

FY 2021 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN – DRAFT

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Baton Rouge and unincorporated East Baton Rouge Parish (City-Parish) apply as one jurisdiction for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA) Funding. The City-Parish Office of Community Development (OCD) is the lead agency for overseeing the development of the Consolidated Plan as well as the subsequent implementation and monitoring of the activities funded by the Annual Action Plans. The OCD oversees the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) entitlement grants for the City-Parish and the funded activities are implemented by Build Baton Rouge (BBR) and the City-Parish Department of Human Development and Services (DHDS). BBR is responsible for administering projects funded by CDBG and HOME, whereas DHDS is responsible for administering projects funded by ESG and HOPWA. Both BBR and DHDS operate according to the terms of Cooperative Endeavor Agreements they entered into with the City-Parish. The OCD serves as the lead agency and monitors BBR and DHDS to ensure compliance with all local, state and federal requirements.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

See section AP-20 for goals and objectives.

3. Evaluation of past performance

Most of the projects and programs administered during the previous program year were in response to and/or preparation for the COVID-19 pandemic. Those include rental and mortgage assistance, utility assistance, healthcare service projects, various supportive services and economic development activities. The City-Parish also continued the implementation of the DPW blighted housing demolition program and the single-family owner-occupied housing rehabilitation program. These activities provided assistance to hundreds of households in the City-Parish and helped sustain households, partner organizations and local small businesses during the height of the pandemic.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

This section will be updated after the end of the public comment period.

5. **Summary of public comments**

This section will be updated after the end of the public comment period.

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

This section will be updated after the end of the public comment period.

7. **Summary**

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	BATON ROUGE	Office of Community Development
HOPWA Administrator	BATON ROUGE	Office of Community Development
HOME Administrator	BATON ROUGE	Office of Community Development
ESG Administrator	BATON ROUGE	Office of Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

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AP-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))

City-Parish administration coordinates and regularly participates in meetings and communications with partner agencies and organizations, such as the Capital Area Alliance for the Homeless, the Housing First Alliance, and Healthy BR. All parties communicate regularly in an effort to coordinate services and provide a holistic approach to assistance for the LMI and at-risk populations. The City-Parish also regularly works and meets with numerous nonprofit agencies that provide a variety of services including, but not limited to, the Mid-City Redevelopment Alliance, the Urban Restoration Enhancement Corporation, Habitat for Humanity, the YWCA, Project 70805, Volunteers of America, St. Vincent de Paul, and many others.

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.

City-Parish representatives work with representatives from the local Continuum of Care (COC), Capital Area Alliance for the Homeless (CAAH), regularly. The CAAH receives entitlement funding for projects such as day center building rehabilitation, operations and supportive services, and development of supportive housing units for homeless persons. CAAH regularly submits proposals for projects and programs and subsequently receives awards from entitlement funding sources beyond just ESG.

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

The City-Parish annually issues a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for its CDBG, HOME, HOPWA and ESG funding. This NOFA provides local organizations, agencies, nonprofits and developers with an opportunity to submit requests for funding for eligible projects. The proposals are reviewed by an evaluation committee and the results are submitted to the City-Parish Administration. Once approved by Administration, award letters are distributed, and the award process begins. When reviewing proposals, the evaluation committee is tasked with objectively ranking projects based on numerous factors, including proposed outcomes, organizational capacity and cost reasonableness.

When developing the five-year plan, OCD and BBR held a meeting with the CAAH to discuss coordination of services, ESG funding, housing needs, coordinated entry, HMIS and other funding opportunities for homeless programs and services. The City-Parish’s annual ESG allocation is not substantial considering the demands for these funds, so homeless service providers have been encouraged to coordinate services and apply for other sources of funding, including HOME and CDBG. It was agreed that EBR DHDS staff would also attend the CAAH board meetings to improve communication.

CAAH is a member of the Louisiana Balance of State Continuum of Care (LA BOSCO), which is a coalition of people and housing service providers dedicated to preventing and ending homelessness in Louisiana. Members of the BOSCO share best practices, expand their referral networks and collaboratively develop policies and procedures to guide how people experiencing homelessness are served in their communities. The BOSCO also assists in the management and coordination of local HMIS data as well.

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

When developing the five-year plan, numerous groups, agencies and organizations were consulted. An upcoming meeting is being held July 26th in order to get more feedback prior to finalizing this FY21 Action Plan.

1	Agency/Group/Organization	HOUSING AUTHORITY OF EAST BATON ROUGE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The EBRPHA participated in all Stakeholder Meetings. A separate meeting with the EBRPHA was also held in late 2018. The EBRPHA provided input on the needs of public housing and the residents of public housing.

