

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

In 2016, the City of Sarasota and Sarasota County adopted its 2016 - 2020 Consolidated Plan. The Consolidated Plan is a five-year road map for local jurisdictions that receive Federal funds for housing and community development activities. The plan is used to identify housing, homeless, community development and economic development needs and to establish a strategic plan for meeting these needs.

Federal law requires each local jurisdiction receiving Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program and/or Emergency Solutions Grant funds to describe its plan for providing decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities principally for low and moderate-income persons. The jurisdiction must set out a five-year strategy that establishes priorities, identifies resources available to meet the goals and objectives of the jurisdiction and to establish a one-year action plan.

The City of Sarasota and the unincorporated portion of Sarasota County are both entitlement jurisdictions that receive a direct allocation of CDBG funds each year from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The cities of North Port and Venice have elected to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Sarasota County and are a part of the Sarasota Urban County program. While a portion of the Town of Longboat Key is in Sarasota County, the Town of Longboat Key elected to join the Manatee Urban County program.

Because the City of Sarasota receives a direct allocation of CDBG funds, the Sarasota Urban County program funds must be used to primarily benefit residents of the unincorporated portion of Sarasota County and the cities of North Port and Venice.

In 1992, the federal government established the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). Neither the City of Sarasota nor the Sarasota Urban County met the funding threshold to receive a direct allocation of HOME funds from HUD. However, HUD allowed local governments to join with contiguous local governments to meet the funding threshold by forming what HUD called a consortium. One of the consortium members is designated as the "lead entity" and receives the HOME funding on behalf of all consortium members. The City of Sarasota is the lead entity for the Sarasota Consortium.

Consortiums are required to submit one jointly written Consolidated Plan on behalf of all consortium members. The lead entity is responsible for the preparation and submission of the joint Consolidated Plan. Each consortium member must also complete and submit specific sections within the Consolidated Plan. The joint portion and the City of Sarasota portions of the Consolidated Plan have the title "Sarasota" in the footer of the document. The reader will be able to identify the specific sections of

the plan that Sarasota County was required to submit as those portions of the plan will have "Sarasota County" in the footer of the document.

Each subsequent year, local governments are required to submit an Action Plan describing the specific activities that will be implemented during the following year. This Action Plan covers the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2021.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The City of Sarasota and Sarasota County Commission identified the following as priority needs in the 2016 - 2020 Consolidated Plan. The needs within each category are in no order.

High Priorities:

- Create a coordinated entry system for chronic homeless individuals that may include a shelter and / or triage center (homeless outreach).
- Provide rapid rehousing for the chronic homeless.
- Create additional permanent supportive housing for the chronic homeless.
- Create additional support teams to address the needs of the mentally ill and / or those with addictions.
- Create additional affordable rental units for individuals and families.
- Maintain the existing housing stock to prevent the loss of any additional affordable units; and
- Increase the number of Housing Choice Vouchers in the community.

Medium Priorities:

- Provide rapid rehousing and homeless prevention services for families.
- Provide easy access to services that are available to homeless individuals and families.
- Increase the number of affordable housing units available to special needs households.
- Provide financial assistance to families who are required to connect to public water and sewer.
- Create additional affordable owner-occupied units.
- Redevelop the existing public housing units.
- Provide fair housing training and education; and
- Provide financial support for the Homeless Management and Information Services system.

Low Priorities:

- Fund other public services benefiting low income residents; and
- Fund public infrastructure in low income neighborhoods.

3. Evaluation of past performance

Sarasota has completed the 4th year of the 2016-2021 Consolidated Plan at the time this Action Plan is being submitted. The progress in administering the first four Action Plans has been satisfactory and there is no reason to change the goals and activities proposed for the fifth year Action Plan.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Sarasota conducted an extensive citizen participation and consultation process during the development of the Consolidated Plan that lasted more than ten months. It included consultation with the continuum of care, the two public housing authorities serving Sarasota County, housing advocates and providers, the business community and neighborhood organizations.

During the development of the Consolidated Plan, a total of 9 public meetings were held on various subjects, including community needs, priorities and recommendations. As the plan was written, drafts were placed on the Office of Housing and Community Development website and e-mails were sent to neighborhood associations representing low income neighborhoods, housing providers, representatives of minority groups, social service providers, the business community and the public with links to the draft plans and requesting comments. These comments were incorporated into the plan.

As the plan was being developed, presentations were made to the Sarasota County Commission and the City Commissions of North Port, Sarasota and Venice to obtain input and to inform the public that the plan was being developed. Social media was used to publicize the public meetings and the draft plan.

During the development of this year's Action Plan, public meetings were held on December 5, 2019 and December 6, 2019. Meetings were published in Sarasota Herald-Tribune soliciting public comment on needs for Federal Grant-Funded/State SHIP Projects. No public comment was received.

Additionally, meetings were held with the City of North Port, City of Venice, and Staff Steering Committee. Public meetings were advertised and scheduled to occur in March 2020; however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these meetings were forced to be cancelled. In lieu of the previously scheduled public meetings, OHCD published notices in the Sarasota Herald Tribune (local newspaper of general circulation) and on the OHCD webpage of scgov.net and sarasotafl.gov inviting citizen comments. Public comment was accepted by email and in writing from March 28, 2020 to May 22, 2020.

