Deputy Mayor Bruno, assisted by Police Chief Cobb, introduced and administered the oath of office to the following new Police Officers, and a promoted Officer to Sgt.: Kayley Sprout, Francisco Garcia, Jr., Timothy Frye; and Katherine Thompson.

MINUTES:

December 2, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

CM Dodds, seconded by CM La Due, moved to approve the minutes. A voice vote was taken; all voted yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and the FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan – After a brief explanation of the public hearing by Deputy Mayor Bruno, Deputy Mayor Bruno opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. and invited the public to speak.

- Dawn Blackman, 205 W. Columbia, questioned the public hearing notification time period, and sequence for providing comments at public hearing or the study session.
- Michelle Kohler, 1304 Garden Hills, questioned when the public would be allowed to ask questions; commented regarding the 2011 home study and relocation of tenants; and shortage of affordable housing units.
- Margaret Hicks, 1402 N. Walnut, questioned if the correspondence portion of the meeting is the time to write concerns to Council.
- Samantha Carter, 122 N. First St., expressed her experience being a minority small business owner; encouraged Council to move forward with the small

business plan; and expressed concern with the lack of assistance provided her by the City, especially versus assistance provided the previous property owner.

- Bill Kirkendal, 503 S. Elm, thanked Council for the opportunity to give input on the topic; and the need to provide a better means of providing information to the public in relation to addressing the City Council, and providing information to citizens needing assistance with housing, food, medical needs, etc.
- Samantha Carter, 122 N. First St., asked how much longer current business owners have to pay for what was done by previous business owners on First Street.

The hearing was closed at 7:32 p.m.

ACTION ON COUNCIL BILLS

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Passed CB-2015-001, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 And Section 19-8.1 Of The Champaign Municipal Code, 1985 (Alarm Systems) (Licenses And Permits – Alarm User Fee)"

CM Dodds, seconded by CM La Due, moved to adopt the Ordinance. After a brief explanation of the Council Bill by Deputy Mayor Bruno, Council Members questioned the number of commercial versus residential alarms; and addressed the fairness of the proposed regulations. A roll-call vote was taken; all voted yes.

Passed CB-2015-002, "A Resolution Accepting A Bid For The 2015 Tree And Stump Removal Project (Public Works Department – Clean Sweep Tree Service LLC)"

Bid Amount \$74,860

CM Dodds, seconded by CM La Due, moved to adopt the Resolution. After a brief explanation of the Council Bill by Deputy Mayor Bruno, Margaret Hicks, 1402 N. Walnut, noted her crabapple tree is not jelling. A roll-call vote was taken; all voted yes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

COUNCIL AND MANAGER COMMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Bruno briefly explained Council rules regarding addressing the City Council, and noted questions and responses from Council members can be disruptive to the meeting; and noted that public input is always welcome.

CM Faraci noted Council Members take calls from citizens, provide answers, or direct citizens to the appropriate staff to address their concerns. Later he provided the contact number and web site of the City for the public to direct questions/concerns outside of individual Council Members.

CM Foster addressed the importance of publishing the agenda to inform the public of items to be addressed by Council; and how addressing questions and not following Council rules could lead to discussion of items not on the agenda.

CM Feinen noted the rules for addressing Council used to be available in the rear of the chambers; and citizens are always encouraged to contact Council Members with questions or concerns. She noted there will be many opportunities to provide input regarding housing with upcoming forums and Council meetings.

City Manager David noted staff is working on revising the language to the brochure "How to Address Your City Council" that used to be in the rear of the Council chambers. Instead of brochures, the rules/addressing Council will be posted on the wall at the rear or entry of the chambers. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

VOUCHERS:

CM Dodds, seconded by CM Foster, moved to adopt Voucher No. 11 (vendor payments) in the amount of \$1,255,353.30. A voice vote was taken; all voted yes.

PAYROLL:

CM Dodds, seconded by CM Foster, moved to approve the payroll dated December 19, 2014 in the amount of \$1,620,671.50. A voice vote was taken; all voted yes.

INVESTMENTS:

CM Dodds, seconded by CM Foster, moved to approve investments in the amount of \$2,000,000. A voice vote was taken; all voted yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

CM Dodds, seconded by CM LaDue, moved to adjourn to Post-Council Study Session to discuss Housing Strategy Update and Consolidated Plan Process. A voice vote was taken; all voted yes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Marilyn L. Banks
City Clerk

MINUTES

Champaign City Council
Post-Council Study Session

DATE: January 6, 2015

PLACE: Champaign City Building
City Council Chambers
102 North Neil Street
Champaign, Illinois 61820

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael LaDue Vic McIntosh
Tom Bruno Marci Dodds
Paul Faraci Deborah Feinen
Karen Foster William Kyles

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Gerard

STAFF PRESENT: Dorothy Ann David, City Manager
Fred Stavins, City Attorney
Kevin Jackson, Neighborhood Services Director
Kerri Spear, Neighborhood Programs Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Mierkowski, City of Urbana, Grants Management Manager

TIME STARTED: 7:51 p.m.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

HOUSING STRATEGY UPDATE AND CONSOLIDATED PLAN PROCESS
[SS 2015-001]

City Manager David noted the City receives a significant amount of resources from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership. Those resources are used to address community development, housing, and neighborhood improvement needs in our community. One of the requirements of the grant program is preparation of the Consolidated Plan, which becomes the City's comprehensive five year strategy where the City identifies the most crucial needs in community development and housing; then prioritize those needs to determine programs and how resources are spent. Staff will present the process to be used to create the City's new five year plan.

Staff Presentation: Neighborhood Services Director Jackson noted staff will share key highlights relating to the 2010-2014 Consolidated Planning Process, and review the process for

the 2015-2019 Consolidated Planning Process. Director Jackson's and Manager Spear's presentation included information regarding the following topics:

- Key Highlights from the 2010 – 2014 Consolidated Planning Process including the 2011 Regional Housing Study
- Key Issues from the 2011 Regional Housing Study – Homelessness and need for Emergency Family Shelter, Affordable Rental Housing for low and extremely low income, and Housing for Persons with Special Needs i.e. with mental and physical disabilities, Home Ownership
- Funding Goals – Two Strategies
- Funding Considerations – Housing and Community Development
- Accomplishments – Homelessness, Rental Housing, Housing Preservation, and Infill Housing
- Ongoing Considerations
- Low-Moderate Income Areas
- Next Steps – 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan
- Upcoming Schedule for Public Input and Council Approval

(Note: Information on how to obtain Staff's written report on this subject is provided below.)

Action Recommended: The Administration seeks Council direction to begin drafting the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for future consideration.

Council Members' Technical Questions: Council Member technical questions included information regarding the following topics including inclusion of some neighborhoods in the Enterprise Zone, rehabilitation, and impact and inclusion of these factors on the Plan; locations, such as the Phoenix, to obtain information regarding services, and the need to publish a listing of services (211 Resource to call for any needed services); opportunity to layer resources and get information out appropriately, and on the City's web site; \$300,000 UDAG grant what it is, whether it is available, and its use; unclear on what will roll over in the Plan from 2010-2014, what is new, and how it is decided what to carry forward; need for a visual chart at upcoming meeting to distinguish what has been done and what is being proposed; need for a schedule of upcoming meeting availability on the web site; and amount of strategy to be included following public outreach.

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Public Input: The following members of the audience spoke regarding the housing strategy update, upcoming consolidated plan process, homelessness concerns, providing information, need for shelters, and affordable housing needs:

Margaret Hicks, 1402 N. Walnut
Bill Kirkendal, 503 S. Elm
Michelle Kohler, 1304 Garden Hills
Dawn Blackman, 205 W. Columbia
Grant Antoline, 124 N. Neil

Council General Discussion: Council Members general discussion topics included comments regarding acquisition rehab and other housing restoration; the public comment period and inclusion in the Plan; warming center centralization of information; relocation of Fire Station 3 and its use as a community service component in the future; staff attempting to address a need and trying to do more with less, and the Plan is a good plan and a good first step; importance of having a hard copy of resources and centralized location for information; importance of a homeless shelter for women and children, and to try to expedite the process of establishing such a shelter; Housing Authority assistance with opening a homeless shelter; and there will be opportunities to provide input, and provide a central location to obtain resource information.

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Poll: Deputy Mayor Bruno polled Alternative 1 accepting the housing update and directing staff to proceed with the proposed process for adopting the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The result of the poll was 8 ayes and 0 nays.

Adjournment: The meeting was declared adjourned by Deputy Mayor Bruno.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Marilyn L. Banks
Records Manager/City Clerk

Additional information on this meeting is available as follows:

Staff prepares a Report to the City Council containing detailed information on each subject discussed at Council meetings. The subjects and Study Session (SS) numbers for this Council meeting are:

- Housing Strategy Update and Consolidated Plan Process [SS 2015-001]

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Champaign County Continuum of Care
TEAM MINUTES

Team Name (circle / highlight one)			Date:
CULCOC	CSPH	RT Workgroup	January 6, 2015
Compliance & Monitoring Committee		Membership Committee	Start time:
Executive Committee	Centralized Intake	Other:	3:02pm
Meeting location: Community Elements, 801 N. Walnut, Champaign			End time:
Meeting Leader: Lisa	Recorder: Jason	Attendance list on file	3:44pm

MEETING SUMMARY

Topic	Present	Status/Update	Action(s) taken / action(s) assigned
Introductions / Announcements	Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions provided. • RPC notes they still have RRH funding left. • Austin's Place opened on December 15th. Single women can check in at Courage Connection, they sleep at 1st United Methodist Church, and have the option of TIMES Center or the bus terminal in the morning. • February 6 will be C-U at Home's One Winter Night fundraiser (primary source for operations). The hope is to increase the educational component this year with speakers. Currently or formerly homeless people are especially encouraged to share their stories. There will also be tables for agencies to provide information on their services / solicit for volunteers. A sign-up sheet is passed around, but you can also contact Melany at melany@ouathomeus if you are interested in participating. • C-U at Home's The Phoenix Drop-In Center also added a day of operation. It is now open T-Th, noon-5pm. 	N/A
Inspirational Moment	Team	<p>Despite getting hit with a ton of snow last night, and a history of cancelled January meetings, there are twenty-six attendees today (very close to the full body).</p> <p>The dedication of this team to addressing homelessness in our community is proven in both ways large and small.</p>	

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Point in Time (PIT) Survey	Lisa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The date for the PIT will be January 29, 6am to 6am the following morning, with the street count occurring from 5-9pm. For shelters who use HMIS, it is imperative that your data for that day be both fully accurate and submitted within 48 hours; the sheltered count for PIT will be drawn out from the HMIS. HUD uses this data to look at vacancies and CoC will use the data to evaluate future decisions on projects. It is requested that all CoC member organizations with 10 or more employees contribute at least 1 volunteer to this effort. The PIT will occur above and below that has a direct impact on the funding for shelters around the table. To sign up, please contact Roda at roda@copc.org. More info from Lisa will be forthcoming tomorrow. 	<p>Lisa to send additional information on the PIT to the CoC tomorrow.</p> <p>CoC team members to contact Roda with any folks who can help with the street count.</p>
SHPA update	Lisa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update for December, as there was no call for December. Sign-up sheet passed around for 2015. Calls are the fourth Thursday of the month at 10am. The information is on a variety of topics, all valuable to the CoC. Members are asked to listen in and report back to the CoC at the next meeting. 	<p>CoC team members to consider taking a call. Dates for April through December of 2015 are available. Contact Lisa at lisa@communitydevelopment.org to sign up.</p> <p>January 22 – Annie February 26 – Mike March 26 – Rachael (VA)</p>
Centralized Intake	Sister Karen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The team is finding it a challenge to get volunteers for this effort. Team meeting will be next week. You can contact Sister Karen at karen.carlson@prosenofaath.org for more info and/or to join the team. HUD does require this process, and it can potentially impact our funding (including positively, for having it operational). It is also an unfunded mandate. Suggestions for volunteer sources: Alumni network, Illini Vets, American Legion, VFW, high schools, Parkland, Elks, recovery community, RSVPs/Peers. 	<p>CoC team members to contact Sister Karen at karen.carlson@prosenofaath.org to assist and/or join this team.</p>
AHAR data	Dorene	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) is part of the data collected that gets reported to HUD, but is also used by the CoC for planning efforts. It is comprised of 7 databases (individual and family for each of Emergency, Transitional, and Permanent Supportive Housing, + a summary, there is some duplication with veterans as that is a target population currently). This year, ALL categories were approved as "usable"! This makes us eligible to use the additional database PULSE, which is a monthly data collection – all moving towards HUD's (and our) goal of real-time data. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greg@akulivand and thanked to Roda and the HMIS team, as well as all the agency HMIS reporters for making this happen!

Annual Housing Inventory Count (HIC) update	<p>Darlene:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are also at this time doing the Housing Inventory Count (HIC), and Rocio will be in touch soon with spreadsheets for agencies to update. This is important, as our occupancy rates inform funding and planning for the future. Any questions, ask Rocio. HMIS Agencies to look for the HIC spreadsheet from Rocio and turn in as soon as possible.
HOME Consortium Meetings	<p>Kelly:</p> <p>There will be a series of meetings regarding the Consolidated Plan for the cities of Champaign and Urbana. The Consolidated Plan provides a comprehensive assessment of the needs and issues facing the cities for housing, homelessness, poverty, and economic and community development. This plan identifies goals and strategies for the cities to undertake to achieve desired outcomes for the community.</p> <p>Copies of the draft Consolidated Plan will be available for review and comment beginning March 20th, and throughout the thirty-day public comment period. The draft Plans can be reviewed at the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neighborhood Services Department, 102 N. Neil St., Champaign. The Champaign Public Libraries (Douglas Branch Library and the Main Library) Online at www.ci.champaign.il.us Urbana Free Library, 210 West Green Street, Urbana Urbana City Clerk's Office, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana Urbana Community Development Services Dept., 400 South Vine Street, Urbana On the City of Urbana's website at http://urbana.il.gov <p>Written comments can be forwarded via email, to: NeighborhoodServices@ci.champaign.il.us or to kimierkowski@urbana.il.gov. Please put "Public Comment" in the subject field when submitting comments. Comments must be received by 5:00 pm on Monday, April 20, 2015.</p> <p>If any questions, please contact at the addresses above.</p> <p>Lisa to forward announcement to CoC.</p> <p>Of particular note is the Thursday, January 15 meeting for social service agencies at 10:00 am at the Urbana Civic Center (both Champaign and Urbana will be present).</p> <p>Encourage members to attend and provide information about the needs in Champaign County.</p>
Letters of Support	<p>Lisa:</p> <p>Chris Nursery requests a letter of support from the CoC for a Rantoul CDBG grant. It is due January 16th. Others at the table who will be applying are Courage Connection, Prairie Center, RPC and possibly Community Elements. Historically, in cases like this, the CoC has written standardized letters for all parties.</p> <p>Motion to approve the CoC Chair drafting standardized letters of support for all interested agencies (Melany J/ Sister K). Motion passes by voice vote with no nays (and presumed abstentions from interested agencies).</p> <p>Agencies who want the letter of support to contact Lisa immediately to confirm (please) in receiving the letter.</p>

Emergency Family Shelter	Beverly	<p>The Housing Authority feels they are in the last stages of receiving the grant money needed to rehab the buildings to be used for the emergency family shelter (EFS), so are beginning the work and will be reimbursed. This means repair of a roof and asbestos testing on one building and then minor repair on the other. The EFS will be able to use the less-damaged building for 9 units (8 apartments + 1 office space), and it is possible it could be open in spring.</p> <p>The Steering Committee has begun the process this morning of crafting the RFR. It's moving along!</p> <p>Someone asks what to do in case of a family who needs shelter now. Best to start with the Regional Office of Education. If children are too young for school, while not ideal, the families can be split up among other shelters. (Crisis Nursery notes they are always available to show people their facility, which often can reduce the anxiety of leaving one's child with them.) Also, the overnight warming centers being opened for sub-zero temperatures takes families (albeit, only on the days that the temperature threshold drops below 0°).</p> <p>This leads into...</p>	via
Emergency Warming efforts	Barb, Melany, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pans are to operate tonight, Wednesday, and Friday. The Phoenix is open from 7a to 9p, and transportation is taking folks to a rotating set of locations for the evening. • TIMES Center is also open from 9a to 6:30p as a warming shelter (for men only). • Madis Avenues WorkNet is also open as a warming shelter 8:30a to 5p every day. • Beverly has a list (for professionals; please do not share publicly) that she will share with the team. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beverly to send list to Lisa • Lisa to send list to CoC
Next meeting location?	Lisa	This spot works for everybody!	See you here next month!
Next meeting		February 5, 2015. 4pm at Community Elements, 803 N. Williams, Channahon.	



The more we work together closely, the warmer it gets.

...plus, baby chickens are cute.

City of Urbana Public Hearing
Urbana Civic Center
January 15, 2015

Meeting minutes not yet available as of 4.29.15



APPROVED
MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, January 27, 2015, City Council Chambers
400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

Call to Order: Commissioner Silvis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Kelly H. Mierkowski called the roll. A quorum was present.

Commission Members Present: Janice Bengtson, Brian Cunningham, Chris Diana, Anne Heinze Silvis, Lauren Karplus, and Lisabeth Searing

Commission Members Excused/Absent: Fred Cobb, Jerry Moreland

Others Present: Kelly H. Mierkowski and Jen Gonzalez, Community Development Services.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Silvis asked for approval or modifications to the August 26, 2014 minutes. It was moved and properly seconded to approve the minutes as written; the motion carried unanimously.

Petitions and Communications: None.

Staff Report: Kelly H. Mierkowski, Grants Management Division Manager, provided a brief overview of the staff report provided to the Commissioners that evening. Ms. Mierkowski noted that the HUD activity included the City receiving a letter regarding the Supportive Housing Program (SHP) Annual Performance Report (APR), that the program is meeting the requirements of the CoC program and goals as set out in the original NOFA application. The City also received a letter regarding the Program Year-End Review Letter for Program Year 2013 (review of CAPER). Also noted on the staff report were activities that staff completed and meetings staff attended since the last meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Schedule for Fiscal Years 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) and Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan (AAP)

Ms. Mierkowski reviewed the above Schedule with the Commission. Ms. Gonzalez further explained the process and reason for the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. Commissioner Silvis asked if a copy of the draft plan would be available on the City website and Ms. Gonzalez explained that the draft Plan would be presented at the Community Development Commission (CDC) meeting in February. Packets are made available the Friday before the meeting and are sent to the Commissioners for review. The packets are posted on the City website the day the packets are sent out and available for public review at that time.

Ms. Gonzalez noted that the City held five public hearings, four evening and one during the day, per the schedule. The public hearings are held in targeted neighborhoods in the City to increase participation; they include Prairie School Hamilton on the Park, Crystal View Townhomes and the City building. The public hearing for social service agencies in the community was held at the Urbana Civic Center. There was good attendance and good feedback at several of the public hearings, but need more input from the community especially from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Silvis asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the schedule as laid out by staff. Noted was the fact that we are half way through the schedule at this point in the process.

Community Development Commission Bylaws

Commissioner Silvis announced the next item under New Business is the Bylaws for the Community Development Commission and asked if these had been discussed previously. Ms. Mierkowski stated that it had been quite a while since the bylaws had been amended, that last time being about 10 years previously. The City's Legal Department contacted all departments and requested that their Boards and Commissions' bylaws be updated to reflect changes in the law. The changes were highlighted and underlined, starting with Page 2, Article III, Section 8, which adds after follows "unless a majority of the Board members present agree to alter the order of business. Additions to the agenda shall not be made unless properly noticed per the Open Meetings Act."

The second change was noted on Page 3, the Agenda starting with Call to Order/Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum, there is the addition of "Approval of" Minutes of Previous Meeting, and the addition of Audience Participation to the Agenda. In the past, Petitions and Communications was used the same way as audience participation, both oral and written communication, but they are two different items. Now they are to be separated out, so petitions and communications involves anything written and audience participation involves someone coming from the audience and speaking. The agenda will reflect the changes to the bylaw and agenda order, for the next meeting, if the changes are approved.

Ending with Adjournment, the next paragraph states that "Members of the public shall have up to five (5) minutes each for input during audience participation; it shall be the prerogative of the Chairperson to extend the five (5) minute time limit. If more than ten (10) individuals seek to provide public input during petitions and communications, then the Chairperson shall have the authority to reduce the five (5) minute time limit to three (3) minutes. All public input shall be limited to topics germane to those described on the agenda for that particular meeting. No member of the Commission is obligated to respond to anything contained in a person's public input."

This in new language required in the Commission's bylaw. Ms. Mierkowski noted that the third line down had an error, that petitions and communications should be audience participation. It was noted that only a few sections were updated and amended, with additions or changes. Commissioner Silvis noted that with regard to Article II – Officers, there is not a formally appointed Vice-Chair and that it has been the practice of the Commission to have the Commissioner with the most seniority be the acting Vice-Chair in the absence of the Chair, to run the meeting in the absence of the Chair. There was a long discussion about this topic many years ago, and the Commissioners felt comfortable with that particular practice.

What is stated in the bylaws is a different recommendation and different than what is practiced. It was noted that what is in the bylaws may differ from the actual practice of the Commission, and that this section could be changed to reflect the actual practice of the Commission in the absence of the Chair. Commissioner Silvis stated that the Commission could agree to keep that language and make it a formal procedure rather than the more informal procedure currently. Ms. Mierkowski stated that the wording could reflect the consensus and wishes of the Commission. It was also noted that the second section under the same article also does not reflect the practice of the Commission currently and that the term of the Chair is not limited.

Commissioner Searing asked for clarification regarding the appointment of the Chairperson, stating that the Mayor is the one who appoints the Chair, and staff confirmed. It was noted that the Article II – Officers section does allow for a more informal process, and suggested that “by majority vote” be removed from this section, in order to make the section fit the practice. It was also suggested that the wording remain as is. Commissioner Diana commented on the definition of absence, which normally means more than just being absent for one meeting, as if someone was ill and gone for an extended time.

Commissioner Silvis stated that staff would like for the changes in the bylaw to be approved, or make the changes and bring the document back to the Commission, and staff concurred, stating that it was a decision of the Commission as to what was preferred. The changes could be made and the document brought back for final approval, or the bylaws could be approved with the changes as is, and send out after revised.

Commissioner Diana also commented about the additional wording of “approval of” minutes of previous meeting. It was noted that the previous wording was only minutes of previous meeting, which omitted the word “approval.” The word was added for clarification, as other changes are being made. Also noted was the wording “study session” which is in the bylaws but not used in practice. Staff noted that a study session was done in the last year on the topic of Fair Housing. Commissioner Diana, for further clarification, asked if this was to reflect the place where a study session might take place if on the agenda, as it states the agenda for each meeting. It was decided that the study session item should always be included on the agenda, and if there was an item to be discussed at a study session, it would be reflected under this agenda item.

Commissioner Searing agreed with Commissioner Diana’s definition of absence and so no changes are needed in the wording of Article II, only the typographical error needs to be changed. The question was asked if the bylaws need to be approved as amended. It was decided that it is customary to make a motion to accept the bylaws with the suggested changes; that is what is done in other instances. Commissioner Silvis asked if the Commissioners were all in agreement with regard to the change that the audience participation should replace petitions and communications, and that Sections 1 and 2 under Article II which describes the appointment of an acting Chair, the wording would remain that same. Commissioner Silvis asked if there were any other items to discuss regarding the bylaws, none were noted. Commissioner Searing made a motion to accept the bylaws with the changes as noted, and Commissioner Diana seconded the motion, motion carried.

A Resolution Approving Modifications to the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium FY 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan (Neighborhood Revitalization and Program Income)

This is an amendment for the current fiscal year's Annual Action Plan. Previously, the City's entire allocation of its HOME entitlement funds were allocated to the Whole House Rehabilitation Program, which is the owner-occupied rehab program that Randy Burgett, Housing Rehab Coordinator operates. It has been noted that in the last several years applications for assistance have slowed down. Several reasons for this include the marketing of the program by a former staff person who has since retired that many homes have liens on them, which affect their eligibility for the program, and that funds are being targeted to specific low-income areas within the City. Considerations are being made to expand the program at some point, but spending funds in a timely manner is also a concern; HUD deadlines have to be adhered to as far as commitments.

The Resolution is to move funding from the Whole House Rehabilitation to the City Redevelopment Program that is in the City of Urbana's section of the Annual Action Plan. There are several activities that are included in this section, but the main focus of the funds will be for the Urbana Dream Downpayment Assistance Program. The program has been going very well, with at least nineteen households having been assisted so far. For the first round, ten households were assisted. The City then applied to the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago (FHLBC) for funds and received \$58,000, which helped augment City HOME funds. Nine households have been helped with these funds, with one slot available through Busey Bank.

This resolution also includes program income that was received this year from the liens the City has on homes who were assisted in the past through this program. When people sell their homes, they are to pay back the City, and this is program income. The memo notes the amount of program income received (\$12,500) from the sale of one home.

By reallocating the funds, seventeen down payment grants would be made available, as a deferred loan. The program is structured where people would receive up to 10% down payment assistance, based on the purchase price and are required to live in the home for five years. This is standard language found in the federal statutes and regulations. It is being considered for this program to be open to all lenders, which is how the program was originally created, so the funds would move quickly. Also, there have been some changes with regard to the loan regulations, as Habitat must now follow the same regulations that banks must follow, which makes them eligible to participate in this program. This will hopefully assist the City with commitments and spending the funds more quickly, as Habitat is constructing homes that do not receive any CHDO funds, but their buyers would be able to obtain down payment assistance. Only this year's funds are affected, there are three projects with one

Commissioner Karplus asked if there was any discussion regarding marketing the Whole House Program. Ms. Gonzalez stated that if the program changed significantly, such as expanding it City wide, then we would look at marketing the program, as households previously excluded from the program would then become eligible for participation. Previously, we would market the program through our neighborhood newsletter, which was sent out three times a year. Now we are only sending it out twice a year, with information geared to our Neighborhood Cleanup; the third newsletter would have much more information about programs that are available and might qualify for.

Commissioner Silvis asked if there are any implications to the City general budget or is this just a shifting of funds. Ms. Gonzalez stated that with regard to this year's budget in the AAP, it just changes the name of the activity. However, down the road there is the potential for loss of future program income, if there is a foreclosure or quit claim deeds. Based on staff capacity, there is a struggle to manage funds and find projects to add these funds to. Some years, the City receives \$30,000 in program income, other years no funds are received.

The down payment assistance program is really helpful for households who want to put 20% down, but are unable to do so, because of the tight lending restrictions, in order to avoid private mortgage insurance. There are not many resources available to assist households with down payment. Commissioner Diana agreed that this program has been a very attractive program which has helped Urbana, especially for first time home buyers and lower income households as a level playing field with the surrounding communities. There is a tremendous impact, in that it takes a little bit more private mortgage insurance, property taxes, and other costs that would cause them to not quite qualify for the home. The down payment assistance helps bring the cost down; it would also be good to make it available for all lenders.

Financing for affordable housing seems to be geared more towards rental, such as LIHTC from the State, so it is important to make sure there are opportunities for homeowners. New homes are not a problem to finance, it is the older homes that are a problem, because the quality of the home is not sufficient to get it appraised. Being able to buy it down with a larger down payment to a conventional loan is very helpful. It also helps with the housing stock quality, because the down payment assistance program requires inspections be done by the City inspectors, who cite all the code violations. The seller and buyer then negotiate the fixing of the violations; usually the buyer ends up paying for it.

Commissioner Silvis asked if there were any more comments about the information provided. If not, there are several options, such as forward the resolution to Council with a recommendation for approval, forward the resolution with a recommendation for approval with suggested changes, or decide not to forward. Commissioner Diana made a motion to forward the Resolution as written to City Council with a recommendation for approval; Commissioner Searing seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Seeing no further business, Commissioner Silvis asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bengtson made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Karplus seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.

Recorded by Kelly H. Mierkowski, Manager

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Champaign County Continuum of Care
MINUTES

Team Name (circle / highlight one):			Date:
FULL CoC	CSPH	PIT Workgroup	February 3, 2015
Compliance & Monitoring Committee		HMIS Committee	Start time:
Executive Committee	Centralized Intake	Membership Committee	3:00pm
Meeting Location: Community Elements – 801 N. Walnut, Champaign.		Other: _____	End time:
			4:10pm
Meeting Leader: Lisa	Recorder: Jason	Attendance list on file	

MEETING SUMMARY

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Introductions / Announcements	CoC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions provided. • Courage Connections announces that while not absolutely official yet, they will very soon be hiring for a full-time Grants Manager (and possibly a part-time Grants Coordinator). • Centralized Intake will have a table set up at One Winter's Night this Friday, February 6th to solicit for volunteers. • The Champaign Community Coalition "Community Walk" will be on Wednesday, February 25, at 4:00pm, distributing alcohol safety information to students prior to "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day" (March 6th). For more info/ to volunteer: http://champaigncommunitycoalition.org/ • The Art Theater will be having a FREE showing of "Middle of Nowhere" (the previous film by the director and star of "Selma") on Sunday, February 15th at 7:30pm, along with post-show Q&A. The film follows Ruby, a bright medical student who sets aside her dreams and suspends her career when her husband is incarcerated. As the committed couple stares into the hollow end of an eight-year prison sentence, Ruby must learn to live another life, one marked by shame and separation. More info at http://www.arttheater.coop/middle-of-nowhere-free-screening-panel/ • SSVF grant opportunity – info passed around at meeting. • One Winter's Night is this Friday, February 6th, 6pm to 6am. Special new educational component this year; C-U at Home passed out flyers with details. More info at http://www.cuathome.us/one-winter-night-2015/ 	
Inspirational Moment	Lisa	Large and diverse turnout of volunteers for the PIT count last week, a good mix of professional staff, current service recipients, and community members.	