2	Agency/Group/Organization	Capital Area Alliance for the Homeless
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Health Other government - Federal Other government - State Other government - County Other government - Local Regional organization Planning organization
	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
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representatives from the CAAH attended all Stakeholder Meetings as well as the Community Meetings. A separate meeting was held with a CAAH representative to discuss homelessness in further detail. The CAAH was encouraged to apply for other sources of funding besides only ESG. As a result, they submitted project proposals for CDBG, HOME and ESG funds. The CAAH contributed ideas for innovative housing projects and shared valuable information about the needs of the populations they serve.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	SVDP Bishop Ott Night Shelter
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Health Services - Victims

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth HOPWA Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representatives from Bishop Ott shared information about the needs of the populations they serve. They also contributed ideas to enhance coordination of providers.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	URBAN RESTORATION ENHANCEMENT CORPORATION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	UREC provided input on affordable housing needs of the City-Parish.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY OF GREATER BATON ROUGE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Habitat for Humanity attended all Stakeholder Meetings. They provided input on the housing needs of the City-Parish as well as the funding needs of Habitat for Humanity. They also stated the need for more repair programs in order to make affordable housing more sustainable.

6	Agency/Group/Organization	OUR LADY OF THE LAKE MEDICAL CENTER - ST. ANTHONY'S HOME
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	HOPWA Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	LOL St. Anthony's Home attended the Stakeholder Meetings. They provided input as to the housing and healthcare needs of persons infected with HIV/AIDS.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Louisiana Housing Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Other government - State Regional organization Planning organization
	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 LHC attended the Stakeholder Meetings. They offered assistance with the provision of data as well as feedback regarding housing needs.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Basic needs
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Interfaith provides hot meals to the homeless and those in need. They were invited to attend all Stakeholder Meetings. They provide regular feedback to the City-Parish as they currently operate a program funded with CDBG dollars.

9	Agency/Group/Organization	Downtown Development District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local Planning organization Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representatives from the DDD attended the Stakeholder Meetings. They provided input and feedback on the economic development needs of the City-Parish.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Capitol Area Transit System
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	CATS representatives attended the Stakeholder Meetings and provided feedback on the transit needs of the City-Parish.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	SCOTLANDVILLE CDC
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Scotlandville CDC was invited to participate in all Stakeholder and Community Meetings. Representatives have had meetings with Build Baton Rouge and OCD representatives to discuss the needs of the Scotlandville area.

12	Agency/Group/Organization	HAART (HIV/AIDS ALLIANCE FOR REGION TWO, INC.)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	HOPWA Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	HAART participated in all Stakeholder Meetings. They provided input on the needs of those diagnosed with HIV/AIDS.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	MID CITY REDEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	MCRA attended the Stakeholder Meetings and provided feedback/input on the affordable housing needs of the mid-city area in Baton Rouge.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA, GBR
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education

	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 Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	VOAGBR attended all Stakeholder Meetings. VOA provided input and feedback on various aspects of the LMI population in the City-Parish.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Build Baton Rouge – The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Baton Rouge
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Regional organization Planning organization Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Economic Development Market Analysis
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	BBR assisted in the planning of all meetings, plans and activities. Build Baton Rouge administers the HOME and CDBG funds under the oversight of the City-Parish OCD.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	EBR Human Development Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Other government - Local

	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 HOPWA Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	DHDS administers ESG and HOPWA funds under the oversight of the City-Parish OCD. DHDS staff participated in all community and stakeholder meetings. They also assist in the planning, selection and implementation of projects funded by ESG and HOPWA.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	ST VINCENT DE PAUL
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education
	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 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?	St. Vincent de Paul staff participated in all Stakeholder and Community Meetings. They provide input on various topics, services and needs of homeless, LMI and special needs populations in the City-Parish.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Plan B
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment

	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Plan B participated in the Stakeholder Meetings. They provided input on the affordable housing needs of the City-Parish.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	Vital Resource Solutions
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Education
	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?	VRS attended Stakeholder Meetings and provided input on general community development needs of the community.
20	Agency/Group/Organization	Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The LAFHAC participated in the Stakeholder Meetings and also attended a separate meeting with OCD and Build Baton Rouge staff to discuss the fair housing needs of the City-Parish area.
21	Agency/Group/Organization	Lafleur Industries
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	A representative from Lafleur Industries participated in Stakeholder Meetings and provided input on the affordable housing needs of the City-Parish.

22	Agency/Group/Organization	CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF BATON ROUGE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	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 Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth 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?	Catholic Charities representatives attended Stakeholder and Community Meetings. They provided input and feedback on the needs of various LMI and special needs populations in the Baton Rouge area.
23	Agency/Group/Organization	100 Black Men of Metro Baton Rouge
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business Leaders Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The organization was invited to participate in stakeholder meetings.