The draft Annual Action Plan was presented in a virtual public meeting to the City Commission on April 20, 2020.

The draft Annual Action Plan was placed on the OHCD website and e-mails were sent to neighborhood associations representing low income neighborhoods, housing providers, representatives of minority groups, social service providers, the business community and the public with links to the draft plans and requesting comments. Comments on the draft Annual Action were accepted for a 30-day period starting April 21, 2020 through May 22, 2020.

Public notices, meeting minutes, and public comments regarding the citizen participation process are provided in the Appendix of this plan.

5. Summary of public comments

Public comments are provided within the Appendix of this report.

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

Public comments are provided within the Appendix of this report.

7. Summary

The extensive public outreach that was used by Sarasota allowed the community to have significant input in the development of the Sarasota Consolidated Plan. More than 100 individuals and organizations participated in the development of the Consolidated Plan which informed the decisions made relative to the Annual Action Plan.

Despite challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the City was able to provide reasonable opportunity for the public to provide comment on the 2020 Annual Action Plan through virtual public meetings, comment by email, and in writing.

Comments were received and were considered by the City Commission prior to adopting the Annual Action Plan.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	Sarasota	Office of Housing and Community Development
CDBG Administrator	Sarasota	Office of Housing and Community Development
HOME Administrator	Sarasota	Office of Housing and Community Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) is a joint City of Sarasota / Sarasota County agency and the OHCD Interim General Manager reports to both the City Manager and the County Administrator or their designees. This Consolidated Plan was developed with the assistance of a Staff Steering Committee (Committee) consisting of staff from the City of Sarasota, Sarasota County and the cities of North Port and Venice. The committee met four times during the development of the Consolidated Plan and established the priorities, the funding recommendations and the projects that would be funded in the initial year.

The committee met once in 2020 to review the projects proposed for funding year 5 of the Consolidated Plan.

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

1. Introduction

The City of Sarasota consulted with a wide range of public and private entities that provide housing, homeless services, services to special needs individuals, social service agencies and groups representing businesses. Table 2 in the 5-year Consolidated Plan lists many of the agencies that were contacted during the development of the Consolidated Plan.

These same agencies were sent a link to and given the opportunity to comment on the proposed Action 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 Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) conducted nine public meetings during the development of the Consolidated Plan. There were four meetings, conducted throughout the county, that were used to identify community needs. A fifth meeting was held to discuss community needs with homeless providers and special needs agencies. Two meetings were held to discuss the priorities that should be included in the plan and two meetings were held to obtain comments on the draft plan. OHCD staff conducted phone interviews with numerous agencies to obtain input for the needs section and priorities. The Directors of the Public Housing Authority and the Continuum of Care helped write the sections of the Consolidated Plan dealing with their agencies.

As sections of the Consolidated Plan were written, they were placed on the OHCD website. E-mails were sent to neighborhood associations, the Continuum of Care, the Public Housing Authorities, housing providers, social service organizations, the NAACP, agencies providing services to persons with special needs, the building industry, the chambers of commerce, the Sarasota Ministerial Alliance and interested parties to notify them that sections of the plan were published and inviting them to comment on the content.

The Action Plan was placed on the OHCD website during the public comment period. Neighborhood associations, the Continuum of Care, the Public Housing Authorities, housing providers, social service organizations, the NAACP, agencies providing services to persons with special needs, the building industry, the chambers of commerce, the Sarasota Ministerial Alliance and interested parties were sent an e-mail notifying them that the Action Plan was on the OHCD website and inviting them to comment on the content.

OHCD attempts to meet with providers at least annually to discuss the programs administered by OHCD and to obtain feedback on possible improvements.

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 Continuum of Care (CoC) has 50 members that broadly represent the community, including service providers, governmental agencies and the private sector. The CoC meets every two months to identify gaps in homeless services, establish funding priorities and to pursue an overall systematic approach to address homelessness. The City of Sarasota attends these meetings and works with the CoC to develop cooperative plans and strategies to meet the needs of the homeless.

During the development of the Consolidated Plan, OHCD staff talked individually with many providers and social service agencies to obtain the data used in this plan. The CoC sent e-mails to its members notifying them of the nine public meetings that were conducted during the preparation of the plan and to notify their members when sections of the plan were published on the OHCD website. One public meeting was held with the homeless providers to obtain input on the Consolidated Plan.

The CoC Executive Director assisted OHCD with the preparation of the sections of the Consolidated Plan dealing with homeless issues.

The members of the CoC were sent the link to the Action Plan during the public comment period and encouraged to comment on the draft Action Plan.

The CoC, Sarasota County, the City of Sarasota, the Gulf Coast Community Foundation and OHCD staffs have weekly conference calls to coordinate the programs administered by each agency. Once each month, there is an in-person meeting to discuss the progress in implementing the homeless strategy.