SHPA Update	Lisa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update for January. Sign-up for future months passed around. 	<p>February – Mike March – Rachael April – Mike May – [open] June – Sister Karen July-on – [open]</p>
Centralized Intake	Sister Karen	Working with UofI on possible use of Honors Students for volunteers, as well as hoping to hear results of VISTA application soon.	
Point In Time (PIT) Survey	Lisa, Rocio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lisa recognizes Rocio for her excellent work in coordinating the PIT efforts this year. Two pre-planning meetings were held this year, and they seemed to help the process considerably. Much thanks to everyone (20-25 people!) who participated. Rocio has not completed the collection of the data yet, but 11 unsheltered people were found. Persons belongings were found under viaducts and in tents, but the people were not there. There may be a debriefing meeting to process ideas generated during the count (including promotion of the count prior to the event with the intention of letting unsheltered homeless people know the count will be occurring). 	
CoC Strategic Plan	Lisa	<p>A handout of the currently open goals of the CoC's Strategic Plan given out. Brief review of document provided. CoC asked to review and update and add to the document as they see anything needed. New goals are also welcome.</p> <p>Lisa will send this to the CoC soon, and the Executive Committee will be working on this in more detail. Intention is to come back to the full CoC Board with an updated plan for approval.</p>	<p>Lisa to send CoC the Strategic Plan and request for input and feedback.</p> <p>CoC members to review Strategic Plan and provide feedback and suggestions for updating the document.</p>
Other Business?	CoC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Question raised about IDOC representative being invited to the CoC table. Henry Jackson is currently in the role, but is based in Peoria, making attendance questionable. Homestead is in very early stages of looking into developing PSH for veterans. 	

3. Clarification on Rent Assistance Program through RPC – money is currently available. RPC takes a limited amount of appointments (ten) each week. The “line” for these appointments opens at 9am each Tuesday, where people call 819-4099 and are screened for eligibility. Those who meet criteria are given an appointment, and the “line” closes when the ten spots are filled. Eligibility criteria are a.) applicant must have income; b.) applicant must be behind on rent or moving to a new unit; c.) rent must be no more than 2/3 of the applicant’s income; and d.) cannot have received assistance in the past two years.
4. Cody Lewis introduces himself as a new employee under Healthcare for Homeless Veteran (HCHV) funds, Community Employment Coordinator. He’ll be working on creating new, competitive employment opportunities for veterans. Target population will be veterans eligible for VA care (VASH clients prioritized). Contact him at cody.lewis@va.gov or 314.605-8942.

3:30pm – merged meeting of CoC and CSPH in order to discuss..

HOME Consortium	Kerri, Kelly	<p>Cities of Champaign and Urbana are working on their new 5-year Consolidated Plans, which include strategies and goals for addressing housing and homelessness issues. The CoC is solicited for feedback as a focus group for this effort. A summary follows.</p> <p>Housing Resource Guide needed (for ES and PSH options)</p> <p>Homestead is a model of a permanent supportive housing project. An increase in project-based vouchers is needed. Looking to create a new 6-8 unit building, but need help to subsidize the development cost.</p> <p>Courage Connection notes a need for increased income among their clientele in order to “graduate” from TBRA, as well as in increase in low-cost permanent housing.</p> <p>Community Elements notes that many clients are on a permanently fixed income – there is a need for housing units that can work within that dynamic.</p> <p>General agreement that agencies have individual landlords they have relationships with who occasionally help out, but overall a feeling of being unable to work with landlords and/or a perception of landlords being unwilling to work with agencies’ clients.</p>
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	<p>Having commercial housing providers an active part of the CoC is strongly desired.</p> <p>Greatest need is generally agreed to be for singles, followed by families (followed by everybody else).</p> <p>Workforce development is raised as a necessary component to move people into more stable income (in theory eliminating the landlord-related concerns).</p> <p>Mental Health Board notes that housing is the #1 preventer of recidivism for individuals re-entering society from prison. (And housing is very difficult to obtain when you have a felony.)</p> <p>General agreement that screen criteria is a barrier to the most vulnerable when seeking housing. When asked what was needed more, available units or rent assistance, there was general agreement that available (affordable, barrier-free) units were needed first, followed by rent assistance.</p> <p>Salvation Army notes that (poor) repair of units can have a financial impact on clients with utilities; bills can be much higher. They provide an example of a case where a client's toilet "leaked" (did not stop running), which resulted in a water bill of a few hundred dollars. [When landlords do not make repairs, the costs are passed onto tenants grossly out of proportion to the cost of the repair.]</p> <p>Presence raises issue of clients getting evicted due to "housekeeping" – clients take such poor care of their unit (typically due to mental illness) that the unit becomes unsafe and must be condemned. These clients, without intervention, quickly burns through apartments, and builds an extremely negative rental history.</p> <p>For more information, please contact Kelly Mierkowski at khmierkowski@urbanaindinois.us or 384-2441, or Kerri Spear at kerri.spear@ci.champaign.il.us or 403-7070.</p>
Next meeting	<p><u>Tuesday, March 3, 2015 – 3pm, Community Elements – 801 N. Walnut, Champaign</u></p>

Consolidated Planning Process Meeting
February 10, 2015 (6:00 pm)
Stratton Elementary School
Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Residents: Ms Bailey, Felicia Cockrell, Lola Cockrell, Anthony Howell, Mary Howell, Nettie Howell

Habitat for Humanity: Sheila Dodd,

City of Champaign: David Oliver, John Ruffin, Kerri Spear

Kerri Spear provided an overview of the ConPlan process and sought input for the upcoming plan. The group expressed the following preferences for the upcoming Neil/Bradley Site RFQ/P:

Senior Housing

- Not 2 story if senior
- No hidden interiors (Bristol Place)
- Senior housing: owner occupied or rental
- Income limits for qualifying
- Rental rehab
- Senior only

Appearance of neighborhood

- Any outdoor programs

David Oliver spoke on Beardsley Park Housing data

Neighborhood Services Department
Neighborhood Services Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers – City Building
2/12/15 @ 5:30 pm



✓ Brent West	✓ Wesley Clayborn	✓ David Oliver, NSD
✓ Donte Lotts	✓ Doug McCarty	✓ John Ruffin, NSD
✓ Debra Karplus	✓ Kevin Jackson, NSD	✓ Kerri Spear, NSD
✓ Felicia Cockrell	✓ Mya Clements, Notetaker	

1. Call to Order, Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.
2. Minutes from Previous Meeting – Debra Karplus motioned to accept the minutes, Felicia Cockrell seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously on a voice vote.
3. Neighborhood Profiles

- A. Sawgrass Small Grant Application Presentation – John Ruffin introduced members, Jim Hamilton and Mark Harms, from the Sawgrass Homeowner Association to present information on the final phase of the Greenbelt Buffer project. Both members provided detailed information of the progress of the project and reasoning for requesting funding for the remaining phase. Mr. Hamilton noted that approximately 3,250 feet of area is being covered through this project, with over 500 trees having been planted to date.

Wesley Clayborne asked if the trees that were planted might grow too tall, possibly causing an interference with the current power lines. Mr. Hamilton and Harms responded that the way that the trees were planted should not cause a problem.

Donte Lotts requested that Mr. Hamilton and Harms inform the present NSAB members with information about the total number of man-hours that have been put into making this project possible. Mr. Harms replied that there have been around 100-120 man-hours provided by both Sawgrass neighbors, as well as non-area residents. The man-hours involved planting trees, spreading mulch as well as using other outside contractors to assist in the planting.

Wesley Clayborn asked how the trees are irrigated in the first 3 years. Mr. Harms replied that he uses a golf cart to carry gallons of water to the various trees to water them.

4. Old Business--

- A. Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan Update – Keri Spear presented the components of Phase 1 of the Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan Update, which consists of acquisitions; currently 12 have been completed out of 90. As of date, 57 owners have currently accepted offers. It is estimated that 35 of the acquisitions will be completed in 2015; 20 of those will be involving relocations. Kerri stated that the vacant properties will be addressed first. NSD is also working to have office space up and running within the next 6 months. On March 3rd, demos will be going to Council. Upon approval, there will be 3 properties demolished.
- B. ConPlan Goals & Strategies and Potential Activities – Kerri Spear presented to the Board a summary of the City's 5 year Goals and Strategies. The summaries covered were of the (1) Affordable Housing Goals and Objectives, (2) Non-Housing Community Development Goals and Objectives, (3) Housing Goals and Strategies and (4) Goals and Strategies to Address Homelessness.

Doug McCarty asked who the rental program Kerri referred to would be offered to. Kerri replied that both Landlord and local non for profit organizations are eligible to apply.

Kerri and Kevin opened the floor for questions in regards to both the Summary of Affordable Housing Goals and Objectives, as well as the Non-Housing Community Development Goals and Objectives, which were provided to attendees.

Donte Lotts asked who the Director of the Planning Department was and if possible, could that individual be present at an NSAB meeting to provide more information about their involvement with this project. Kevin replied that Bruce Knight is the City's Planning Director and that T.J. Blakeman could attend the meeting to provide more information about the ConPlan, as he is overseeing this project.

5. New Business

- A. Keep Champaign Beautiful – David Oliver provided an overview of the 'Keep America Beautiful' program and how it relates to 'Keep Champaign Beautiful'. The Keep Champaign Beautiful program will involve a partnership between Keep America Beautiful, Neighborhood Services Department and the City's Planning Department. The City of Champaign has applied for and received certification to be an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful. A Litter Index was conducted in Oct. 2014 with Neighborhood Services Department, Public Works, Planning and community volunteers in 5 areas within the City. The 3 goals of Keep Champaign Beautiful are to:
1. Litter reduction and education
 2. Recycling and solid waste management
 3. Community beautification

In being a Keep America Beautiful affiliate, the City of Champaign will have access to other larger grants with companies such as DOW Chemical and Lowes, to assist with community projects. David is asking that NSAB be involved with this initiative.

Doug McCarty made a motion that NSAB endorse the initiative with Keep Champaign Beautiful. Debra Karplus seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

David will bring back the initiative and more information to the board members in future meetings to find out the level of involvement being requested from the Board.

6. Staff Reports – Neighborhood Programs: Kerri stated that Jean Algee and Janel Gomez will join NSD on February 23rd and Community Development Specialists. Jean Algee will concentrate on the Bristol Place project and Janel Gomez will be focusing on Garden Hills and CDBG funds.

Kerri reported that the AG (Attorney General) Grant, part of the Foreclosure Settlement proceedings, is being used in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity to identify potential owners to be recipients of this AG Grant. Areas that are being looked at in Champaign are on Paula Drive, Joanne Lane and Hedge Road. Marketing materials are being worked on and the program will be asking that every property be identified and acquired within 2 years, with the remaining year used to build. Monies from the grant will also be made available for credit counseling and first time home ownership with Habitat and Novadebt. Updates will be provided as they come available.

Neighborhood Code Compliance: David spoke about Bamboo Ordinance, that has now been passed by the Champaign City Council and the ordinance is currently in effect.

Code Compliance has also been working with the Housing Authority and their HACC inspectors to train them in the use of local codes, including the International Fire Codes within the cities of Champaign, Urbana and Rantoul. Training sessions have begun with HACC's inspectors, pointing out the difference between the HAQ codes and the City's code.

During an upcoming Central Illinois Rental Property Professionals (CIRPP) meeting in April, Code Compliance will be presenting the, "Top Ten Code Violations"

Code Compliance has also registered with the Great American Clean Up event and will link it to the Boneyard Community Clean up on Saturday, April 18th.

Neighborhood Coordination: John informed the Board of the STAR Expo and Awards on April 20, 2015 from 6 - 8p. Nominations are now open until February 27, 2015. Nominations can be submitted online via the City of Champaign's website.

John also reiterated that the City Government 101 Academy is coming this year. The News-Gazette will assist in marketing and off-setting some of the costs. Parkland College will assist with registration for the academy, as well as advertise in their summer 2015 course

catalog, as a continuing education course to some 68,000 residents in the Champaign-Urbana community for ages 16 and older.

July 18th and 25th – Annual Neighborhood Cleanups. Clean ups are being formalized and John will bring back to the NSAB members during the Board meeting in March.

Kevin Jackson commented on the Neighbors of Champaign (NOC) website and the positive publicity that it has received. Plans for the NOC website will be going live by the end of February 2015. More information will be forthcoming.

7. Board Comments and Suggestions – Wesley Clayborn commented about LEED-ND and asked that we entertain the idea of looking further into Star-energy housing, so that the most energy-efficient homes are being created and offered to residents within the Bristol Park neighborhoods. Kerri Spear noted that there would be a planning committee being formulated for Bristol Park and that Wesley might be interested in joining to provide his input.
8. Public Participation
9. Adjournment – Seeing no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

In attendance: Bob Guido, Mike Daughtery, Wednesday Medlen, Jessie McClusky-Gilbert, Ernie Hamilton, Kerri Spear, David Gillon, Maurice Bouslog, Kelly Mierkowski

1. Approval of Minutes from December 2014
2. City Reports -
 - City of Champaign, Kerri Spear: The City has hired two new Community Development Specialists, Janel Gomez (formerly of City of Urbana, currently with Lake County) and Jean Algee (formerly of the Urban League of Champaign County Development Corporation, currently with Courage Connection). Their first day with the City will be February 23 and they begin attending CRG in March 2015. The City is currently working on the Consolidated Plan and the 2015 Private Activity Bond allocation. Input was provided by David Gillon that the Assist program has seen activity over the past year and the group anticipates having an update regarding IHDA's programs very soon with the new governor's budget. Kerri suggested the City may also seek opportunity to use the bond cap for rental rehab if allowed.

Kerri also discussed the upcoming Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI) report that staff would be discussing with City Council during the February 24 Study Session. A copy of the AI and Study Session report will be forwarded to Bob Guido, CRG Chair, for distribution to the CRG when it is available (no later than Friday, February 20). The AI report notes a continuing trend from the last AI (2007) that shows regardless of income, there exists a significant gap between blacks and other race categories obtaining mortgage lending products. Staff will be seeking Council direct on considering a possible testing program to analyze this further and determine the cause and possible solutions.
 - City of Urbana, Kelly Mierkowski: The City of Urbana is also working on the Consolidated Plan and bond allocation.
3. 2015 CRG Secretary - City of Champaign staff will fill this position during 2015 with a rotation of staff providing support.
4. Five Year Consolidated Plan: The Urbana HOME Consortium, consisting of Champaign, Urbana and the unincorporated parts of the County, are currently drafting the goals and strategies for the next five year Consolidated Plan. This serves as the planning document and annual applications for the cities/county federal housing and community development funding. Goals and strategies may include existing housing upkeep; eliminating blight; increasing the number of

(and maintaining) decent, safe and sanitary housing for low to moderate income households and/or persons with special needs; preserving older neighborhoods; helping end chronic homelessness; and reducing lead exposure to young children. Both cities may have limited funding available for continuing home rehabilitation programs but the goals and strategies will continue. Kelly Mierkowski offered Urbana is having difficulty finding eligible applicants for the whole house program but a roof program may be added and the City of Urbana will look towards new construction for the HOME funds. David Gillon suggested the use of UDAG again for down payment assistance and having the owner/buyer negotiate the necessary repairs. David discussed how this can provide leverage for other grants or programs. Kelly Mierkowski and Kerri Spear provided key dates for the Consolidated Plan and noted the link will be sent to Bob Guido to share with the CRG when the public comment period opens on March 20, 2015. CRG was encouraged to provide written comments to the Plan and to attend any of the public meetings/study sessions to provide oral comment to the City Councils.

5. Mission for 2015 - The group discussed the feasibility of continuing the Housing Fair and the Credit Seminar in 2015. A suggestion was made to partner with existing special events that already have an audience and provide the CRG educational service at the event. Examples include upcoming neighborhood events planned for Champaign's Bristol Park and Garden Hills neighborhoods, Urbana's Sweet Corn Festival and Lierman Avenue neighborhood, and an event in Rantoul if available. Discussion will continue during the March 12 CRG meeting and the cities will bring a list of key events for CRG to consider.
6. New CRG Membership Campaign Updates: Bob Guido will be working on updating the list of existing members and reaching out to possible new members or those who are not attending. Michael Daugherty, Community Plus Federal Credit Union, asked for the group to consider his institution's role in participating in the CRG and the expectation of paying as a member towards the Parkland courses. The group agreed to consider this during the March 12, 2015 meeting. A brief discussion ensued regarding the UIECU credit union membership (paying status) and how the Community Plus Federal Credit Union (a Community Development Financial Institution, or CDFI).
7. New Business - Michael Daugherty is working with an MBA class at UIUC and they may be contacting the City on how to they can serve the neighborhood (Garden Hills) around the Community Plus Federal Credit Union.

Adjourn

Next Meeting: March 12, 2015

Respectfully submitted by Kerri Spear

Country Brook Apartments Resident Meeting/ Consolidated Plan Neighborhood Meeting
Friday, February 13, 2015 (4:00 pm)

Attendees: Monique Smith, Camila Allen, Izetta Harris, Mark Rozinsky, John Fossett, Rickie Wafflarj

(First portion of meeting is a resident meeting)

-Aware lighting is a problem - currently working to resolve (5 residents and apt manager). Funds allocated but can't address due to frozen ground

-Issues - suggestion box

-Prosperity Garden: set meeting with Prosperity Garden.

-After school program - 2-5 pm. Developing parameters. Application intake at club house. Computer room. Transportation? Possible pick up and drop off ay community building. Flyers to share information. Possible information fair.

-Police at next meeting

2015-19 Consolidated Plan comments:

-Increased affordable housing

-Teen programming

-Financial literacy

-Sex education

-Childcare funding

-Education programs for young mothers - survey for possible classes/services

-Domestic violence programs (D. Shaffer)

-CDBG - benefit low/mod people. Targeted slots for Country Brook? Summer camps.

-Paper copy of ConPlan for display at Country Brook

United Garden Hills Neighborhood Association - Consolidated Plan Neighborhood Meeting
Monday, February 16, 2015 (6:30 pm)

Attendees: Council Member Vic McIntosh, Alex Nagy - City of Champaign Public Works, Amy Revilla, Becky Restad, Eric Schwalm, Phil McGarvey, Gloria Franczak, Delores Lloyd, Effa Edwards, Kathleen Smith, Iva Rotramel, Andre and Staci Britton, Melvin and Pamela Peete

Neighborhood Coordinator John Ruffin, Code Compliance Manager David Oliver, and Neighborhood Programs Manager Kerri Spear attended the United Garden Hills Monthly Meeting held on Monday, February 16. In addition to City staff, the general membership meeting was attended by 18 residents and community stakeholders. Elizabeth Janecek from Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL) provided a presentation on water conservation issues and methods to conserve usage. Alex Nagy from Public Works discussed the process for the pending Garden Hills water drainage study. Alex also presented information on the capital investment and development of a detention pond in the neighborhood to assist with drainage issues. He requested 2 volunteers from the neighborhood to assist with the selection of a consultant to complete the drainage study. He also requested 2 volunteers for the steering committee that will work with Public Works staff to plan the detention pond project and act as liaison from the steering committee to the neighborhood group. In addition to these topics, NSD staff provided a Code Compliance action plan update, Neighborhood Programs received input regarding the Consolidated Plan, and Neighborhood Coordination outlined planned neighborhood engagement opportunities.

2015-19 Consolidated Plan Input:

- Build relationships with landlords
- Fence Repairs/uniform fences
- Hold a general home repair day (like HGTV)
- Work on watershed issues
- Address Mattis North Apartment security issues
- Install more sidewalks

MINUTES

Champaign City Council
Regular Study Session

DATE: March 10, 2015

PLACE: Champaign City Building
City Council Chambers
102 North Neil Street
Champaign, Illinois 61820

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Faraci Deborah Feinen
Karen Foster William Kyles
Michael La Due Vic McIntosh
Tom Bruno Marci Dodds
Mayor Gerard

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Dorothy Ann David, City Manager
Fred Stavins, City Attorney
Dennis Schmidt, Public Works Director
Kerri Spear, Neighborhood Programs Manager
Janel Gomez, Community Development Specialist
Matthew Roeschley, Deputy City Manager
Laura Hall, Assistant City Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: None

TIME STARTED: 7:01 p.m.

MINUTE APPROVAL:

February 10, 2015 Regular Study Session

CM Dodds, seconded by CM La Due, moved to approve the minutes. A voice vote was taken; all voted yes.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

HONORARY STREET NAME ALISON DRAUSS WAY [SS 2015-012]

City Manager David noted staff will address the Council request to consider an honorary street name for Alison Krauss.

Staff Presentation: Public Works Director Schmidt noted an application requesting an honorary street for Alison Krauss has been reviewed by Public Works and it is consistent with the policy for honorary street designation. The requested location was noted as West Hill Street (between Elm Street and Prairie Street) as Honorary Alison Krauss Way. Public Works Director Schmidt noted this is the second designation request for the year; and policy limits the number of request to four per calendar year. The next step in the process is for Council to direct staff to prepare a Resolution for the next Council meeting.

(Note: Information on how to obtain staff's written report on this subject is provided below.)

Action Recommended: The Administration seeks Council direction on preparing the resolution for the honorary street, designating West Hill Street (between Elm Street and Prairie Street) as Honorary Alison Krauss Way.

Council Members' Technical Questions: None

(Note: Information on how to view video and audio recordings of the full Council Meeting is provided below.)

Public Input: None

Council Members' General Discussion: Council Members' expressed support of the honorary designation.

(Note: Information on how to view video and audio recordings of the full Council Meeting is provided below.)

Poll: Mayor Gerard polled the staff recommendation to prepare a resolution for the honorary street designating West Hill Street (between Elm Street and Prairie Street) as Honorary Alison Kraus Way. The result of the poll was 9 ayes and 0 nays.

CONSOLIDATED PLAN POTENTIAL GOALS AND STRATEGIES [SS 2015-013]

City Manager David noted in January 2015, staff reviewed the proposed process to review information and gather public input for the Consolidated Plan which serves as the City's primary plan for housing, neighborhood development programs, as well as being the direct application for federal grants relied upon to further the City's goals. The next step in the process is to review the draft goals of the Consolidated Plan, and obtain Council's input prior to drafting a plan for public input.

Presentation: Manager Spear and Specialist Gomez's presentation included the following topics:

- City Council Vision 2015-2019/Consolidated Plan FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan
- Needs Analysis
- Housing Needs – Housing Problems by Income, Rental/Home Ownership; and Disproportionate Need, Type and Tenure

- Community Development Needs
- 2015/2019 Housing Goals and Strategies
- FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan Proposed Housing Activities
- 2015/2019 Community Development Goal and Strategies
- FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan – Community Development Proposed Activities
- Potential Resources
- What Will be Measured and When
- Upcoming Schedule
- Next Steps

(Note: Information on how to obtain Staff's written report on this subject is provided below.)

Action Recommended: The Administration seeks Council direction to begin drafting the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan with the goals and strategies and plan for associated activities in the FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan.

Council Members' Technical Questions: Council Members' technical questions concerned several topics including small business and minority-women owned business incubator; ability to break down housing problems by line item; changes to rental plan; home ownership funding; public input including types of comments; and community development needs – Housing and Urban Development (HUD) limits to public service activity (entitlement grant) and an example (Community Matters).

(Note: Information on how to view video and audio recordings of the full Council Meeting is provided below.)

Public Input: None

Council Members' General Discussion: Council Members' comments included thanks for all the work done and for the mixed strategy; inclusion of the economic piece; and great presentation.

(Note: Information on how to view video and audio recordings of the full Council Meeting is provided below.)

Poll: Mayor Gerard polled Alternative 1 directing staff to draft the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan based on the proposed goals and strategies. The result of the poll was 9 ayes and 0 nays.

(Note: Information on how to view video and audio recordings of the full Council Meeting is provided below.)

AP LIQUOR LICENSE AND VIDEO GAMING [SS 2015-014]

City Manager David noted Council Members requested discussion of AP liquor licenses and video gaming to consider whether the City should consider a prohibition on gaming within the AP license category.

Staff Presentation: Deputy Manager Roeschley's presentation included the following topics:

- Staff Review of the Issue including - potential impact of a prohibition including liquor code provisions, trends in video gaming, and affect of a prohibition on AP Licenses
- Background – (framework for the issue) Illinois Video Gaming Act
- Impact of Legislation on the City's Liquor Code and AP Licensing
- Trends Observed in Video Gaming within the City Liquor Regulatory Structure – Gaming Café's and restaurant licensing requirements (food to liquor ratio and building space), and impact of limiting gaming under R, A, and AP licenses
- Alternatives

(Note: Information on how to obtain Staff's written report on this subject is provided below.)

Recommended Action: The Administration seeks Council direction on whether to prepare an ordinance prohibiting video gaming in Class AP establishments for future Council consideration.

Council Member's Technical Questions: Council Member's technical questions included the following topics: what are C licenses (private Club); AP having unlimited packaged sales, and impact of what the A component has on the license (ability to serve liquor on the premises along with unlimited package sales); primary food service not part of the City's liquor code; 60/40 food to liquor revenue split requirement, and how enforced; ability to revoke an R license not meeting the food to liquor revenue split; any other revenue provisions beyond the food to liquor split; ability to issue separate gaming licenses; ability to have a gaming cap as with other licenses (yes); City previously agreeing to not having a gaming license; business model revenue sources; other municipality concerns with regulating gaming, alcohol, etc.; and the number of R licenses with gaming not in compliance with the food to revenue split (1).

Public Input: The following members of the audience spoke regarding video gaming, AP liquor license establishments, Gaming Act loophole concerns (law not intended for Gaming Café's), and regulating revenue sales and type of gaming establishments:
Karl Kern, 1812 Cobble Creek, Mahomet – Melody Gaming

Council Member's General Discussion: Council Members comments included the following topics: need for more information regarding R licenses (restaurant), and regulating AP and R licenses; inconsistency with gaming cafes meeting kitchen requirements; concern with attempting to control how citizens spend their money, competition, loopholes or legal limitations in the law, and governments role in regulating entertainment; concern with finding ways around regulations that impact current license holders, fairness, and the need to consider what is reasonable for licensing gaming; impact of gaming facilities on existing license caps; need to consider additional research for licensing gaming and their locations; need for clarity with license categories, proper enforcement, and possibly modifying license requirements; lack of

State direction with gaming requirements with focused need on State revenue; consider a hold on issuing additional licenses while considering alternatives; other gaming in existing locations where children already frequent; and having as much regulation on drinking water as on gaming machines.

(Note: Information on how to view video and audio recordings of the full Council Meeting is provided below.)

Poll: Mayor Gerard polled Alternative 2 directing staff to conduct further research and analysis on the regulation of video gaming establishments and seek Council direction at a future study session. The result of the poll was 9 ayes and 0 nays.

Audience Participation:

Stephan Seyfert, 1207 Muirfield Pt., addressed the recognition of Alison Krauss, and thanks for moving the issue forward; noted the honorary street designation is a great program to recognize community members; and noted other possible street alternatives for Ms. Krauss.

Council Member and City Manager Comments:

CM McIntosh noted he supports stopping the dumping of PCB's over the aquifer, and it is an issue of protection of the water system and not a political issue.

Mayor Gerard encouraged everyone to write letters of opposition to the dumping of PCB's over the aquifer, and any opposition to protect our clean drinking water (Illinois State Chamber of Commerce).

Adjournment: With no further Council business, Mayor Gerard declared the meeting adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Marilyn L. Banks
Records Manager/City Clerk

Additional information on this meeting is available as follows:

Staff prepares a Report to the City Council containing detailed information on each subject discussed at Council meetings. The subjects and Study Session (SS) numbers for this Council meeting are:

- Alison Krauss Honorary Street Name Request [SS 2015-012]
- Consolidated Plan – Potential Goals and Strategies [SS 2015-013]

- AP Liquor License and Video Gaming [SS 2015-014]

The reports are available from the City's web site at ([Council Study Session Reports](#)), by email to CityClerk@ci.champaign.il.us, or by calling 217-403-8940.

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Neighborhood Services Department
Neighborhood Services Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers – City Building
3/12/15 @ 5:30 pm



√ Brent West	√ Wesley Clayborn	David Oliver, NSD
√ Donte Lotts	— Doug McCarty	√ John Ruffin, NSD
√ Debra Karplus	√ Kevin Jackson, NSD	√ Kerri Spear, NSD
√ Felicia Cockrell	√ Colleen Madera, Notetaker	

1. Call to Order, Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.
2. Minutes from Previous Meeting – Corrections to the minutes were to fix the date of the STAR Awards and correct spelling of Wesley Clayborn's last name on the first page. Debra Karplus motioned to accept the minutes, Donte Lotts seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously on a voice vote.
3. Neighborhood Profiles – None
4. Old Business –
 - A. Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan Update – Kerri Spear introduced Jean Algee, Community Development Specialist who gave a brief update to the plan. They displayed a current map of the acquisitions and demolitions occurring in the neighborhood. Both Donte and Brent commended that they liked the map update each month. Donte welcomed Jean.
 - B. Draft ConPlan/Annual Action Plan/Private Activity Bond – Kerri Spear introduced Janel Gomez, Community Development Specialist who will be helping administer the federal grants and the Consolidated Plan. Janel explained some of the feedback they have received so far on the ConPlan was from Council wondering if the information could be broken down further. Also there were some questions raised about the amount of public input received regarding the plan which prompted staff to add a couple more meetings to gather more input. Other concerns raised during the public input was that there was not enough funding to go around and there is a great need for affordable housing. Council asked if a rental rehab program was created to take into consideration the rent standard. Some issues with the past rental rehab program was the rent payment that would need to be and the landlords wanted to use their own maintenance staff and the City required to use City-approved vendors. There was discussion regarding neighborhood economic

development but some concern regarding minority/woman-owned businesses and keep that as a focus. Kerri also reminded everyone there will be a 30-day public comment period beginning next week. During this period, there will be all-call meetings being held to gather more input. On April 14, there will be a formal Public Hearing at the Council meeting with the 30-day public hearing period ending on April 20. The plan will be submitted to HUD on May 15. Wesley asked how the state's budget impacting the programs in the Consolidated Plan. Kerri stated they are federally funded so are not impacted their division/programs. Kevin explained that the rest of the department is funded through the general fund and that it could impact services at a later date. Brent asked if other housing related programs might be affected with the potential state cuts. Kerri stated some down payment programs might be affected (some IHDA programs have already been eliminated). They are talking right now with IHDA to see if they might be able to fund some affordable housing programs with the Bond Cap. Donte also welcomed Janel. Brent asked if there were possibly some programs to help with vacant property owners. Kevin stated the only funding for a commercial structure is under the abatement fund but currently there are no federal funds available for this. Wesley asked if the homes being built on Bradley and McKinley will be in the numbers for affordable housing and how many will there be. Kerri stated the housing being built there will take some time before it comes online and gets into the data set for the affordable housing. Kevin stated there are 92 units proposed for that site. There is a sister site in southwest site that will have 160 units. Both of these sites are being constructed by the Housing Authority of Champaign County. Kerri also mentioned that in Bristol Place, we are looking to put back 103 housing units in there. Felicia asked about minority business and how to help people get started. Kerri stated Planning and Development is handling this and they are trying to utilize multiple resources. However, they are finding that most businesses are having trouble getting those resources. They are trying to continue to find out their needs and design things to continue to assist them. \$10,000 has been set aside to help these contractors help with some of their barriers. Wesley asked what kinds of businesses are having trouble in this area. Kevin stated they vary; some construction, funeral home, retail, some companies trying to expand, etc. Kerri explained making the demolitions in Bristol more of small packages will hopefully see greater participation in smaller contractors. Wesley asked how many of the 92 will be mixed-income. Kerri said 10% market rate, 60% low income.

