

## 2020-2021 CDBG ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Department of Grants

## Executive Summary

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

## 1. Introduction

St. Tammany Parish proposes to target its CDBG entitlement funds in areas to support on-going community development programs in PY 2020-2021. We will continue to partner with local non-profits and governmental partners to deliver the needed services to our residents. As well, we propose to invest CDBG funds in projects and activities that have a direct correlation to quality of life. Through our partnerships with other St. Tammany Parish Government departments, we will continue to address the concerns of our citizens in the areas of affordable housing, behavioral health and wellness, homelessness, neighborhood stabilization, self-sufficiency, transportation, and infrastructure improvements. Through our engagements with the public and partnerships with local non-profits, we are committed to an improved quality of life for our families and neighborhoods, by staying consistent with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) national strategies, particularly for low- and moderate-income persons.

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

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

Homeless: The Parish's Action Plan strategically targets initiatives to prevent, or ameliorate, the social and community factors attributing to homelessness and affordable housing. In program year 2020-2021, as a part of a community wide effort, St. Tammany Parish Government addressed the growing demand for homeless services. For the 2020-2021 CDBG program year, a few innovative programs will address the community concerns of homelessness and homelessness prevention. Despite the decrease in literally homeless, the conditions for unsheltered persons are increasing.

Affordable and Workforce Housing: Urban Land Institute Advisory Services Panel Report identified a deficiency in housing choices as a key area needing improvement in St. Tammany. Consequently, LMI residents are most impacted by the few choices of affordable housing. Our CDBG program support reach only a small portion of the LMI households. In an effort to be congruent with HUD's Housing First

Initiative, the Housing \& Homeless Assistance Program, is a three-month Rehousing program for families that are able to achieve self-sufficiency.

Safe Haven: The Safe Haven campus is the visionary public health initiative that will ultimately achieve a high-quality, coordinated, sustainable and humane network of behavioral healthcare anchored in St. Tammany Parish. This vision was a collaborative response to an urgent public health need to address the void of mental health services available in our region. Safe Haven is a remarkable example of how the entire St. Tammany community came together across all agencies; public, private, and the citizenry - to invest in our future through the tools needed to create a mentally healthy population.

Infrastructure Improvements-Sewer \& Water: Based on the findings of the 2014 Watershed
Management Study, St. Tammany Parish has developed multiple strategies to address the issue of water quality. Due to the acceleration of urban development, many of the streams and bayous are registered on EPA's 303(d) List of Impaired Waterbodies. The result is the introduction of many types of pollutants into our rivers and streams, ultimately flowing into Lake Pontchartrain. Currently, CBDG funds are available for homeowners to repair or replace non-compliant residential wastewater systems in the Ozone Woods and Tammany Hills neighborhoods, and throughout unincorporated St. Tammany Parish.

Non-Homeless Special Needs Populations: The HUD definition of "special needs" includes the frail and non-frail elderly, persons with physical, mental, or behavioral disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, and persons with alcohol or drug addictions. According to the 2013 American Community Survey, 36,085 individuals, (or $15 \%$ ) of the Parish's population are classified as having a disability. Many members of this population are primarily low-income, and need services that include but are not limited to case management, supportive services, transportation, and affordable housing assistance.

Non-Housing Community Development: The non-housing community development needs of the Parish include but are not limited to infrastructure improvements, social and supportive services, and public facilities improvements.

## Affordable and Workforce Housing

A recent Urban Land Institute Advisory Services Panel Report identified a deficiency in housing choices as a key area needing improvement in St. Tammany. The vast majority of the housing constructed since 1990s is single family homes. As well, 19.3\% of households experience the high cost burden of home ownership costs including mortgages, real estate taxes, insurance, utilities, fuels and other associated fees above the $35 \%$ threshold for measuring affordability. Renters are experiencing an even higher cost burden of $44.1 \%$. The limited housing choices has resulted in a scarcity of rental housing. Consequently, LMI residents are most impacted by the few choices of affordable housing.

A recent report issued by the United Way of Southeast Louisiana addresses the concerns of working families struggling to survive. ALICE is an acronym for "Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed" and describes residents across Louisiana, including St. Tammany Parish, that are employed, yet challenged to achieve financial stability. The ALICE individual or family is employed at a low-paying job, little or no savings, and is one emergency from falling into poverty âc usually called "the working poor". The United Way ALICE Report for Louisiana in 2018 reveals 505,889 households-30 percent of the state's total households-are ALICE. While St. Tammany ranks as one of the most affluent parishes, the population who are ALICE combined with those below ALICE equal 36\% of St. Tammany Parish residents.

Few options are currently available to LMI households and CDBG program support reach only a small portion of the LMI households. The Northshore Housing Initiative and Habitat for Humanity have programs that subsidize home ownership. In an effort to be congruent with HUD's Housing First Initiative, the Housing \& Homeless Assistance Program, is a three-month Rapid Rehousing program for families that are able to achieve self-sufficiency

## Safe Haven

The Safe Haven campus will serve as a comprehensive multi-faceted program, utilizing the "single point of entry" concept into the behavioral health continuum of care for service providers: law enforcement, the judiciary and local area hospitals. The facility, designed as a collaborative healing environment, will create a high-quality, coordinated, sustainable and humane network of care anchored in St. Tammany Parish. Safe Haven is primarily focused on jail diversion and emergency room relief for the under and uninsured population. Safe Haven also focuses on behavior health with a concentration on the opioid abuse population.