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

The City of Sarasota does not receive ESG funds.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	SARASOTA COUNTY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local

	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy</p>
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	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>Sarasota County staff assisted in the preparation and reviewed the contents of the Consolidated Plan and served on the Staff Steering Committee that recommended the priorities for the uses of federal funds. The Interim General Manager of the Office of Housing and Community Development jointly reports to the City Manager and the County Administrator. The Interim General Manager of OHCD attends the Planning and Development staff meetings.</p>
2	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>CITY OF NORTH PORT</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Other government - Local</p>

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City of North Port staff reviewed the contents of the Consolidated Plan and served on the Staff Steering Committee that recommended the priorities for the uses of federal funds. A copy of the draft Action Plan was sent to the City for their review and comments.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	VENICE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	City of Venice staff reviewed the contents of the Consolidated Plan and served on the Staff Steering Committee that recommended the priorities for the uses of federal funds. A copy of the draft Action Plan was sent to the City for their review and comments.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	CITY OF SARASOTA HOUSING AUTHORITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Director of the Sarasota Housing Authority provided input in the development of each of the sections related to the Sarasota Housing Authority. A link to the draft Action Plan was sent to the Housing Authority for their review and comments.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Venice Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Director of the Venice Housing Authority was asked to provide input on the public housing sections of the Consolidated Plan. The Consultant for the Venice Housing Authority provided data and input for the plan. A link to the draft Action Plan was sent to the Housing Authority for their review and comments.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	SUNCOAST PARTNERSHIP TO END HOMELESSNESS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Director of the Continuum of Care attended a number of meetings during the development of the Consolidated Plan, prepared drafts of the many of the homeless sections and reviewed the final document. A link to the draft Action Plan was sent to the agency for their review and comments.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Habitat for Humanity, South Sarasota County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Director of Habitat for Humanity, South Sarasota County attended both the Needs Section and Priority Discussion public meetings and provided input on the development of the Consolidated Plan. Habitat was sent a of the draft Consolidated Plan for comment and review. A link to the draft Action Plan was sent to the agency for their review and comments.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The organization was invited to the public meeting on community needs and priorities. The organization was sent the draft Consolidated Plan and asked to review and comment on the plan. A link to the draft Action Plan was sent to the agency for their review and comments.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	SALVATION ARMY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Employment

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency provided input on the needs section of the Consolidated Plan and attended the public meetings on needs and priorities to provide input. The organization was sent the draft Consolidated Plan and asked to review and comment on the plan. A link to the draft Action Plan was sent to the agency for their review and comments.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Jewish Family & Children's Service of the Suncoast
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency provided input on the needs section of the Consolidated Plan and attended the public meetings on needs to provide input. The organization was sent the draft Consolidated Plan and asked to review and comment on the plan. A link to the draft Action Plan was sent to the agency for their review and comments.

11	Agency/Group/Organization	CATHOLIC CHARITIES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy HOPWA Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency provided input on the needs section of the Consolidated Plan and attended the public meetings on needs and priorities to provide input. The organization was sent the draft Consolidated Plan and asked to review and comment on the plan. A link to the draft Action Plan was sent to the agency for their review and comments.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Harvest House
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency provided input on the needs section of the Consolidated Plan and attended the public meetings on needs to provide input. The organization was sent the draft Consolidated Plan and asked to review and comment on the plan. A link to the draft Action Plan was sent to the agency for their review and comments.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Loveland Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency provided input on the needs section of the Consolidated Plan and attended the public meetings on needs to provide input. The organization was sent the draft Consolidated Plan and asked to review and comment on the plan. A link to the draft Action Plan was sent to the agency for their review and comments.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	First Step
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Health Agency Housing

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency provided input on the needs section of the Consolidated Plan and attended the public meetings on needs to provide input. The organization was sent the draft Consolidated Plan and asked to review and comment on the plan. A link to the draft Action Plan was sent to the agency for their review and comments.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	Coastal Behavioral Healthcare
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Needs Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency provided input on the needs section of the Consolidated Plan and attended the public meetings on needs to provide input. The organization was sent the draft Consolidated Plan and asked to review and comment on the plan. A link to the draft Action Plan was sent to the agency for their review and comments.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	Norstar Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Private Developer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency provided input on the needs section of the Consolidated Plan and attended the public meetings on needs to provide input. The organization was sent the draft Consolidated Plan and asked to review and comment on the plan. A link to the draft Action Plan was sent to the agency for their review and comments.
17	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Foundation of Sarasota County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Foundation
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency attended the public meetings on needs to provide input. The organization was sent the draft Consolidated Plan and asked to review and comment on the plan. A link to the draft Action Plan was sent to the agency for their review and comments.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Manatee Sarasota Building Industry Association
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The organization was sent the draft Consolidated Plan and asked to review and comment on the plan. A link to the draft Action Plan was sent to the agency for their review and comments.
19	Agency/Group/Organization	MENTAL HEALTH COMMUNITY CENTER -
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Homeless Services-Health Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency provided input on the needs section of the Consolidated Plan and attended the public meetings on needs to provide input. The organization was sent the draft Consolidated Plan and asked to review and comment on the plan. A link to the draft Action Plan was sent to the agency for their review and comments.
20	Agency/Group/Organization	LAUREL CIVIC ASSOCIATION, INC.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education Services-Employment Services-Housing Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency provided input on the needs section of the Consolidated Plan and attended the public meetings on needs to provide input. The organization was sent the draft Consolidated Plan and asked to review and comment on the plan. A link to the draft Action Plan was sent to the agency for their review and comments.
21	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Assisted & Supportive Living
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless

	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis</p>
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The agency provided input on the needs section of the Consolidated Plan and attended the public meetings on needs to provide input. The organization was sent the draft Consolidated Plan and asked to review and comment on the plan. A link to the draft Action Plan was sent to the agency for their review and comments.</p>
22	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Easter Seals Southwest Florida</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis</p>

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency provided input on the needs section of the Consolidated Plan and attended the public meetings on needs to provide input. The organization was sent the draft Consolidated Plan and asked to review and comment on the plan. A link to the draft Action Plan was sent to the agency for their review and comments.
23	Agency/Group/Organization	Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency provided input on the needs section of the Consolidated Plan. The organization was sent the draft Consolidated Plan and asked to review and comment on the plan. A link to the draft Action Plan was sent to the agency for their review and comments.
24	Agency/Group/Organization	The Greater Sarasota Chamber of Commerce
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency provided input on the market study section of the Consolidated Plan. The organization was sent the draft Consolidated Plan and asked to review and comment on the plan. A link to the draft Action Plan was sent to the agency for their review and comments.
25	Agency/Group/Organization	Economic Development Corporation of Sarasota County
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business and Civic Leaders

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency attended the public meeting on the draft Consolidated Plan. A link to the draft Action Plan was sent to the agency for their review and comments.

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

All applicable agencies were contacted.

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	Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness	The funding priorities established by the Continuum of Care are included in the Consolidated Plan.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative

The Consolidated Plan and the 2020-2021 Action Plan were developed with the input and review of a Staff Steering Committee consisting of employees from the cities of North Port, Sarasota and Venice and Sarasota County.

The State of Florida and adjacent local governments were sent a link to the Consolidated Plan and the 2020-2021 Action Plan and asked to review and provide comments on the content.

AP-12 Participation - 91.401, 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

During the development of this year's Action Plan, public meetings were held on December 5, 2019 and December 6, 2019. Meetings were published in Sarasota Herald-Tribune soliciting public comment on needs for Federal Grant-Funded/State SHIP Projects. No public comment was received.

Additionally, meetings were held with the City of North Port, City of Venice, and Staff Steering Committee. Public meetings were advertised and scheduled to occur in March 2020; however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these meetings were forced to be cancelled. In lieu of the previously scheduled public meetings, OHCD published notices in the Sarasota Herald Tribune (local newspaper of general circulation) and on the OHCD webpage of scgov.net and sarasotafl.gov inviting citizen comments. Public comment was accepted by email and in writing from March 28, 2020 to May 22, 2020.

The draft Annual Action Plan was presented in a virtual public meeting to the City Commission on April 20, 2020.

The draft Annual Action Plan was placed on the OHCD website and e-mails were sent to neighborhood associations representing low income neighborhoods, housing providers, representatives of minority groups, social service providers, the business community and the public with links to the draft plans and requesting comments. Comments on the draft Annual Action were accepted for a 30-day period starting April 21, 2020 through May 22, 2020.

Public notices, meeting minutes, and public comments regarding the citizen participation process are provided in the Appendix of this plan.

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	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Public meeting held on December 5, 2019 at 4:30pm at Federal Building.	Soliciting public comment on needs for Federal Grant-Funded/State SHIP Projects. No comments were received.	No comments received	N/A
2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Public meeting held on December 6, 2019 at 6:00pm at Federal Building.	Soliciting public comment on needs for Federal Grant-Funded/State SHIP Projects. No comments were received.	No comments received	N/A

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	Urban County Stakeholder Meeting	Other – City of Venice	Meeting on February 26, 2020 with City of Venice administration to discuss eligible activities and potential needs. (3 staff members)	Staff discussed proposed projects.	N/A	
4	Urban County Stakeholder Meeting	Other – City of North Port	Meeting on February 26, 2020 with City of North Port administration to discuss eligible activities and potential needs. (4 staff members)	Staff discussed proposed projects.	N/A	

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)
5	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	March 23, 2020, OHCD webpage on sarasotafl.gov received permission to publish notice alerting citizens to submit comments either by email or in writing to the OHCD office due to national health emergency.	To date no public comments were received by the unique email address created.	N/A	2020actionplancomments@sarasotaflorida.gov

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)
6	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/ broad community	A display newspaper advertisement was placed in the Sarasota Herald-Tribune on March 28, 2020 to notify residents of the opportunity to comment by email or writing on the use of federal funds for the 2020-2021 Program Year. (March 28, 2020 – May 22, 2020)	To date no public comments were received.	N/A	