5. New Business – None

6. Staff Reports – Neighborhood Coordination: John stated Neighbors of Champaign is getting ready to launch and training for the individual registered groups will begin next week. John also mentioned there are some key engagement dates in the Key Events calendar such as the Boneyard Cleanup, Bristol Community Open House, North First Street Group Cleanup, STAR Expo/Awards Ceremony.

Neighborhood Programs: Kerri reiterated that she is excited to be fully staffed and encourage the board to contact Janel and Jean with questions.

Kevin emphasized to the board to keep looking at the Key Events calendar provided because there are a lot of activities coming up.

7. Board Comments and Suggestions – Donte asked if it was possible to get a list of vendors to help support. John stated he would provide that to the board tomorrow. Donte also stated that Kevin attended the First Followers Program which will assist those formerly incarcerated get back into the community (March 23 1-5 pm at Bethel AME Church). He also attended a meeting at the Champaign Library (Community Coalition Meeting), where information was presented by the Police Chiefs as to events happening within the community. Brent asked if there was going to be breakout sessions and a keynote speaker. John stated no, but that some new City initiatives will be highlighted. Brent also asked about the fire station in Bristol. Kevin stated there is no program funding for the fire station at this time. There is going to be some analysis of it now that a new Fire Chief is on board. g
8. Public Participation
9. Adjournment – Seeing no further business to discuss, the regular meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm to the closed meeting to finalize the voting of the STAR Awards.

Consolidated Planning Process Meeting
March 31, 2015 (11:00 0m)
Douglass Branch Library
Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Habitat for Humanity: Michelle Stallmeyer
City of Champaign: Kerri Spear

Kerri Spear provided an overview of the ConPlan process. Kerri explained that affordable rental housing will become a higher priority goal for the City as the need is growing. Michelle Stallmeyer from Habitat for Humanity agreed, stating that the agency gets numerous calls from people who cannot obtain affordable rental housing, or who are seeking rental assistance.

Michelle and Kerri discussed that the need for affordable home ownership still exists, and Michelle added that this remains Habitat's mission.

Champaign City Council
Council Chambers
April 14, 2015

Meeting minutes not yet available as of 4.29.15

Additional Public Comment on the 2015-19 Consolidated Plan

Phone Call from Mr. Charles Davidson regarding the Tuesday, January 6th Study Session (ConPlan)

January 8, 2015 2:30 p.m.

Charles Davidson

Champaign needs halfway house(s) for parolees. Subsidized units frequently have parole barriers (5 years, 10 years) and private units (not subsidized) are not affordable to persons on fixed incomes.

Phone call from Margaret Hicks - RE: Bristol Park (ConPlan Input)

Thursday, February 12, 2015 4:20 p.m.

Margaret Hicks

Comment on the Bristol Park Redevelopment:

The City should sale the land it has acquired in the Bristol Park area to the Champaign Unit #4 School District to use for the new Central High School location. The people who own their homes can remain and the renters can be relocated. The school district can then use the empty houses as classrooms. This is the way Parkland College first started before they built their new campus. The money made selling the land to Unit 4 will help the City recoup the costs of buying the houses that have been purchased in the Bristol neighborhood.

Comment on the Garwood Neighborhood:

The City of Champaign needs to refer to the Bible scripture that says we need to consider the poor. The houses have sentimental value attached and the City needs to take that into consideration before they buy. Dawn has explained (to Mrs. Hicks) that the City is tearing down homes that do not meet certain standards, but just because a house does not have a bath and a half does not mean it should be condemned.

Email from Allison Wiste-Webb, LCSW, Crisis Nursery - Community Need

Friday, February 20, 2015 at 12:11 p.m.

Allison Wiste-Webb

Hi, Kerri! We spoke briefly at the One Winter Night event about the homeless trend that Crisis Nursery has been seeing. I was looking for numbers that I could share with you, but the way we track things doesn't lend itself well to me being able to quickly pull numbers. BUT, I can tell you that we have seen a dramatic increase in our homeless admissions—to the point where we frequently had so many homeless families calling us for care, we would have to rotate the families each night as we just didn't have the space for all the kids. It is the one part of my job where I feel the most helpless. Even if I am able to get the kids in for the night/day/whatever the family is needing, I don't have a place to refer the mom/parents to. I always told them to get on the list for Courage Connections, Restoration, etc., but the wait was always so long and they really needed a safe place for that night. Anyway, I hope that helps a little in terms of planning. Let me know if you have any questions.

Email from Laurie Bonnett, President, Board of Education (Unit 4 Schools) - 5 Year Consolidated Plan

Tuesday, April 15, 2015 at 8:34 p.m.

Laurie Bonnett

In listening to Carrie's presentation, is there any room for the inclusion of a program of housing for our homeless families within Unit 4? Looking specifically for the 'tiny home' model on city owned properties that we could build. We've been in preliminary conversations with Habitat and others to address this need.

Thank you,

Laurie

Email from Sherri Rush - 5 Year Consolidated Plan

Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 2:47 p.m.

Sherri Rush

Hi, Kerri,

Just wanted to share with you some observations I have made over the past several months. I have been listening to a police scanner for a long time now. It has provided me with a unique perspective on what goes on in Champaign and the surrounding area during the day and night. What stands out is the pressing need for increased mental health services and the number of homeless citizens. The first responders spend a huge amount of time dealing with this problem. I feel these are two of the most important issues we face. The people with these problems and bless them because they can't help it go into public places and cause trouble. I wonder how many ban notices the police have issued. Probably a lot.

Thank you.

Overall Themes From Online Survey Responses:

Monday, April 13, 2015 - Monday, April 20, 2015

The following responses were taken from survey questions #13 ("What changes would most improve your neighborhood?") and #15 ("What do you like least about your neighborhood?"). Many responses included more than one identified problem or concern thus the following tallies do not reflect the exact number of responses. Survey questions can be viewed at the following site:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?PREVIEW_MODE=DO_NOT_USE_THIS_LINK_FOR_COLLECTION&sm=L6DTz75zPfkV9bEZUy04niW4BQkSIN5gyvd2mJpDAKA%3d

Overall the following seven themes emerged from the responses.

1. Housing Repair/Vacant Structure Repair (9 comments) Examples: "low interest loans to help people repair their homes" "dealing with the upkeep of vacant structures" "converting multi-family homes back into single family homes" "better quality affordable housing options for low income residents"

2. Support Neighborhood Groups and Increase Sense of Community (8 comments) Examples: "we need a neighborhood organization" "better communication with city officials" "I would like to see more individuals in my neighborhood take pride in the community"

3. Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Upkeep (13 comments) Examples: "Some mechanism to encourage neighbors to take care of their property" "make landlords care about their rental properties" "plant more trees"

4. Infrastructure improvements (13 comments) Examples: "fix the brick streets and sidewalks" "upgrade sewer" "I would like to see more streetlights on every corner"

5. Transportation – 10 comments) "add walkability to overpass" "remove street parking on one side" "enforce speed limits" "add bike lanes"

6. Crime Reduction – (5 comments) “police should hold neighborhood meetings to describe crime in the neighborhood and instruct residents what to watch out for” “street lights to deter criminals” “remove criminal elements”

7. Youth Activities – (5 comments) “after school activities” “there are no recreation centers for children’s activities”

8. Mental Health – (3 Comments) “we need more services for persons with mental health problems and drug addiction” “there is a huge need for mental health services in Champaign County”

Because we asked respondents to indicate (on map – attached) where they reside, we are further able to distinguish what residents in our low/mod census tract neighborhoods are concerned with versus the jurisdiction as a whole. Low mod neighborhood responses fell mostly in the categories of Housing Repair, Code Enforcement, Infrastructure Improvement, and Youth Activities.

Question 16 asked “Is there anything else you would like to tell us about Neighborhood and Community Development in Champaign County? While many of the responses echoed the concerns already addressed in questions #13 and #15, there were several responses that singularly (one comment only) addressed additional issues. Those responses were:

- more diversity in my neighborhood
- don’t tax me for it
- address causes of poverty and crime
- location of affordable housing
- choosing appropriate locations for affordable housing
- a request to not expend HOME funds on crime prevention
- we need a way to encourage development of housing for the homeless

2015-2019 ConPlan Public Input Participants

12.11.14 City of Champaign NSAB - none

1.6.15 City of Champaign Study Session

Margaret Hicks, 1402 N. Walnut
Bill Kirkendal, 503 S. Elm
Michelle Kohler, 1304 Garden Hills
Dawn Blackman, 205 W. Columbia
Grant Antoline, 124 N. Neil

1.15.15 City of Urbana Civic Center - minutes unavailable as of 4.29.15

1.27.15 City of Urbana Community Development Commission - None

2.3.15 Community Elements COC/CSPH - (comments captured from agencies present)

Courage Connection
Community Elements
Mental Health Board
Presence Health
Salvation Army

2.6.15 Douglass Library All Call Meeting - no attendance

2.7.15 Leonhard Center All Call Meeting - no attendance

2.10.15 Stratton Elementary School - City Staff (John Ruffin, David Oliver, Kerri Spear); Habitat for Humanity (Sheila Dodd, Jared Schopp, Latonya Gatson); Ms Bailey, Felicia Cockrell, Lola Cockrell, Anthony Howell, Mary Howell, Nettie Howell

2.12.15 Community Reinvestment Group - Jessie McClusky Gilbert, Ernie Hamilton, Bob Guido, David Gillon, Michael Daughert, Wednesday Medlan, Maurice Bouslog, Kelly Mierkowski

2.12.15 Neighborhood Services Advisory Board - Board members (Donte Lotts, Felicia Cockrell, Debra Karplus, Wesley Clayborn, Doug McCarty

2.13.15 Country Brook Apartments Resident Meeting - Monique Smith, Camila Allen, Izetta Harris, Mark Rozinsky, John Fossett, Rickie Wafflarj

2.16.15 Garden Hills Elementary School UGHNA - Amy Revilla, Becky Restad, Eric Schwalm, Phil McGarvey, Gloria Franczak, Delores Lloyd, Effa Edwards, Kathleen Smith, Iva Rotramel, Andre and Staci Britton, Melvin and Pamela Peete, Council Member Vic McIntosh

2.24.15 City of Champaign Study Session - Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing - Ed Bland (Housing Authority of Champaign County), Andrew Greenlee (UIUC Department of Urban and Regional Planning)

3.10.15 City of Champaign Study Session - Council Members (Paul Faraci, Deborah Feinen, Karen Foster, William Kyles, Michael La Due, Vic McIntosh, Tom Bruno, Marci Dodds, Mayor Gerard); City Staff

(Dorothy Ann David, City Manager; Fred Stavins, City Attorney; Dennis Schmidt, Public Works Director; Kerri Spear, Neighborhood Programs Manager; Janel Gomez, Community Development Specialist; Matthew Roeschley, Deputy City Manager; Laura Hall, Assistant City Attorney

3.30.15 Leonhard Center

No attendance

3.31.15 Douglass Branch Library

Michelle Stallmeyer, Habitat for Humanity

3.31.15 Douglass Annex

No attendance

4.14.15 City of Champaign Study Session - minutes unavailable as of 4.29.15

Appendix - Alternate/Local Data Sources

1	Data Source Name Maplebrook
	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set.
	Provide a brief summary of the data set.
	What was the purpose for developing this data set?
	How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population?
	What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?
	What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?
2	Data Source Name HA of Champaign County WINTEN 2 as 2.19.15
	List the name of the organization or individual who originated the data set. Housing Authority of Champaign County consultation meeting on 2.20.2015
	Provide a brief summary of the data set.
	What was the purpose for developing this data set?
	How comprehensive is the coverage of this administrative data? Is data collection concentrated in one geographic area or among a certain population?

	What time period (provide the year, and optionally month, or month and day) is covered by this data set?
	What is the status of the data set (complete, in progress, or planned)?

2015-2019 Consolidated Plan

2015/16 Annual Action Plan



Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The Consolidated Plan is a document mandated by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that outlines local affordable housing and community development needs and identifies strategies for addressing them. The plan identifies activities that the City expects to undertake through direct action or through the provision of funding to other entities. In addition to outlining housing and community development strategies, the Consolidated Plan includes the City's application for the federal grants received from HUD. These grants, the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and the HOME Investment Partnership, fund the majority of the affordable housing and neighborhood improvement programs provided by the City. The City of Champaign receives CDBG funding directly from HUD and HOME funding through the Urbana HOME Consortium.

These HUD-funded housing and community development programs have a broad national goal to "develop viable urban communities by providing decent affordable housing and suitable living environment and by expanding economic opportunities, principally for low- and moderate-income persons." The City also receives local funding and may seek funding through other sources, such as the Federal Home Loan Bank and private foundations, to carry out some of the strategies included in the plan.

The Consolidated Plan is divided into three main parts: a community needs assessment, a five-year strategic plan, and a one-year action plan. Both the needs assessment and strategic plan are broken down into two parts: housing issues and non-housing community development issues. The Urbana HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan provides the framework for the housing sections and the City of Champaign CDBG responds primarily to the non-housing, or community development section, of this process.

The City is asked to identify its housing (as a member of the Urbana HOME Consortium) and community development needs, particularly as they relate to low-income neighborhoods and neediest populations. In the strategic plan, the City is asked to prioritize the needs, suggest strategies for addressing them, and identify measurable objectives for assessing progress toward achieving its goals. During the five-year duration of the Consolidated Plan, the City prepares an Annual Action Plan as a yearly update to the Consolidated Plan. The Annual Action Plan provides information to HUD on the activities that the City expects to undertake during the upcoming fiscal year. This Consolidated Plan covers the five year period beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2019. The Annual Action Plan contains the City's proposed use of CDBG, HOME (in the Urbana HOME Consortium Annual Action Plan), and non-federal funds for FY 2015-16.

2. Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

As a member of the Urbana HOME Consortium, the City of Champaign's five-year housing and homelessness strategic plan includes the following major goals and objectives, as indicated by the needs analysis:

- Preserve the City's housing infrastructure as a valuable community asset through the upkeep and rehab of both owner and renter occupied structures.
- Eliminate blighted conditions in the City's neighborhoods through enhanced code enforcement, owner education, and blight removal activities.
- Provide decent, affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households by expanding affordable rental housing options, providing homebuyer incentives, encouraging the construction of affordable units, and ensuring that all households have equal access to affordable housing.
- Preserve the character, value, and marketability of the City's older neighborhoods through the implementation of neighborhood redevelopment plans, creation of Neighborhood Wellness strategies, and designation of historic structures and neighborhoods.
- Continue to support implementation of strategies included in the local Continuum of Care's *Ten-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness*.
- Increase the supply of affordable housing and housing with supportive services for special needs populations, such as the elderly, physically and developmentally disabled, persons with HIV/AIDS, and persons with drug and alcohol dependencies.
- Support efforts to reduce the exposure of young children to lead-based paint hazards through public education, childhood lead testing, and removal of lead-paint hazards in residential units.

The City of Champaign's five-year plan includes the following goals and objectives for addressing non-housing needs:

- Assist in the development of public facilities to address identified community needs, particularly those located in targeted neighborhoods that provide services to low-income residents and neighborhoods.
- Maintain a suitable living environment by improving infrastructure systems in accordance with the priorities identified in the Neighborhood Wellness Plan.
- Promote the growth of a balanced, diversified local economy that builds upon the assets of the community while creating jobs and economic opportunity for its residents.
- Promote economic development initiatives targeted to low- and moderate-income residents and invest in the economic development of distressed neighborhoods. (Anti-poverty strategy)
- Support the provision of public services to address identified community needs, particularly those that provide services for low- and moderate-income persons and persons with special needs.

- Support programs and activities that improve the earning potential of low-income persons, promote self-sufficiency, and encourage the development of personal financial stability.
- Encourage the involvement of residents in carrying out Consolidated Plan strategies.

3. Evaluation of past performance

The City's past performance assessment from HUD states the City has continuing capacity to administer Consolidated Plan-covered programs. HUD also states in the FY 2013-14 CAPER letter, "*HUD is pleased to be working with the City of Champaign on its Section 108 loan in support of the Bristol Park revitalization strategy, and by association, with the Urbana Consortium's HOME program that will provide additional resources to this effort. Please continue to consult closely with HUD in the implementation of activities in this area, as requirements related to acquisition, demolition and construction are complex and incorporate many related requirements to the CDBG and HOME programs*". Finally, the current version of the A-133 Audit was submitted to the Federal Audit Clearing House for the City of Champaign and HUD noted no findings were identified for HUD programs.

Current housing and community development goals and strategies will continue in the next Consolidated Plan cycle. The goals related to affordable housing, targeted neighborhood improvements, public services for at-risk youth, and increasing economic development opportunity for low- to moderate-income citizens will continue due the demand continuing to be present.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

The September 11, 2014, Neighborhood Services Advisory Board meeting served as the first public hearing for the Consolidated Plan process with a review of the FY 2013/14 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) results. In December 2014, the Neighborhood Services Advisory Board reviewed the proposed process and timeline and this information was then presented during a Study Session and public hearing at the January 6, 2015, Champaign City Council Study Session. A series of key stakeholder interviews, neighborhood meetings, partner agency meetings and community-wide meetings were then held between January and March 2015 to gather input and comments regarding this Plan. The draft document was published for the required 30-day public comment period on March 20, 2015, with a final public hearing held on April 14, 2015.

5. Summary of public comments

For a full list of comments received, please refer to the PR-15, Citizen Participation section of this Consolidated Plan.

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

All comments and views submitted during this process were incorporated into the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan (see PR 15-Citizen Participation).

7. Summary

The Consolidated Plan reflects the coordinated efforts of the citizens, stakeholders, partner agencies and City of Champaign. This document will serve as a guide for the next five years as the City of Champaign prioritizes its efforts and resources to help achieve the shared goals of HUD and the community: to provide decent housing, a suitable living environment and expanded economic opportunity.

The Process

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

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

The following are the agencies/entities 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	CHAMPAIGN	Neighborhood Services Dept./Neighborhood Programs

Table 60– Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The City of Champaign is a direct entitlement community for the CDBG program. The City of Urbana serves as the lead entity for the Urbana HOME Consortium and Champaign receives its HOME funds as a sub-recipient from Urbana. The housing needs assessment, market analysis and strategic plan will be submitted on behalf of the City as a component of the Urbana HOME Consortium's Consolidated Plan.

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PR-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

The City of Champaign, as a member of the Urbana HOME Consortium, sought input from several local agencies, key stakeholders and the general public to inform the goals, strategies and activities of this Consolidated Plan.

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

The City of Champaign, along with the Urbana HOME Consortium members (City of Urbana and Champaign County) conducted key stakeholder interviews with the Housing Authority of Champaign County executive management team, the Mental Health Disabilities and Developmental Disabilities Board staff, and Continuum of Care chairperson. The Urbana HOME Consortium also conducted a public meeting for local nonprofits during this Consolidated Plan process.

In addition, the City of Champaign serves on the Continuum of Care, Council of Service Providers to the Homeless (CSPH) and the Community Reinvestment Group. The City of Champaign staff regularly attends the monthly Housing Authority of Champaign County Board of Commissioners meetings to stay abreast of key issues and also meets quarterly with the executive management team and Champaign-appointed Board of Commissioners to discuss housing issues and solutions for the City of Champaign.

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 local CoC is comprised of social service agencies serving the homeless, including but not limited to: the Veterans Administration servicing local homeless or at risk of becoming homeless veterans, Salvation Army serving homeless families, single men and veterans, Roundhouse shelter for youth, TIMES Center shelter for homeless men, Courage Connection shelter for homeless women and children, Regional Planning Commission serving homeless families and singles, CU at Home serving chronically homeless, the Canteen Run serving chronically homeless and those at risk of being homeless, the Greater Community AIDS the local Mental Health Board funding mental health programs, Community Elements serving the mental health needs of the community, Homestead Corporation providing an SRO and the Cities of Champaign-Urbana.

The City of Champaign is a member of the local Champaign County Continuum of Care (CoC) and currently is represented on the CoC's Executive Committee. The City of Champaign, in collaboration with the City of Urbana, sought input on the Consolidated Plan process during the February 3, 2015, CoC

regular meeting and then interviewed the current CoC Chair, Ms. Lisa Benson of Community Elements, on February 26, 2015 regarding the CoC strategies and identified needs.

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards and evaluate outcomes, and develop funding, policies and procedures for the administration of HMIS

The ESG funding flows from HUD to the State of Illinois and to Champaign County. The Champaign County Continuum of Care (CoC) prioritizes the local needs for shelter and homeless services, including rapid rehousing and homeless prevention. Agencies submit their requests and the Executive Committee reviews and makes a recommendation for the full CoC to consider and within the guidelines set forth by HUD and the State of Illinois.

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

Table 61– Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Housing Authority of Champaign County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Champaign meets quarterly to discuss identified needs, potential collaborations and upcoming plans. In addition, the city staff frequently attends the Board of Commissioners (Housing Authority of Champaign County) regular monthly meetings to stay informed of affordable housing issues in the community. For the Consolidated Plan, the Urbana HOME Consortium members consulted with the HACC staff to discuss the PIH/PIC data provided in the Consolidated Plan and discussed needs, goals and strategies to alleviate the housing issues in the Urbana HOME Consortium area.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Mental Health Board
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Urbana HOME Consortium (with the City of Champaign) interviewed the Mark Driscoll of the Mental Health Board during the drafting of the 2015-2109 Consolidated Plan & FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan. The staff of both groups will continue to discuss and monitor ongoing needs for persons with mental health needs, particularly low-income persons and youth. Staff from local government and the Mental Health Board currently serve together on the United Way of Champaign County's Community Impact Committee and will be serving together in the upcoming year on the local Continuum of Care's monitoring subcommittee.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	Developmental Disabilities Board
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Employment Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Urbana HOME Consortium interviewed the Lynn Canfield of the Developmental Disabilities Board during the drafting of the 2015-2109 Consolidated Plan & FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan. The staff of both groups will continue to discuss and monitor ongoing needs for persons with developmental disabilities and seek opportunities for collaboration.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Reinvestment Group
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Business and Civic Leaders Community Development Financial Institution
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy

	<p>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The Urbana HOME Consortium is a member of the Community Reinvestment Group (CRG). The CRG meets monthly to discuss affordable housing needs, opportunities for collaboration and education/outreach. During the February 3, 2015, regular CRG meeting, the Urbana HOME Consortium sought input on the upcoming Consolidated Plan and also highlighted information from the City of Champaign's recently completed Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. An increase in rental housing needs were highlighted by staff while the lenders sought to find alternative methods to continue funding homeownership programs. Finally, continuing negative data trends for African Americans seeking housing finance (both the 2007 and 2014 AI) points to a possible testing program to determine if discriminatory practices may be a cause for this disparity. (Note: A local credit union member (Community Plus Federal Credit Union) is also a designated CDFI).</p>
5	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Council of Service Providers to the Homeless</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - County Other government - Local Civic Leaders Grantee Department</p>

<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy</p>
<p>How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The Urbana HOME Consortium members (Darlene Kloeppel, Kelly Mierkowski and Kerri Spear) have all served as past chairs for the Continuum of Care and/or Council of Service Providers to the Homeless. All three participating jurisdictions/subrecipients to the HOME Consortium continue to serve on the Continuum of Care and Council of Service Providers to the Homeless. During the February 3, 2015, joint meeting of the Continuum of Care and Council of Service Providers to the Homeless, the Urbana HOME Consortium consulted with both bodies to outline the upcoming Consolidated Plan process and seek input. A key outcome included the need for subsidized housing development for nonprofits to alleviate overwhelming shortage of affordable rental properties and/or subsidies.</p>

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

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	Champaign County Continuum of Care	

Table 62– Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(l))

The City of Urbana serves as the Urbana HOME Consortium lead entity and the City of Champaign and Champaign County (Regional Planning Commission) are members of the Consortium. As such, these bodies meet regularly to discuss ongoing housing needs and strategies. Additionally, the Village of Rantoul is frequently consulted through the Continuum of Care and the Community Reinvestment Group.

Narrative

PR-15 Citizen 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 Urbana HOME Consortium undertook various measures to ensure that the public was offered every opportunity to express concerns for the community development and affordable housing needs in the area. Various public hearings were held in both the cities of Champaign and Urbana. The City of Urbana held neighborhood meetings in each of the Census Tracts that comprise the Community Development Target Area. The City of Urbana also held a special public hearing for social service agencies.

Comments received impacted goal-setting in a variety of ways. Area of concern expressed by the community encompassed broad needs in the Urbana HOME Consortium area. Concerns expressed regarding the need for rental assistance impacted the City of Champaign's goals for its Neighborhood Revitalization program. Additionally, comments received regarding the most vulnerable populations in need of affordable housing, mainly those households at or below 30% of the Median Family Income, prompted staff to include Tenant Based Rental Assistance as part of the Annual Action Plan goals and strategies.

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	Non-targeted/broad community	Two ads placed in the local newspaper (News Gazette) to promote the public hearings and public input period for the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan. The ads were a joint effort between the City of Champaign and the Urbana HOME Consortium.	N/A		
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	The City of Champaign Neighborhood Services Advisory Board (NSAB) met on December 11, 2014, February 12, 2015, and March 12, 2015 and included discussion on the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan.	Supportive of the Consolidated Plan process, goals and strategies and proposed Annual Action Plan activities as presented.		

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)
3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	January 6, 2015 Public Hearing held during the Champaign City Council meeting, along with a study session on the Consolidated Plan process. The video of the meeting can be viewed at http://ci.champaign.il.us/departments/information/cgtv/cgtv-video-on-demand/ and the report for the corresponding study session can viewed (SS 2015-00 at www.ci.champaign.il.us - go to Council-meeting info-2015)	Issues raised include homelessness concerns, providing information, need for shelters, affordable housing need, needs halfway house(s) for parolees. For complete public comments see attached Citizen Participation Comments.		http://documents.ci.champaign.il.us/v/BwqebO6?hp=0B9AX7CNToF-5ODN0OU1mcnhiWE0%2C0B9AX7CNToF-5VGVFU09ZUENObjg%2C0B9AX7CNToF-5NWhwTU9KaTFTemM%2C0BxXlSxm

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 Hearing	Persons with disabilities Residents of Public and Assisted Housing Homeless Service Providers	January 15, 2015 Public Hearing hosted by the City of Urbana/Urbana HOME Consortium at the Urbana Civic Center for nonprofit partners. Attendees included: Salvation Army, Courage Connection, Community Elements, Housing Authority of Champaign County, Urbana Park District and Regional Planning Commission and City of Champaign.	Meeting minutes not yet available (4/29/15)		
5	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	January 27, 2015 City of Urbana Community Development Commission meeting. Commission board members, City of Urbana staff and City of Champaign staff in attendance.	No comments on the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan were made.		

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)
7	Public Meeting	Minorities Non-targeted/broad community Homeless Service Providers Consolidated Plan	February 10, 2015 Beardsley Park/Garwood Area Addition Neighborhood Group meeting held at Stratton Elementary School.	Comments on desires for a specific potential development included: Senior Housing, single story, No hidden interiors (Bristol Place), Senior housing: owner occupied or rental, Senior only. For complete public comments see attached Citizen Participation Comments.		277

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8	Public Meeting	Lenders, Nonprofit Housing Agencies	February 12, 2015 Community Reinvestment Group Meeting hosted at the City of Champaign	Kelly Mierkowski offered Urbana is having difficulty finding eligible applicants for the whole house program but a roof program may be added. City of Urbana will look towards new construction for the HOME funds. For complete public comments see attached Citizen Participatio		278

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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)
9	Public Meeting	Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	February 13, 2015 Countrybrook Apartments Resident Meeting (subsidized housing)	2015-19 Consolidated Plan comments: Increased affordable housing, Teen programming, Financial literacy, Childcare funding, Education programs for young mothers, Domestic violence programs (D. Shaffer). For complete public comments see attached Citizen Participation Comments		279

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)
10	Public Meeting	Neighborhood Group	February 16, 2015 United Garden Hills Neighborhood Association (UGHNA) at Garden Hills Elementary School	Suggestions included: Build relationships with landlords, Fence Repairs/uniform fences, Hold a general home repair day (like HGTV), Work on watershed issues, Address Mattis North Apartment security issues, Install more sidewalks		

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)
11	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community Members of the mortgage lending industry	March 10 Champaign City Council Study Session - 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan	No public comments on the 2015-19 Consolidated Plan were captured.		
14	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	March 30, 2015 "All Call" meeting to be held Leonhard Recreation Center to solicit input during the public comment period.	No Attendance		

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)
15	Public Hearing	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	April 14, 2015 Champaign City Council Study Session to review the draft 2015/2019 Consolidated Plan and FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan - study session and public hearing. Previously advertised in the News Gazette, on CGTV, and www.ci.champaign.il.us	Meeting minutes not yet available (4/29/15)		
16	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community				http://ci.champaign.il.us/cms/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Public-Hearings-and-30-day-public-comment-period-AD-Final.pdf

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)
18	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	March 24, 2015 Public hearing during the City of Urbana Community Development Commission meeting	Robin Arbiter presented on the Lierman Neighborhood Community Garden which promotes healthy eating by allowing low income residents a place to grow fresh vegetables.		
19	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	March 30, 2015 "All Call" meeting held at the Leonhard Recreation Center to solicit input during public comment period	No attendance		

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)
20	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	March 31, 2015 "All Call" meeting held at the Douglass Annex to solicit input during public comment period	Comments note that affordable rental housing will become a higher priority goal for the City as the need is growing. Need for affordable home ownership still exists and this remains Habitats mission. For complete Board questions/comments see attached Citizen Participation Comments.		284

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)
21	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	April 14, 2015 Champaign City Council Study Session to review draft 2015-19 Consolidated Plan and Draft FY2015-16 Annual Action plan	Minutes unavailable as of 4.29.15.		