The Safe Haven Campus is the end product of many years of community and stakeholder planning and consultation in response to a growing behavioral health crisis. Beginning in 2007, St. Tammany Parish experienced a spike in suicides. As a result, Parish administration formed a suicide crisis committee. In 2011, utilizing St. Tammany Parish Public Health Millage funds, a VOA Crisis Response Team working with law enforcement was initiated to provide emergency response to persons experiencing mental health or behavioral crisis. In 2012, the 60-year-old state run Southeast Louisiana Hospital closed as a result of cuts in Medicaid funding. A Behavioral Health Task Force organized in response to hospital closure and increased behavioral health demands. In 2015, the Task Force proposed a redevelopment plan for behavioral health system redesign to the Parish administrators and the community.

## Infrastructure Improvements

Based on the findings of the 2014 Watershed Management Study, St. Tammany Parish has developed multiple strategies to address the issue of water quality. Due to the acceleration of urban development, many of the streams and bayous are registered on EPA's 303(d) List of Impaired Waterbodies. The result is the introduction of many types of pollutants into our rivers and streams, ultimately flowing into Lake Pontchartrain. Currently, CBDG funds are available for homeowners to repair or replace non-compliant
residential wastewater systems in the Ozone Woods and Tammany Hills neighborhoods, and throughout unincorporated St. Tammany Parish. Plans and specification are underway for infrastructure improvements in Slidell Manor, Ben Thomas and Alton neighborhoods.

A partnership established with the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation (LPBF) implements the Decentralized Management Approach including the cleaning of thousands of individual septic plants in selected watersheds throughout the parish. LPBF, St. Tammany and other partners have identified key subdivisions in the Abita River, Ponchitolawa Creek, and Bayou Liberty watersheds that are lacking community treatment plants. In this new initiative, LPBF and St.

Tammany Parish will partner to educate homeowners about their home wastewater plants, inspect home wastewater plants for compliance, counsel homeowners regarding the danger of untreated sewage and the need to bring their plant into compliance, and document the water quality improvements to ditches and streams.

## Non-Homeless Special Needs Populations

The HUD definition of "special needs" includes the frail and non-frail elderly, persons with physical, mental, or behavioral disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, and persons with alcohol or drug addictions. According to the 2013 American Community Survey, 36,085 individuals, (or 15\%) of the Parish's population are classified as having a disability. Many members of this population are primarily lowincome, and need services that include but are not limited to case management, supportive services, transportation, and affordable housing assistance. The Department of Health and Human Services maintains a directory of service provides for disabled families seeking assistance as does VIALINK 211.

## Non-Housing Community Development

The non-housing community development needs of the Parish include but are not limited to infrastructure improvements, social and supportive services, and public facilities improvements.

## 3. Evaluation of past performance

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

During the 2019-20 program year, St. Tammany Parish Government, undertook a number of actions to achieve our goals and improve the delivery of our services. The actions were consistent with the objectives and priority needs identified in the Consolidated Plan and furthered its purposes. The Grants Department worked closely with Community Action Agency (CAA), and St. Tammany Parish Staff to administer many programs funded through the CDBG program. The recent COVID-19 pandemic has negatively impacted the ability of St. Tammany Parish to implement many of our programs funded with

CDBG funds, especially the Public Services projects as residents practice social distancing and stay-athome orders.

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

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The three branches of the Department of Grants, Community Action Agency (CAA), and St. Tammany Parish staff maintain consistent communication throughout the year with local organizations that have specific interests in on-going efforts to address the community's concerns regarding workforce housing, neighborhood improvement, and economic opportunities. The data gathering process occurs throughout the year. In preparation of the Annual Action Plan, public hearings, emails, dialogues, formal and informal gatherings, and one-on-one meetings were utilized to generate discussions and comments which ultimately facilitated the development of the plan.

## 5. Summary of public comments

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

Minutes from the public hearing and written comments will be included in Appendix $A$

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

All comments were accepted.

## 7. Summary

All comments were accepted.

## 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 | ST. TAMMANY PARISH | Department of Grants |

Table 1 - Responsible Agencies

## Narrative (optional)

The Parish has appointed its Department of Grants as the lead agency to coordinate the Annual Action Plan preparation process. The Department of Grants, possesses extensive experience in social service delivery, project planning, grant administration, and community outreach and advocacy, is charged with creating and implementing programs which directly and indirectly improve the quality of life for Parish residents.

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

## 1. Introduction

St. Tammany Parish staff members have extended the public input process to many local organizations that would typically have an interest in the Annual Action Plan's statutory goals of providing decent housing, neighborhood improvement, and economic opportunities. This process took place through a series of public hearings, emails, conversations, requests for information and comments received during the time of plan development.

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))

St. Tammany Parish employees continue to participate in coalitions organized to address the needs of underserved populations and are struggling to fulfill their daily requirements. For the regional perspective, staff regularly attend meetings and events at the United Way, Volunteers of America, the Workforce Investment Board, hospital and town administrations, and the Commission on Families to gain a comprehensive understanding of the unmet needs in the metropolitan area. Populations challenged with mental and behavioral health issues, as well as the lack of decent, affordable housing and homelessness are three of the most important and most visible needs of our community. The interaction with community groups play a significant role to ensure that service gaps are identified, and that efforts made to address those gaps are non-duplicative and coordinated. The result is enhanced communications and coordination between Department of Grants and its partners: The Northlake Homeless Coalition, Continuum of Care, Northshore Housing Initiative, and the Florida Parish Social Services Authority.