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	Steering Committee	Non-targeted/ broad community	On April 9, 2020 a staff steering committee meeting was held to discuss 2020 grant allocations.	Staff discussed proposed projects including but not limited to City of North Port, City of Venice, Habitat for Humanity, Schoolhouse Link.	N/A	
8	Public Hearing - Virtual	Non-targeted/ broad community	On April 20, 2020 the City of Sarasota City Commission hosted a virtual public hearing related to the draft Annual Action Plan.	TBD	TBD	

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	30-Day Comment Period	Non-targeted/ broad community	Draft Action Plan was made available for public review and comment from April 21, 2020 – May 22, 2020. Document was made available on OHCD website and hard copies were made available upon request.	TBD	TBD	https://www.sarasotafl.gov/government/office-of-housing-and-community-development

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

This section describes the federal, state, local and private resources that are expected to be available to the City of Sarasota to address the priority needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. It should be noted that the City of Sarasota is the lead entity for the HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program on behalf of both the City of Sarasota and Sarasota County, including the cities of North Port and Venice. All HOME funds and accomplishments are included in the City of Sarasota's allocation regardless of where the funds are used.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 5				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	\$438,110	\$5,000	\$200,000	\$643,110	\$0	CDBG funds are used to support housing, homeless prevention, and non-housing community development activities, as well as program administration.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 5				Expected Amount Available Remainder 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	\$890,225	\$500,000	\$0	\$977,141	\$0	HOME funds are used to support housing activities, as well as program administration.
Other - SHIP	Public – Local	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	\$665,000	\$750,000	\$0	\$1,415,000	\$0	State SHIP funds are used to meet the local 25% match requirement for the HOME program and to support housing activities, as well as program administration.

Table 2 - 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

As of April 15, 2020, Sarasota had a match credit of \$830,295. This match credit may be used to meet the future match obligations required under the HOME program. CDBG funds do not require a local match.

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

State law requires each local jurisdiction receiving State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program funds to identify and publish a list of publicly owned lands that are suitable for affordable housing. On December 3, 2018 the City Commission adopted Resolution No. 19R-2777 which listed each city owned property that was suitable for affordable housing. All of those properties may be used to address the needs identified in the plan.

Discussion

As stated, the City utilizes SHIP funds to meet the local 25% match requirement for the HOME Program. Cooperation between the programs enhances the program's effectiveness by affording more residents housing opportunities that would not be available to them otherwise. The State requires that 65% of the SHIP allocation be expended on home ownership activities and 75% be expended on construction activities.

The City of Sarasota will commit \$200,000 of prior year funding toward public service activities. For fiscal year 2020-21, the programs will be aimed at mitigating the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak.

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
3	Increase the number of affordable housing units	2016	2020	Affordable Housing Public Housing	N/A	Housing - Production of New Owner-Occupied Units Housing - Production of New Rental Units	CDBG: \$219,488 HOME: \$520,000 SHIP: \$400,000	Rental units constructed: 2 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Added: 3 Household Housing Unit
4	Maintain the existing affordable housing stock	2016	2020	Affordable Housing	N/A	Housing - Rehabilitation of Existing Units	CDBG: \$135,000 HOME: \$101,203 SHIP: \$161,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10 Household Housing Unit
5	Preventing households from becoming homeless	2016	2020	Affordable Housing Homeless	N/A	Homeless- Homeless Prevention Housing – Rental Assistance	HOME: \$350,000 SHIP: \$750,000	Homelessness Prevention: 75 Persons Assisted
6	Additional Public Services and Infrastructure	2016	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	N/A	Non-Housing Community Development - Public Service	CDBG: \$200,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 Persons Assisted

Table 3 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

3	Goal Name	Increase the number of affordable housing units
	Goal Description	To increase the number of affordable rental and owner-occupied housing units in the City of Sarasota - HOME and State Housing Initiative Partnership Program (SHIP) funds will be used to increase the number of affordable owner-occupied and rental housing units.
4	Goal Name	Maintain the existing affordable housing stock
	Goal Description	To assist low income families with home repairs to preserve the existing affordable housing inventory in the City of Sarasota - City Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME and State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program (SHIP) funds will be used to rehabilitate homes owned and occupied by lower income residents.
5	Goal Name	Preventing households from becoming homeless
	Goal Description	Financial assistance to prevent low income residents from becoming homeless.
6	Goal Name	Additional Public Services and Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Financing to provide needed public services and infrastructure improvements to benefit low income residents.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

This section of the Consolidated Plan describes the specific projects that will be implemented with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funds. It does not include projects funded with other funds, including the State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) Program.

#	Project Name
1	Housing Rehabilitation (CDBG/HOME)
2	Increase the Number of Affordable Housing Units (CDBG/HOME)
3	Rental/Mortgage Payment Assistance - HOME
4	Public Service – COVID-19 Response
5	CDBG/HOME Administration

Table 4 – Project Information

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

The City of Sarasota attempts to balance its use of federal and state funds to assist low-income individuals and families living in impacted areas, but to also provide housing opportunities outside of racial and low-income concentrations. Within the impacted area, funds will be made available to improve the existing public housing in the Newtown and Rosemary Districts and to rehabilitate existing owner-occupied housing. Housing for the homeless and new affordable housing units will be disbursed to provide housing opportunities throughout the community and to reduce the number of additional residents requiring services in impacted areas.