Table 63– Citizen Participation Outreach

Needs Assessment

NA-05 Overview

Needs Assessment Overview

The Urbana HOME Consortium analyzed the housing needs for the entire consortium, including the City of Champaign, and this work can be found in the lead document, the Urbana HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan. The City of Champaign Consolidated Plan is submitted with the Urbana HOME Consortium Consolidated Plan and provides an analysis of the non-housing, or community and economic development needs. Analysis of data, key stakeholder interviews and public input from citizens provides an overview of the needs facing our community. Resources used for this analysis include the 2000 and 2010 Census, 2007-2011 American Community Survey and the 2007-2011 Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) from HUD. The Census Bureau collects basic census information regarding a community's population every ten years while the Census Bureau uses the American Community Survey to annually sample specific areas within a community (i.e. housing information, income, etc). The HUD CHAS data provides communities with a detailed outlook of housing needs by tenure (owner-occupied vs. rental), income group, racial and ethnic status, and housing condition. For community and economic development needs, staff uses existing City plans, stakeholder interviews and related reports.

City of Champaign's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. The recent study session (see City of Champaign Council Report SS 2015-011, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing) produced areas for further research to determine what is needed to overcome barriers to fair housing. The mortgage data review highlights a disparate impact across income categories among African Americans without an identifiable reason. Lack of filed fair housing complaints may be an indication that this disparity is not linked to actual discrimination, but the lack of complaints could also indicate that citizens are unaware of their rights or do not follow-through with the complaint process. Limited legal assistance for the low-income households can also present challenges for households experiencing fair housing discrimination. Further research is needed in these areas to actually determine the causes of the noted disparities. In addition, improved outreach and educational efforts in the community may be helpful in addressing disparity patterns.

Community and Economic Development Needs. The community development needs include continuing support for all segments: youth, seniors, persons with disabilities and the homeless. Reductions in state and federal funding for these community development programs have impacted service levels while needs have continued increase. Recent data from the Community Coalition study session in January highlights the need for targeted youth programming: over 65% of the youth involved with the juvenile justice system have mental health needs and 67% of the juvenile court filings involved African American youth (see City of Champaign Council Report SS 2015-004).

The need for case management services for all populations continues to be a top priority for agencies trying to serve at-risk populations. The lack of a local detox facility continues to be listed as a priority for those serving the homeless and at-risk populations.

Some needs include encouraging appropriate service-related businesses and/or employment centers to either open or expand operations in lower income neighborhoods. Small, minority and women-owned businesses have expressed concerns with accessing capital and a need for technical assistance. Planning and Development staff continue to gather input from small business service providers regarding existing programs and identifying gaps in the service network.

NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs - 91.415, 91.215 (f)

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Facilities:

The City of Champaign identifies the need for a new Fire Station 3, to be located in the northern portion of the City of Champaign that may also serve as a storm shelter for the Shadow Wood Mobile Home park and as a community/family resource center for the greater Bristol Park neighborhood plan area (i.e. Bristol Place, Garwood Area, Shadow Wood Mobile Home park, etc).

The continuation of the youth assessment center and possible creation of an adult assessment center is also needed in the community.

A detox facility for the entire area is also needed in the area. Currently, persons in need of such a facility must be driven to another county in central Illinois to receive such services. This is a luxury that many cannot afford to access if a volunteer or agency is not available to assist them when they are ready to commit to this needed program.

How were these needs determined?

The existing fire station at Bradley Avenue and Harris Road no longer serves the modern era fire department needs. During the development of the 2011 Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan, city staff learned of many residents in the Shadow Wood Mobile Home park using the nearby interstate (I-74) overpass as a storm shelter during extreme weather events, including tornado warnings. This is actually a more unsafe option due to the winds and overpass serving as a suction. Due to the need for a new fire station in this general area, community space and a new neighborhood redevelopment (Bristol Place), the City identified Bristol Place as a potential site to serve all of these needs. The youth assessment and adult assessment center are noted through the Community Coalition. The Champaign Unit 4 School District is currently seeking city assistance in the consideration of a community school that would serve the north end (targeted) area of Champaign. The detox facility is noted through the through homeless service providers and in consultation with the Mental Health Board.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:

The City's Neighborhood Wellness Plan provides an assessment of the public improvements and infrastructure needs throughout the entire community.

How were these needs determined?

Staff experts in engineering, streets, sewers, sidewalks, planning and neighborhood services contributed to these reports through shared meetings, walking assessment tours, and consultants to analyze the existing conditions of the City's infrastructure.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:

The needs of the community's youth continues to be an identified need. During this Consolidated Plan period, youth programs will be prioritized in order to provide supports to families and youth, particularly African American youth, that are either struggling in school academically and/or beginning involvement with the juvenile justice system.

Additionally, needs for a detox facility and its support are noted but limited federal funding may be a limitation in helping a detox facility during this Consolidated Plan period. However, staff will continue to provide support and technical assistance to the Continuum of Care and Council of Service Providers to the Homeless.

How were these needs determined?

In consultation with the local Community Coalition and the CommUnity Matters initiatives, the City of Champaign identified ongoing needs for the youth in the community. During a recent report to City Council, the Community Coalition reported the following findings:

1. An academic success gap of 45% between white and African-American students
2. 65% of youth involved in juvenile justice have mental health needs; 25% of African American youth involved in juvenile justice have mental health needs
3. 75% of all school suspensions are an African American student
4. 58% of youth referred to the Youth Assessment Center are African American
5. 67% of court filings between 2011-2013 involve an African American youth

Based on the needs analysis above, describe the State's needs in Colonias

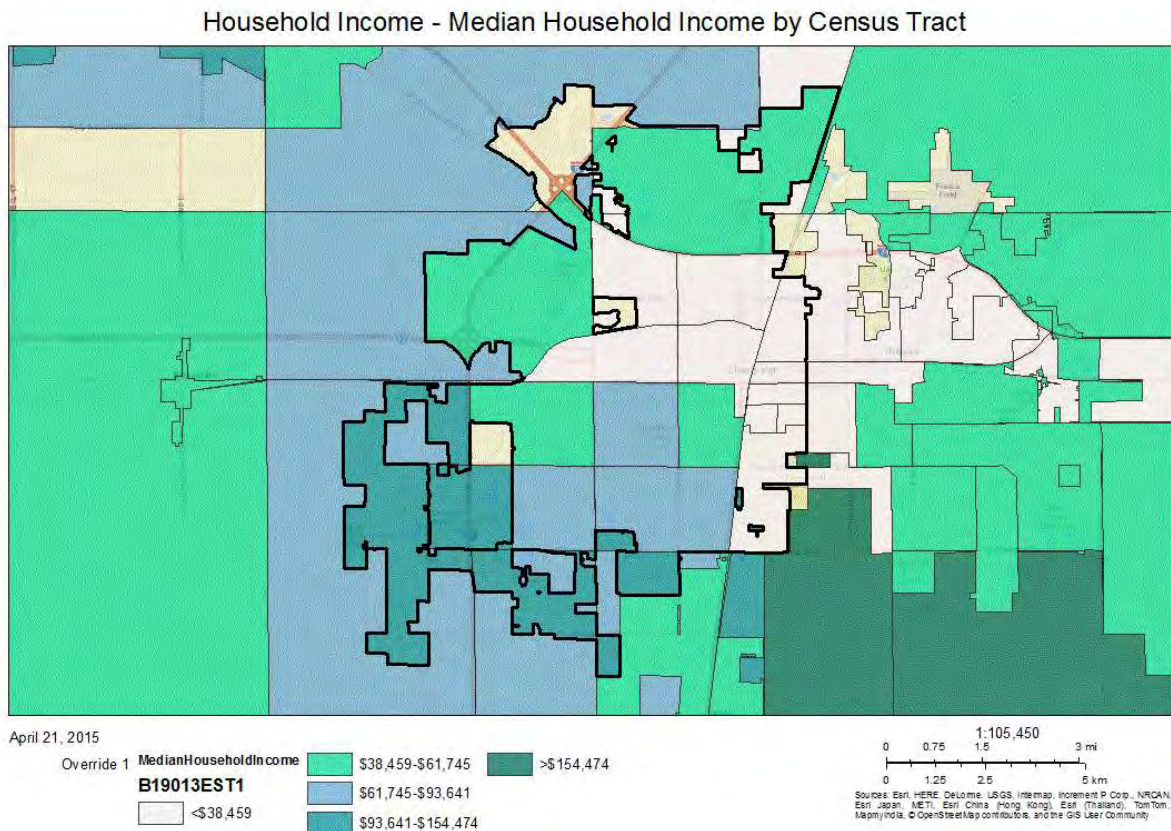
Housing Market Analysis

MA-05 Overview

Housing Market Analysis Overview:

This section looks at the housing market and supply in Champaign County by analyzing housing indicators. Developing a picture of the current housing stock in the community begins by looking at trends in structure, age, price, and tenure. Furthermore, the supply of homeless shelter facilities, special needs services and housing, and non-housing community development resources are considered. The analysis is supplemented by GIS maps to provide geographical visualization of the data.

While housing choices can be fundamentally limited by household income and purchasing power, the lack of affordable housing can be a significant hardship for low-income households preventing them from meeting their other basic needs. Our analysis shows a great need for affordable rental housing opportunities and affordable rental housing opportunities with supportive services for special populations.



Household Income - Median Household Income by Census Tract

MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets - 91.410, 91.210(f)

Introduction

The following section outlines the employment, labor force, educational attainment data which informed the economic development priorities in this Plan.

Economic Development Market Analysis

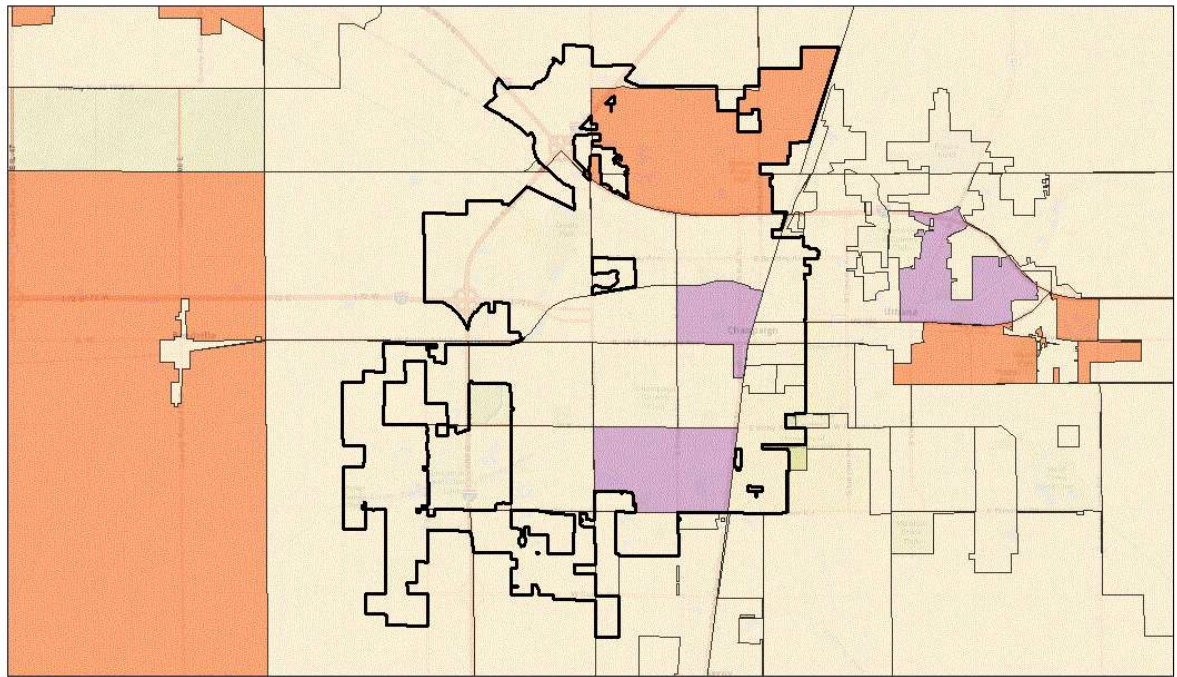
Business Activity

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	101	5	0	0	0
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	3,293	6,588	15	22	7
Construction	746	1,020	3	3	0
Education and Health Care Services	4,389	3,842	21	13	-8
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	1,507	2,648	7	9	2
Information	867	1,682	4	6	2
Manufacturing	2,213	1,910	10	6	-4
Other Services	826	1,235	4	4	0
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	1,955	3,195	9	11	2
Public Administration	0	0	0	0	0
Retail Trade	3,368	5,390	16	18	2
Transportation and Warehousing	898	1,093	4	4	0
Wholesale Trade	1,181	1,706	6	6	0
Total	21,344	30,314	--	--	--

Table 64 - Business Activity

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS (Workers), 2011 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs)

Change in Retail Trade Jobs - Change in jobs between 2000 and 2010 Census



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Change in Retail Trade Jobs - Change in jobs between 2000 and 2010 Census

Labor Force

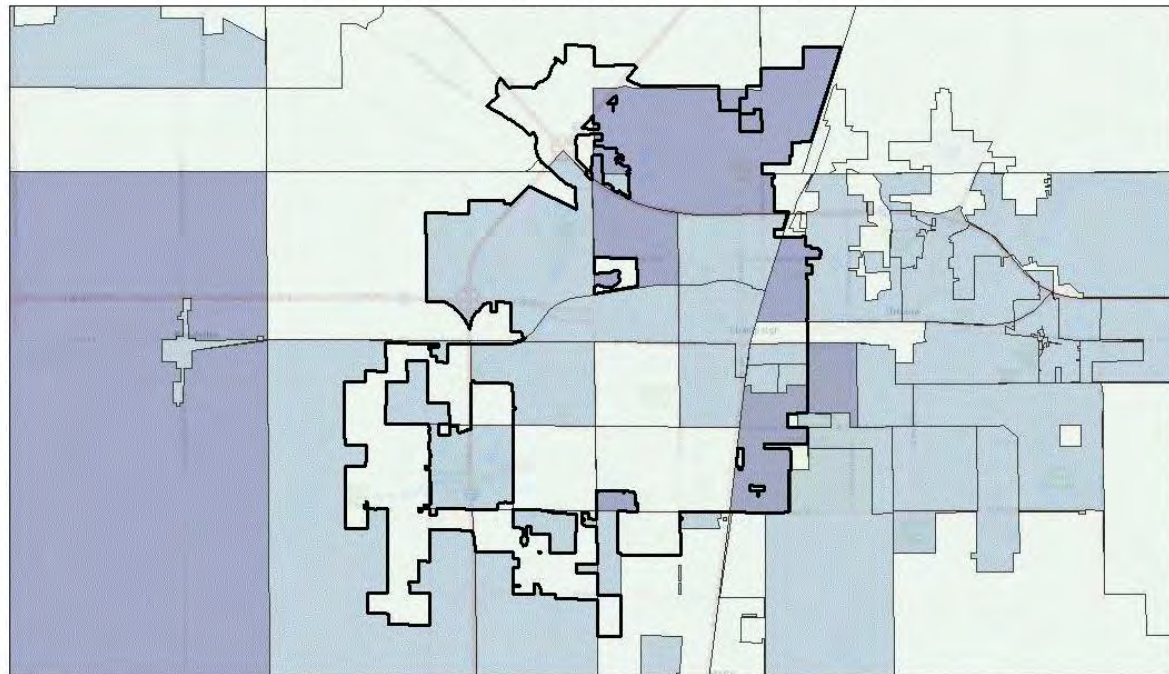
Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	42,881
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Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	39,868
Unemployment Rate	7.03
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	15.55
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	4.22

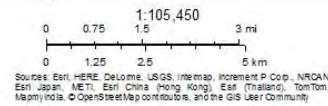
Table 65 - Labor Force

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Unemployment - % Unemployment by Census Tract



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Unemployment - % Unemployment by Census Tract

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Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	12,231
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	1,546
Service	3,917
Sales and office	8,406
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	1,433
Production, transportation and material moving	1,224

Table 66 – Occupations by Sector

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	34,216	92%
30-59 Minutes	2,340	6%
60 or More Minutes	777	2%
Total	37,333	100%

Table 67 - Travel Time

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Education:

Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Less than high school graduate	918	231	659
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	3,887	217	1,376
Some college or Associate's degree	7,081	547	1,388

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Bachelor's degree or higher	14,854	468	2,982

Table 68 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

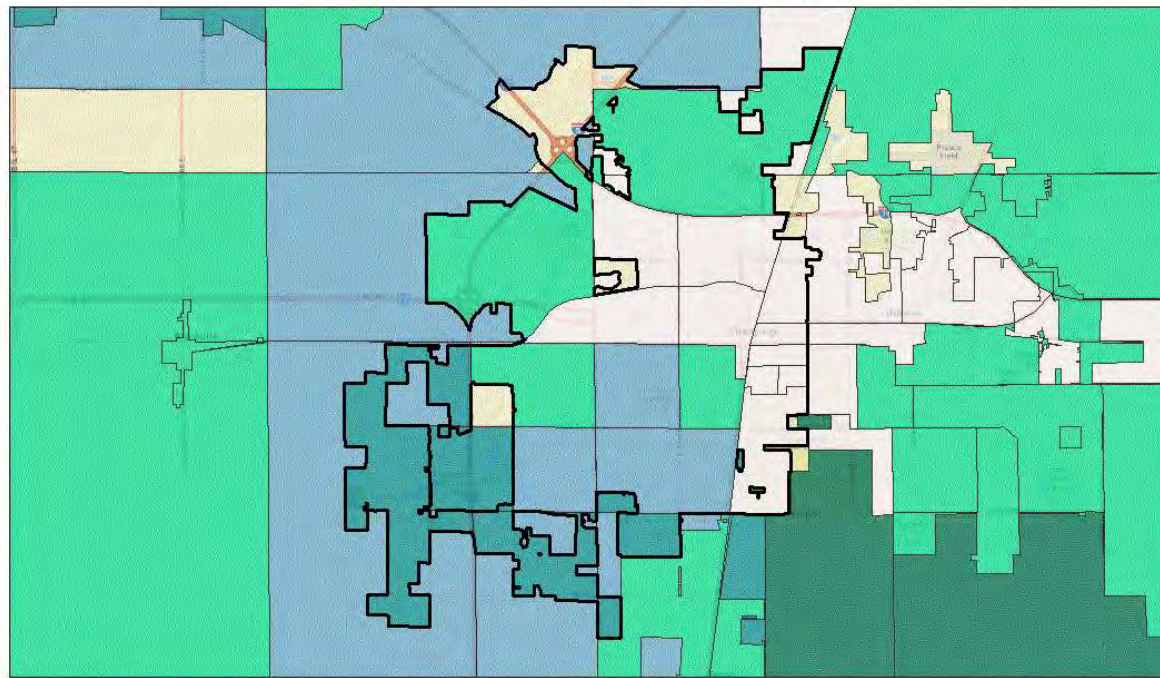
Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18-24 yrs	25-34 yrs	35-44 yrs	45-65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	53	104	156	317	230
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	819	369	222	640	435
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	4,286	1,461	1,374	2,645	1,945
Some college, no degree	16,498	1,831	1,607	2,611	1,326
Associate's degree	685	954	606	1,445	225
Bachelor's degree	2,642	4,704	1,503	2,929	884
Graduate or professional degree	385	3,002	2,301	3,912	1,133

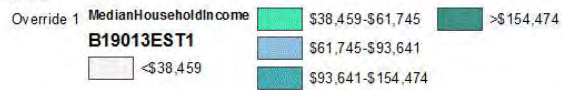
Table 69 - Educational Attainment by Age

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Median Household Income - Median Household Income per Census Tract



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Median Household Income - Median Household Income per Census Tract

Educational Attainment – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	16,848
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	28,985
Some college or Associate's degree	31,374
Bachelor's degree	35,878

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Graduate or professional degree	54,367

Table 70 – Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Data Source: 2007-2011 ACS

Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?

The major employment sector within the City of Champaign are Education and Health Care which employs 21% of workers within the City. Following closely are the service industry sectors of Retail Trade (16%) and Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations (15%).

Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

According to a 2013 Study by the Champaign County Economic Development Corporation, the markets that show increasing employment and are not affected by economic recession are the Healthcare sector and the Professional, Scientific, and Technical Sector. To ensure robustness, both industries will need access to a large skilled employment base. The report describes a need for the local business community to “augment the entrepreneurial eco-system” with specialized programs, mentorship, networks, and public-private partnerships.

Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period.

Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.

Job and Business growth trends in the City of Champaign generally match national economic growth trends. There are no major changes expected that will have a significant economic impact. Growth is expected in the education, healthcare, technology, retail, and services sectors, while manufacturing and agriculture are expected to decline slightly.

How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?

The City of Champaign has a younger and more educated workforce than the national average. In order to avoid gaps in workforce to growing economic industries, the City of Champaign economic development plan proposes these goals:

- Develop, with Parkland College, local industry and state employment agencies, a program for employment education and training that directly feeds into the job market (using specific educational attainment, skill development and readiness criteria that meet the employers needs)
- Support the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) activities recently undertaken by the EDC, find ways to measure successful small business growth and development and create a portal for business contacts

Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.

Parkland College: Parkland College's workforce training programs and initiatives serve dislocated, underemployed, and underprepared working-age adults, as well as existing (incumbent) workers who need to upgrade their skills to move up in their careers.

- Dislocated Workers
Free workforce re-entry training
- Underemployed Workers
Highway Construction Careers Training Program (HCCTP)
- Underprepared Workers
- Adult Education services: Parkland College Adult Education offers free/low-cost services, programs, and instruction to adults who need to improve their basic literacy, do not have their high school diploma, or do not speak English as their first language. Early School Leaver Transition Program: Young adults, between the ages of 16 and 21, who did not complete high school can complete adult education instruction while participating in work-based learning experiences and career skills-building classes through this program. Free Computer Literacy Training Classes Adult Education Bridge Program Development Project: This ICCB-funded program assists students with the completion of the GED.
- Incumbent Workers
- Community-based Job Training Grant: Parkland’s Engineering Sciences and Technologies provides industrial maintenance training Lean Healthcare Training: Parkland partners with local healthcare providers to offer Lean Healthcare training to more than 1,650 area healthcare workers State Energy Sector Partnership (SESP) “Green” Jobs Training Program

Illinois WorkNet Center: The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 provides services for workforce preparation and employment strategies designed to meet both the needs of the nation's businesses and the needs of job seekers. The most important aspect of the Act is its focus on developing skilled workers through training and education to match in-demand job opportunities of area businesses.

- Easily access the information and services they need through the Illinois workNet system.
- Empower adults to obtain the training they find most appropriate through Individual Training Accounts, which allows adult customers to "purchase" the training they determine best for them.

Summer Youth Employment Program: Since 2011, Champaign's Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) has provided Unit 4 students, ages 14-19, with hands on work experience within our rich local business community for six weeks during the summer. Coupled with the training and support from our educational staff, SYEP students walk away with skills that cannot be taught in a classroom setting.

Small Business Development Center: The Champaign Small Business Development Center is an operation that provides face-to-face business consulting for small businesses within the community. It also links you to shared business education and training opportunities at the state level in the following areas:

- Government Contract Procurement
- Pursuing International Trade Opportunities
- Environmental Assistance
- Business Operations
- Human Resource Practices, posters to display and other statutory requirements
- Acquisitions
- Licensing, Registration, Permitting and Assistance
- Unemployment Insurance
- Franchise Disclosure

Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)?

No

If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.

Discussion

MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion

Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

No. Of the four identified housing problems, three of them, overcrowding, substandard kitchen, and substandard plumbing, occur in small number and do not show concentrations. One housing problem, housing cost burden, does occur in concentrations throughout the City of Champaign but not in combination with any other housing problems. The data does not show concentrations of multiple housing problems.

Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

Yes. All of the census tracts in north Champaign show higher concentrations of black or African American households than the south and west sections of Champaign. Specifically, the north central section of Champaign including the neighborhoods of Bristol Place and Garwood Park shows 37.94% of Black or African American households, the northwest neighborhoods of Garden Hills and Dobbins Downs shows concentrations of black and African American households at 55.16% and 46.64% respectively. The northeast neighborhood, Douglass Park, shows a concentration of 94.14% black or African American. Additionally, there are two census tracts on the campus of the University of Illinois that show a high concentration (over 35%) of Asian Households and one census tract in northern Champaign that has a concentration of 37.94 Hispanic households.

The highest concentration of low income households is on the campus of the University of Illinois. Though the concentration of low income is high, the majority of households is single persons or unrelated single adults and does not involve families with children. There are other concentrations of low income households through out central and northern Champaign, with several of those census tracts overlapping with the aforementioned concentrations of ethnic minorities. There are also low income household census tracts (in equal number) that do not overlap with concentrations of ethnic minorities.

What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?

These neighborhoods overall show higher concentrations of rental occupied housing and higher concentrations of unemployment,

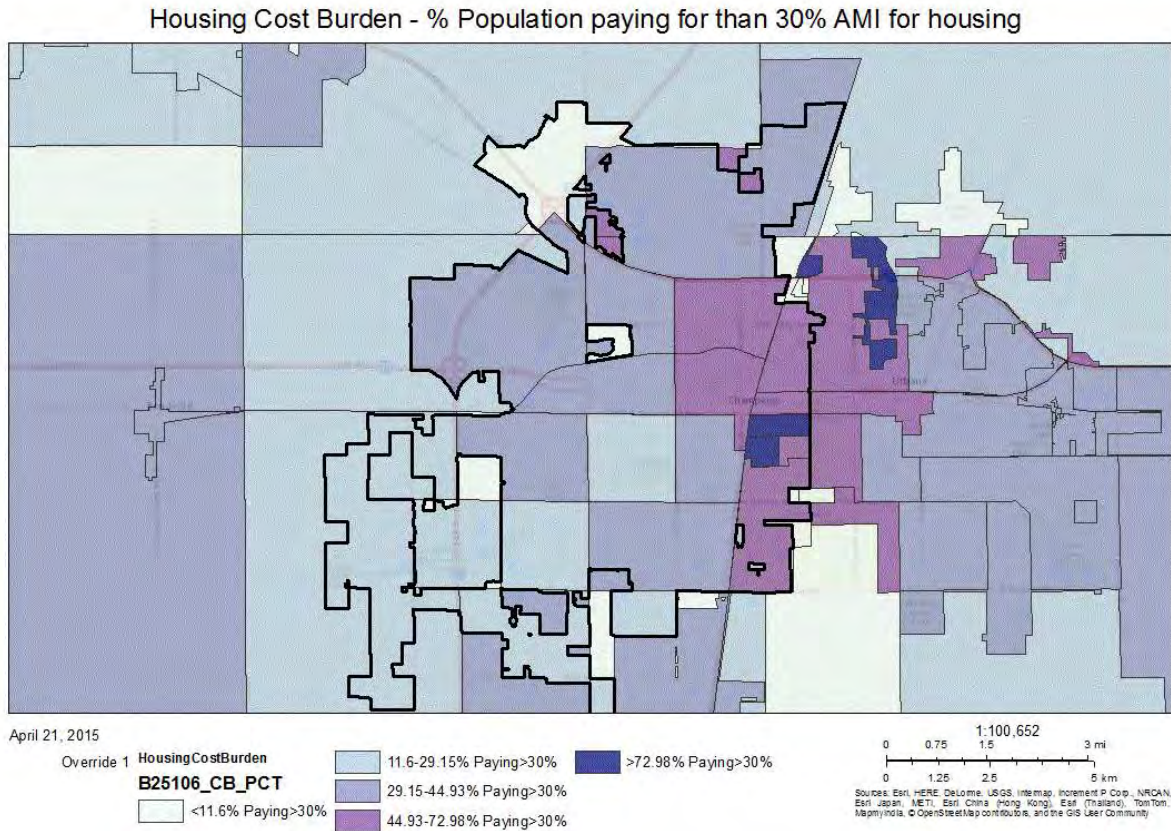
Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?

Yes, The north east neighborhood has a close proximity to both the University of Illinois and two Hospitals, two of the largest employers in our entitlement jurisdiction. The north central neighborhood is in close proximity to down-town Champaign. All areas are linked by a highly rated transportation

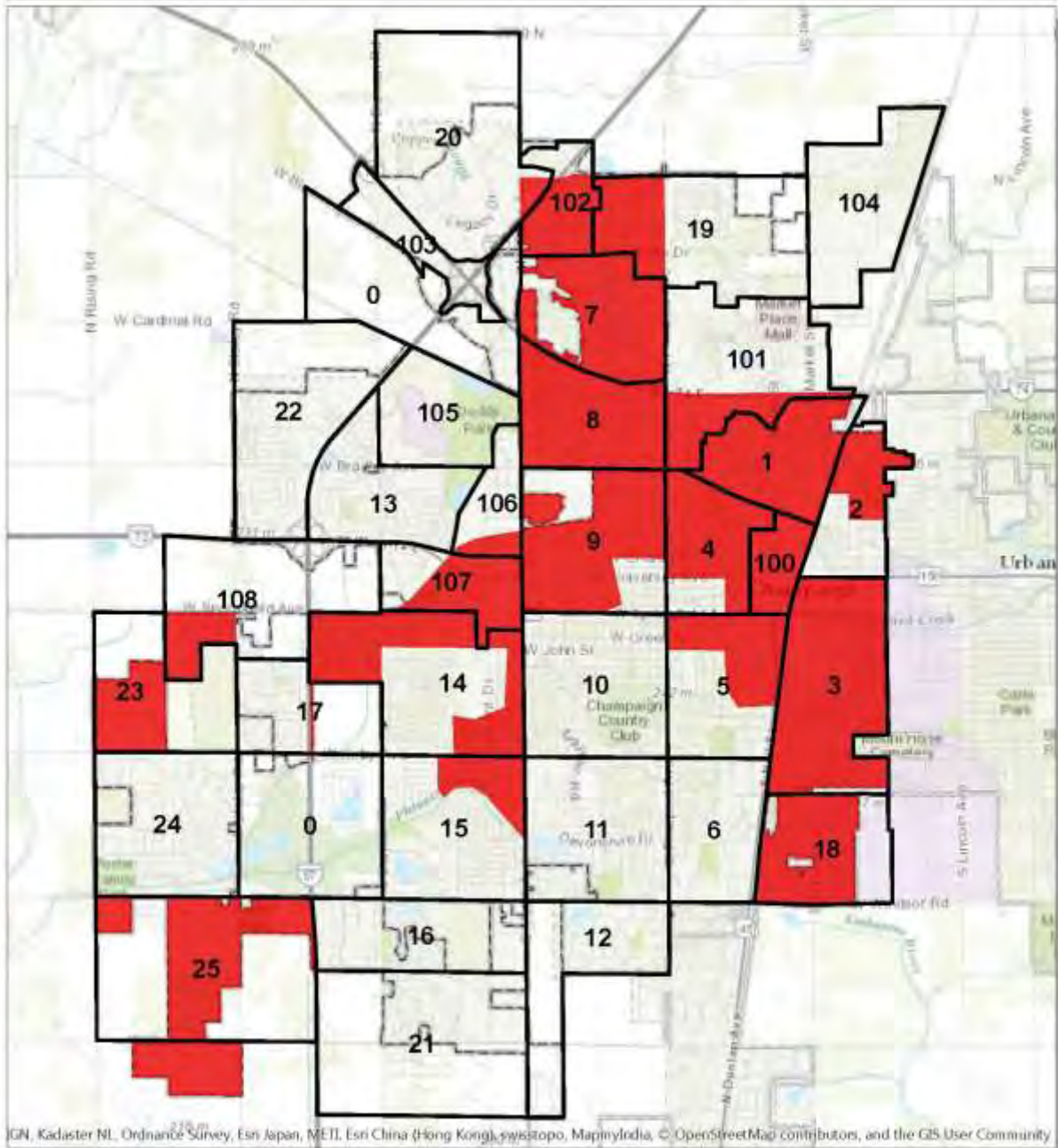
system and in close proximity to job centers. No area in the City of Champaign shows employed persons with a commute time greater than 60 minutes, with 87% of commute times being 30 minutes or less.

Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?

The Attorney General Grant (Habitat for Humanity), Unit 4 School District and the Housing Authority of Champaign County provide strategic opportunities for Champaign, particularly in the City's targeted neighborhoods and for low-income residents.



Housing Cost Burden - % Population paying for than 30% AMI for housing



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Legend

- Planning Areas
- Low/Mod Income (>51%)

Champaign Low Mod Census Tracts

Strategic Plan

SP-05 Overview

Strategic Plan Overview

The following sections can be found in the strategic plan section of the City of Champaign's Consolidated Plan:

Geographic Priorities (SP-10), Priority Needs (SP-25), Anticipated Resources (SP-35), Institutional Delivery (SP-40), Goals (SP-45), Lead Based Paint Hazards (SP-65), Anti-poverty strategy (SP-70) and Monitoring (SP-80).

SP-10 Geographic Priorities - 91.415, 91.215(a)(1)

Geographic Area

Table 71 - Geographic Priority Areas

1	Area Name:	Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Comprehensive
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	The Beardsley Park Neighborhood targeted area boundaries are Bradley Avenue to the north, Neil Street to the west and the railroad lines along the south and east.
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	This area includes rental and owner-occupied housing that is older and some units are in need of substantial repair. There is a node of neighborhood commercial in the northeast corner of this small neighborhood and the neighborhood sits immediately north of Downtown Champaign, accessible to many amenities.
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	The City works closely with the Beardsley Park neighborhood group to identify needs, goals and strategies. This group will also assist with the upcoming Neighborhood Programs Manual update that will include new locally-funded programs, including housing and neighborhood economic development incentives.
Identify the needs in this target area.	The City of Champaign previously invested substantial local funding in the infrastructure needs of this community and continues to work with the neighborhood association (Beardsley Park Neighborhood Group) to identify needs and solutions. The detention for this area is on the City's future projects and once completed, will close out many of the infrastructure needs for this area. The housing conditions need continued programming to bring homes up to code and the neighborhood group has concerns about the conflicting industrial uses that exist next to the residential areas of this neighborhood.	

	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	A vacant parcel, currently owned by the City of Champaign, is located in the northwest corner of this neighborhood (Neil Street and Bradley Avenue). The City intends to issue an RFP in the summer of 2015 to create affordable housing for the neighborhood and community. In addition, the City will also begin crafting the targeted neighborhood economic development program and the targeted neighborhood housing programs, both funded with local dollars, that can assist with incentives for investment in this area.
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	This area is challenged by some industrial uses on the perimeter of the neighborhood and a power substation near the center.
2	Area Name:	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area
	Area Type:	Local Target area
	Other Target Area Description:	
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	Comprehensive
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	The Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan is comprised of three subareas: Bristol Place, Garwood Area Addition and Shadow Wood. The general boundaries (overall) are Neil Street on the west, Bradley Avenue on the south, the railroad tracks on the east, and Interstate 74 on the north.

<p>Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.</p>	<p>The Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan was adopted in February 2011 as an amendment to the City of Champaign Comprehensive Plan. The Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan includes three subareas: Bristol Place (which contains a park named Bristol), Garwood Area Addition and Shadow Wood Mobile Home Park. Commercial uses line the perimeter of this entire area and is also centrally located between major retail north of I-74 and downtown Champaign to the south.</p> <p>In summary, the housing in the Bristol Park is noted as: housing of last resort in Bristol Place (and designated to be acquired, cleared and redeveloped by 2019), Garwood Area Addition (public/private investment to bring housing up to code and encourage infill, voluntary development), and Shadow Wood (continue to operate as an affordable housing solution with the mobile home park).</p>
<p>How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?</p>	<p>The City of Champaign formed the Bristol Park Neighborhood Steering Committee in 2011 to help create the policies serving the Bristol Place redevelopment: acquisition, relocation and demolition. The City vetted all policies through an extensive public meeting network both inside the neighborhood and during public Council meetings.</p>
<p>Identify the needs in this target area.</p>	<p>The Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan outlines the needs and goal areas: human development, housing and land use, public safety, parks and open space, and transportation. The full plan can be found on the Neighborhood Services Department webpage at www.ci.champaign.il.us</p> <p>http://ci.champaign.il.us/departments/neighborhood-services/neighborhood-programs/community-development-projects/draft-bristol-place-redevelopment-master-plan/</p>
<p>What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?</p>	<p>The City hopes to increase economic opportunity and improve the housing condition so that all residents can enjoy a quality of life in this neighborhood. Targeting programs, including code enforcement, can help achieve this goal also.</p>
<p>Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?</p>	<p>Limited resources will continue to present a challenge for some needed programs, including job training, youth activities and housing programs.</p>
<p>3 Area Name:</p>	<p>Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan</p>

Area Type:	Local Target area
Other Target Area Description:	
HUD Approval Date:	
% of Low/ Mod:	
Revital Type:	Comprehensive
Other Revital Description:	
Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	Garden Hills is bounded by Bradley Avenue to the south, Prospect Avenue to the east, Bloomington Road to the north and Mattis Avenue to the west.
Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	Commerical rings the perimeter of this neighborhood while the Frances Nelson Health Center (low-income health clinic), Parkland Community College and Business Development Center are located just outside the neighborhod boundaries. There are more than 1,000 housing units in this neighborhood, including apartment complexes, a former public housingig site (Joann Dorsey) being redeveloped by the Housing Authority, and many single family homes (owner-occupied and rental). The housing units are older and many are in need of investment to be brought up to code.
How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	The City works with the local United Garden Hills Neighborhood Association on identifying needs, goals and strategies. The neighborhood group is working in partnership with the City in developing an action plan for the area to achieve code compliance, housing, public safety and public engagement goals.
Identify the needs in this target area.	The needs of this area include targeted housing, code enforcement (including addressing vacant properties), public engagement and safety, and youth programming.
What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	The targeted neighborhood housing and economic development programs will be forthcoming in 2015 and should provide incentives for investment and engagement.
Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	Lack of participation in available resources can limit improvements for the neighborhood (i.e. a lien requirement sometimes limits participation in home improvement programs).

General Allocation Priorities

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the state

The local targeted areas reflect the highest priority neighborhoods for the City of Champaign in the Neighborhood Wellness Plan process. The areas identified include either a holistic neighborhood plan (Bristol Park, Beardsley Park) and/or an action planning process (Garden Hills, Beardsley Park and Garwood Area Addition in Bristol Park) that analyzes the existing conditions of the neighborhood and outlines a path for improving the quality of life for all residents. Local, federal and grant resources will be designated for these areas to address the conditions while also seeking private investment as appropriate. These neighborhoods are typically not receiving the same private investment as other areas of the City and therefore are in need of additional public investment.



City of Champaign Target Neighborhoods

Champaign Target Neighborhoods

SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.415, 91.215(a)(2)

Priority Needs

Table 72 – Priority Needs Summary

1	Priority Need Name	Homelessness
	Priority Level	Low
	Population	Extremely Low Low Large Families Families with Children Elderly Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence
	Geographic Areas Affected	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area
	Associated Goals	Economic development targeting neighborhoods Public services to address community needs Increase earning potential, self-sufficiency Public engagement w/ the ConPlan Provide decent affordable housing for low/mod
	Description	Prevention of homelessness through rapid rehousing and programming to ensure families and singles are not displaced due to temporary crisis. When displacement occurs, accessibility to suitable shelter should be available.

	Basis for Relative Priority	Homeless prevention and rapid rehousing is important to the City of Champaign and is served primarily through collaborative efforts and leadership. This need is marked as a low priority, instead of high priority, due to the limited resources that are available for the many needs in our community. The City will continue to partner and seek opportunities to further these efforts. Programs such as security deposit, utility and rent assistance are programs currently offered through the local Continuum of Care partners, of which the City of Champaign is a member.
2	Priority Need Name	Affordable Housing
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence
	Geographic Areas Affected	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area
	Associated Goals	Provide decent affordable housing for low/mod Eliminate blighting conditions in neighborhoods

	Description	Ensure access to decent, affordable housing for both owners and renters, particularly in neighborhoods either listed as low/moderate income or as a targeted neighborhood with a plan (i.e. Garden Hills, Beardsley Park and Garden Hills). Some housing programs are available citywide to low/moderate income families to ensure sustaining their decent, safe and sanitary housing.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Decent, safe and sanitary housing that is affordable to all is central to providing for a neighborhood and community's wellness. Prior focus on homeownership has led to further decline in the rental market while the increase in economy has further strained the availability of affordable units to those of the least incomes.
3	Priority Need Name	Eliminate Slum/Blight
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents
	Geographic Areas Affected	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area
	Associated Goals	Eliminate blighting conditions in neighborhoods
	Description	The blighted housing conditions and other conditions in neighborhoods needs to be addressed in order to help all residents achieve a quality of life regardless of neighborhood.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The targeted neighborhoods (Beardsley Park, Bristol Park and Garden Hills) targeted code enforcement initiatives are based on assessment data, neighborhood input and planning efforts to reduce blight and improve neighborhood conditions.
4	Priority Need Name	Public Services
	Priority Level	High

	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Public Housing Residents Families with Children Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area
	Associated Goals	Public services to address community needs Increase earning potential, self-sufficiency Public engagement w/ the ConPlan
	Description	Targeted programming for at-risk youth as identified by the Community Coalition and CommUnity Matters partners. These public service needs are met through collaborative efforts that provide quality programming to at-risk Champaign youth.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The City of Champaign continues to partner with outside agencies to address youth issues in our targeted neighborhoods. School achievement gaps, youth delinquency and mental health issues continue to challenge our community and need to be addressed to improve the quality of life for all residents.
5	Priority Need Name	Public Facilities and Public Infrastructure
	Priority Level	Low

Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development
Geographic Areas Affected	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area
Associated Goals	Public facilities to address community needs Healthy neighborhood - infrastructure Balanced, diverse economy w/ job creation & e.d. Economic development targeting neighborhoods
Description	Community-wide needs for public facilities include the continuation of the youth assessment center and possible creation of an adult assessment center, a local detox facility, a family resource center in Bristol Place and a storm shelter serving the Shadow Wood Mobile Home Park.

	Basis for Relative Priority	This area will likely require funding partnerships (local, state, federal and private) to implement and sustain these community centers. The federal funding may be from HUD or other agencies as appropriate. Other local jurisdictions may also serve as a partner to some of the needed facilities (serving youth and adults, as well as people with a variety of disabilities). The Bristol Park neighborhood (family resource center and storm shelter) will likely consist of local (Champaign), state, federal and private funding. The Bristol Place redevelopment is projected for completion in 2019 (the end of this Consolidated Plan period).
6	Priority Need Name	Economic Development
	Priority Level	Low
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Public Housing Residents Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area
	Associated Goals	Balanced, diverse economy w/ job creation & e.d. Economic development targeting neighborhoods Increase earning potential, self-sufficiency

	Description	Lack of economic opportunity or inability to access economic development tools contribute to many of the challenges facing the targeted neighborhoods and low-to moderate income households. Increased earning potential and opportunities for improved wages are needed to help families afford and sustain their household.
	Basis for Relative Priority	Collaboarative efforts are currently underway with local funds to improve economic opportunities in Champaign with a focus on neighborhood economic development programming. Limited HUD funding may play a role, particularly in the Bristol Place redevelopment.

Narrative (Optional)

SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.420(b), 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder 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	644,798	21,800	147,387	813,985	0	Prior year grant (FY 14/15) anticipated to be drawn in FY 15/16); Program Income is from repaid home rehab loans.
Section 108	public - federal	Acquisition Housing Other	1,392,065	0	0	1,392,065	2,131,935	The Section 108 loan of \$3,524,000 was approved in 2014 for the purpose of carrying out the Phase I activities (acquisition, relocation and clearance) in Bristol Place for the Phase II (redevelopment) of affordable housing, community center/fire substation and park space.

Table 73 - Anticipated Resources

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

The City will use the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement grant, the Urbana HOME Consortium HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) subrecipient grant, local utility tax funds and urban development action grant loan repayment funds to complete the various projects identified in the Consolidated Plan. The City will also utilize the approved Section 108 loan proceeds to complete the Bristol Place Phase I redevelopment (acquisition, relocation and demolition).

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

The City is acquiring property for the Bristol Place redevelopment and will work, in partnership with the local Housing Authority of Champaign County, to select a developer early in this Consolidated Plan process to complete Phase II: redevelopment of affordable and market rate housing.

Discussion

SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure - 91.415, 91.215(k)

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
Champaign Unit 4 School District	Subrecipient	public services	
CHAMPAIGN PARK DISTRICT	Subrecipient	Homelessness public services	
DON MOYER BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB	Subrecipient	public services	
Lifeline Champaign, Inc	Subrecipient	public services	

Table 74 - Institutional Delivery Structure

Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

The City will continue to coordinate efforts with the other agencies that were involved in this document preparation process throughout the five-year duration of the plan. Staff members from the City of Champaign participate in committees that discuss issues related to non-profit agency funding, the homeless continuum of care, financial literacy, low/moderate income mortgage lending, basic needs (including health care) of the low-income population, and public housing. During the prior Consolidated Plan period, the City allocated local resources to help establish the Continuum of Care's centralized intake /coordinated assessment tool to help implement the required HEARTH Act. This will ensure "no wrong door" for persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless through information sharing amongst service providers as appropriate. In addition, improved data collection will assist not only the Continuum of Care but also the Urbana HOME Consortium members to prioritize programs and funding with the needs that frequently outpace available resources.

The City of Champaign Neighborhood Services staff work closely with adjacent units of local government and other quasi-governmental agencies including the City of Urbana, Village of Rantoul, Champaign County, Unit 4 School District, Champaign Park District, the Housing Authority of Champaign County, and the local public health district. Staff regularly attend or monitor meetings of these entities' boards and commissions. The City, Park District, and Unit 4 School District continue to work together to offer opportunities to low-income youth and teens in the targeted Beardsley Park, Bristol Park, Douglass Park and Garden Hills neighborhood. This joint endeavor has strengthened the City's ties to the agency and will allow for continuing cooperation on future projects.

Because many of the clients served through Champaign Neighborhood Services programs are also assisted by other social service agencies, the City maintains a good network of communication and referral with these other entities. Frequently, an individual who is receiving home retrofitting from the City of Champaign, for example, might also benefit from utility assistance or weatherization modifications to their home from the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission. Staff from the local partners frequently refer clients to one another in order to best meet the needs of the citizen or household.

Because the City of Champaign receives HOME funding through a consortium arrangement with the City of Urbana and Champaign County, staffs from these agencies will meet quarterly during this Consolidated Plan period to share information and keep informed about HOME related issues. Champaign staff also continues to host and participate in the monthly Community Reinvestment Group meetings to discuss how to increase low/moderate income home buying opportunities and how to reduce the barriers to homeownership, particularly for minority and lower income households. Finally, City staff continue to serve on the Council of Service Providers to the Homeless and the Continuum of Care in order to assess the homeless needs of Champaign County and collaborate on homeless programs.

Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Homelessness Prevention Services			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	X
Legal Assistance	X		
Mortgage Assistance	X		
Rental Assistance	X	X	X
Utilities Assistance	X	X	
Street Outreach Services			
Law Enforcement	X	X	
Mobile Clinics	X	X	
Other Street Outreach Services	X	X	
Supportive Services			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X	X	
Child Care	X	X	
Education	X	X	
Employment and Employment Training	X	X	
Healthcare	X	X	

Supportive Services			
HIV/AIDS	X	X	
Life Skills	X	X	
Mental Health Counseling	X	X	
Transportation	X	X	
Other			

Table 75 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary

Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)

The Champaign County Continuum of Care and Council of Service Providers to the Homeless meet monthly to discuss needs, programs and challenges facing at-risk and homeless populations. Persons needing services are frequently connected through their case manager from one agency to another service due in part to this close collaboration.

Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above

The ongoing monthly meetings, as described above, are a tremendous tool for the community and citizens. The case managers and outreach workers are very aware of the variety and depth of services that are available. Citizens are encouraged to call 2-1-1 (relatively new to this community) when in need to find linkages to local programs and assistance. The gap frequently lies in the service availability and less on the delivery. There are not enough doctors, dollars and beds to serve all the needs in our community. A local detox facility, additional mental health professionals, an emergency shelter for families, a year-round emergency shelter for women are just some of the gaps located in our community.

Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs

Continued partnerships, particularly with the Champaign County Continuum of Care, can improve the service delivery as agencies continue to streamline and problem solve for community needs with reduced resources. Ensuring there is not duplication of services is critical, as well as evaluating programs that are not fully utilized when other needs exist.

SP-45 Goals - 91.415, 91.215(a)(4)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public facilities to address community needs	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area	Public Facilities and Public Infrastructure	CDBG: \$0 Section 108: \$0	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 1000 Households Assisted
2	Healthy neighborhood - infrastructure	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area	Public Facilities and Public Infrastructure		

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Balanced, diverse economy w/ job creation & e.d.	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area	Public Facilities and Public Infrastructure Economic Development		
4	Economic development targeting neighborhoods	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area	Homelessness Public Facilities and Public Infrastructure Economic Development		

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Public services to address community needs	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area	Homelessness Public Services	CDBG: \$96,720 Section 108: \$0	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 175 Persons Assisted
6	Increase earning potential, self-sufficiency	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area	Homelessness Public Services Economic Development		

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
7	Public engagement w/ the ConPlan	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area	Homelessness Public Services		
8	Provide decent affordable housing for low/mod	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area	Homelessness Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$140,903	Rental units rehabilitated: 1 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 25 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
9	Eliminate blighting conditions in neighborhoods	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area	Affordable Housing Eliminate Slum/Blight	CDBG: \$45,000	Buildings Demolished: 2 Buildings Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 200 Household Housing Unit

Table 76 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public facilities to address community needs
	Goal Description	1. Assist in the development of public facilities to address identified community needs, including libraries, parks, and health facilities that provide services to low-income residents and neighborhoods.
2	Goal Name	Healthy neighborhood - infrastructure
	Goal Description	1. Maintain a suitable living environment by improving infrastructure systems in accordance with the priorities identified in the Neighborhood Wellness Plan.
3	Goal Name	Balanced, diverse economy w/ job creation & e.d.
	Goal Description	1. Promote the growth of a balanced, diversified local economy that builds upon the assets of the community while creating jobs and economic opportunity for its residents.

4	Goal Name	Economic development targeting neighborhoods
	Goal Description	1. Promote economic development initiatives targeted to low- and moderate-income residents and invest in the economic development of distressed neighborhoods. (Anti-poverty strategy)
5	Goal Name	Public services to address community needs
	Goal Description	1. Support the provision of public services to address identified community needs, particularly those that provide services for low- and moderate-income persons and persons with special needs.
6	Goal Name	Increase earning potential, self-sufficiency
	Goal Description	1. Support programs and activities that improve the earning potential of low-income persons, promote self-sufficiency, and encourage the development of personal financial stability.
7	Goal Name	Public engagement w/ the ConPlan
	Goal Description	Encourage the involvement of residents in carrying out Consolidated Plan strategies
8	Goal Name	Provide decent affordable housing for low/mod
	Goal Description	Provide decent affordable housing for low- and moderate-income households. The first and foremost priority of the federal funding resources received by the City of Champaign has been the creation and preservation of affordable housing. As noted in the housing needs analysis, housing affordability continues to be the primary housing issue in the City and the Urbana HOME Consortium. More households find themselves cost burdened as the cost of housing continues to outpace increases in personal income. The majority of low-income households, both owners and renters, are heavily cost burdened with housing expenses.
9	Goal Name	Eliminate blighting conditions in neighborhoods
	Goal Description	Blighted properties pose a serious obstacle to neighborhood improvement or redevelopment efforts. In general, a blighted property can be defined as a parcel containing a seriously dilapidated structure which is no longer being maintained for useful occupancy. Blighted properties are frequently the subject of numerous neighborhood complaints. They pose a threat to neighborhood safety and lead to the reduction of property values for surrounding properties.

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2)

During the FY 2015/16 cycle, the City of Champaign aims to assist at least 50 households through the various rehabilitation programs (ERP, HARP and Senior Minor Home Repair in CDBG and Neighborhood Revitalization in HOME). Throughout the course of the Consolidated Plan period, the City of Champaign aims to complete the acquisition, relocation and clearance of the Bristol Place neighborhood and redevelop the former 92 lots into approximately 190 housing units, many rental and most affordable to persons at or below 80% of the median family income.

SP-65 Lead-based Paint Hazards - 91.415, 91.215(i)

Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards

Addressing new lead-based paint hazard requirements is an ongoing activity for this Consolidated Plan period. Staff continues to spend a considerable amount of time attending workshops, reviewing the regulations, revising the rehabilitation manual and coordinating with contractors and environmental regulatory agencies. The City of Champaign is committed to meeting these obligations and doing so in the most cost-effective methods available.

How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?

The City of Champaign's Housing Programs Manual (to be revised as the Neighborhood Programs Manual in 2015), the Contractor Handbook and the City's Standard Operating Procedures highlight the importance of addressing lead hazards and implementing lead safe work practices.

SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy - 91.415, 91.215(j)

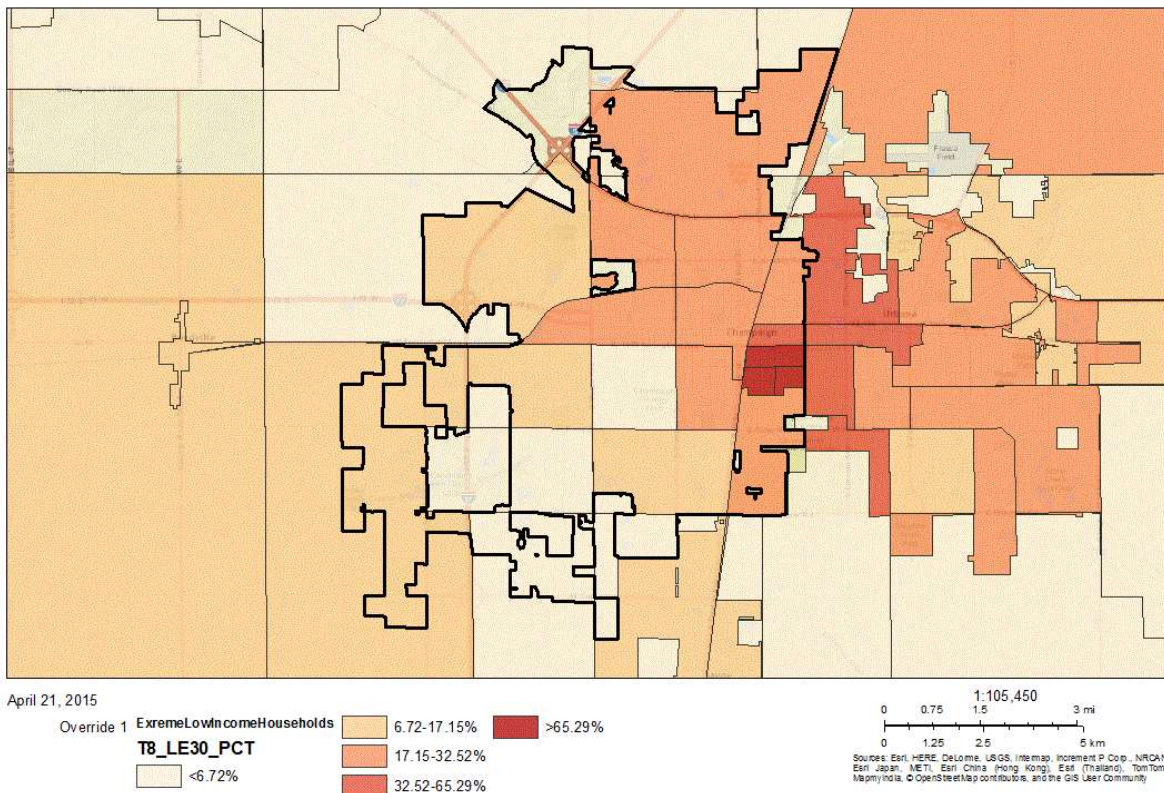
Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families

The Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan, and specifically, the Bristol Place redevelopment efforts, will include smaller demolition contracts to encourage minority and women owned businesses and consideration of Section 3 hires for maintenance of city owned property. The Bristol Place relocation efforts will include case management services for displaced families. These services will provide, with the family's willingness to participate, intensive case management to connect families to help them achieve housing stability and financial stability. The households in Bristol Place are considered to be very vulnerable and living in an area of "housing of last resort".

How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan

The Bristol Place redevelopment provides opportunities to serve the residents where their needs are: case management, job training, education, Community Matters programming, financial counseling, etc. These services are intended to help residents move out of "housing of last resort" and into decent, safe and sanitary housing that they can maintain and sustain.

Extremely Low Income Households - Households with less than 30% AMI - at risk for Homelessness



Extremely Low Income Households - Households with less than 30% AMI - at risk for Homelessness

SP-80 Monitoring - 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures that the jurisdiction will use to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and will use to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

The City's standard operating procedure (SOP) outlines the monitoring methods to be followed. The City monitors current subrecipients, existing liens on homeownership units and ongoing monitoring of rental units still within the HOME-required compliance period.

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder 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	644,798	21,800	147,387	813,985	0	Prior year grant (FY 14/15) anticipated to be drawn in FY 15/16); Program Income is from repaid home rehab loans.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Section 108	public - federal	Acquisition Housing Other	1,392,065	0	0	1,392,065	2,131,935	The Section 108 loan of \$3,524,000 was approved in 2014 for the purpose of carrying out the Phase I activities (acquisition, relocation and clearance) in Bristol Place for the Phase II (redevelopment) of affordable housing, community center/fire substation and park space.

Table 77 - 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 will use the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) entitlement grant, the Urbana HOME Consortium HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) subrecipient grant, local utility tax funds and urban development action grant loan repayment funds to complete the various projects identified in the Consolidated Plan. The City will also utilize the approved Section 108 loan proceeds to complete the Bristol Place Phase I redevelopment (acquisition, relocation and demolition).

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 is acquiring property for the Bristol Place redevelopment and will work, in partnership with the local Housing Authority of Champaign County, to select a developer early in this Consolidated Plan process to complete Phase II: redevelopment of affordable and market rate housing.

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

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

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Provide decent affordable housing for low/mod	2015	2019	Affordable Housing	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area	Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$1,077,602	Rental units rehabilitated: 2 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 17 Household Housing Unit Other: 40 Other

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
2	Public services to address community needs	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area	Public Services	CDBG: \$96,720	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 175 Persons Assisted
3	Eliminate blighting conditions in neighborhoods	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area	Eliminate Slum/Blight	CDBG: \$500,366	Buildings Demolished: 40 Buildings Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 200 Household Housing Unit

Table 78 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Provide decent affordable housing for low/mod
	Goal Description	
2	Goal Name	Public services to address community needs
	Goal Description	
3	Goal Name	Eliminate blighting conditions in neighborhoods
	Goal Description	Code Enforcement in Beardsley Park, Bristol Park and Garden Hills neighborhoods Accessory Structure Demolition (ASD: dilapidated sheds, fences, detached garages, etc) citywide Demolition in Bristol Place after property acquisition and in preparation of the Bristol Place redevelopment

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

Projects for FY 2015-16

#	Project Name
1	15/16 Code Enforcement - Garden Hills
2	15/16 Code Enforcement - Bristol Park
3	15/16 Code Enforcement - Beardsley Park
4	15/16 CommUnity Matters
5	15/16 Emergency Repair Program
6	15/16 Home Accessibility Retrofit Program (HARP)
7	15/16 Bristol Place Phase I Redevelopment
8	15/16 Project Delivery
9	15/16 Disposition
10	15/16 Admin/Program Management
11	15/16 Senior Home Repair
12	15/16 Expenses Tied to Rehab
13	15/16 Lead-Based Paint
15	15/16 Relocation
16	15/16 Accessory Structure Demolition

Table 79 – Project Information

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

The City of Champaign is working to address housing and quality of life issues in neighborhoods, particularly low-income areas of the City and neighborhoods with action plans or neighborhood plans.

Resources are targeted to these areas first and then other services are available for emergency, accessibility and youth programming as available.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	15/16 Code Enforcement - Garden Hills
	Target Area	Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan
	Goals Supported	Eliminate blighting conditions in neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Eliminate Slum/Blight
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,000
	Description	Provide code enforcement in the targeted Garden Hills neighborhood.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The entire Garden Hills neighborhood will benefit from the reduction of blight in their neighborhood. Approximately 1,000 households are located in the Garden Hills neighborhood.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Code enforcement activities, including inspections for nuisance and housing code violations in the Garden Hills neighborhood and in conjunction with the neighborhood action plan.
2	Project Name	15/16 Code Enforcement - Bristol Park
	Target Area	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area
	Goals Supported	Eliminate blighting conditions in neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Eliminate Slum/Blight
	Funding	CDBG: \$6,000
	Description	Provide code enforcement in the targeted Bristol Place neighborhood.