24	Agency/Group/Organization	Capitol Area Human Services District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless Services-Health Services - Victims Other government - State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs 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 CAHSD was asked to participate in the Stakeholder Meetings.
25	Agency/Group/Organization	East Baton Rouge Parish Council
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - County Other government - Local Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	All Council Members were invited to attend Stakeholder and Community Meetings. The Council will be responsible for approval the final Consolidated Plan.
26	Agency/Group/Organization	Louisiana Workforce Investment
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment Other government - State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Representatives were invited to participate in the stakeholder meetings.
27	Agency/Group/Organization	Empower 225
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children

What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy
How was the Agency/Group/Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Empower 225 attended Stakeholder Meetings and provided input on the needs of youth in the Baton Rouge area.

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Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

All agencies are able to provide comments and feedback regarding this plan.

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

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Capital Area Alliance for the Homeless	Data, information, and planning efforts are coordinated among the agencies and providers

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AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

The citizen participation process for the development of the current five-year plan began in late 2018. Two separate Stakeholder Meetings were held that allowed various partners, agencies and organizations to discuss priority needs in the City-Parish and also suggest ways to address those needs. Comments and feedback from Stakeholders were used as source information for many aspects of the Consolidated Plan. A community meeting is being held July 26, 2021. Feedback from that meeting will be added to this FY21 plan prior to submission to HUD.

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Expected Resources

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

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Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	3,258,983	0	0	3,258,983	0	
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	1,408,393	0	0	1,408,393	0	

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOPWA	public - federal	Permanent housing in facilities Permanent housing placement Short term or transitional housing facilities STRMU Supportive services TBRA	2,533,548	0	0	2,533,548	0	
ESG	public - federal	Conversion and rehab for transitional housing Financial Assistance Overnight shelter Rapid re-housing (rental assistance) Rental Assistance Services Transitional housing	280,093	0	0	280,093	0	

Table 1 - 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

Each subrecipient and developer who will be awarded Entitlement funds for a project will be committing their own or other financial and/or manpower resources to that project. When applying for funding, each applicant must state, in detail, how they will be contributing to the

administration of the project or program. Projects utilizing volunteers leverage labor costs. Public service supported activities generate private and other state and local funding to increase the ability of organizations to provide services to those in need. HOME funds used for homebuyer loans leverage private mortgage financing to make owner housing more affordable.

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

The EBR Parish Housing Authority owns property that will be redeveloped as part of BR Choice, an initiative funded by HUD's Choice Neighborhood Implementation grant and spearheaded by the EBRPHA, Partners Southeast, the City-Parish and the EBRRA. This neighborhood initiative is redeveloping approximately 1.6 square miles of three adjoining neighborhoods, known as the Ardenwood Area (Melrose East, Smiley Heights and East Fairfields). This project will include infrastructure, community, and social service improvements as well as affordable housing developments. The grant award for the Ardenwood project is \$30,000,000.

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Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Safe and Healthy Housing Rehabilitation	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	HUD 2020 LMI Census Tracts	Housing Repair Environmental factors impacting health	CDBG	40 Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated
2	Blighted Homes Demolition	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	HUD 2020 LMI Census Tracts	Blight Removal	CDBG	40 Units Demolished
3	Healthcare Services	2020	2024	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Jurisdictional Boundaries	Healthcare Assistance	CDBG	800 Persons Assisted
4	Basic Needs Assistance – Health Food	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	HUD 2020 LMI Census Tracts	Basic Needs Assistance	CDBG	1,000 Persons Assisted
5	Housing Counseling	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Jurisdictional Boundaries	Housing Counseling	CDBG	100 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Workforce Training and Education	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	HUD 2020 LMI Census Tracts	Workforce Training and Education	CDBG	50 Persons Assisted; Businesses Assisted
7	Homeless Services	2020	2024	Homeless	Jurisdictional Boundaries	Homeless Services & Emergency Shelter	CDBG, ESG	800 Persons Assisted
8	Small Business Assistance	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Jurisdictional Boundaries	Economic Development	CDBG	50 Businesses Assisted
9	Development of Safe and Healthy Affordable Housing	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Low Poverty Areas or Areas Susceptible to Rising Home Costs and Displacement	Safe and Healthy Affordable Housing Development	HOME	Homeowner Housing Added: 10 Household Housing Units
10	Housing and Services for Persons with HIV/AIDS	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Jurisdictional Boundaries	Special Needs and Supportive Services	HOPWA	800 Persons Assisted
11	Emergency Shelter for the Homeless	2020	2024	Homeless	Jurisdictional Boundaries	Homeless Services and Emergency Shelter	ESG	700 Persons Assisted

Table 2 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Funds will be used to administer housing repair programs.