The greatest obstacle to addressing underserved needs is the reduction in funding from the federal and state governments.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	N/A
	Goals Supported	Maintain the existing affordable housing stock
	Needs Addressed	Housing - Rehabilitation of Existing Units
	Funding	CDBG: \$135,000 HOME: \$101,203 SHIP: \$161,000
	Description	Continued funding for the Sarasota County Housing Rehabilitation Program. This funding is to assist families that may not qualify for HOME or State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) program funds because of more stringent restrictions on the uses of those funds.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	10 low income families
	Location Description	Throughout Sarasota County
	Planned Activities	Rehabilitation of homes owned and occupied by low-income families. The program includes comprehensive rehabilitation of homes, essential system repairs, removal of architectural barriers and the mitigation / elimination of lead-based paint hazards.
2	Project Name	Increase the Number of Affordable Housing Units
	Target Area	N/A
	Goals Supported	Increase the number of affordable housing units
	Needs Addressed	Housing - Production of New Rental Units Housing - Production of New Owner-Occupied Units
	Funding	CDBG: \$219,488 HOME: \$800,000 SHIP: \$400,000
	Description	Create new owner occupied or rental housing units
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	5 low- or moderate-income families
	Location Description	Throughout Sarasota County
	Planned Activities	Provide loans to nonprofit agencies to create additional owner occupied or rental housing units.
3	Project Name	Rental/Mortgage Payment Assistance - HOME
	Target Area	N/A
	Goals Supported	Preventing Households from Becoming Homeless

	Needs Addressed	Homeless- Homeless Prevention Housing – Rental Assistance
	Funding	HOME: \$350,000 SHIP: \$750,000
	Description	Funding to support rental assistance and mortgage payment assistance to low- and moderate-income households in order to prevent homelessness.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	75 low- and moderate-income households
	Location Description	Throughout Sarasota County
	Planned Activities	Rental Assistance and Foreclosure Prevention
4	Project Name	Public Service – COVID-19 Response
	Target Area	N/A
	Goals Supported	Additional Public Services and Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development - Public Service
	Funding	CDBG: \$200,000
	Description	Reprogrammed funding to support senior and child services (nourishment and childcare) and other public service activities needed during COVID-19 Emergency Response.
	Target Date	9/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	500 low- and moderate-income persons.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Public service activities – childcare, senior services, meals programs, and other
5	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	N/A
	Goals Supported	N/A
	Needs Addressed	Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$88,622 HOME: \$139,022
	Description	Funds to administer the CDBG and HOME programs in conformance with federal law.
	Target Date	12/30/2021

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	N/A
Location Description	N/A
Planned Activities	Funds for the administration of the CDBG and HOME programs.

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

The City of Sarasota attempts to balance its use of federal and state funds to assist low-income individuals and families living in impacted areas, but to also provide housing opportunities outside of racial and low-income concentrations. Within the impacted area, funds will be made available to rehabilitate existing owner-occupied housing. Additionally, new affordable housing units will be disbursed to provide housing opportunities throughout the community and to reduce the number of additional residents requiring services in impacted areas.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
N/A	N/A

Table 5 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City of Sarasota attempts to balance its use of federal and state funds to assist low-income individuals and families living in impacted areas, but to also provide housing opportunities outside of racial and low-income concentrations.

Discussion

Currently, the City of Sarasota does not have designated “Target Areas”. The City has identified five (5) projects to implement the goals of the Strategic Plan during the 5th year of the 2016-2020 Consolidated Plan. These projects benefit low- and moderate-income persons Citywide and within the City’s low- and moderate- income areas. Projects with Citywide benefit include home rehabilitation, public services, homeless prevention, production of affordable housing units, and the City’s administration of the grant programs.

Affordable Housing

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

Introduction

This section of the Action Plan specifies goals for the number of homeless, non-homeless and special needs households that will be provided with affordable housing within the program year. It only counts housing and does not include public services.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	90
Special-Needs	0
Total	90

Table 6 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	75
The Production of New Units	5
Rehab of Existing Units	10
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	90

Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

Only HOME and CDBG are included in this section. State Housing Initiative Partnership (SHIP) Program funds are not included in these numbers.

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

Introduction

This section describes the actions that the City of Sarasota and Sarasota County will take during the program year to carry out the public housing portion of the Consolidated Plan.

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

The Sarasota Housing Authority (SHA) has been awarded 9% Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) from the Florida Housing Finance Corporation for the redevelopment of Orange Avenue Phase I. The City contributed \$716,000 in Surtax funds to assist with the financing of that development. This project has been completed and consisted of the demolition and redevelopment of 60 units of public housing at the Orange Avenue site.