	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 475 households are located in this targeted neighborhood and will benefit from code enforcement activities.
	Location Description	Bristol Place, Garwood Area Addition and the Shadow Wood Mobile Home Park
	Planned Activities	Code enforcement activities, including inspections for nuisance and housing code violations in the Bristol Park neighborhood, including Garwood Area Addition, Shadow Wood and Bristol Place (currently undergoing redevelopment) and in accordance with the Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan.
3	Project Name	15/16 Code Enforcement - Beardsley Park
	Target Area	Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area
	Goals Supported	Eliminate blighting conditions in neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Eliminate Slum/Blight
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,000
	Description	Code Enforcement in the targeted Beardsley Park Neighborhood
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	40 households, rental or owner-occupied, with see direct benefit from the code enforcement.
	Location Description	Within the Beardsley Park neighborhood
	Planned Activities	Code enforcement activities, including inspections for nuisance and housing code violations in the Garden Hills neighborhood and in conjunction with the neighborhood action plan.
4	Project Name	15/16 CommUnity Matters

	Target Area	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area
	Goals Supported	Public services to address community needs
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$96,719
	Description	Provision of youth programming to low- to moderate-income youth from primarily targeted neighborhoods (Beardsley Park, Bristol Park, Douglass Park, Garden Lane and Garden Hills).
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The CommUnity Matters program, through agreements with partner agencies, should serve up to 175 families with children (low- to moderate-income).
	Location Description	Activities will occur in the Unit 4 schools (high schools-districtwide), Douglass Center (Champaign Park District) and Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club in the Douglass Park neighborhood, and Jericho Missionary Baptist Church in the Garden Hills neighborhood.
	Planned Activities	Operation Hope, Park District Summer Day Camp and Special Events, Don Moyer Boys and Girls Club Teen Night, Life Line Champaign Inc Summer Day Camp
5	Project Name	15/16 Emergency Repair Program
	Target Area	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing for low/mod
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$95,933

	Description	Repair of life-safety, structural or severe code deficiencies that may prevent the household from remaining in the housing unit.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 10-15 households, either low-income, senior or disabled, will receive emergency repair assistance to abate a life-safety issue in their home.
	Location Description	Citywide with marketing targeted to target areas; addresses to be determined during FY 2015/16.
	Planned Activities	emergency repair on owner-occupied homes (at or below 80% MFI)
6	Project Name	15/16 Home Accessibility Retrofit Program (HARP)
	Target Area	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing for low/mod
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$35,160
	Description	Addressing accessibility concerns for the household so that all residents and visiting family members can access the home appropriately.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately five (5) low- to moderate-income, senior or disabled households will be provide home accessibility retrofits. This can be rental or owner-occupied.
	Location Description	Citywide, with marketing to target areas. Addresses to be determined during FY 2015/16.
	Planned Activities	Home accessibility to owner-occupied or rental units for households \leq 80% MFI
7	Project Name	15/16 Bristol Place Phase I Redevelopment

	Target Area	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing for low/mod Eliminate blighting conditions in neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Eliminate Slum/Blight
	Funding	:
	Description	Acquisition, Relocation and Demolition of Bristol Place properties
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Bristol Place neighborhood (Market, Clock, Chestnut, Roper, Bellefontaine, Garwood) to be identified during FY 2015/16.
	Planned Activities	acquisition, relocation and demolition of properties, including blighted properties, to complete Phase I in order to begin Phase II, which is the construction of primarily affordable housing with some market rate housing
8	Project Name	15/16 Project Delivery
	Target Area	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area
	Goals Supported	Public services to address community needs Provide decent affordable housing for low/mod Eliminate blighting conditions in neighborhoods

	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Eliminate Slum/Blight Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$27,362,900
	Description	Costs associated with carrying out the work of the Consolidated Plan activities.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 75 households will benefit from the delivery of services through these programs.
	Location Description	varies
	Planned Activities	Delivery of services may include: rehabilitation of housing units; provision of acquisition, relocation and demolition of Bristol Place redevelopment; construction of new housing
9	Project Name	15/16 Disposition
	Target Area	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing for low/mod
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Eliminate Slum/Blight
	Funding	CDBG: \$2,000
	Description	Costs Associated with the disposition of city-owned properties.
	Target Date	6/30/2016

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	2-5 households may benefit from the disposition of city-owned property and subsequent creation of affordable housing.
	Location Description	Varies - will be determined during the program year.
	Planned Activities	Disposing of property to housing developers for the purpose of creating affordable housing.
10	Project Name	15/16 Admin/Program Management
	Target Area	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area
	Goals Supported	Public services to address community needs Provide decent affordable housing for low/mod Eliminate blighting conditions in neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Homelessness Affordable Housing Eliminate Slum/Blight Public Services Public Facilities and Public Infrastructure Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$122,496
	Description	Salaries and related costs, other administrative expenses.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	Citywide

	Planned Activities	N/A
11	Project Name	15/16 Senior Home Repair
	Target Area	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing for low/mod
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
	Description	Provides minor home repair assistance to elderly and/or disabled households to allow owner-occupants to remain in independent living situations for as long as possible.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	13-18
	Location Description	Varies - will be determined during program year as applicants request assistance.
	Planned Activities	Minor home repairs carried for seniors and/or persons with disabilities in order to allow them to stay in their home.
12	Project Name	15/16 Expenses Tied to Rehab
	Target Area	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing for low/mod
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,000

	Description	Cost of Rehab Programs: title work, appraisals, credit reports, recording fees, etc.
	Target Date	6/20/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 18 households (mostly owner occupied, possibly a few rental properties for accessibility repairs)
	Location Description	Varies - will be determined as the applicants seek rehabilitation assistance throughout the program year.
	Planned Activities	Housing repair (emergency for owner-occupied households, accessibility for owner-occupied or rental)
13	Project Name	15/16 Lead-Based Paint
	Target Area	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing for low/mod
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$9,000
	Description	Equipment, supplies and testing expenses associated with the removal of lead-based paint hazards in residential units.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	20 households, mostly owner-occupied but a few rental units (for accessibility)
	Location Description	Varies - will be determined during program year as applicants seek rehabilitation assistance.
	Planned Activities	Emergency, home accessibility or neighborhood revitalization activities that incur lead costs.
14	Project Name	15/16 Relocation

	Target Area	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area
	Goals Supported	Provide decent affordable housing for low/mod
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$4,000
	Description	Relocation assistance is provided to households that must relocate due to unsafe housing conditions. Much of the relocation assistance provided is on a temporary basis to protect a family from lead paint hazards during rehab work or lead paint hazard remediation.
	Target Date	6/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5
	Location Description	Varies - will be determined as applicants seek rehabilitation assistance during the program year.
	Planned Activities	Relocation as needed when rehabilitation work requires families to be temporarily displaced.
15	Project Name	15/16 Accessory Structure Demolition
	Target Area	Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area
	Goals Supported	Eliminate blighting conditions in neighborhoods
	Needs Addressed	Eliminate Slum/Blight
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000
	Description	Eliminate blighted garages, sheds and fences from low-income, owner occupied properties.
	Target Date	6/30/2016

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5
Location Description	Varies - will be determined during program year as families seek accessory demolition services.
Planned Activities	Removal of dilapidated fences, sheds, decks and/or detached garages.

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

Beardsley Park

Bristol Park, particiulary Bristol Place redevelopment

Garden Hills

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan area	85
Garden Hills United Neighborhood Association Action Plan	10
Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan Area	5

Table 80 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The limited resources but concentrated neighborhood wellness challenges led to the creation of targeted neighborhoods. Public safety, housing and land use are some of the areas that are highlighted in the Beardsley Park Neighborhood Improvement Plan, the Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan and the Garden Hills neighborhood action plan. The City realizes impact occurs when investment leads to change in housing conditions, property values, crime statistics and resident satisfaction. By leading the example of this impact in targeted areas that have some of the greatest challenges, the City will work to improve the quality of life for all residents.

Discussion

The Bristol Park area receives a substantial portion of the federal funding due to the Bristol Place redevelopment project (Phase I - acquisition, relocation and clearance) that is currently underway and projected to be completed in 2019.

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The previous lack of landlord participation in the rental rehabilitation program will be addressed during FY 2015/16 in two ways: a pilot rental rehabilitation program with non-federal funding (private activity bond allocation) is being explored and neighborhood action planning in the Garden Hills neighborhood is leading to landlord and resident discussions on how to address blight in this neighborhood.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City's Bristol Place redevelopment is underway at the time of this Consolidated Plan period and is anticipated to be completed near the end of this Consolidated Plan period (2019). This project will not only remove blighted, frequently unaffordable housing, but will also double the number of housing units with the new development that will meet the local housing code and provide a variety of affordability/price points.

In addition, as a member of the Urbana HOME Consortium, the City of Champaign will continue to commit HOME funds and seek additional resources to address the large gap in affordable rental units and subsidies.

Finally, the City is committed to continuing to offer resources, particularly in targeted neighborhoods, to encourage and help maintain affordable, decent, safe and accessible home ownership.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City will continue to attend educational workshops, collaborate with other units of local government and connect contractors with educational opportunities. The City will also continue to assess and monitor all rehabilitation sites.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City's case management, demolition procurement and maintenance of city-owned property efforts in the Bristol Place redevelopment will serve as a model in ensuring access to services for families living in targeted (low income, high minority concentration, for example) areas.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Because many of the clients served through Champaign Neighborhood Services programs are also

assisted by other social service agencies, the City maintains a good network of communication and referral with these other entities. Frequently, an individual who is receiving home retrofitting from the City of Champaign, for example, might also benefit from utility assistance or weatherization modifications to their home from the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission. Staff from the local partners frequently refer clients to one another in order to best meet the needs of the citizen or household.

Because the City of Champaign receives HOME funding through a consortium arrangement with the City of Urbana and Champaign County, staffs from these agencies will meet quarterly during this Consolidated Plan period to share information and keep informed about HOME related issues. Champaign staff also continues to host and participate in the monthly Community Reinvestment Group meetings to discuss how to increase low/moderate income home buying opportunities and how to reduce the barriers to homeownership, particularly for minority and lower income households. Finally, City staff continue to serve on the Council of Service Providers to the Homeless and the Continuum of Care in order to assess the homeless needs of Champaign County and collaborate on homeless programs.

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

The City will continue to coordinate efforts with the other agencies that were involved in this document preparation process throughout the five-year duration of the plan. Staff members from the City of Champaign participate in committees that discuss issues related to non-profit agency funding, the homeless continuum of care, financial literacy, low/moderate income mortgage lending, basic needs (including health care) of the low-income population, and public housing. During the prior Consolidated Plan period, the City allocated local resources to help establish the Continuum of Care's centralized intake /coordinated assessment tool to help implement the required HEARTH Act. This will ensure "no wrong door" for persons experiencing homelessness or at risk of becoming homeless through information sharing amongst service providers as appropriate. In addition, improved data collection will assist not only the Continuum of Care but also the Urbana HOME Consortium members to prioritize programs and funding with the needs that frequently outpace available resources.

The City will continue to meet with the Housing Authority of Champaign County on a quarterly basis (minimum) to discuss local housing needs, trends and opportunities. Due to the partnership on the Bristol Place redevelopment, it is anticipated the City and Housing Authority of Champaign County may meet more frequently during this Consolidated Plan period.

Discussion

The City will realize success with many of these goals through collaboration with the residents, funders

and service providers.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 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.	1,392,065
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:	1,392,065

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.	75.00%

Discussion

The City of Champaign received approval of a \$3,524,000 in June 2014 for the Bristol Place Phase I (acquisition, relocation and demolition) activities. During FY 2015/16, the City of Champaign anticipates drawing \$1,392,065 of the Section 108 proceeds for these Bristol Place Phase I activities.

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

Neighborhood Services Department
Neighborhood Services Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers – City Building
12/11/14 @ 5:30 pm



√ Donte Lotts	√ Charlotte Miles	√ Colleen Madera, Notetaker
— Debra Karplus	√ Brent West	√ David Oliver, NSD
√ Felicia Cockrell	√ Doug McCarty	√ John Ruffin, NSD
√ Wesley Clayborn	— Kevin Jackson, NSD	√ Kerri Spear, NSD

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1. Call to Order, Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 5:32 pm.
 2. Minutes from Previous Meeting – Charlotte motioned, Doug seconded. The minutes were approved on a voice vote.
 3. Old Business—
 - A. Bristol Update—Jason Greenly stated that Neighborhood Services received five responses to our RFQ for this service. After careful review, Regional Planning Commission (RPC) was selected as the service provider. Staff is now in contract negotiations with RPC to formalize the agreement. RPC is a long-time service provider in our community, with extensive experience in assisting individuals and families with self-sufficiency goals through their “No Limits” program and other services. RPC will conduct the initial interviews with Bristol Place residents, gathering the information needed for NSD staff to provide relocation assistance. This will also allow RPC to promote their case management services to any families who wish to participate. These services are open to Bristol Place residents from any time between the formal opening of the program to one year after physical relocation from Bristol Place, allowing residents to utilize the service later if they do not initially choose to do so.

Greg Skaggs spoke about the other activities going on in Bristol. A contractor application has been developed and sent to 25 contractors who expressed interest in wanting to be added to the pre-qualified contractor pool. On November 4, 2014 a Contractor Orientation meeting was held to explain the application, the bidding process, the permitting process, and the requirements for a contractor to participate in the contractor pool. A contractor would need to demonstrate the following minimum requirements:

 - Designation as a small business, MBE/WBE or a Section 3 contractor

- Achieve 20% minority and/or women participation with a goal of at least 10% for minorities through:
 - o Current employee makeup of their company
 - o Subcontracting
 - o Joint Venture
- Bonding capacity of \$50,000
- Demonstration of positive demolition experience equivalent to job requirements

The meeting was attended by 14 contractors who appreciated the City's effort to provide opportunities for MBE/WBE and small contractors. The contractors were told that applications would be accepted throughout the estimated three year demolition time period. Five contractors submitted their applications for consideration. Another meeting will be held to invite contractors to meet other subcontractors that their team may need and to receive technical assistance from City staff. The first bid packet is expected to be advertised by the end of the year and the contractors who have an approved application will be invited to bid on this first demolition.

Wesley asked if we were looking to make the new homes energy efficient. Greg stated that with the master plan they are trying to obtain LEED certification. Kerri announced Greg's retirement effective December 26. He has over 30 years in the City.

Brent also noted that the City recently received an award for the LEED-ND Master plan.

4. New Business –

- A. Champaign City Government "101" – John notified the board about the new initiative, Champaign City Government 101 Academy (CCG-101), which will be launched in September 2015.

In an effort to fulfill one of the goals of the City of Champaign's Communication Plan, the Communications Advisory Committee (CAC) is proposing implementation of a new civic engagement platform. The proposed initiative will be administered by the Neighborhood Services Department Coordination Division (NSD-C).

The Champaign City Government 101 Academy is designed to provide an opportunity to learn about the inner workings of municipal City government and the various departments within the City organization that work collaboratively to provide services and serve the residents of the City of Champaign. The academy is also designed to increase the civic IQ of residents and provide a pipeline of qualified and educated citizens to serve on City Government Boards and Commissions.

Brent stated it was a great idea. John stated the goal is to record the content and play them later on CGTV. Wesley asked if there was a marketing strategy as to who to target the program to. John stated that a survey was done by the Communication Advisory Committee which requested some kind of classes to inform the public about City government.

- B. Consolidated Plan Process – Kerri spoke about the consolidated plan process. January 6 to study session with an overview of what has been accomplished, still ongoing since the last plan was created 5 years ago and goals for the next 5 years. The plan needs to be submitted to HUD by May 17.
 - C. 2015 STAR Planning Process – John spoke about STAR Expo/Awards. This is the 6th year and the nomination process will start December 15. Wesley asked where they can submit applications. John stated they can go online to submit the applications. Colleen provided the website link and also responded that it will be listed on the City's website, Facebook and Twitter accounts, as well as in the News Gazette and advertised in the school districts.
5. Staff Reports and Announcements – Neighborhood Programs: Kerri stated that Greg Skaggs is retiring at the end of the month and Susan Jones moved to the Code Compliance Division. There are two opening for Community Development Specialists that will be interviewed this month with hopes to announce hires in January.

Neighborhood Code Compliance: David spoke about the 2 study session memos that went to Council this week – Bamboo Ordinance and Garden Hills Code Compliance Strategy. David also spoke about the Keep Champaign Beautiful initiative. A litter analysis survey was recently completed and a document will be shared with the board to give their input.

Donte asked how challenging it is from someone to get rid of the running bamboo on a property. David stated that most of it needs to be removed by digging it up. Donte asked how many landlords from the south side compared to the north side. David said those in attendance represented both sides of the neighborhood.

Wesley asked about the bamboo regulations and how that might affect those who have it as a religious use. David stated most of it was due to direction from Council to ban it. Brent asked about the 3 inches above the soil but then the ordinance said it shouldn't be more than 3 inches above the soil. David stated the barrier needs to protrude at least 3 inches above grade so they can detect when that rhizome is there. Doug asked if they will have more sessions regarding Garden hills and landlords. David stated there will be another meeting with landlords in the future and everyone is always welcomed to come to their neighborhood meetings the 3rd Monday each month.

Neighborhood Coordination: John also stated that Neighborhood Coordination will be adding 3 other actions plans to the overall Garden Hills Neighborhood plan. Also, we will start our annual update process with all of our registered neighborhood groups at the beginning of the year. The Neighbors of Champaign website will launch by the end of this year.

- 6. Board Comments and Suggestions – Donte stated there was a new member to the board. Wesley Clayborn, new member to the board, introduced himself. He is a lifelong resident of Champaign and happy to be on the board. Charlotte also announced that this is her last meeting as she is moving to Florida at the end of the month.

7. Public Participation – None

8. Adjournment – Seeing no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:19 pm.

CHAMPAIGN CITY COUNCIL

Regular Council Meeting

January 6, 2015

There being a quorum present, Deputy Mayor Bruno called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. following the monthly Township meeting.

ROLL-CALL: Present: Michael La Due, Vic McIntosh, Tom Bruno
Marci Dodds, Paul Faraci, Deborah Feinen
Karen Foster, William Kyles,

Absent: Mayor Gerard

SPECIAL RECOGNITION:

Deputy Mayor Bruno, assisted by Police Chief Cobb, introduced and administered the oath of office to the following new Police Officers, and a promoted Officer to Sgt.: Kayley Sprout, Francisco Garcia, Jr., Timothy Frye; and Katherine Thompson.

MINUTES:

December 2, 2014 Regular Council Meeting

CM Dodds, seconded by CM La Due, moved to approve the minutes. A voice vote was taken; all voted yes.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

The 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and the FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan – After a brief explanation of the public hearing by Deputy Mayor Bruno, Deputy Mayor Bruno opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m. and invited the public to speak.

- Dawn Blackman, 205 W. Columbia, questioned the public hearing notification time period, and sequence for providing comments at public hearing or the study session.
- Michelle Kohler, 1304 Garden Hills, questioned when the public would be allowed to ask questions; commented regarding the 2011 home study and relocation of tenants; and shortage of affordable housing units.
- Margaret Hicks, 1402 N. Walnut, questioned if the correspondence portion of the meeting is the time to write concerns to Council.
- Samantha Carter, 122 N. First St., expressed her experience being a minority small business owner; encouraged Council to move forward with the small

business plan; and expressed concern with the lack of assistance provided her by the City, especially versus assistance provided the previous property owner.

- Bill Kirkendal, 503 S. Elm, thanked Council for the opportunity to give input on the topic; and the need to provide a better means of providing information to the public in relation to addressing the City Council, and providing information to citizens needing assistance with housing, food, medical needs, etc.
- Samantha Carter, 122 N. First St., asked how much longer current business owners have to pay for what was done by previous business owners on First Street.

The hearing was closed at 7:32 p.m.

ACTION ON COUNCIL BILLS

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

Passed CB-2015-001, "An Ordinance Amending Chapter 4 And Section 19-8.1 Of The Champaign Municipal Code, 1985 (Alarm Systems) (Licenses And Permits – Alarm User Fee)"

CM Dodds, seconded by CM La Due, moved to adopt the Ordinance. After a brief explanation of the Council Bill by Deputy Mayor Bruno, Council Members questioned the number of commercial versus residential alarms; and addressed the fairness of the proposed regulations. A roll-call vote was taken; all voted yes.

Passed CB-2015-002, "A Resolution Accepting A Bid For The 2015 Tree And Stump Removal Project (Public Works Department – Clean Sweep Tree Service LLC)"

Bid Amount \$74,860

CM Dodds, seconded by CM La Due, moved to adopt the Resolution. After a brief explanation of the Council Bill by Deputy Mayor Bruno, Margaret Hicks, 1402 N. Walnut, noted her crabapple tree is not jelling. A roll-call vote was taken; all voted yes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None

COUNCIL AND MANAGER COMMENTS:

Deputy Mayor Bruno briefly explained Council rules regarding addressing the City Council, and noted questions and responses from Council members can be disruptive to the meeting; and noted that public input is always welcome.

CM Faraci noted Council Members take calls from citizens, provide answers, or direct citizens to the appropriate staff to address their concerns. Later he provided the contact number and web site of the City for the public to direct questions/concerns outside of individual Council Members.

CM Foster addressed the importance of publishing the agenda to inform the public of items to be addressed by Council; and how addressing questions and not following Council rules could lead to discussion of items not on the agenda.

CM Feinen noted the rules for addressing Council used to be available in the rear of the chambers; and citizens are always encouraged to contact Council Members with questions or concerns. She noted there will be many opportunities to provide input regarding housing with upcoming forums and Council meetings.

City Manager David noted staff is working on revising the language to the brochure "How to Address Your City Council" that used to be in the rear of the Council chambers. Instead of brochures, the rules/addressing Council will be posted on the wall at the rear or entry of the chambers. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

VOUCHERS:

CM Dodds, seconded by CM Foster, moved to adopt Voucher No. 11 (vendor payments) in the amount of \$1,255,353.30. A voice vote was taken; all voted yes.

PAYROLL:

CM Dodds, seconded by CM Foster, moved to approve the payroll dated December 19, 2014 in the amount of \$1,620,671.50. A voice vote was taken; all voted yes.

INVESTMENTS:

CM Dodds, seconded by CM Foster, moved to approve investments in the amount of \$2,000,000. A voice vote was taken; all voted yes.

ADJOURNMENT:

CM Dodds, seconded by CM LaDue, moved to adjourn to Post-Council Study Session to discuss Housing Strategy Update and Consolidated Plan Process. A voice vote was taken; all voted yes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Marilyn L. Banks
City Clerk

MINUTES

Champaign City Council
Post-Council Study Session

DATE: January 6, 2015

PLACE: Champaign City Building
City Council Chambers
102 North Neil Street
Champaign, Illinois 61820

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael LaDue Vic McIntosh
Tom Bruno Marci Dodds
Paul Faraci Deborah Feinen
Karen Foster William Kyles

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: Mayor Gerard

STAFF PRESENT: Dorothy Ann David, City Manager
Fred Stavins, City Attorney
Kevin Jackson, Neighborhood Services Director
Kerri Spear, Neighborhood Programs Manager

OTHERS PRESENT: Kelly Mierkowski, City of Urbana, Grants Management Manager

TIME STARTED: 7:51 p.m.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

HOUSING STRATEGY UPDATE AND CONSOLIDATED PLAN PROCESS
[SS 2015-001]

City Manager David noted the City receives a significant amount of resources from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership. Those resources are used to address community development, housing, and neighborhood improvement needs in our community. One of the requirements of the grant program is preparation of the Consolidated Plan, which becomes the City's comprehensive five year strategy where the City identifies the most crucial needs in community development and housing; then prioritize those needs to determine programs and how resources are spent. Staff will present the process to be used to create the City's new five year plan.

Staff Presentation: Neighborhood Services Director Jackson noted staff will share key highlights relating to the 2010-2014 Consolidated Planning Process, and review the process for

the 2015-2019 Consolidated Planning Process. Director Jackson's and Manager Spear's presentation included information regarding the following topics:

- Key Highlights from the 2010 – 2014 Consolidated Planning Process including the 2011 Regional Housing Study
- Key Issues from the 2011 Regional Housing Study – Homelessness and need for Emergency Family Shelter, Affordable Rental Housing for low and extremely low income, and Housing for Persons with Special Needs i.e. with mental and physical disabilities, Home Ownership
- Funding Goals – Two Strategies
- Funding Considerations – Housing and Community Development
- Accomplishments – Homelessness, Rental Housing, Housing Preservation, and Infill Housing
- Ongoing Considerations
- Low-Moderate Income Areas
- Next Steps – 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan
- Upcoming Schedule for Public Input and Council Approval

(Note: Information on how to obtain Staff's written report on this subject is provided below.)

Action Recommended: The Administration seeks Council direction to begin drafting the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan for future consideration.

Council Members' Technical Questions: Council Member technical questions included information regarding the following topics including inclusion of some neighborhoods in the Enterprise Zone, rehabilitation, and impact and inclusion of these factors on the Plan; locations, such as the Phoenix, to obtain information regarding services, and the need to publish a listing of services (211 Resource to call for any needed services); opportunity to layer resources and get information out appropriately, and on the City's web site; \$300,000 UDAG grant what it is, whether it is available, and its use; unclear on what will roll over in the Plan from 2010-2014, what is new, and how it is decided what to carry forward; need for a visual chart at upcoming meeting to distinguish what has been done and what is being proposed; need for a schedule of upcoming meeting availability on the web site; and amount of strategy to be included following public outreach.

(Note: Information on how to view video and audio recordings of the full Council Meeting is provided below.)

Public Input: The following members of the audience spoke regarding the housing strategy update, upcoming consolidated plan process, homelessness concerns, providing information, need for shelters, and affordable housing needs:

Margaret Hicks, 1402 N. Walnut
Bill Kirkendal, 503 S. Elm
Michelle Kohler, 1304 Garden Hills
Dawn Blackman, 205 W. Columbia
Grant Antoline, 124 N. Neil

Council General Discussion: Council Members general discussion topics included comments regarding acquisition rehab and other housing restoration; the public comment period and inclusion in the Plan; warming center centralization of information; relocation of Fire Station 3 and its use as a community service component in the future; staff attempting to address a need and trying to do more with less, and the Plan is a good plan and a good first step; importance of having a hard copy of resources and centralized location for information; importance of a homeless shelter for women and children, and to try to expedite the process of establishing such a shelter; Housing Authority assistance with opening a homeless shelter; and there will be opportunities to provide input, and provide a central location to obtain resource information.

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Poll: Deputy Mayor Bruno polled Alternative 1 accepting the housing update and directing staff to proceed with the proposed process for adopting the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The result of the poll was 8 ayes and 0 nays.

Adjournment: The meeting was declared adjourned by Deputy Mayor Bruno.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Marilyn L. Banks
Records Manager/City Clerk

Additional information on this meeting is available as follows:

Staff prepares a Report to the City Council containing detailed information on each subject discussed at Council meetings. The subjects and Study Session (SS) numbers for this Council meeting are:

- Housing Strategy Update and Consolidated Plan Process [SS 2015-001]

The reports are available from the City's web site at ([Council Study Session Reports](#)), by email to CityClerk@ci.champaign.il.us, or by calling 217-403-8940.

Video streaming of this Council meeting is available on the City's web site for two years at <http://ci.champaign.il.us/departments/information/cgtv-schedule-and-videos/>.

Almost all Council Meetings, except Community Civic Events and sessions not held in the Council Chambers are broadcast and recorded.

City Council Meetings are broadcast on the City's television station, CGTV (Cable channel 5), and are rebroadcast several times following each meeting. The schedule can be found on the City's web site at [CGTV - Champaign Government Television](#).

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Champaign County Continuum of Care
TEAM MINUTES

Team Name (circle / highlight one)			Date:
CULCOC	CSPH	RT Workgroup	January 6, 2015
Compliance & Monitoring Committee		Membership Committee	Start time:
Executive Committee	Centralized Intake	Other:	3:02pm
Meeting location: Community Elements, 801 N. Walnut, Champaign			End time:
Meeting Leader: Lisa	Recorder: Jason	Attendance list on file	3:44pm

MEETING SUMMARY

Topic	Present	Status/Update	Action(s) taken / action(s) assigned
Introductions / Announcements	Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions provided. • RPC notes they still have RRH funding left. • Austin's Place opened on December 15th. Single women can check in at Courage Connection, they sleep at 1st United Methodist Church, and have the option of TIMES Center or the bus terminal in the morning. • February 6 will be C-U at Home's One Winter Night fundraiser (primary source for operations). The hope is to increase the educational component this year with speakers. Currently or formerly homeless people are especially encouraged to share their stories. There will also be tables for agencies to provide information on their services / solicit for volunteers. A sign-up sheet is passed around, but you can also contact Melany at melany@ouathomeus if you are interested in participating. • C-U at Home's The Phoenix Drop-In Center also added a day of operation. It is now open T-Th, noon-5pm. 	N/A
Inspirational Moment	Team	<p>Despite getting hit with a ton of snow last night, and a history of cancelled January meetings, there are twenty-six attendees today (very close to the full body).</p> <p>The dedication of this team to addressing homelessness in our community is proven in both ways large and small.</p>	

Topic	Presenter	Status/Update	Action(s) taken / action(s) assigned
Point in Time (PIT) Survey	Lisa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The date for the PIT will be January 29, 6am to 6am the following morning, with the street count occurring from 5-9pm. For shelters who use HMIS, it is imperative that your data for that day be both fully accurate and submitted within 48 hours; the sheltered count for PIT will be drawn out from the HMIS. HUD uses this data to look at vacancies and CoC will use the data to evaluate future decisions on projects. It is requested that all CoC member organizations with 10 or more employees contribute at least 1 volunteer to this effort. The PIT will occur above and below that has a direct impact on the funding for shelters around the table. To sign up, please contact Roda at roda@pccny.org. More info from Lisa will be forthcoming tomorrow. 	<p>Lisa to send additional information on the PIT to the CoC tomorrow.</p> <p>CoC team members to contact Roda with any folks who can help with the street count.</p>
SHPA update	Lisa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update for December, as there was no call for December. Sign-up sheet passed around for 2015. Calls are the fourth Thursday of the month at 10am. The information is on a variety of topics, all valuable to the CoC. Members are asked to listen in and report back to the CoC at the next meeting. 	<p>CoC team members to consider taking a call. Dates for April through December of 2015 are available. Contact Lisa at lisa@communitydevelopment.org to sign up.</p> <p>January 22 – Annie February 26 – Mike March 26 – Rachael (VA)</p>
Centralized Intake	Sister Karen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The team is finding it a challenge to get volunteers for this effort. Team meeting will be next week. You can contact Sister Karen at karen.carlson@prosenofaath.org for more info and/or to join the team. HUD does require this process, and it can potentially impact our funding (including positively, for having it operational). It is also an unfunded mandate. Suggestions for volunteer sources: Alumni network, Illini Vets, American Legion, VFW, high schools, Parkland, Elks, recovery community, RSVPsavers. 	<p>CoC team members to contact Sister Karen at karen.carlson@prosenofaath.org to assist and/or join this team.</p>
AHAR data	Doranne	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) is part of the data collected that gets reported to HUD, but is also used by the CoC for planning efforts. It is comprised of 7 databases (individual and family for each of Emergency, Transitional, and Permanent Supportive Housing, + a summary, there is some duplication with veterans as that is a target population currently). This year, ALL categories were approved as "usable"! This makes us eligible to use the additional database PULSE, which is a monthly data collection – all moving towards HUD's (and our) goal of real-time data. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corag@pccny.org and thanked to Roda and the HMIS team, as well as all the agency HMIS reporters for making this happen!