In 2016 and 2017, a consultant was retained to develop a Community Needs Assessment. Focus groups, email surveys, and community meetings were utilized to capture the public's opinions regarding needed improvements and future investments in housing and social services. Deep information and analysis obtained from these outreach activities will be used by the Parish to direct future community serve programs and will provide up to date statistics to complete the upcoming HUD studies: 5-year Consolidated Plan and an Analysis of Fair Housing.

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

Describe consultation with the Continuum(s) of Care that serves the jurisdiction's area in determining how to allocate ESG funds, develop performance standards 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

Aside from administering the CDBG program and the Parish Public Health millage, the Department of Grants manages and supports the Community Action Agency (CAA). CAA is responsible for administering ESG funds received from the Louisiana Housing Corporation (LHC). In 2017, CAA applied for ESG funding, which is determined by LHC and is measured by Homeless counts.

CAA staffers play a key role with the Northlake Homeless Coalition (NHC). The two organizations readily share information, and coordinate services and program development. NHC Board is responsible for the Continuum of Care that participates in HMIS and develops performance standards and outcomes, policies and procedures, and identifies funding availability.
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

Table 2 - Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

| 1 | Agency/Group/Organization | Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing |  |
| What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment |  |
| Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was <br> consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the <br> consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, and general <br> community meetings, discussions centered on improving services and <br> opportunities for homeownership. |  |
| 2 | Agency/Group/Organization | Northlake Homeless Coalition |
| Agency/Group/Organization Type | Continuum of Care |  |
| What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless <br> Homeless Needs - Families with children <br> Homelessness Needs - Veterans <br> Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth <br> Homelessness Strategy |  |
| Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was |  |  |
| consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the |  |  |
| consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, general community <br> meetings, telephone calls, and emails, discussions centered on improving <br> services to prevent homelessness and addressing the needs of homeless <br> populations. |  |
| Agency/Group/Organization | VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA GREATER NEW ORLEANS |  |
| Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing <br> Services - Housing <br> Services-Elderly Persons <br> Services-Persons with Disabilities <br> Services-homeless <br> Services-Health <br> Services-Education |  |


|  | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, and general community meetings, discussions centered on improving sustainability of housing rehabilitation, and addressing the needs of and services for homeless populations. |
| 4 | Agency/Group/Organization | Northshore Food Bank |
|  | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Low/Moderate Income |
|  | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Anti-poverty Strategy Homeless Prevention |
|  | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, general community meetings, telephone calls, and emails, discussions centered on improving services to prevent homelessness, addressing the needs of homeless populations and anti-poverty programs. |
| 5 | Agency/Group/Organization | City of Covington |
|  | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Other government - Local |
|  | What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment <br> Market Analysis <br> Economic Development <br> Anti-poverty Strategy |
|  | Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, and general community meetings, discussions centered on improving economic conditions, sustainability of housing rehabilitation and anti-poverty programs. |
| 6 | Agency/Group/Organization | National Alliance on Mental Illness St. Tammany |
|  | Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services - Mentally III |
| Annual Action Plan$2020$ |  |  |


| What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless <br> Homelessness Strategy <br> Non-Homeless Special Needs |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was <br> consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the <br> consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, and general <br> community meetings, discussions centered on improving homeless <br> conditions, services for the homeless and mentally ill, and anti-poverty <br> programs. |  |
| 7 | Agency/Group/Organization | Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans North Shore Region |
| Agency/Group/Organization Type | Services - Low/Moderate Income |  |
| What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment <br> Anti-poverty Strategy |  |
| Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was <br> consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the <br> consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, and general <br> community meetings, discussions centered on improving homeless <br> conditions, services for the homeless and anti-poverty programs. |  |
| 8 | Agency/Group/Organization | Northshore Housing Initiative |
| Agency/Group/Organization Type | Housing |  |
| What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Housing Need Assessment |  |
| Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was <br> consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the <br> consultation or areas for improved coordination? | Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, general community <br> meetings, telephone calls and emails, discussions centered on improving <br> services and opportunities for homeownership. |  |
| Agency/Group/Organization | New Orleans Mission Giving Hope Retreat |  |
| What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation? | Homelessness Needs - Veterans <br> Anti-poverty Strategy |  |

Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?

Through formal and informal meetings, public hearings, and general community meetings, telephone calls and emails, discussions centered on improving homeless conditions, services for the homeless and anti-poverty programs.

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

Parish staff made an effort to alert all local agencies and organizations about our public hearings and the availability of needs surveys. We have developed an extensive email list to utilize advertise public meetings and notices. No one was prohibited from submitting a public comment or survey to the Parish in regards to this Annual Action Plan.