2	Goal Name	Blighted Homes Demolition
	Goal Description	Funds will be used to demolish blighted homes in LMI Census Tracts.
3	Goal Name	Healthcare Services
	Goal Description	Funds will be used to provide healthcare assistance and services at no or low costs to LMI or presumed-LMI persons.
4	Goal Name	Basic Needs Assistance - Food
	Goal Description	Funds will be used to provide food and prepared meals to LMI or presumed-LMI persons.
5	Goal Name	Housing Counseling
	Goal Description	Funds will be used to provide homebuyer counseling and foreclosure prevention services to LMI households.
6	Goal Name	Workforce Training and Education
	Goal Description	Funds will be used to provide workforce training, education and related services to LMI persons and LMI youths.
7	Goal Name	Homeless Services
	Goal Description	Funds will be used to provide emergency housing, direct assistance and supportive services to homeless or near-homeless persons.
8	Goal Name	Small Business Assistance
	Goal Description	Funds will be used to provide direct financial assistance and related services to small businesses in East Baton Rouge Parish.
9	Goal Name	Development of Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	Funds will be used for pre-construction and construction costs associated with the development of affordable housing units in East Baton Rouge Parish.

10	Goal Name	Housing and Services for Persons with HIV/AIDS
	Goal Description	Funds will be used to provide supportive housing, permanent housing, temporary housing, financial assistance, emergency housing and supportive services to persons who suffer from HIV/AIDS and their families.
11	Goal Name	Emergency Shelter for the Homeless
	Goal Description	Funds will be used to provide support to shelter providers who offer emergency shelter and related services to the homeless in East Baton Rouge Parish.

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Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

A Notice of Funding Availability will be issued in fall 2021. Local agencies and organizations will submit proposals for funding based on City-Parish priorities and needs as identified in this Plan. All awardees and projects will begin by January 2022. Projects will fall likely fall within, but are not necessarily limited to, the below categories.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	General Planning and Administration
2	Housing Rehabilitation
3	Blighted Housing Demolition
4	Housing Counseling
5	Healthcare Assistance & Related Services
6	Homeless Assistance & Supportive Services
7	Emergency Housing for the Homeless
8	Basic Needs Assistance - Food
9	Workforce Development, Education & Training
10	Small Business Assistance
11	Housing for Persons with HIV/AIDS
12	Supportive Services for Persons with HIV/AIDS
13	Supportive Services for Special Needs Populations
14	Supportive Housing for Special Needs Populations
14	Development of Affordable Housing
15	Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance
16	Economic Development Activities

Table 3 - Project Information

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

Although the City-Parish provides assistance to homeless shelters, shelter caseworkers say there are barriers hindering their efforts to move homeless individuals toward self-sufficiency. The lack of decent, low cost housing, single room occupancy units and adequate transportation are just a few barriers. Also, the requirement for credit references is often an obstacle to persons and families attempting to obtain rental housing after a period of homelessness. Furthermore, persons with a history of mental illness and who are homeless, often encounter difficulty obtaining rental housing. The needs of the community have consistently outnumbered the funds available for support.

The major obstacle to meeting underserved needs is a lack of sufficient entitlement funds to address all

the non-housing needs. The demand for facilities and services continues to be greater than the resources available to provide them. This problem is illustrated by the large number of projects with high needs that cannot be funded due to lack of available funds. The Office of Community Development and Build Baton Rouge issue a request for proposals (RFP) for its CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA funds during each program year. Many proposals go unfunded due to the lack of funding availability. In addition, the decline in local revenues and cutbacks in State funding have increased the need for CDBG funds.

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AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information1	Project Name	General Planning & Administration
	Target Area	Parish-Wide
	Goals/Needs Supported	Program Administration
	Description	Planning and administration of entitlement funds
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
	Location Description	Parish-Wide
2	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	HUD 2020 LMI Census Tracts
	Goals/Needs Supported	Single-Family Owner-Occupied Housing Repair
	Description	Rehabilitation and accessibility improvements of owner-occupied housing
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	A minimum of 40 housing units owned by LMI owners will receive rehabilitation services
	Location Description	LMI census tracts
3	Project Name	Blighted Housing Demolition
	Target Area	HUD 2020 LMI Census Tracts
	Goals/Needs Supported	Blight Removal
	Description	Demolition of blighted housing
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	A minimum of 40 blighted homes will be demolished
	Location Description	Scattered sites in LMI census tracts
4	Project Name	Housing Counseling
	Target Area	Parish-Wide