SHA was also successful in receiving 9% LIHTC for the construction of the Lofts on Lemon Apartments. This development will create 76 new units for persons with incomes below 60% of the Area Median Income. The City of Sarasota will be invested approximately \$3 million in this development. Private foundations will provide another \$4 million in funding to help finance a workforce housing component of Lofts on Lemon which will provide another 54 apartments affordable for families earning up to median income.

The Venice Housing Authority has been successful in receiving 4% LIHTC for the construction of the Venetian Walk Phase II apartments. This development will create 52 affordable housing units at the former Grove Terrace Housing development site. The City of Sarasota and Sarasota County have tentatively contributed \$500,000 in HOME funds to this development.

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

The SHA continues to operate the Resident Council group that consists of 7 residents who meet monthly to discuss resident concerns. SHA is also currently offering a quarterly 1st time homebuyers' class for Housing Choice Voucher residents who are interested in participating in the home ownership program.

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

Neither the Sarasota Housing Authority nor the Venice Housing Authority are designated as a troubled PHA.

Discussion

Ongoing communication with the Sarasota Housing Authority nor the Venice Housing Authority will continue in order to identify opportunities to further address preservation of existing affordable housing units.

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

Introduction

The City of Sarasota, Sarasota County, the Continuum of Care (CoC) and local foundations have been working together to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to address homelessness. The City of Sarasota hired the Florida Housing Coalition to create "Sarasota - Creating an Effective Homeless Crisis Response System" that was adopted by both the Sarasota City and County Commissions. Since that date, the City, County, the lead agency for the Continuum of Care, the Suncoast Partnership, and foundations have worked jointly to implement the Homeless Crisis Response System and monitor and measure its success based upon the criteria set forth through the report from the Florida Housing Coalition and in consideration for "best practices" as identified by the National Alliance to End Homelessness. The system is countywide in nature and this section describes the goals and action steps that will impact the homeless in the City of Sarasota.

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

In January 2018, the CoC began using their new coordinated entry system, Oneby1. This system meets all HUD requirements and builds in the capacity to provide a crisis response for those who are long term homeless with the greatest acuity of need. Through the last eighteen months, organizations and agencies providing services for the homeless have received training and support for implementation of this system. During the next year, the Suncoast Partnership will work to expand this model to include homeless prevention, in addition to the housing projects that are currently utilizing the Oneby1 coordinated entry system.

The City of Sarasota and Sarasota County have established two Homeless Outreach Teams (HOT) to reach out to homeless persons to assess their individual needs and to connect them to service agencies in the community. The HOT Teams have met with virtually all homeless individuals in the City and have been successful in matching them with service providers. The Salvation Army also maintains street outreach teams in the community.

One emergency portal for families with children has been created that is available to assist City of Sarasota residents. To best facilitate effective assistance, an Assessment and Diversion Specialist for Sarasota Families, assists in diverting families who can avoid shelter and remain permanently housed and refer families who need emergency shelter. Family Haven North, provides emergency family shelter with 24 beds in 6 dorms. The Family Haven system provides screening, triage, assessment, individualized service planning and ongoing master case management towards the goal of a permanent housing outcome.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City of Sarasota has instituted a "Housing First" approach to dealing with homelessness. The

Housing First approach works to quickly place individuals in permanent housing and reduces the need for emergency shelter beds. The City of Sarasota coordinates with the Salvation Army to provide emergency shelter beds for individuals who are homeless on a temporary basis.

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 2018, private donors created a new Rapid Rehousing program in Sarasota County. With an initial contribution of \$1.5 million, the new program aimed to assist 80 chronically homeless individuals find housing. This project is expected to continue in 2020 with \$86,416 in ESG funding from the County and is projected to assist 200 homeless persons.

The CoC is coordinating services provided by programs like Jewish Family & Children's Services (JFCS) Supportive Services for Veteran Families. By compiling an accurate and prioritized list of veterans experiencing homelessness, the overall county effort to address veteran homelessness in the City of Sarasota and Sarasota County has seen improved success in placing veterans into permanent housing. The community is nearing their goal of reducing veteran homelessness and to receive certification from USICH (United States Interagency Council on Homelessness) as meeting community criteria and benchmarks for veterans.

The City of Sarasota and Sarasota County have created more than 200 units of Permanent Supportive Housing and / or Special Needs Housing. In 2017, the Florida Housing Finance Corporation funded a 40-unit Permanent Supportive Housing apartment complex in the City of Sarasota. These apartments began construction in 2018 and are currently under construction.

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.

Sarasota has a very strong system in place to prevent homelessness. The community funds "Season of Sharing" which provides more than \$2 million annually to prevent homelessness in Sarasota County.

In 2018, a Youth Planning Group was established to focus various community efforts to address the problems facing unaccompanied homeless youth. This group acquired limited funding to establish pilot

programs to house homeless youth.

All Faith's Food Bank plays a major role in preventing homelessness by providing food to families in need. All Faith's Food Bank distributes more than 8.8 million pounds of food annually to over 60,000 individuals in need in Sarasota County through 184 local agency partners and by their mobile pantries, mobile farm market, backpack program and school-based pantries.