## 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 | Northlake Homeless <br> Coalition | Plans created to identify gaps in services for the homeless and present projects, <br> partnerships, and initiatives that may help to address those gaps. |
| Future Directors for St. <br> Tammany Parish | St. Tammany Economic <br> Development <br> Foundation | The Parish anticipates utilizing CDBG funds to assist in its economic development initiatives <br> by providing support for affordable housing in an effort to stabilize the workforce. |
| St. Tammany Parish <br> Housing and Homeless <br> Coalition <br> St. Tammany Parish <br> ForceCoalition meeting attended by more than 35 stakeholders and representatives of agencies <br> that have a invested interest in addressing the issues of housing, homelessness and quality <br> of life in the Parish. |  |  |
| Community <br> Assessment Steering <br> Committee | St. Tammany Parish | Ongoing discussions related to the mental and emotional health of Parish residents. |


| Name of Plan | Lead Organization | How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan? |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Hazard Mitigation Plan | St. Tammany Parish | This hazard mitigation plan is a comprehensive plan for disaster resiliency in St Tammany <br> Parish. Produced by LSU, with participate from all municipalities and parish administration, <br> this plan identified the natural hazards that threaten communities and the likely impacts of <br> those hazards. |
| Safe Haven Campus <br> Master Plan and <br> Implem Strategy | St. Tammany Parish | Parish hires a consultant to develop a master plan and implementation strategy to <br> accommodate a comprehensive, multi- pronged behavioral health facility with defined <br> services. |

Table 3-Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

## Narrative (optional)

The Parish publicized the date and time of the public hearings to encourage representatives from local governments to attend. Notice regarding the hearing was run in the local newspaper, on the Parish's Website, and through E-mails distributed by partner agencies and contacts.

## 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 Parish of St. Tammany adopted a Citizen Participation Plan in 2008. On July 23, 2020, a public hearing was held to provide opportunities for public input into the Annual Planning process. An overview of St. Tammany Parish's CDBG program and a summary of the Annual Action planning process was presented. A discussion session was allowed for citizen input. Written, phone-in, and E-mailed comments also encouraged. Public hearings scheduled held in order to solicit community input:

1. July 23rd 2020 at the St. Tammany Parish Council Chambers
2. November 13th 2020 at the St. Tammany Parish Council Chambers

In accordance with the planning process, public hearings are held during the Plan development and evaluation stages. Meeting notices for the public hearings will be publicized in the St. Tammany Farmer (the official St. Tammany Parish journal) and on the Parish's website. E-mails will also be distributed to local government agencies and nonprofit organizations to alert them of the hearings as well. An additional 5-day public review process will be provided for the public to review and comment upon the Annual Action Plan document before it is sent to HUD.

Input from the community will be contributed to the establishment of housing and community development goals. Parish staff will review public input and comments as they are submitted. Staff will weigh the priorities of Parish Administration in concurrence with citizen input, and then present a proposed project plan to Parish Administration for consideration and approval. A draft of the Annual Action Plan and the projects proposed for the Annual Action Plan was posted on the Parish's Website on November 9th, 2020. A 5-day comment period will run through November 13th 2020. Citizens, public agencies, or other interested parties wishing to comment on the plans can do so by E-mail, or by mail to the Department of Grants.

## Citizen Participation Outreach

| Sort Order | Mode of Outreach | Target of Outreach | Summary of <br> response/attendance | Summary of <br> comments received | Summary of comments <br> not accepted <br> and reasons |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | Public Meeting | URL (If <br> applicable) |  |  |  |
| 3 | Non- <br> targeted/broad <br> community | 3 | No Comments <br> Received |  |  |
| 3 | Non- <br> targeted/broad <br> community |  |  |  |  |

## Expected Resources

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

## Introduction

## 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 <br> Admin and <br> Planning <br> Economic <br> Development <br> Housing <br> Public <br> Improvements <br> Public Services | 1,195,176 | 0 | 0 | 1,195,176 | 0 | The Parish anticipates receiving $\$ 1,195,176$ a year in CDBG entitlement funding from HUD each year for the next 2 years. |
| Continuum of Care | public federal | Housing | 124,764 | 0 | 0 | 124,764 | 355,236 | The Northlake Homeless Coalition receives CoC funding from HUD and then disperses it to local agencies |


| 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: \$ |  |  |
| Other | public federal | Admin and <br> Planning <br> Economic <br> Development <br> Housing | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Other | public - <br> federal | Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Other | public - <br> state | Acquisition <br> Admin and <br> Planning <br> Housing | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |
| Other | public - <br> state | Public Services | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |

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

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

## Discussion

## Annual Goals and Objectives

## AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

## Goals Summary Information

| Sort Order | Goal Name | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Start } \\ & \text { Year } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { End } \\ & \text { Year } \end{aligned}$ | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | Public Service | 2018 | 2022 | Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development | Highway <br> 190/433 Area <br> Browns <br> Village Road <br> Area <br> West 30's | Affordable Housing <br> Non-Housing <br> Community <br> Development | $\begin{array}{r} \text { CDBG: } \\ \$ 179,276 \end{array}$ | Public Facility or Infrastructure <br> Activities other than <br> Low/Moderate Income Housing <br> Benefit: 30 Persons Assisted <br> Public service activities other than <br> Low/Moderate Income Housing <br> Benefit: 20 Persons Assisted <br> Homelessness Prevention: 40 <br> Persons Assisted |
| 2 | Program <br> Administration | 2018 | 2022 | Planning | Highway <br> 190/433 Area <br> Browns <br> Village Road <br> Area <br> West 30's | Affordable Housing Infrastructure Improvements Non-Housing Community Development | $\begin{array}{r} \text { CDBG: } \\ \$ 239,035 \end{array}$ | Other: 1 Other |


| Sort <br> Order | Goal Name | Start <br> Year | End <br> Year | Category | Geographic Area | Needs Addressed | Funding | Goal Outcome Indicator |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 | Homeless Prevention | 2018 | 2022 | Homeless <br> Non-Housing <br> Community <br> Development | Highway <br> 190/433 Area <br> Browns <br> Village Road <br> Area | Affordable Housing Infrastructure Improvements Non-Housing Community Development | $\begin{array}{r} \text { CDBG: } \\ \$ 776,864 \end{array}$ | Other: 1 Other |