	Goals/Needs Supported	Housing Counseling
	Description	Homebuyer counseling and foreclosure prevention
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	A minimum of 100 households will receive services
	Location Description	TBD
5	Project Name	Healthcare Assistance & Related Services
	Target Area	Parish-Wide
	Goals/Needs Supported	Healthcare Assistance
	Description	Healthcare Assistance and Related Services
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 800 people will receive various forms of healthcare assistance
	Location Description	TBD
6	Project Name	Homeless Assistance & Supportive Services
	Target Area	Parish-Wide
	Goals/Needs Supported	Homeless Assistance & Supportive Services
	Description	Provision of services for Homeless persons
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 800 homeless people will receive various forms of assistance and services
	Location Description	TBD
7	Project Name	Emergency Housing for the Homeless
	Target Area	Parish-Wide
	Goals/Needs Supported	Homeless Services
	Description	Emergency Housing for the Homeless

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 700 homeless people will receive emergency housing
	Location Description	TBD
8	Project Name	Basic Needs Assistance - Food
	Target Area	HUD 2019 LMI Census Tracts
	Goals/Needs Supported	Basic Needs Assistance
	Description	Provision of food and prepared meals for presumed LMI or LMI persons
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 1,000 persons will receive food/prepared meals through various programs
	Location Description	TBD
9	Project Name	Workforce Development, Education & Training
	Target Area	HUD 2020 LMI Census Tracts
	Goals/Needs Supported	Workforce Development
	Description	Job training, education and related services
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	A minimum of 50 people will receive workforce development/training services
	Location Description	TBD
10	Project Name	Small Business Assistance
	Target Area	Parish-Wide
	Goals/Needs Supported	Economic Development
	Description	Direct financial assistance for small businesses
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 50 businesses will receive assistance
	Location Description	TBD
11	Project Name	Housing for Persons with HIV/AIDS
	Target Area	Parish-Wide

	Goals/Needs Supported	Supportive Housing, Emergency Housing, Transitional Housing, Housing Assistance
	Description	Supportive Housing, Emergency Housing, Transitional Housing, Housing Assistance
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 800 people with HIV/AIDS will receive housing assistance
	Location Description	TBD
12	Project Name	Supportive Services for Persons with HIV/AIDS
	Target Area	Parish-Wide
	Goals/Needs Supported	Supportive Services for Persons with HIV/AIDS
	Description	Supportive Services for Persons with HIV/AIDS
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 800 people with HIV/AIDS will receive supportive services
	Location Description	TBD
13	Project Name	Supportive Services for Special Needs Populations
	Target Area	Parish-wide
	Goals/Needs Supported	Special Needs Services
	Description	Provision of supportive services for special needs populations
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 500 special needs persons will receive supportive services
	Location Description	TBD
14	Project Name	Development of Affordable Housing
	Target Area	Low Poverty Areas or Areas Susceptible to Rising Home Costs and Displacement
	Goals/Needs Supported	Development of Affordable Housing
	Description	Developers will construction affordable housing for LMI buyers and/or renters

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	A minimum of 10 new affordable units will be constructed
	Location Description	TBD
15	Project Name	Rent, Mortgage and Utility Assistance
	Target Area	Parish-Wide
	Goals/Needs Supported	Housing/Financial Assistance
	Description	Provision of rent, mortgage and utility assistance to LMI households
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 500 households will receive rent, mortgage, and/or utility assistance
	Location Description	TBD
16	Project Name	Economic Development Activities
	Target Area	LMI Census Tracts
	Goals /Needs Supported	Economic Development
	Description	Economic Development Activities
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	TBD
	Location Description	TBD

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

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

All areas of the City of Baton Rouge - East Baton Rouge Parish are under the jurisdiction of the grantee, except the incorporated areas of Baker, Zachary and Central.

The Baton Rouge area owes its geographical importance to its site upon the Istrouma Bluff, the first natural bluff upriver from the Mississippi River Delta. In the 1950s and 1960s the region experienced a boom in the petrochemical industry, causing the city to expand away from the original center. In recent years, government and business have begun a move back to the central district. A building boom that began in the 1990s continues today.

The City-Parish will also target affordable housing construction and preservation in low-poverty areas or neighborhoods that may be susceptible to rising home costs and associated displacement (ex: Government St. Corridor or south Baton Rouge neighborhoods).