Annual Housing Inventory Count (HIC) update	<p>Darlene:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We are also at this time doing the Housing Inventory Count (HIC), and Rocio will be in touch soon with spreadsheets for agencies to update. This is important, as our occupancy rates inform funding and planning for the future. Any questions, ask Rocio. HMIS Agencies to look for the HIC spreadsheet from Rocio and turn in as soon as possible.
HOME Consortium Meetings	<p>Kelly:</p> <p>There will be a series of meetings regarding the Consolidated Plan for the cities of Champaign and Urbana. The Consolidated Plan provides a comprehensive assessment of the needs and issues facing the cities for housing, homelessness, poverty, and economic and community development. This plan identifies goals and strategies for the cities to undertake to achieve desired outcomes for the community.</p> <p>Copies of the draft Consolidated Plan will be available for review and comment beginning March 20th, and throughout the thirty-day public comment period. The draft Plans can be reviewed at the following locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neighborhood Services Department, 102 N. Neil St., Champaign. The Champaign Public Libraries (Douglas Branch Library and the Main Library) Online at www.ci.champaign.il.us Urbana Free Library, 210 West Green Street, Urbana Urbana City Clerk's Office, 400 South Vine Street, Urbana Urbana Community Development Services Dept., 400 South Vine Street, Urbana On the City of Urbana's website at http://urbana.il.gov <p>Written comments can be forwarded via email, to: NeighborhoodServices@ci.champaign.il.us or to kimierkowski@urbana.il.gov. Please put "Public Comment" in the subject field when submitting comments. Comments must be received by 5:00 pm on Monday, April 20, 2015.</p> <p>If any questions, please contact at the addresses above.</p>
Letters of Support	<p>Lisa:</p> <p>Chris Nursery requests a letter of support from the CoC for a Rantoul CDBG grant. It is due January 16th. Others at the table who will be applying are Courage Connection, Prairie Center, RPC and possibly Community Elements. Historically, in cases like this, the CoC has written standardized letters for all parties.</p> <p>Motion to approve the CoC Chair crafting standardized letters of support for all interested agencies (Melany J/ Sister K). Motion passes by voice vote with no nays (and presumed abstentions from interested agencies).</p> <p>Agencies who want the letter of support to contact Lisa immediately to confirm (please) in receiving the letter.</p>

Emergency Family Shelter	Beverly	<p>The Housing Authority feels they are in the last stages of receiving the grant money needed to rehab the buildings to be used for the emergency family shelter (EFS), so are beginning the work and will be reimbursed. This means repair of a roof and asbestos testing on one building and then minor repair on the other. The EFS will be able to use the less-damaged building for 9 units (8 apartments + 1 office space), and it is possible it could be open in spring.</p> <p>The Steering Committee has begun the process this morning of crafting the RFR. It's moving along!</p> <p>Someone asks what to do in case of a family who needs shelter now. Best to start with the Regional Office of Education. If children are too young for school, while not ideal, the families can be split up among other shelters. (Crisis Nursery notes they are always available to show people their facility, which often can reduce the anxiety of leaving one's child with them.) Also, the overnight warming centers being opened for sub-zero temperatures takes families (albeit, only on the days that the temperature threshold drops below 0°).</p> <p>This leads into...</p>	via
Emergency Warming efforts	Barb, Melany, others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans are to operate tonight, Wednesday, and Friday. The Phoenix is open from 7a to 9p, and transportation is taking folks to a rotating set of locations for the evening. • TIMES Center is also open from 9a to 6:30p as a warming shelter (for men only). • Madis Avenues WorkNet is also open as a warming shelter 8:30a to 5p every day. • Beverly has a list (for professionals; please do not share publicly) that she will share with the team. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beverly to send list to Lisa • Lisa to send list to CoC
Next meeting location?	Lisa	This spot works for everybody!	See you here next month!
Next meeting		February 5, 2015, 4pm at Community Elements, 803 N. Williams, Channahon	



The more we work together closely, the warmer it gets.

...plus, baby chickens are cute.

City of Urbana Public Hearing
Urbana Civic Center
January 15, 2015

Meeting minutes not yet available as of 4.29.15



APPROVED
MINUTES
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION MEETING
Tuesday, January 27, 2015, City Council Chambers
400 South Vine Street, Urbana, IL 61801

Call to Order: Commissioner Silvis called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call: Kelly H. Mierkowski called the roll. A quorum was present.

Commission Members Present: Janice Bengtson, Brian Cunningham, Chris Diana, Anne Heinze Silvis, Lauren Karplus, and Lisabeth Searing

Commission Members Excused/Absent: Fred Cobb, Jerry Moreland

Others Present: Kelly H. Mierkowski and Jen Gonzalez, Community Development Services.

Approval of Minutes: Commissioner Silvis asked for approval or modifications to the August 26, 2014 minutes. It was moved and properly seconded to approve the minutes as written; the motion carried unanimously.

Petitions and Communications: None.

Staff Report: Kelly H. Mierkowski, Grants Management Division Manager, provided a brief overview of the staff report provided to the Commissioners that evening. Ms. Mierkowski noted that the HUD activity included the City receiving a letter regarding the Supportive Housing Program (SHP) Annual Performance Report (APR), that the program is meeting the requirements of the CoC program and goals as set out in the original NOFA application. The City also received a letter regarding the Program Year-End Review Letter for Program Year 2013 (review of CAPER). Also noted on the staff report were activities that staff completed and meetings staff attended since the last meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Schedule for Fiscal Years 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan (Con Plan) and Fiscal Year 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan (AAP)

Ms. Mierkowski reviewed the above Schedule with the Commission. Ms. Gonzalez further explained the process and reason for the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. Commissioner Silvis asked if a copy of the draft plan would be available on the City website and Ms. Gonzalez explained that the draft Plan would be presented at the Community Development Commission (CDC) meeting in February. Packets are made available the Friday before the meeting and are sent to the Commissioners for review. The packets are posted on the City website the day the packets are sent out and available for public review at that time.

Ms. Gonzalez noted that the City held five public hearings, four evening and one during the day, per the schedule. The public hearings are held in targeted neighborhoods in the City to increase participation; they include Prairie School Hamilton on the Park, Crystal View Townhomes and the City building. The public hearing for social service agencies in the community was held at the Urbana Civic Center. There was good attendance and good feedback at several of the public hearings, but need more input from the community especially from the Commissioners.

Commissioner Silvis asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the schedule as laid out by staff. Noted was the fact that we are half way through the schedule at this point in the process.

Community Development Commission Bylaws

Commissioner Silvis announced the next item under New Business is the Bylaws for the Community Development Commission and asked if these had been discussed previously. Ms. Mierkowski stated that it had been quite a while since the bylaws had been amended, that last time being about 10 years previously. The City's Legal Department contacted all departments and requested that their Boards and Commissions' bylaws be updated to reflect changes in the law. The changes were highlighted and underlined, starting with Page 2, Article III, Section 8, which adds after follows "unless a majority of the Board members present agree to alter the order of business. Additions to the agenda shall not be made unless properly noticed per the Open Meetings Act."

The second change was noted on Page 3, the Agenda starting with Call to Order/Roll Call and Declaration of Quorum, there is the addition of "Approval of" Minutes of Previous Meeting, and the addition of Audience Participation to the Agenda. In the past, Petitions and Communications was used the same way as audience participation, both oral and written communication, but they are two different items. Now they are to be separated out, so petitions and communications involves anything written and audience participation involves someone coming from the audience and speaking. The agenda will reflect the changes to the bylaw and agenda order, for the next meeting, if the changes are approved.

Ending with Adjournment, the next paragraph states that "Members of the public shall have up to five (5) minutes each for input during audience participation; it shall be the prerogative of the Chairperson to extend the five (5) minute time limit. If more than ten (10) individuals seek to provide public input during petitions and communications, then the Chairperson shall have the authority to reduce the five (5) minute time limit to three (3) minutes. All public input shall be limited to topics germane to those described on the agenda for that particular meeting. No member of the Commission is obligated to respond to anything contained in a person's public input."

This in new language required in the Commission's bylaw. Ms. Mierkowski noted that the third line down had an error, that petitions and communications should be audience participation. It was noted that only a few sections were updated and amended, with additions or changes. Commissioner Silvis noted that with regard to Article II – Officers, there is not a formally appointed Vice-Chair and that it has been the practice of the Commission to have the Commissioner with the most seniority be the acting Vice-Chair in the absence of the Chair, to run the meeting in the absence of the Chair. There was a long discussion about this topic many years ago, and the Commissioners felt comfortable with that particular practice.

What is stated in the bylaws is a different recommendation and different than what is practiced. It was noted that what is in the bylaws may differ from the actual practice of the Commission, and that this section could be changed to reflect the actual practice of the Commission in the absence of the Chair. Commissioner Silvis stated that the Commission could agree to keep that language and make it a formal procedure rather than the more informal procedure currently. Ms. Mierkowski stated that the wording could reflect the consensus and wishes of the Commission. It was also noted that the second section under the same article also does not reflect the practice of the Commission currently and that the term of the Chair is not limited.

Commissioner Searing asked for clarification regarding the appointment of the Chairperson, stating that the Mayor is the one who appoints the Chair, and staff confirmed. It was noted that the Article II – Officers section does allow for a more informal process, and suggested that “by majority vote” be removed from this section, in order to make the section fit the practice. It was also suggested that the wording remain as is. Commissioner Diana commented on the definition of absence, which normally means more than just being absent for one meeting, as if someone was ill and gone for an extended time.

Commissioner Silvis stated that staff would like for the changes in the bylaw to be approved, or make the changes and bring the document back to the Commission, and staff concurred, stating that it was a decision of the Commission as to what was preferred. The changes could be made and the document brought back for final approval, or the bylaws could be approved with the changes as is, and send out after revised.

Commissioner Diana also commented about the additional wording of “approval of” minutes of previous meeting. It was noted that the previous wording was only minutes of previous meeting, which omitted the word “approval.” The word was added for clarification, as other changes are being made. Also noted was the wording “study session” which is in the bylaws but not used in practice. Staff noted that a study session was done in the last year on the topic of Fair Housing. Commissioner Diana, for further clarification, asked if this was to reflect the place where a study session might take place if on the agenda, as it states the agenda for each meeting. It was decided that the study session item should always be included on the agenda, and if there was an item to be discussed at a study session, it would be reflected under this agenda item.

Commissioner Searing agreed with Commissioner Diana’s definition of absence and so no changes are needed in the wording of Article II, only the typographical error needs to be changed. The question was asked if the bylaws need to be approved as amended. It was decided that it is customary to make a motion to accept the bylaws with the suggested changes; that is what is done in other instances. Commissioner Silvis asked if the Commissioners were all in agreement with regard to the change that the audience participation should replace petitions and communications, and that Sections 1 and 2 under Article II which describes the appointment of an acting Chair, the wording would remain that same. Commissioner Silvis asked if there were any other items to discuss regarding the bylaws, none were noted. Commissioner Searing made a motion to accept the bylaws with the changes as noted, and Commissioner Diana seconded the motion, motion carried.

A Resolution Approving Modifications to the City of Urbana and Urbana HOME Consortium FY 2014-2015 Annual Action Plan (Neighborhood Revitalization and Program Income)

This is an amendment for the current fiscal year's Annual Action Plan. Previously, the City's entire allocation of its HOME entitlement funds were allocated to the Whole House Rehabilitation Program, which is the owner-occupied rehab program that Randy Burgett, Housing Rehab Coordinator operates. It has been noted that in the last several years applications for assistance have slowed down. Several reasons for this include the marketing of the program by a former staff person who has since retired that many homes have liens on them, which affect their eligibility for the program, and that funds are being targeted to specific low-income areas within the City. Considerations are being made to expand the program at some point, but spending funds in a timely manner is also a concern; HUD deadlines have to be adhered to as far as commitments.

The Resolution is to move funding from the Whole House Rehabilitation to the City Redevelopment Program that is in the City of Urbana's section of the Annual Action Plan. There are several activities that are included in this section, but the main focus of the funds will be for the Urbana Dream Downpayment Assistance Program. The program has been going very well, with at least nineteen households having been assisted so far. For the first round, ten households were assisted. The City then applied to the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago (FHLBC) for funds and received \$58,000, which helped augment City HOME funds. Nine households have been helped with these funds, with one slot available through Busey Bank.

This resolution also includes program income that was received this year from the liens the City has on homes who were assisted in the past through this program. When people sell their homes, they are to pay back the City, and this is program income. The memo notes the amount of program income received (\$12,500) from the sale of one home.

By reallocating the funds, seventeen down payment grants would be made available, as a deferred loan. The program is structured where people would receive up to 10% down payment assistance, based on the purchase price and are required to live in the home for five years. This is standard language found in the federal statutes and regulations. It is being considered for this program to be open to all lenders, which is how the program was originally created, so the funds would move quickly. Also, there have been some changes with regard to the loan regulations, as Habitat must now follow the same regulations that banks must follow, which makes them eligible to participate in this program. This will hopefully assist the City with commitments and spending the funds more quickly, as Habitat is constructing homes that do not receive any CHDO funds, but their buyers would be able to obtain down payment assistance. Only this year's funds are affected, there are three projects with one

Commissioner Karplus asked if there was any discussion regarding marketing the Whole House Program. Ms. Gonzalez stated that if the program changed significantly, such as expanding it City wide, then we would look at marketing the program, as households previously excluded from the program would then become eligible for participation. Previously, we would market the program through our neighborhood newsletter, which was sent out three times a year. Now we are only sending it out twice a year, with information geared to our Neighborhood Cleanup; the third newsletter would have much more information about programs that are available and might qualify for.

Commissioner Silvis asked if there are any implications to the City general budget or is this just a shifting of funds. Ms. Gonzalez stated that with regard to this year's budget in the AAP, it just changes the name of the activity. However, down the road there is the potential for loss of future program income, if there is a foreclosure or quit claim deeds. Based on staff capacity, there is a struggle to manage funds and find projects to add these funds to. Some years, the City receives \$30,000 in program income, other years no funds are received.

The down payment assistance program is really helpful for households who want to put 20% down, but are unable to do so, because of the tight lending restrictions, in order to avoid private mortgage insurance. There are not many resources available to assist households with down payment. Commissioner Diana agreed that this program has been a very attractive program which has helped Urbana, especially for first time home buyers and lower income households as a level playing field with the surrounding communities. There is a tremendous impact, in that it takes a little bit more private mortgage insurance, property taxes, and other costs that would cause them to not quite qualify for the home. The down payment assistance helps bring the cost down; it would also be good to make it available for all lenders.

Financing for affordable housing seems to be geared more towards rental, such as LIHTC from the State, so it is important to make sure there are opportunities for homeowners. New homes are not a problem to finance, it is the older homes that are a problem, because the quality of the home is not sufficient to get it appraised. Being able to buy it down with a larger down payment to a conventional loan is very helpful. It also helps with the housing stock quality, because the down payment assistance program requires inspections be done by the City inspectors, who cite all the code violations. The seller and buyer then negotiate the fixing of the violations; usually the buyer ends up paying for it.

Commissioner Silvis asked if there were any more comments about the information provided. If not, there are several options, such as forward the resolution to Council with a recommendation for approval, forward the resolution with a recommendation for approval with suggested changes, or decide not to forward. Commissioner Diana made a motion to forward the Resolution as written to City Council with a recommendation for approval; Commissioner Searing seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Seeing no further business, Commissioner Silvis asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bengtson made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Karplus seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:39pm.

Recorded by Kelly H. Mierkowski, Manager

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Champaign County Continuum of Care
MINUTES

Team Name (circle / highlight one):			Date:
FULL CoC	CSPH	PIT Workgroup	February 3, 2015
Compliance & Monitoring Committee		HMIS Committee	Start time:
Executive Committee	Centralized Intake	Membership Committee	3:00pm
Meeting Location: Community Elements – 801 N. Walnut, Champaign.		Other: _____	End time:
			4:10pm
Meeting Leader: Lisa	Recorder: Jason	Attendance list on file	

MEETING SUMMARY

Topic	Presenter	Status/Update	Action(s) taken / action(s) assigned
Introductions / Announcements	CoC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions provided. • Courage Connections announces that while not absolutely official yet, they will very soon be hiring for a full-time Grants Manager (and possibly a part-time Grants Coordinator). • Centralized Intake will have a table set up at One Winter's Night this Friday, February 6th to solicit for volunteers. • The Champaign Community Coalition "Community Walk" will be on Wednesday, February 25, at 4:00pm, distributing alcohol safety information to students prior to "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day" (March 6th). For more info/ to volunteer: http://champaigncommunitycoalition.org/ • The Art Theater will be having a FREE showing of "Middle of Nowhere" (the previous film by the director and star of "Selma") on Sunday, February 15th at 7:30pm, along with post-show Q&A. The film follows Ruby, a bright medical student who sets aside her dreams and suspends her career when her husband is incarcerated. As the committed couple stares into the hollow end of an eight-year prison sentence, Ruby must learn to live another life, one marked by shame and separation. More info at http://www.arttheater.coop/middle-of-nowhere-free-screening-panel/ • SSVF grant opportunity – info passed around at meeting. • One Winter's Night is this Friday, February 6th, 6pm to 6am. Special new educational component this year; C-U at Home passed out flyers with details. More info at http://www.cuathome.us/one-winter-night-2015/ 	
Inspirational Moment	Lisa	Large and diverse turnout of volunteers for the PIT count last week, a good mix of professional staff, current service recipients, and community members.	

SHPA Update	Lisa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update for January. Sign-up for future months passed around. 	February – Mike March – Rachael April – Mike May – [open] June – Sister Karen July-on – [open]
Centralized Intake	Sister Karen	Working with UofI on possible use of Honors Students for volunteers, as well as hoping to hear results of VISTA application soon.	
Point In Time (PIT) Survey	Lisa, Rocio	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lisa recognizes Rocio for her excellent work in coordinating the PIT efforts this year. Two pre-planning meetings were held this year, and they seemed to help the process considerably. Much thanks to everyone (20-25 people!) who participated. Rocio has not completed the collection of the data yet, but 11 unsheltered people were found. Persons belongings were found under viaducts and in tents, but the people were not there. There may be a debriefing meeting to process ideas generated during the count (including promotion of the count prior to the event with the intention of letting unsheltered homeless people know the count will be occurring). 	
CoC Strategic Plan	Lisa	A handout of the currently open goals of the CoC's Strategic Plan given out. Brief review of document provided. CoC asked to review and update and add to the document as they see anything needed. New goals are also welcome. Lisa will send this to the CoC soon, and the Executive Committee will be working on this in more detail. Intention is to come back to the full CoC Board with an updated plan for approval.	Lisa to send CoC the Strategic Plan and request for input and feedback. CoC members to review Strategic Plan and provide feedback and suggestions for updating the document.
Other Business?	CoC	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Question raised about IDOC representative being invited to the CoC table. Henry Jackson is currently in the role, but is based in Peoria, making attendance questionable. Homestead is in very early stages of looking into developing PSH for veterans. 	

3. Clarification on Rent Assistance Program through RPC – money is currently available. RPC takes a limited amount of appointments (ten) each week. The “line” for these appointments opens at 9am each Tuesday, where people call 819-4099 and are screened for eligibility. Those who meet criteria are given an appointment, and the “line” closes when the ten spots are filled. Eligibility criteria are a.) applicant must have income; b.) applicant must be behind on rent or moving to a new unit; c.) rent must be no more than 2/3 of the applicant’s income; and d.) cannot have received assistance in the past two years.
4. Cody Lewis introduces himself as a new employee under Healthcare for Homeless Veteran (HCHV) funds, Community Employment Coordinator. He’ll be working on creating new, competitive employment opportunities for veterans. Target population will be veterans eligible for VA care (VASH clients prioritized). Contact him at cody.lewis@va.gov or 314.605-8942.

3:30pm – merged meeting of CoC and CSPH in order to discuss...

HOME Consortium	Kerri, Kelly	<p>Cities of Champaign and Urbana are working on their new 5-year Consolidated Plans, which include strategies and goals for addressing housing and homelessness issues. The CoC is solicited for feedback as a focus group for this effort. A summary follows.</p> <p>Housing Resource Guide needed (for ES and PSH options)</p> <p>Homestead is a model of a permanent supportive housing project. An increase in project-based vouchers is needed. Looking to create a new 6-8 unit building, but need help to subsidize the development cost.</p> <p>Courage Connection notes a need for increased income among their clientele in order to “graduate” from TBRA, as well as an increase in low-cost permanent housing.</p> <p>Community Elements notes that many clients are on a permanently fixed income – there is a need for housing units that can work within that dynamic.</p> <p>General agreement that agencies have individual landlords they have relationships with who occasionally help out, but overall a feeling of being unable to work with landlords and/or a perception of landlords being unwilling to work with agencies’ clients.</p>
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	<p>Having commercial housing providers an active part of the CoC is strongly desired.</p> <p>Greatest need is generally agreed to be for singles, followed by families (followed by everybody else).</p> <p>Workforce development is raised as a necessary component to move people into more stable income (in theory eliminating the landlord-related concerns).</p> <p>Mental Health Board notes that housing is the #1 preventer of recidivism for individuals re-entering society from prison. (And housing is very difficult to obtain when you have a felony.)</p> <p>General agreement that screen criteria is a barrier to the most vulnerable when seeking housing. When asked what was needed more, available units or rent assistance, there was general agreement that available (affordable, barrier-free) units were needed first, followed by rent assistance.</p> <p>Salvation Army notes that (poor) repair of units can have a financial impact on clients with utilities; bills can be much higher. They provide an example of a case where a client's toilet "leaked" (did not stop running), which resulted in a water bill of a few hundred dollars. [When landlords do not make repairs, the costs are passed onto tenants grossly out of proportion to the cost of the repair.]</p> <p>Presence raises issue of clients getting evicted due to "housekeeping" – clients take such poor care of their unit (typically due to mental illness) that the unit becomes unsafe and must be condemned. These clients, without intervention, quickly burns through apartments, and builds an extremely negative rental history.</p> <p>For more information, please contact Kelly Mierkowski at khmierkowski@urbanaindinois.us or 384-2441, or Kerri Spear at kerri.spear@ci.champaign.il.us or 403-7070.</p>
Next meeting	<p><u>Tuesday, March 3, 2015 – 3pm, Community Elements – 801 N. Walnut, Champaign</u></p>

Consolidated Planning Process Meeting
February 10, 2015 (6:00 pm)
Stratton Elementary School
Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Residents: Ms Bailey, Felicia Cockrell, Lola Cockrell, Anthony Howell, Mary Howell, Nettie Howell

Habitat for Humanity: Sheila Dodd,

City of Champaign: David Oliver, John Ruffin, Kerri Spear

Kerri Spear provided an overview of the ConPlan process and sought input for the upcoming plan. The group expressed the following preferences for the upcoming Neil/Bradley Site RFQ/P:

Senior Housing

- Not 2 story if senior
- No hidden interiors (Bristol Place)
- Senior housing: owner occupied or rental
- Income limits for qualifying
- Rental rehab
- Senior only

Appearance of neighborhood

- Any outdoor programs

David Oliver spoke on Beardsley Park Housing data

Neighborhood Services Department
Neighborhood Services Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers – City Building
2/12/15 @ 5:30 pm



✓ Brent West	✓ Wesley Clayborn	✓ David Oliver, NSD
✓ Donte Lotts	✓ Doug McCarty	✓ John Ruffin, NSD
✓ Debra Karplus	✓ Kevin Jackson, NSD	✓ Kerri Spear, NSD
✓ Felicia Cockrell	✓ Mya Clements, Notetaker	

1. Call to Order, Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.
2. Minutes from Previous Meeting – Debra Karplus motioned to accept the minutes, Felicia Cockrell seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously on a voice vote.
3. Neighborhood Profiles

- A. Sawgrass Small Grant Application Presentation – John Ruffin introduced members, Jim Hamilton and Mark Harms, from the Sawgrass Homeowner Association to present information on the final phase of the Greenbelt Buffer project. Both members provided detailed information of the progress of the project and reasoning for requesting funding for the remaining phase. Mr. Hamilton noted that approximately 3,250 feet of area is being covered through this project, with over 500 trees having been planted to date.

Wesley Clayborne asked if the trees that were planted might grow too tall, possibly causing an interference with the current power lines. Mr. Hamilton and Harms responded that the way that the trees were planted should not cause a problem.

Donte Lotts requested that Mr. Hamilton and Harms inform the present NSAB members with information about the total number of man-hours that have been put into making this project possible. Mr. Harms replied that there have been around 100-120 man-hours provided by both Sawgrass neighbors, as well as non-area residents. The man-hours involved planting trees, spreading mulch as well as using other outside contractors to assist in the planting.

Wesley Clayborn asked how the trees are irrigated in the first 3 years. Mr. Harms replied that he uses a golf cart to carry gallons of water to the various trees to water them.

4. Old Business--

- A. Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan Update – Keri Spear presented the components of Phase 1 of the Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan Update, which consists of acquisitions; currently 12 have been completed out of 90. As of date, 57 owners have currently accepted offers. It is estimated that 35 of the acquisitions will be completed in 2015; 20 of those will be involving relocations. Kerri stated that the vacant properties will be addressed first. NSD is also working to have office space up and running within the next 6 months. On March 3rd, demos will be going to Council. Upon approval, there will be 3 properties demolished.
- B. ConPlan Goals & Strategies and Potential Activities – Kerri Spear presented to the Board a summary of the City's 5 year Goals and Strategies. The summaries covered were of the (1) Affordable Housing Goals and Objectives, (2) Non-Housing Community Development Goals and Objectives, (3) Housing Goals and Strategies and (4) Goals and Strategies to Address Homelessness.

Doug McCarty asked who the rental program Kerri referred to would be offered to. Kerri replied that both Landlord and local non for profit organizations are eligible to apply.

Kerri and Kevin opened the floor for questions in regards to both the Summary of Affordable Housing Goals and Objectives, as well as the Non-Housing Community Development Goals and Objectives, which were provided to attendees.

Donte Lotts asked who the Director of the Planning Department was and if possible, could that individual be present at an NSAB meeting to provide more information about their involvement with this project. Kevin replied that Bruce Knight is the City's Planning Director and that T.J. Blakeman could attend the meeting to provide more information about the ConPlan, as he is overseeing this project.

5. New Business

- A. Keep Champaign Beautiful – David Oliver provided an overview of the 'Keep America Beautiful' program and how it relates to 'Keep Champaign Beautiful'. The Keep Champaign Beautiful program will involve a partnership between Keep America Beautiful, Neighborhood Services Department and the City's Planning Department. The City of Champaign has applied for and received certification to be an affiliate of Keep America Beautiful. A Litter Index was conducted in Oct. 2014 with Neighborhood Services Department, Public Works, Planning and community volunteers in 5 areas within the City. The 3 goals of Keep Champaign Beautiful are to:
1. Litter reduction and education
 2. Recycling and solid waste management
 3. Community beautification

In being a Keep America Beautiful affiliate, the City of Champaign will have access to other larger grants with companies such as DOW Chemical and Lowes, to assist with community projects. David is asking that NSAB be involved with this initiative.

Doug McCarty made a motion that NSAB endorse the initiative with Keep Champaign Beautiful. Debra Karplus seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously on a voice vote.

David will bring back the initiative and more information to the board members in future meetings to find out the level of involvement being requested from the Board.

6. Staff Reports – Neighborhood Programs: Kerri stated that Jean Algee and Janel Gomez will join NSD on February 23rd and Community Development Specialists. Jean Algee will concentrate on the Bristol Place project and Janel Gomez will be focusing on Garden Hills and CDBG funds.

Kerri reported that the AG (Attorney General) Grant, part of the Foreclosure Settlement proceedings, is being used in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity to identify potential owners to be recipients of this AG Grant. Areas that are being looked at in Champaign are on Paula Drive, Joanne Lane and Hedge Road. Marketing materials are being worked on and the program will be asking that every property be identified and acquired within 2 years, with the remaining year used to build. Monies from the grant will also be made available for credit counseling and first time home ownership with Habitat and Novadebt. Updates will be provided as they come available.

Neighborhood Code Compliance: David spoke about Bamboo Ordinance, that has now been passed by the Champaign City Council and the ordinance is currently in effect.

Code Compliance has also been working with the Housing Authority and their HACC inspectors to train them in the use of local codes, including the International Fire Codes within the cities of Champaign, Urbana and Rantoul. Training sessions have begun with HACC's inspectors, pointing out the difference between the HAQ codes and the City's code.

During an upcoming Central Illinois Rental Property Professionals (CIRPP) meeting in April, Code Compliance will be presenting the, "Top Ten Code Violations"

Code Compliance has also registered with the Great American Clean Up event and will link it to the Boneyard Community Clean up on Saturday, April 18th.

Neighborhood Coordination: John informed the Board of the STAR Expo and Awards on April 20, 2015 from 6 - 8p. Nominations are now open until February 27, 2015. Nominations can be submitted online via the City of Champaign's website.

John also reiterated that the City Government 101 Academy is coming this year. The News-Gazette will assist in marketing and off-setting some of the costs. Parkland College will assist with registration for the academy, as well as advertise in their summer 2015 course

catalog, as a continuing education course to some 68,000 residents in the Champaign-Urbana community for ages 16 and older.

July 18th and 25th – Annual Neighborhood Cleanups. Clean ups are being formalized and John will bring back to the NSAB members during the Board meeting in March.

Kevin Jackson commented on the Neighbors of Champaign (NOC) website and the positive publicity that it has received. Plans for the NOC website will be going live by the end of February 2015. More information will be forthcoming.