Table 6 - Goals Summary

## Goal Descriptions

| $\mathbf{1}$ | Goal Name | Public Service |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | Goal <br> Description |  |
| $\mathbf{2}$ | Goal Name | Program Administration |
|  | Goal <br> Description |  |
| $\mathbf{3}$ | Goal Name | Homeless Prevention |
|  | Goal <br> Description | Assist the community when preparing, preventing, and responding to COVID. The amount of funding has not yet been <br> decided nor has the project/projects been determined. We plan to request for more non-profits applications to assist the <br> community due to the pandemic. |

## Projects

## AP-35 Projects - 91.220(d)

## Introduction

The Parish will continue the successful programming untaken in 2019-2020 addressing the issues of homelessness, transitional assistance, life skills training, and homelessness prevention; affordable housing including home rehabilitation for low to moderate income families; pubic infrastructure improvements; preparing, preventing, and responding to COIVD, and program planning and administrative oversight.

## Projects

| $\#$ | Project Name |
| :---: | :--- |
| 1 | NAMI St. Tammany Day Center Program |
| 2 | NAMI St. Tammany Residential Program |
| 3 | Options Adolescent and Family Alcohol and Drug Outreach Program |
| 4 | Program Administration |
| 5 | Other |

Table 7 - Project Information

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

The Parish will continue the successful programming untaken in 2019-2020 addressing the issues of homelessness, transitional assistance, life skills training, and homelessness prevention; affordable housing including home rehabilitation for low to moderate income families; public infrastructure improvements; preparing, preventing, and responding to COVID, and program planning and administrative oversight. Multi-year infrastructure improvements initiated in 2019-2020 will be extended into 2020-2021.

Residential rehabilitation addresses the challenges of sustainability, affordability, and substandard housing issues that affect low to moderate-income homeowners. St. Tammany Parish will contract with local non-profits to deliver energy efficient home improvements. Individual sewer repair will continue to provide relief for LMI households with replacement and repairs to non-compliant systems. Investments in infrastructure improvement, specifically in the area of sewer/water rehabilitation and replacement, will target water quality improvements throughout the parish. These activities will also increase sustainability of affordable housing. The other portion of infrastructure improvements will focus on the Alton and Ben Thomas neighborhoods, which will address the continuous updates for water supply and sewer improvements.

Also, with the most recent pandemic related to Coronavirus, many communities are struggling and we hope to be able to assistance when preparing, preventing, and responding to COVID.

## AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

| 1 | Project Name | NAMI St. Tammany Day Center Program |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Target Area |  |
|  | Goals Supported | Public Service |
|  | Needs Addressed | Affordable Housing <br> Non-Housing Community Development |
|  | Funding | CDBG: \$100,000 |
|  | Description | Support services and case management for LMI individuals with severe permanent mental illness. |
|  | Target Date | 12/31/2021 |
|  | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 50 |
|  | Location Description | 23515 Hwy 190. Mandeville, LA 70448 |
|  | Planned Activities | Homelessness Prevention and Behavioral Health |
| 2 | Project Name | NAMI St. Tammany Residential Program |
|  | Target Area |  |
|  | Goals Supported | Homeless Prevention Public Service |
|  | Needs Addressed | Affordable Housing <br> Non-Housing Community Development |
|  | Funding | CDBG: \$34,276 |
|  | Description | The organizational goal seeks to maintain permanent safe and supportive housing for residents living with mental illness. Maintain staff and support help to accommodate the recovery needs of the residents to encourage the greatest level of independence to return to the community as both residents and employed individuals. |
|  | Target Date | 12/31/2021 |
|  | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 30 |
|  | Location Description | 23515 Hwy 190 Mandeville, LA 70448 |