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Jurisdictional Area of the City of Baton Rouge and Parish of East Baton Rouge	100
Scotlandville	20
Zion City and Glen Oaks	20
Choctaw Corridor	20
Northdale and Standard Heights	20
Melrose East	20
HUD 2020 LMI Census Tracts	80

Table 4 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The basis for allocating investment geographically is to meet the needs of the lowest income residents, particularly in areas of low-income concentration. As a general rule, program activities and resources are made available parish-wide, except for the incorporated areas of the cities of Baker, Zachary and Central. Historically, the City-Parish awards Entitlement funding to subrecipients through a Request for Proposals (RFP) process. All project proposals must be for grant-compliant activities that target low- to moderate-income populations. LMI census tracts are numerous and are located throughout the

jurisdiction, therefore the City-Parish selects all LMI census tracts as local target areas.

- Vision
- Land Use
- Transportation
- Community Design and Neighborhoods
- Housing
- Environment and Conservation
- Parks and Recreation
- Infrastructure
- Economic Development
- Public Services

The "Community Design and Neighborhoods" section of FuturEBR identified "small areas" that would be targeted for community improvements. These areas are as follows:

- Scotlandville
- Zion City and Glen Oaks
- Northdale and Standard Heights
- Choctaw Corridor
- Melrose East

All areas are primarily low-income and in need of housing and other improvements. Entitlement and other funding will be used to address these local target areas as identified in the City-Parish's Comprehensive Plan as communities in need of improvements.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The affordable housing objectives for the Consolidated Plan are based on a five-year time frame. The jurisdiction proposes to use the available housing funds for programs that will provide decent housing for persons with cost burdens and substandard housing. Some of the programs are restricted to the 0-30% MFI households; some are restricted to the under 50% MFI households, and some are available to households with incomes up to 80% MFI. All programs are designed with the intent to:

1. Improve and preserve the existing stock of affordable housing.
2. Increase the stock of available affordable housing, especially in high opportunity neighborhoods.
3. Increase the ability of persons to afford standard housing.

The Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), funded by the U.S. Treasury, will provide rental assistance to thousands of residents.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	3,000
Non-Homeless	5,000
Special-Needs	500
Total	8,500

Table 64 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	5,000
The Production of New Units	10
Rehab of Existing Units	40
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	150

Table 65 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

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

The East Baton Rouge Parish Housing Authority (EBRPHA) maintains an inventory of 907 public housing units in 10 developments throughout the Parish. Interior renovations of Kelly Terrace was planned for the fourth quarter of 2018, but the project was put on hold pending Rental Assistance Demonstration (RAD) portfolio decisions. To date, the EBRPHA and its nonprofit partner, Partners Southeast, have added 311 affordable units to its portfolio with an additional 65 under or planned for construction in 2019. The City-Parish was recently selected to receive a Choice Neighborhoods Initiative (CNI) grant award from HUD. This award will be used to redevelop Ardenwood Village. Phase 1 of the project includes the construction of 168 affordable units; Phase 2 will include the construction of 120 units; and Phase 3 will include the construction of 260 units.

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

Public Housing is directly managed, including maintenance services, by the EBRPHA. The EBRPHA has policies in place that govern agency operations. Policies include: The Public Housing Admissions and Occupancy Policy (ACOP) including a rent policy, pet policy, community service policy, banning policy, debt repayment policy, VAWA policy, and transfer and reasonable accommodations policy. The EBR Housing Authority will ensure that clients interested in homeownership are referred to the Housing Counseling Program that will be administered by the Mid-City Redevelopment Authority and funded with CDBG dollars.

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

The PHA is not designated as "troubled."

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

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

CDBG, ESG, and HOPWA funding will be provided to organizations for administration of homeless assistance programs. ESG funds will fund organizations where outreach is provided. HOPWA funds will be used to provide outreach services and to administer short-term rent and mortgage assistance. The City-Parish anticipates that at least 2,000 homeless individuals will receive outreach assistance during year one. CDBG funds are used to supplement public services provided to the homeless when gaps in funding are left by ESG and HOPWA.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Homeless persons that are transitioning out of emergency shelter are typically in need of case Management, which is an integral part of the delivery of services to the homeless. These services are very instrumental in the provision of the total “continuum of care” required to assist homeless persons with the transition from emergency or transitional shelter to permanent housing and independent living. Case Management includes the provision of job training, counseling, adult education, job development, health services, transportation, daily living skills, and childcare. The OCD focuses on the extent to which basic shelter is coordinated with services and delivery capacity and to which it integrates short-term with longer-term self-sufficiency goals as its method of setting priorities for its homeless activities. It is estimated that 2,200 persons will receive emergency shelter assistance in year one. At least 3,000 more will receive rental assistance from the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP).

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

The process of transitioning to independent living is seen as generally a 3-step mechanism:

1. Address the immediate shelter needs of homeless.
2. Initiate services to address the causes of the homelessness in coordination with non-shelter transitional housing.

3. Transition to independent permanent housing/ living as the person or household establishes a satisfactory level of self-sufficiency through case management.