7. Board Comments and Suggestions – Wesley Clayborn commented about LEED-ND and asked that we entertain the idea of looking further into Star-energy housing, so that the most energy-efficient homes are being created and offered to residents within the Bristol Park neighborhoods. Kerri Spear noted that there would be a planning committee being formulated for Bristol Park and that Wesley might be interested in joining to provide his input.
8. Public Participation
9. Adjournment – Seeing no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

In attendance: Bob Guido, Mike Daughtery, Wednesday Medlen, Jessie McClusky-Gilbert, Ernie Hamilton, Kerri Spear, David Gillon, Maurice Bouslog, Kelly Mierkowski

1. Approval of Minutes from December 2014
2. City Reports -
 - City of Champaign, Kerri Spear: The City has hired two new Community Development Specialists, Janel Gomez (formerly of City of Urbana, currently with Lake County) and Jean Algee (formerly of the Urban League of Champaign County Development Corporation, currently with Courage Connection). Their first day with the City will be February 23 and they begin attending CRG in March 2015. The City is currently working on the Consolidated Plan and the 2015 Private Activity Bond allocation. Input was provided by David Gillon that the Assist program has seen activity over the past year and the group anticipates having an update regarding IHDA's programs very soon with the new governor's budget. Kerri suggested the City may also seek opportunity to use the bond cap for rental rehab if allowed.

Kerri also discussed the upcoming Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI) report that staff would be discussing with City Council during the February 24 Study Session. A copy of the AI and Study Session report will be forwarded to Bob Guido, CRG Chair, for distribution to the CRG when it is available (no later than Friday, February 20). The AI report notes a continuing trend from the last AI (2007) that shows regardless of income, there exists a significant gap between blacks and other race categories obtaining mortgage lending products. Staff will be seeking Council direct on considering a possible testing program to analyze this further and determine the cause and possible solutions.
 - City of Urbana, Kelly Mierkowski: The City of Urbana is also working on the Consolidated Plan and bond allocation.
3. 2015 CRG Secretary - City of Champaign staff will fill this position during 2015 with a rotation of staff providing support.
4. Five Year Consolidated Plan: The Urbana HOME Consortium, consisting of Champaign, Urbana and the unincorporated parts of the County, are currently drafting the goals and strategies for the next five year Consolidated Plan. This serves as the planning document and annual applications for the cities/county federal housing and community development funding. Goals and strategies may include existing housing upkeep; eliminating blight; increasing the number of

(and maintaining) decent, safe and sanitary housing for low to moderate income households and/or persons with special needs; preserving older neighborhoods; helping end chronic homelessness; and reducing lead exposure to young children. Both cities may have limited funding available for continuing home rehabilitation programs but the goals and strategies will continue. Kelly Mierkowski offered Urbana is having difficulty finding eligible applicants for the whole house program but a roof program may be added and the City of Urbana will look towards new construction for the HOME funds. David Gillon suggested the use of UDAG again for down payment assistance and having the owner/buyer negotiate the necessary repairs. David discussed how this can provide leverage for other grants or programs. Kelly Mierkowski and Kerri Spear provided key dates for the Consolidated Plan and noted the link will be sent to Bob Guido to share with the CRG when the public comment period opens on March 20, 2015. CRG was encouraged to provide written comments to the Plan and to attend any of the public meetings/study sessions to provide oral comment to the City Councils.

5. Mission for 2015 - The group discussed the feasibility of continuing the Housing Fair and the Credit Seminar in 2015. A suggestion was made to partner with existing special events that already have an audience and provide the CRG educational service at the event. Examples include upcoming neighborhood events planned for Champaign's Bristol Park and Garden Hills neighborhoods, Urbana's Sweet Corn Festival and Lierman Avenue neighborhood, and an event in Rantoul if available. Discussion will continue during the March 12 CRG meeting and the cities will bring a list of key events for CRG to consider.
6. New CRG Membership Campaign Updates: Bob Guido will be working on updating the list of existing members and reaching out to possible new members or those who are not attending. Michael Daugherty, Community Plus Federal Credit Union, asked for the group to consider his institution's role in participating in the CRG and the expectation of paying as a member towards the Parkland courses. The group agreed to consider this during the March 12, 2015 meeting. A brief discussion ensued regarding the UIECU credit union membership (paying status) and how the Community Plus Federal Credit Union (a Community Development Financial Institution, or CDFI).
7. New Business - Michael Daugherty is working with an MBA class at UIUC and they may be contacting the City on how to they can serve the neighborhood (Garden Hills) around the Community Plus Federal Credit Union.

Adjourn

Next Meeting: March 12, 2015

Respectfully submitted by Kerri Spear

Country Brook Apartments Resident Meeting/ Consolidated Plan Neighborhood Meeting
Friday, February 13, 2015 (4:00 pm)

Attendees: Monique Smith, Camila Allen, Izetta Harris, Mark Rozinsky, John Fossett, Rickie Wafflarj

(First portion of meeting is a resident meeting)

-Aware lighting is a problem - currently working to resolve (5 residents and apt manager). Funds allocated but can't address due to frozen ground

-Issues - suggestion box

-Prosperity Garden: set meeting with Prosperity Garden.

-After school program - 2-5 pm. Developing parameters. Application intake at club house. Computer room. Transportation? Possible pick up and drop off ay community building. Flyers to share information. Possible information fair.

-Police at next meeting

2015-19 Consolidated Plan comments:

-Increased affordable housing

-Teen programming

-Financial literacy

-Sex education

-Childcare funding

-Education programs for young mothers - survey for possible classes/services

-Domestic violence programs (D. Shaffer)

-CDBG - benefit low/mod people. Targeted slots for Country Brook? Summer camps.

-Paper copy of ConPlan for display at Country Brook

United Garden Hills Neighborhood Association - Consolidated Plan Neighborhood Meeting
Monday, February 16, 2015 (6:30 pm)

Attendees: Council Member Vic McIntosh, Alex Nagy - City of Champaign Public Works, Amy Revilla, Becky Restad, Eric Schwalm, Phil McGarvey, Gloria Franczak, Delores Lloyd, Effa Edwards, Kathleen Smith, Iva Rotramel, Andre and Staci Britton, Melvin and Pamela Peete

Neighborhood Coordinator John Ruffin, Code Compliance Manager David Oliver, and Neighborhood Programs Manager Kerri Spear attended the United Garden Hills Monthly Meeting held on Monday, February 16. In addition to City staff, the general membership meeting was attended by 18 residents and community stakeholders. Elizabeth Janecek from Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL) provided a presentation on water conservation issues and methods to conserve usage. Alex Nagy from Public Works discussed the process for the pending Garden Hills water drainage study. Alex also presented information on the capital investment and development of a detention pond in the neighborhood to assist with drainage issues. He requested 2 volunteers from the neighborhood to assist with the selection of a consultant to complete the drainage study. He also requested 2 volunteers for the steering committee that will work with Public Works staff to plan the detention pond project and act as liaison from the steering committee to the neighborhood group. In addition to these topics, NSD staff provided a Code Compliance action plan update, Neighborhood Programs received input regarding the Consolidated Plan, and Neighborhood Coordination outlined planned neighborhood engagement opportunities.

2015-19 Consolidated Plan Input:

- Build relationships with landlords
- Fence Repairs/uniform fences
- Hold a general home repair day (like HGTV)
- Work on watershed issues
- Address Mattis North Apartment security issues
- Install more sidewalks

MINUTES

Champaign City Council
Regular Study Session

DATE: March 10, 2015

PLACE: Champaign City Building
City Council Chambers
102 North Neil Street
Champaign, Illinois 61820

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Faraci Deborah Feinen
Karen Foster William Kyles
Michael La Due Vic McIntosh
Tom Bruno Marci Dodds
Mayor Gerard

COUNCIL MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Dorothy Ann David, City Manager
Fred Stavins, City Attorney
Dennis Schmidt, Public Works Director
Kerri Spear, Neighborhood Programs Manager
Janel Gomez, Community Development Specialist
Matthew Roeschley, Deputy City Manager
Laura Hall, Assistant City Attorney

OTHERS PRESENT: None

TIME STARTED: 7:01 p.m.

MINUTE APPROVAL:

February 10, 2015 Regular Study Session

CM Dodds, seconded by CM La Due, moved to approve the minutes. A voice vote was taken; all voted yes.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

HONORARY STREET NAME ALISON DRAUSS WAY [SS 2015-012]

City Manager David noted staff will address the Council request to consider an honorary street name for Alison Krauss.

Staff Presentation: Public Works Director Schmidt noted an application requesting an honorary street for Alison Krauss has been reviewed by Public Works and it is consistent with the policy for honorary street designation. The requested location was noted as West Hill Street (between Elm Street and Prairie Street) as Honorary Alison Krauss Way. Public Works Director Schmidt noted this is the second designation request for the year; and policy limits the number of request to four per calendar year. The next step in the process is for Council to direct staff to prepare a Resolution for the next Council meeting.

(Note: Information on how to obtain staff's written report on this subject is provided below.)

Action Recommended: The Administration seeks Council direction on preparing the resolution for the honorary street, designating West Hill Street (between Elm Street and Prairie Street) as Honorary Alison Krauss Way.

Council Members' Technical Questions: None

(Note: Information on how to view video and audio recordings of the full Council Meeting is provided below.)

Public Input: None

Council Members' General Discussion: Council Members' expressed support of the honorary designation.

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Poll: Mayor Gerard polled the staff recommendation to prepare a resolution for the honorary street designating West Hill Street (between Elm Street and Prairie Street) as Honorary Alison Kraus Way. The result of the poll was 9 ayes and 0 nays.

CONSOLIDATED PLAN POTENTIAL GOALS AND STRATEGIES [SS 2015-013]

City Manager David noted in January 2015, staff reviewed the proposed process to review information and gather public input for the Consolidated Plan which serves as the City's primary plan for housing, neighborhood development programs, as well as being the direct application for federal grants relied upon to further the City's goals. The next step in the process is to review the draft goals of the Consolidated Plan, and obtain Council's input prior to drafting a plan for public input.

Presentation: Manager Spear and Specialist Gomez's presentation included the following topics:

- City Council Vision 2015-2019/Consolidated Plan FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan
- Needs Analysis
- Housing Needs – Housing Problems by Income, Rental/Home Ownership; and Disproportionate Need, Type and Tenure

- Community Development Needs
- 2015/2019 Housing Goals and Strategies
- FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan Proposed Housing Activities
- 2015/2019 Community Development Goal and Strategies
- FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan – Community Development Proposed Activities
- Potential Resources
- What Will be Measured and When
- Upcoming Schedule
- Next Steps

(Note: Information on how to obtain Staff's written report on this subject is provided below.)

Action Recommended: The Administration seeks Council direction to begin drafting the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan with the goals and strategies and plan for associated activities in the FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan.

Council Members' Technical Questions: Council Members' technical questions concerned several topics including small business and minority-women owned business incubator; ability to break down housing problems by line item; changes to rental plan; home ownership funding; public input including types of comments; and community development needs – Housing and Urban Development (HUD) limits to public service activity (entitlement grant) and an example (Community Matters).

(Note: Information on how to view video and audio recordings of the full Council Meeting is provided below.)

Public Input: None

Council Members' General Discussion: Council Members' comments included thanks for all the work done and for the mixed strategy; inclusion of the economic piece; and great presentation.

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Poll: Mayor Gerard polled Alternative 1 directing staff to draft the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and FY 2015/16 Annual Action Plan based on the proposed goals and strategies. The result of the poll was 9 ayes and 0 nays.

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AP LIQUOR LICENSE AND VIDEO GAMING [SS 2015-014]

City Manager David noted Council Members requested discussion of AP liquor licenses and video gaming to consider whether the City should consider a prohibition on gaming within the AP license category.

Staff Presentation: Deputy Manager Roeschley's presentation included the following topics:

- Staff Review of the Issue including - potential impact of a prohibition including liquor code provisions, trends in video gaming, and affect of a prohibition on AP Licenses
- Background – (framework for the issue) Illinois Video Gaming Act
- Impact of Legislation on the City's Liquor Code and AP Licensing
- Trends Observed in Video Gaming within the City Liquor Regulatory Structure – Gaming Café's and restaurant licensing requirements (food to liquor ratio and building space), and impact of limiting gaming under R, A, and AP licenses
- Alternatives

(Note: Information on how to obtain Staff's written report on this subject is provided below.)

Recommended Action: The Administration seeks Council direction on whether to prepare an ordinance prohibiting video gaming in Class AP establishments for future Council consideration.

Council Member's Technical Questions: Council Member's technical questions included the following topics: what are C licenses (private Club); AP having unlimited packaged sales, and impact of what the A component has on the license (ability to serve liquor on the premises along with unlimited package sales); primary food service not part of the City's liquor code; 60/40 food to liquor revenue split requirement, and how enforced; ability to revoke an R license not meeting the food to liquor revenue split; any other revenue provisions beyond the food to liquor split; ability to issue separate gaming licenses; ability to have a gaming cap as with other licenses (yes); City previously agreeing to not having a gaming license; business model revenue sources; other municipality concerns with regulating gaming, alcohol, etc.; and the number of R licenses with gaming not in compliance with the food to revenue split (1).

Public Input: The following members of the audience spoke regarding video gaming, AP liquor license establishments, Gaming Act loophole concerns (law not intended for Gaming Café's), and regulating revenue sales and type of gaming establishments:
Karl Kern, 1812 Cobble Creek, Mahomet – Melody Gaming

Council Member's General Discussion: Council Members comments included the following topics: need for more information regarding R licenses (restaurant), and regulating AP and R licenses; inconsistency with gaming cafes meeting kitchen requirements; concern with attempting to control how citizens spend their money, competition, loopholes or legal limitations in the law, and governments role in regulating entertainment; concern with finding ways around regulations that impact current license holders, fairness, and the need to consider what is reasonable for licensing gaming; impact of gaming facilities on existing license caps; need to consider additional research for licensing gaming and their locations; need for clarity with license categories, proper enforcement, and possibly modifying license requirements; lack of

State direction with gaming requirements with focused need on State revenue; consider a hold on issuing additional licenses while considering alternatives; other gaming in existing locations where children already frequent; and having as much regulation on drinking water as on gaming machines.

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Poll: Mayor Gerard polled Alternative 2 directing staff to conduct further research and analysis on the regulation of video gaming establishments and seek Council direction at a future study session. The result of the poll was 9 ayes and 0 nays.

Audience Participation:

Stephan Seyfert, 1207 Muirfield Pt., addressed the recognition of Alison Krauss, and thanks for moving the issue forward; noted the honorary street designation is a great program to recognize community members; and noted other possible street alternatives for Ms. Krauss.

Council Member and City Manager Comments:

CM McIntosh noted he supports stopping the dumping of PCB's over the aquifer, and it is an issue of protection of the water system and not a political issue.

Mayor Gerard encouraged everyone to write letters of opposition to the dumping of PCB's over the aquifer, and any opposition to protect our clean drinking water (Illinois State Chamber of Commerce).

Adjournment: With no further Council business, Mayor Gerard declared the meeting adjourned.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Marilyn L. Banks
Records Manager/City Clerk

Additional information on this meeting is available as follows:

Staff prepares a Report to the City Council containing detailed information on each subject discussed at Council meetings. The subjects and Study Session (SS) numbers for this Council meeting are:

- Alison Krauss Honorary Street Name Request [SS 2015-012]
- Consolidated Plan – Potential Goals and Strategies [SS 2015-013]

- AP Liquor License and Video Gaming [SS 2015-014]

The reports are available from the City's web site at ([Council Study Session Reports](#)), by email to CityClerk@ci.champaign.il.us, or by calling 217-403-8940.

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Neighborhood Services Department
Neighborhood Services Advisory Board
Regular Meeting Minutes

Council Chambers – City Building
3/12/15 @ 5:30 pm



√ Brent West	√ Wesley Clayborn	David Oliver, NSD
√ Donte Lotts	— Doug McCarty	√ John Ruffin, NSD
√ Debra Karplus	√ Kevin Jackson, NSD	√ Kerri Spear, NSD
√ Felicia Cockrell	√ Colleen Madera, Notetaker	

1. Call to Order, Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.
2. Minutes from Previous Meeting – Corrections to the minutes were to fix the date of the STAR Awards and correct spelling of Wesley Clayborn's last name on the first page. Debra Karplus motioned to accept the minutes, Donte Lotts seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously on a voice vote.
3. Neighborhood Profiles – None
4. Old Business –
 - A. Bristol Park Neighborhood Plan Update – Kerri Spear introduced Jean Algee, Community Development Specialist who gave a brief update to the plan. They displayed a current map of the acquisitions and demolitions occurring in the neighborhood. Both Donte and Brent commended that they liked the map update each month. Donte welcomed Jean.
 - B. Draft ConPlan/Annual Action Plan/Private Activity Bond – Kerri Spear introduced Janel Gomez, Community Development Specialist who will be helping administer the federal grants and the Consolidated Plan. Janel explained some of the feedback they have received so far on the ConPlan was from Council wondering if the information could be broken down further. Also there were some questions raised about the amount of public input received regarding the plan which prompted staff to add a couple more meetings to gather more input. Other concerns raised during the public input was that there was not enough funding to go around and there is a great need for affordable housing. Council asked if a rental rehab program was created to take into consideration the rent standard. Some issues with the past rental rehab program was the rent payment that would need to be and the landlords wanted to use their own maintenance staff and the City required to use City-approved vendors. There was discussion regarding neighborhood economic

development but some concern regarding minority/woman-owned businesses and keep that as a focus. Kerri also reminded everyone there will be a 30-day public comment period beginning next week. During this period, there will be all-call meetings being held to gather more input. On April 14, there will be a formal Public Hearing at the Council meeting with the 30-day public hearing period ending on April 20. The plan will be submitted to HUD on May 15. Wesley asked how the state's budget impacting the programs in the Consolidated Plan. Kerri stated they are federally funded so are not impacted their division/programs. Kevin explained that the rest of the department is funded through the general fund and that it could impact services at a later date. Brent asked if other housing related programs might be affected with the potential state cuts. Kerri stated some down payment programs might be affected (some IHDA programs have already been eliminated). They are talking right now with IHDA to see if they might be able to fund some affordable housing programs with the Bond Cap. Donte also welcomed Janel. Brent asked if there were possibly some programs to help with vacant property owners. Kevin stated the only funding for a commercial structure is under the abatement fund but currently there are no federal funds available for this. Wesley asked if the homes being built on Bradley and McKinley will be in the numbers for affordable housing and how many will there be. Kerri stated the housing being built there will take some time before it comes online and gets into the data set for the affordable housing. Kevin stated there are 92 units proposed for that site. There is a sister site in southwest site that will have 160 units. Both of these sites are being constructed by the Housing Authority of Champaign County. Kerri also mentioned that in Bristol Place, we are looking to put back 103 housing units in there. Felicia asked about minority business and how to help people get started. Kerri stated Planning and Development is handling this and they are trying to utilize multiple resources. However, they are finding that most businesses are having trouble getting those resources. They are trying to continue to find out their needs and design things to continue to assist them. \$10,000 has been set aside to help these contractors help with some of their barriers. Wesley asked what kinds of businesses are having trouble in this area. Kevin stated they vary; some construction, funeral home, retail, some companies trying to expand, etc. Kerri explained making the demolitions in Bristol more of small packages will hopefully see greater participation in smaller contractors. Wesley asked how many of the 92 will be mixed-income. Kerri said 10% market rate, 60% low income.

5. New Business – None

6. Staff Reports – Neighborhood Coordination: John stated Neighbors of Champaign is getting ready to launch and training for the individual registered groups will begin next week. John also mentioned there are some key engagement dates in the Key Events calendar such as the Boneyard Cleanup, Bristol Community Open House, North First Street Group Cleanup, STAR Expo/Awards Ceremony.

Neighborhood Programs: Kerri reiterated that she is excited to be fully staffed and encourage the board to contact Janel and Jean with questions.

Kevin emphasized to the board to keep looking at the Key Events calendar provided because there are a lot of activities coming up.

7. Board Comments and Suggestions – Donte asked if it was possible to get a list of vendors to help support. John stated he would provide that to the board tomorrow. Donte also stated that Kevin attended the First Followers Program which will assist those formerly incarcerated get back into the community (March 23 1-5 pm at Bethel AME Church). He also attended a meeting at the Champaign Library (Community Coalition Meeting), where information was presented by the Police Chiefs as to events happening within the community. Brent asked if there was going to be breakout sessions and a keynote speaker. John stated no, but that some new City initiatives will be highlighted. Brent also asked about the fire station in Bristol. Kevin stated there is no program funding for the fire station at this time. There is going to be some analysis of it now that a new Fire Chief is on board. g
8. Public Participation
9. Adjournment – Seeing no further business to discuss, the regular meeting adjourned at 6:15 pm to the closed meeting to finalize the voting of the STAR Awards.

Consolidated Planning Process Meeting
March 31, 2015 (11:00 0m)
Douglass Branch Library
Meeting Notes

Attendees:

Habitat for Humanity: Michelle Stallmeyer
City of Champaign: Kerri Spear

Kerri Spear provided an overview of the ConPlan process. Kerri explained that affordable rental housing will become a higher priority goal for the City as the need is growing. Michelle Stallmeyer from Habitat for Humanity agreed, stating that the agency gets numerous calls from people who cannot obtain affordable rental housing, or who are seeking rental assistance.

Michelle and Kerri discussed that the need for affordable home ownership still exists, and Michelle added that this remains Habitat's mission.

Champaign City Council
Council Chambers
April 14, 2015

Meeting minutes not yet available as of 4.29.15

Additional Public Comment on the 2015-19 Consolidated Plan

Phone Call from Mr. Charles Davidson regarding the Tuesday, January 6th Study Session (ConPlan)

January 8, 2015 2:30 p.m.

Charles Davidson

Champaign needs halfway house(s) for parolees. Subsidized units frequently have parole barriers (5 years, 10 years) and private units (not subsidized) are not affordable to persons on fixed incomes.

Phone call from Margaret Hicks - RE: Bristol Park (ConPlan Input)

Thursday, February 12, 2015 4:20 p.m.

Margaret Hicks

Comment on the Bristol Park Redevelopment:

The City should sale the land it has acquired in the Bristol Park area to the Champaign Unit #4 School District to use for the new Central High School location. The people who own their homes can remain and the renters can be relocated. The school district can then use the empty houses as classrooms. This is the way Parkland College first started before they built their new campus. The money made selling the land to Unit 4 will help the City recoup the costs of buying the houses that have been purchased in the Bristol neighborhood.

Comment on the Garwood Neighborhood:

The City of Champaign needs to refer to the Bible scripture that says we need to consider the poor. The houses have sentimental value attached and the City needs to take that into consideration before they buy. Dawn has explained (to Mrs. Hicks) that the City is tearing down homes that do not meet certain standards, but just because a house does not have a bath and a half does not mean it should be condemned.

Email from Allison Wiste-Webb, LCSW, Crisis Nursery - Community Need

Friday, February 20, 2015 at 12:11 p.m.

Allison Wiste-Webb

Hi, Kerri! We spoke briefly at the One Winter Night event about the homeless trend that Crisis Nursery has been seeing. I was looking for numbers that I could share with you, but the way we track things doesn't lend itself well to me being able to quickly pull numbers. BUT, I can tell you that we have seen a dramatic increase in our homeless admissions—to the point where we frequently had so many homeless families calling us for care, we would have to rotate the families each night as we just didn't have the space for all the kids. It is the one part of my job where I feel the most helpless. Even if I am able to get the kids in for the night/day/whatever the family is needing, I don't have a place to refer the mom/parents to. I always told them to get on the list for Courage Connections, Restoration, etc., but the wait was always so long and they really needed a safe place for that night. Anyway, I hope that helps a little in terms of planning. Let me know if you have any questions.

Email from Laurie Bonnett, President, Board of Education (Unit 4 Schools) - 5 Year Consolidated Plan

Tuesday, April 15, 2015 at 8:34 p.m.

Laurie Bonnett

In listening to Carrie's presentation, is there any room for the inclusion of a program of housing for our homeless families within Unit 4? Looking specifically for the 'tiny home' model on city owned properties that we could build. We've been in preliminary conversations with Habitat and others to address this need.

Thank you,

Laurie

Email from Sherri Rush - 5 Year Consolidated Plan

Wednesday, April 15, 2015 at 2:47 p.m.

Sherri Rush

Hi, Kerri,

Just wanted to share with you some observations I have made over the past several months. I have been listening to a police scanner for a long time now. It has provided me with a unique perspective on what goes on in Champaign and the surrounding area during the day and night. What stands out is the pressing need for increased mental health services and the number of homeless citizens. The first responders spend a huge amount of time dealing with this problem. I feel these are two of the most important issues we face. The people with these problems and bless them because they can't help it go into public places and cause trouble. I wonder how many ban notices the police have issued. Probably a lot.

Thank you.

Overall Themes From Online Survey Responses:

Monday, April 13, 2015 - Monday, April 20, 2015

The following responses were taken from survey questions #13 ("What changes would most improve your neighborhood?") and #15 ("What do you like least about your neighborhood?"). Many responses included more than one identified problem or concern thus the following tallies do not reflect the exact number of responses. Survey questions can be viewed at the following site:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?PREVIEW_MODE=DO_NOT_USE_THIS_LINK_FOR_COLLECTION&sm=L6DTz75zPfkV9bFZUy04niW4BQkSIN5gyvd2mJpDAKA%3d

Overall the following seven themes emerged from the responses.

- 1. Housing Repair/Vacant Structure Repair** (9 comments) Examples: "low interest loans to help people repair their homes" "dealing with the upkeep of vacant structures" "converting multi-family homes back into single family homes" "better quality affordable housing options for low income residents"
- 2. Support Neighborhood Groups and Increase Sense of Community** (8 comments) Examples: "we need a neighborhood organization" "better communication with city officials" "I would like to see more individuals in my neighborhood take pride in the community"
- 3. Code Enforcement and Neighborhood Upkeep** (13 comments) Examples: "Some mechanism to encourage neighbors to take care of their property" "make landlords care about their rental properties" "plant more trees"
- 4. Infrastructure improvements** (13 comments) Examples: "fix the brick streets and sidewalks" "upgrade sewer" "I would like to see more streetlights on every corner"
- 5. Transportation** – 10 comments) "add walkability to overpass" "remove street parking on one side" "enforce speed limits" "add bike lanes"

6. Crime Reduction – (5 comments) “police should hold neighborhood meetings to describe crime in the neighborhood and instruct residents what to watch out for” “street lights to deter criminals” “remove criminal elements”

7. Youth Activities – (5 comments) “after school activities” “there are no recreation centers for children’s activities”

8. Mental Health – (3 Comments) “we need more services for persons with mental health problems and drug addiction” “there is a huge need for mental health services in Champaign County”

Because we asked respondents to indicate (on map – attached) where they reside, we are further able to distinguish what residents in our low/mod census tract neighborhoods are concerned with versus the jurisdiction as a whole. Low mod neighborhood responses fell mostly in the categories of Housing Repair, Code Enforcement, Infrastructure Improvement, and Youth Activities.

Question 16 asked “Is there anything else you would like to tell us about Neighborhood and Community Development in Champaign County? While many of the responses echoed the concerns already addressed in questions #13 and #15, there were several responses that singularly (one comment only) addressed additional issues. Those responses were:

- more diversity in my neighborhood
- don’t tax me for it
- address causes of poverty and crime
- location of affordable housing
- choosing appropriate locations for affordable housing
- a request to not expend HOME funds on crime prevention
- we need a way to encourage development of housing for the homeless

2015-2019 ConPlan Public Input Participants

12.11.14 City of Champaign NSAB - none

1.6.15 City of Champaign Study Session

Margaret Hicks, 1402 N. Walnut
Bill Kirkendal, 503 S. Elm
Michelle Kohler, 1304 Garden Hills
Dawn Blackman, 205 W. Columbia
Grant Antoline, 124 N. Neil

1.15.15 City of Urbana Civic Center - minutes unavailable as of 4.29.15

1.27.15 City of Urbana Community Development Commission - None

2.3.15 Community Elements COC/CSPH - (comments captured from agencies present)

Courage Connection
Community Elements
Mental Health Board
Presence Health
Salvation Army

2.6.15 Douglass Library All Call Meeting - no attendance

2.7.15 Leonhard Center All Call Meeting - no attendance

2.10.15 Stratton Elementary School - City Staff (John Ruffin, David Oliver, Kerri Spear); Habitat for Humanity (Sheila Dodd, Jared Schopp, Latonya Gatson); Ms Bailey, Felicia Cockrell, Lola Cockrell, Anthony Howell, Mary Howell, Nettie Howell

2.12.15 Community Reinvestment Group - Jessie McClusky Gilbert, Ernie Hamilton, Bob Guido, David Gillon, Michael Daughert, Wednesday Medlan, Maurice Bouslog, Kelly Mierkowski

2.12.15 Neighborhood Services Advisory Board - Board members (Donte Lotts, Felicia Cockrell, Debra Karplus, Wesley Clayborn, Doug McCarty

2.13.15 Country Brook Apartments Resident Meeting - Monique Smith, Camila Allen, Izetta Harris, Mark Rozinsky, John Fossett, Rickie Wafflarj

2.16.15 Garden Hills Elementary School UGHNA - Amy Revilla, Becky Restad, Eric Schwalm, Phil McGarvey, Gloria Franczak, Delores Lloyd, Effa Edwards, Kathleen Smith, Iva Rotramel, Andre and Staci Britton, Melvin and Pamela Peete, Council Member Vic McIntosh

2.24.15 City of Champaign Study Session - Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing - Ed Bland (Housing Authority of Champaign County), Andrew Greenlee (UIUC Department of Urban and Regional Planning)

3.10.15 City of Champaign Study Session - Council Members (Paul Faraci, Deborah Feinen, Karen Foster, William Kyles, Michael La Due, Vic McIntosh, Tom Bruno, Marci Dodds, Mayor Gerard); City Staff

(Dorothy Ann David, City Manager; Fred Stavins, City Attorney; Dennis Schmidt, Public Works Director; Kerri Spear, Neighborhood Programs Manager; Janel Gomez, Community Development Specialist; Matthew Roeschley, Deputy City Manager; Laura Hall, Assistant City Attorney)

3.30.15 Leonhard Center

No attendance

3.31.15 Douglass Branch Library

Michelle Stallmeyer, Habitat for Humanity

3.31.15 Douglass Annex

No attendance

4.14.15 City of Champaign Study Session - minutes unavailable as of 4.29.15

Appendix - Alternate/Local Data Sources