|  | Planned Activities | The organizational goal seeks to maintain permanent supportive housing for 15 residents per quarter, living with mental illness. Maintain staff and support help to accommodate the recovery needs of the residents. |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 | Project Name | Options Adolescent and Family Alcohol and Drug Outreach Program |
|  | Target Area | Highway 190/433 Area <br> Browns Village Road Area <br> West 30's |
|  | Goals Supported | Public Service |
|  | Needs Addressed | Non-Housing Community Development |
|  | Funding | CDBG: \$45,000 |
|  | Description | To provide advocacy, counseling, education and intervention for youth and their families, helping them to reach their full potential. The Youth Service Bureau Options, is the only program operating in St. Tammany Parish. |
|  | Target Date | 12/31/2021 |
|  | Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities | 40 individuals/families - Behavioral Health activities |
|  | Location Description | 430 N. New Hampshire Street Covington, LA 70433 |
|  | Planned Activities | Throughout the 1st quarter and all quarters incoming referrals will be assigned a therapist to complete the intake assessment and follow up with outcome recommendations. Clients will participate if indicated in weekly individual, family or group sessions, and anger management. Parents/caregivers will be provided 4 weekly STEP Parenting Sessions. 4 therapists will serve a weekly case load of 15 clients and their families each quarter. Total hours of all services provided per quarter equals 1170 hours a quarter plus 52 hours a quarter including STEP Parenting and Psychoeducational groups each quarter. |
| 4 | Project Name | Program Administration |
|  | Target Area |  |
|  | Goals Supported | Program Administration |
|  | Needs Addressed |  |
|  | Funding | CDBG: \$239,035 |
|  | Description | Funds used to support program staff |
|  |  | Annual Action Plan $2020$ |


|  | Target Date |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Estimate the number <br> and type of families <br> that will benefit from <br> the proposed activities |  |  |
| Location Description |  |  |
| $\mathbf{5}$ | Planned Activities |  |
| Project Name | Other |  |
| Target Area | Public Service |  |
| Goals Supported | Affordable Housing <br> Infrastructure Improvements <br> Non-Housing Community Development |  |
| Funding | CDBG: \$776,864 |  |
| Description | Funds will be used to prevent, prepare for, and to respond to <br> Coronavirus. Funds may also be used for infrastructure and additional <br> funding for public services that need assist due to the pandemic. |  |
| Target Date |  |  |
| Estimate the number <br> and type of families <br> that will benefit from <br> the proposed activities |  |  |
| Location Description |  |  |
| Planned Activities |  |  |

## 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

Parish-Wide: 100\%

## Geographic Distribution

| Target Area | Percentage of Funds |
| :--- | ---: |
| Highway 190/433 Area | 15 |
| Browns Village Road Area | 36 |
| West 30's | 9 |

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

## Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

CDBG funds have been invested in planning, engineering and design of infrastructure improvements in Hwy 11 area. St. Tammany identified two neighborhoods requiring upgrades to sewer and water systems. In the Ben Thomas neighborhood, master planning and design work for sub surface drainage are in process. "Shovel ready plans" for a community treatment plant were completed and the project will be constructed in phases, pending availability of funds. A waterline redundancy study is complete for Ben Thomas and Alton communities.

St. Tammany Parish has signed a contract with the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation to study the Hwy 433/Thompson Road for the purposes of improving the water quality. CDBG funds are currently allocated for replacement of outdated and non-compliant septic systems, and the repair non functioning aerator treatment units and pump out of exiting tanks.

In May 2015, St. Tammany Parish acquired the site of the Southeast Louisiana Hospital, located near Hwy 190 in Mandeville. The Hospital was formerly operated by the State of Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals which served as a respite and rehabilitation facility for the mentally ill. CDBG funds were reprogrammed from residential rehabilitation to fund the demolition and clearing of four Hurricane Katrina damaged buildings on Martin Drive within the Hospital site. A section of the Hospital campus is operated by the National Alliance of Mental Illness-St. Tammany for sheltering severely disabled and chronic, behaviorally ill patients. As part of the Parish's long term investment in the Hospital campus and a commitment to support behaviorally or mentally disabled persons, CDBG funds will be used to rehabilitate a building for use as a homeless center for persons recently released from parish prison with addiction or mental illness.

The remaining funds will be spent on LMI residents across the Parish also funds will be spent on issues
related to the recent pandemic of COVID. When appropriate, the needs of the disabled, special needs and elderly populations will receive priority in obtaining services.

## Discussion

## Affordable Housing

## AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.220(g) <br> Introduction

| One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Homeless | 120 |
| Non-Homeless | 31 |
| Special-Needs | 30 |
| Total | 181 |

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

| One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through |  |
| :--- | ---: |
| Rental Assistance | 0 |
| The Production of New Units | 0 |
| Rehab of Existing Units | 20 |
| Acquisition of Existing Units | 0 |
| Total |  |
| Table 10-One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type |  |

## Discussion

Affordable housing will be promoted through the use of our residential rehabilitation projects to rehabilitate existing structures. Home repairs will be provided to at least 11 LMI households, and individual sewer repairs will be provided to at least 20 LMI households funding from previous years.

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

## Introduction

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

To address the needs of public housing residents, the Parish will:

- Contact housing authority staff about the applicable events or services that may be helpful to their residents
- The St. Tammany Housing and Homeless Alliance meetings of which housing authority staff are invited members

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

The Parish will distribute information about homeownership assistance programs and services to the housing authority staff so that they may be distributed to residents.

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

Not applicable.

## Discussion

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

# 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

Family Promise Affiliate - A Sheltering System for Families

As a sheltering system for families, this program provides shelter, case management, life skills education, and transportation assistance for homeless families. The program is designed to ensure children attend school, families stay together, and assistance is provided so that these families can again become self-sufficient. The initial start-up activities were provided through the Parish and the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development.

## Attend NHC Meetings

Department of Grants and CDBG staff continue to attend monthly meetings of the Northlake Homeless Coalition. These meetings help the Parish stay current with the issues that are affecting the homeless population and the organizations that serve them.