The number of available permanent supportive housing units does not meet the demand for the units. Homeless persons will be placed in supportive housing when possible. Others may be referred to affordable rentals without the permanent supportive services.

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.

Health Care - The One Stop Homeless Services Center has developed a relationship with several hospitals that includes appropriate referral for services to persons discharged from hospitals who were homeless prior to admission. Social work staff at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center and the Baton Rouge General Regional Medical Center coordinates with the patient, any families/friends, and service provider agencies to identify appropriate low-income and special needs housing for the patient in order to not discharge to the street or a place not meant for human habitation. If a patient has Medicaid and the placement is warranted, they go to nursing homes or other short-term placements for housing needs.

Mental Health - CoC agencies work with mental health facility social workers to ensure patients are not routinely discharged into homelessness. The One Stop Homeless Services Center has developed a relationship with several facilities that include appropriate referral for services to persons discharged who were homeless prior to admission. The One Stop Homeless Services Center routinely fields calls for housing options and directs mental health workers to appropriate resources. Mental Health facilities work with the patients, family members, mental health treatment programs, and private psychiatrists to ensure patients discharged from publicly funded mental health facilities are not discharged into homelessness. Patients are routinely discharged to licensed facilities or mental health housing programs.

Foster Care- In the Foster Care system, the efforts to avoid discharge into homelessness for youth involves a continuum of care system which includes case workers, attorneys, CASA workers, Department of Children and Family Services, foster family and the judicial court. Youth Oasis has a youth shelter and transitional housing facility to assist youth in transitional to independent living. Youth Facilities - The effort to avoid discharge into homelessness includes the youth and their case manager, CASA workers, attorneys, Department of Children and Family Services, the Judicial Court, the fostering family, and parents/guardians working on a long term plan. Louisiana also has a program for youth exiting at age 18 to continue working with foster care on a voluntary basis while they pursue education or vocational

training. This program is available up to age 21.

Corrections - The Baton Rouge CoC works collaboratively with Capital Area Re-Entry Coalition (CAPARC) to ensure that ex-offenders are not routinely discharged into homelessness. CAPARC is a coalition of service providers who work with and mentor those exiting Corrections. Their efforts begin prior to release and continue with supports on the outside. The CoC is also working with the Discharge Planning Group of the Louisiana Department of Corrections. Probation and Parole Community Resource Coordinator, Reception and Diagnostic Center personnel, Transition Specialist, offenders, family members, various courts, and the CAPARC Service Providers work together as stakeholders and/or collaborating agencies to ensure the offender being released is not discharged into homelessness.

AP-70 HOPWA Goals– 91.220 (I)(3)

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	20
Tenant-based rental assistance	200
Units provided in permanent housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	100
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	100
Total	420

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

Introduction:

The City-Parish, in conjunction with Build Baton Rouge and the Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center, completed an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI) in early 2020. The AI provides a thorough analysis of the housing market in East Baton Rouge Parish.

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

The following information is from *Section VI. Fair Housing Goals and Priorities* in the AI.

"The City-Parish and Build Baton Rouge, in partnership with residents, representatives from the business, economic development, non-profit, faith, and other key community stakeholders, propose the fair housing goals and strategies listed below to address the challenges raised in this AI. The goals and strategies reflect the balanced approach of increasing access to high opportunity areas and public investment in underserved neighborhoods.

Goal #1: For underserved and disinvested neighborhoods, improve the conditions of the existing housing stock, target efforts to address vacant buildings and lots, and prioritize investments in infrastructure and amenities.

Goal #2: Combat entrenched segregation by lowering barriers to affordable housing in higher opportunity neighborhoods, especially in south Baton Rouge

Goal #3: Invest in Fair Housing education, resources, and enforcement.

Goal #4: Increase access to opportunity for people with disabilities and other marginalized groups.

Goal #5: Equitable COVID-19 Recovery

Further details regarding the strategic steps to be taken to reach each goal may be found in Section VI. of the attached AI.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Although the City-Parish provides assistance to homeless shelters, shelter caseworkers say there are barriers hindering their efforts to move homeless individuals toward self-sufficiency. The lack of decent, low-cost housing, single room occupancy units and adequate transportation are just a few barriers. Also, the requirement for credit references is often an obstacle to persons and families attempting to obtain rental housing after a period of homelessness. Furthermore, persons with a history of mental illness and who are homeless, often encounter difficulty obtaining rental housing. The needs of the community have consistently outnumbered the funds available for support.