Discussion

In 2020-2021, the City of Sarasota will continue to work with Sarasota County, the Suncoast Partnership as the lead agency for the CoC, local foundations and others to implement and expand upon the original recommendations in the Florida Housing Coalition report.

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

Introduction

This section describes the City of Sarasota's actions that it will take during the next year to reduce barriers to affordable housing.

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

In 2018, the Affordable Housing Committee completed the Local Housing Incentive Plan that included recommendations on any Barriers to Affordable Housing that need to be addressed. The committee recommended that strategies to remove or ameliorate the barriers to affordable housing be developed in conjunction with the form-based code that is currently under development. That report is included by reference.

Often times a barrier to affordable housing for lower income household is simply the lack of resources. The City of Sarasota plans to commit CDBG, HOME, and SHIP funding toward assisting with housing rehabilitation, rental/mortgage assistance, and affordable housing production in Program Year 2020.

These programs will provide valuable resources to lower income households to prevent homelessness, improve upon existing housing stock, and provide new affordable housing.

Discussion

Federal funding allocations increased slightly in FY20-21 for both HOME and CDBG allocations. State allocations for affordable housing stayed relatively static for the fiscal year. Although there are additional funds for PY2020, the cost of housing in the City continues to rise with rental rates at levels that are unaffordable to low- and moderate-income households. The most significant barrier continues to be the lack of financial resources available to address affordable housing needs in the City.

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

Introduction

This section of the plan describes the actions that the City of Sarasota will take to carry out the following strategies in the Consolidated Plan:

- Foster and maintain affordable housing.
- Evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards.
- Reduce the number of poverty-level families.
- Develop institutional structure; and
- Enhance coordination.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The greatest obstacle to meeting underserved needs is the lack of funding for affordable housing. The City of Sarasota's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) has been reduced from \$589,000 in 1990 to \$438,110 this year. Combined with the effects of inflation, the effect of the funding reductions makes it difficult to initiate meaningful programs to meet the needs of the underserved.

The State of Florida has decreased funding for affordable housing by "sweeping" dedicated affordable housing funds into the general revenue.

The City of Sarasota will continue to educate its state and federal legislators of the lack of funding to meet underserved needs.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Sarasota has an active housing rehabilitation program to assist owner occupants maintain their home. All assistance is in the form of a 0% loan with no payments until the home is sold, transferred, no longer occupied by the borrower or 30 years, whichever occurs first.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

Lead based paint hazard reduction is integrated into all housing programs in Sarasota County. The specific actions that will be undertaken during the next program year include the following:

- Each applicant receiving rehabilitation assistance receives an EPA approved pamphlet on identifying and preventing lead-based paint hazards.
- Homes built prior to 1978 receiving rehabilitated with federal funds are tested to determine if lead-based paint is in the home; and
- If lead is found, the lead-based paint will be abated as required by federal law.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The Suncoast Technical College is currently located in a building that was purchased by the City of Sarasota using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The Technical College will be relocating to a new site in the Newtown area and will continue to assist low income residents attain their GED and provide vocational and business training. The City will assist the Technical College to

identify a new appropriate site.

The City of Sarasota will continue their partnership with Career Source who provides dedicated staff to assist Newtown residents with job readiness skills which resulted in an increase in the number of applicants and hires.

The City of Sarasota will continue to sponsor the North Sarasota Entrepreneur Collaborative, with is a twelve-week course taught on small business development.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

During 2017-2018, the Continuum of Care developed a coordinated entry system that is being used by all homeless providers. In 2020-2021, the homeless delivery system will continue to change its focus from being agency driven to a priority needs system. This means that social service agencies will be expected to cooperate and serve the individual with the greatest need.

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

The City of Sarasota will continue to be an active participant in the Continuum of Care which coordinates homeless housing providers and social service agencies. The City also participates in the Community Alliance which brings together social service agencies and housing providers to enhance coordination.

Discussion

The City of Sarasota is committed to continuing its participation and coordination with Federal, State, municipal and local agencies, as well as with the private and non-profit sector, to serve the needs of target income individuals and families in the community. In particular, the City will continue to work in close coordination with County departments regarding infrastructure improvements and the provision of needed services.

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	5,000
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:	5,000

Other CDBG Requirements

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

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

- A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:**
No other forms of investment beyond that identified in Section 92.205 is planned to occur.
- 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:

Sarasota will use HOME funds for homebuyers assisted through its CHDO allocation. Sarasota will not use HOME funds during the next year for down payment assistance. Sarasota will only use the recapture option. The length of the HOME affordability period is established by HUD. For assistance under \$15,000 the HOME affordability period will be 5 years. For assistance between \$15,000 and \$40,000 the HOME affordability period will be 10 years. For assistance greater than \$40,000, the HOME affordability period will be 15 years.

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:

All rental properties purchased or assisted with HOME funds will have a deed restriction placed on the property to ensure that it complies with the long-term affordability requirements of the program. Projects will be monitored annually to ensure compliance.

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 is not planned.

The City currently uses the HOME affordable homeownership limits that are provided annually by HUD. However, because the HUD limits do not reflect the current value of homes in Sarasota County, OHCD may conduct a purchase price study.