## Provide Information and Referral

Department of Grants will continue to provide resource and referral information to citizens and organizations who contact the office looking for resources. This information is posted on the Parish's website and is regularly updated.

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

## Family Promise Affiliate - A Sheltering System for Families

As a sheltering system for families, this program provides shelter, case management, life skills education, and transportation assistance for homeless families. The program is designed to ensure children attend school, families stay together, and assistance is provided so that these families can again become self-sufficient. The initial start-up activities were provided through the Parish and the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development.

Support for Homeownership Center

Residents successfully completing the Homeless and Housing Assistance Program will be directed to the Homeownership Center (HOC) as part of the pathway from homelessness to self-sustainability and home ownership. The HOC will provide homebuyer training and Individual Development Account (IDA) information to families seeking to stabilize their housing situation and aid in the prevention of homelessness. These services include pre-purchase counseling, credit repair, money management classes, and homebuyer training classes.

## Attend NHC Meetings.

Department of Grants and CDBG staff will continue to attend monthly meetings of the Northlake Homeless Coalition.

## Provide Information and Referral

Department of Grants will continue to provide resource and referral information to citizens and organizations who contact the office looking for resources. A new referral directory is now available on the DHHS website.

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

## Support for Homeownership Center

Residents successfully completing the Homeless and Housing Assistance Program will be directed to the Homeownership Centers (HOC) as part of the pathway from homelessness to self-sustainability and home ownership. The HOC will provide homebuyer training and Individual Development Account (IDA) information to families seeking to stabilize their housing situation and aid in the prevention of homelessness. These services include pre-purchase counseling, credit repair, money management classes, and homebuyer training classes.

## Family Promise Affiliate - A Sheltering System for Families

As a sheltering system for families, this program provides shelter, case management, life skills education, and transportation assistance for homeless families. The program is designed to ensure children attend school, families stay together, and assistance is provided so that these families can again become self-sufficient. The initial start-up activities are funded through the Parish and the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development.

## Community Land Trust

The State Office of Community Development- Disaster Recovery Unit is providing CDBG -DR funds to St. Tammany Parish to underwrite the local land trust, the Northshore Housing Initiative (NHI). This organization makes affordable housing opportunities available to income-eligible clients. NHI has received a HOME grant to develop affordable housing in a mixed income neighborhood.

## Attend NHC Meetings

Department of Grants and CDBG staff will continue to attend monthly meetings of the Northlake Homeless Coalition.

## Provide Information and Referral

Department of Grants will continue to provide resource and referral information to citizens and organizations who contact the office looking for resources. A new referral directory is now available on the Parish's website.

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.

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Infrastructure Improvements- Sewer & Water
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St. Tammany Parish targeted infrastructure improvement in 2013-2014's CDBG program year during which a watershed study was commissioned to evaluate the most needed projects. Once the study was completed in June 2014, an internal review was implemented to identify LMI neighborhoods where infrastructure improvements were needed. The LMI neighborhoods of Bayou Liberty, Ben Thomas, and Slidell Manor were selected for improvements.

## Family Promise Affiliate - A Sheltering System for Families

The St. Tammany Housing and Homeless Alliance developed a local affiliate of the national "Family Promise" organization. As a sheltering system for families, this program provides shelter, case management, life skills education, and transportation assistance for homeless families. The program is designed to ensure that children can attend school that families can stay together, and that assistance is provided so that these families can again become self-sufficient. The initial start-up activities were funded through the Parish and the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development.

## Provide Home Repair Assistance

The Parish will continue to fund minor home repair targeting LMI households, which can receive necessary repairs that make their homes physically and financially more sustainable. The Parish will collaborate with local non- profit \& for profit organizations to perform health and safety related repairs and promote energy efficient modifications to homes.

For the fourth year, CDBG funds will also be used for the repair and replacement of non-compliant septic systems. This health and safety improvement is very needed for the overall water quality of Parish residents.

## Attend NHC Meetings

CDBG staff will continue to attend monthly meetings of the Northlake Homeless Coalition.

## Provide Information and Referral

Department of Grants will continue to provide resource and referral information to citizens and organizations who contact the office looking for resources. A new referral directory is now available on the Parish's website.

## Discussion

# AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing - 91.220(j) <br> Introduction: 


#### Abstract

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


Barriers to affordable housing include:

## The Biggert-Waters Act (BWA)

Congress passed (2012), amended (2014) and reauthorized (2017) the Biggert-Waters Act which authorizes the flood insurance program. The law required changes be made to flood hazard mapping, grants, flood insurance, and the management of floodplains, and the adoption of new FEMA flood maps in 2012 and 2014. The new flood maps increase the base flood elevation in many areas. For a lot of households, this means that 1.) The height to which they previously raised their home may no longer be sufficient, and 2.) If their home is not elevated the appropriate amount, their flood premiums may increase significantly.

## Impact Fees

In 2005, the St. Tammany Parish Council adopted the policy of imposing mandatory impact fees. These fees are paid by developers when new subdivisions, strip malls, big box stores, or other new residential and commercial development are built. The purpose of the fee is to offset the strain that the new growth puts on Parish roads and drainage. While some individuals can be granted a waiver of the impact fees if they can demonstrate an income level of "Very Low Income" based on HUD criteria, these fees may be seen as a deterrent from building to individuals who are above the "very low income" level but under the "moderate-income" level.