The major obstacle to meeting underserved needs is a lack of sufficient entitlement funds to address all the non-housing needs. The demand for facilities and services continues to be greater than the resources available to provide them. This problem is illustrated by the large number of projects with high needs that cannot be funded due to lack of available funds. The Office of Community Development and Build Baton Rouge issue a request for proposals (RFP) for its CDBG, HOME, ESG and HOPWA funds during each program year. Many proposals go unfunded due to the lack of funding availability. In addition, the decline in local revenues and cutbacks in State funding have increased the need for CDBG funds. EBR is also administering an Emergency Rental Assistance Program, (ERAP) funded by the U.S. Treasury.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The affordable housing objectives for the Consolidated Plan are based on a five-year time frame. The jurisdiction proposes to use the available housing funds for programs that will provide decent housing for persons with cost burdens and substandard housing. Some of the programs are restricted to the 0-30% MFI households; some are restricted to the under 50% MFI households, and some are available to households with incomes up to 80% MFI. All programs are designed with the intent to:

1. Improve and preserve the existing stock of affordable housing.
2. Increase the stock of available affordable housing, especially in high opportunity neighborhoods.
3. Increase the ability of persons to afford standard housing.

During the first year of this planning cycle, HOME funds will be used for development of affordable housing units and CDBG funds will be used for rehabilitation of existing housing stock. Housing developers who do not receive funds from the City-Parish will be referred to the Louisiana Housing Corporation for other potential financing opportunities. The City-Parish, in conjunction with the EBRPHA and Build Baton Rouge was awarded funding for the Choice Neighborhood grant, which will allow for the

development of a significant number of affordable housing units.

In accordance with the HUD Lead-Based Paint Regulation (24 CFR Part 35), rehabilitation work on housing built before 1978 that is financially assisted by the Federal government is subject to requirements that will control lead-based paint hazards. Build Baton Rouge requires that all contractors complete EPA's Lead-Based RRP (Renovation, Repair, and Painting) training. Contractors must submit a list to EBRRA of all individuals and subcontractors that will be involved in each project stating that each has completed a HUD approved training course on Lead Safe Work Practices. As necessary, EBRRA will conduct a risk assessment to identify lead-based paint hazards, perform interim control measures to eliminate hazards that are identified or, in lieu of a risk assessment, perform standard treatments throughout a unit. The type and amount of Federal assistance and rehabilitation hard costs for the unit will determine the level of lead hazard reduction completed. Lead procedures to be followed will be specified on the bid/contractor on a per project basis. City-Parish is also receiving a lead-hazard grant from HUD. This funding will provide a number of aging houses with abatement and reduction services.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City of Baton Rouge – Parish of East Baton Rouge plans to fund the maximum amount allowed under public services to assist in reducing the number of poverty level families in the Baton Rouge and surrounding areas. CDBG public services will be used to assist low-income families with transportation, job skills training, case management, financial literacy and other support services. The City will continue to partner with public and private entities to produce affordable housing and related services for low-income individuals and families.

The City-Parish plans to reduce the number of families in poverty through additional strategies such as:

1. Continue funding for housing, community and economic development programs and services to low-income residents.
2. Creating opportunities for low-income families with children to move into higher opportunity neighborhoods has been proven to contribute to a 30% increase in income for those children when they are adults.
3. Continue to support services to homeless families and families at risk of homelessness to increase housing options.
4. Continued support of information and referral networks to allow easier access to community resources.
5. Dissemination of information about programs such as Head Start, Earn Income Tax Credit (EITC) and other programs (TANF, Food Stamps, Workforce Investment Administration and Medicaid).
6. Providing funding for community development projects to assist low-income residents to obtain skills and jobs needed to become self-sufficient.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

To overcome the gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system, the City-Parish and its partners will:

1. Implement bi-annual stakeholder meetings to discuss strengths, needs and brainstorm solutions to gaps.
2. Develop a comprehensive resource guide for all community stakeholders.
3. Continue to apply for other sources of funding for and coordinate affordable housing/community development projects.
4. Encourage nonprofits to coordinate and leverage resources.

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

The OCD will maintain communication with the agencies parish wide to ensure coordination and avoid duplication of services. A number of public and private social services, mental health, youth, health care, and other agencies operate within the parish, each typically providing services of a particular type and to particular populations. In carrying out affordable and supportive housing strategies, it is often necessary to coordinate housing assistance with other needs, particularly services that enable individuals to become and remain self-sufficient and which contribute to community stability and revitalization. The City-Parish will also implement bi-annual stakeholder meetings to discuss strengths, needs and brainstorm solutions to gaps.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

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

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed
 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
 3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements
 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.
 5. The amount of income from float-funded activities
- Total Program Income

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities

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:
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:
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:
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:

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)
Reference 91.220(l)(4)

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)
2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.
3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).
4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.
5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.