## NIMBYISM

There have been issues with NIMBYISM in the past when it comes to constructing affordable housing in the parish.

## High Cost of Land

According to a 2015 study by W. Larson of the Bureau of Economic Analysis, the average cost of land per acre in Louisiana was $\$ 12,908$, the 23 rd highest in the nation. In St. Tammany Parish, the study
estimates land per acre to range from $\$ 20,000-\$ 38,000$, depending on clearance, population density, zoning, and intended land use. High cost of land affects the real estate pricing for new and established residential developments, and can be a barrier to affordable housing.

## Discussion:

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

## Introduction:

## Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

## Provide Information and Referral

Department of Grants will continue to provide resource and referral information to citizens and organizations who contact the office looking for resources such as job training, education, and employment assistance. A new referral directory is available on through Grants Website.

## Attend NHC Meetings

CDBG staff will continue to attend monthly meetings of the Northlake Homeless Coalition. These meetings help the Parish stay current with the issues that are affecting the homeless population and the organizations that serve them. This will also allow the Parish to play a role in the NHC's development of a single point-of-entry system.

## Meeting Attendance and Information Coordination

Parish staff will continue to play an active role in the planning and development of our community's delivery system. By attending meetings and staying in constant communication with local service providers, Parish government can assist in addressing the most urgent and current needs of our citizens.

## Provide Home Repair Assistance

The Parish will continue to fund minor home repair targeting LMI households, which can receive necessary repairs that make their homes physically and financially more sustainable. The Parish will collaborate with local non- profit \& for profit organizations to perform health and safety related repairs and promote energy efficient modifications to homes.

For the current year, previous CDBG funds will also be used for the repair and replacement of noncompliant septic systems. This health and safety improvement is very needed for the overall water quality of Parish residents.

## Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

## Attend NHC Meetings

CDBG staff will continue to attend monthly meetings of the Northlake Homeless Coalition. These Annual Action Plan
meetings help the Parish stay current with the issues that are affecting the homeless population and the organizations that serve them. This will also allow the Parish to play a role in the NHC's development of a single point-of-entry system.

## Provide Information and Referral

Department of Grants will continue to provide resource and referral information, including contact information to local affordable housing providers, to citizens and organizations who contact the office looking for resources. This information will also be distributed through the Parish's Website.

## Support Local Organizations that Provide Affordable Housing

The Parish is collaborating with the local land trust, the Northshore Housing Initiative, by providing them with non-entitlement CDBG funds received from the State Office of Community Development. These funds will assist NHI's Community Land Trust Program, which will assist qualified homebuyers for the purchase of homes by covering the cost of and retaining ownership of the land on which the home resides. This effort decreases the purchase price for the homebuyer, making the home more affordable to future buyers and for families who are at risk of homelessness. The Parish will also continue to work with homebuyer counseling organizations in St. Tammany, as a means to provide affordable housing opportunities to residents as well.

## Provide Home Repair Assistance

The Parish will continue to fund minor home repair programs targeting LMI households, which can receive necessary repairs and make their homes physically and financially more sustainable. The Parish is again funding local non-profit organizations to perform health and safety related repairs. In previous years the Parish has successfully partnered with Volunteers of America, Northshore Disaster Recovery Initiatives, World Changers and Habitat for Humanity St Tammany West.

## Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

## Provide LBP Educational Information to the Public

The Parish will display LBP posters in its DHHS and CAA offices and will have that information available for distribution to organizations and interested parties. Recipients of the Parish-funded minor home repair program(s) will also receive LBP educational materials. The Parish will inform local organizations that serve LMI populations know that LBP educational materials can be accessed from the DHHS.

## Provide Affordable Housing Program Information to Affected Households

Households that are affected by LBP are able to contact the Parish for information regarding affordable
housing opportunities for homes without LBP hazards. The Parish maintains a current list of affordable housing options in St. Tammany that can be distributed to interested parties. The Parish will let local organizations that serve LMI populations know that affordable housing information can be accessed from the Department of Grants.

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

## Provide Information and Referral

Grants department will continue to provide resource and referral information to citizens and organizations who contact the office looking for resources such as job training, education, and employment assistance. This information will also be distributed through the Parish's Website and monthly electronic newsletter.

## Development of the St. Tammany Advanced Campus

On Hwy 434 in North Lacombe, Parish government, with the use of CDBG-DR funds, has planned the St. Tammany Advanced Campus to provide educational, employment, and job training opportunities to residents of St. Tammany and the surrounding areas. Ideally, the creation of the center and business park will lead to a more educated and skilled workforce and the creation of new jobs as well. This will help individuals become more qualified to earn better wages and gradually increase their household income so that they are no longer considered to be poverty-level.

## Provide Home Repair Assistance

The Parish will continue to fund minor home repair targeting LMI households, which can receive necessary repairs that make their homes physically and financially more sustainable. The Parish will collaborate with local non- profit \& for profit organizations to perform health and safety related repairs and promote energy efficient modifications to homes.

For the current year, previous CDBG funds will also be used for the repair and replacement of noncompliant septic systems. This health and safety improvement is very needed for the overall water quality of Parish residents.

## Actions planned to develop institutional structure

## Development of Single Point of Entry System

The NHC created a single point of entry system for homeless housing and service providers. The system gives providers access to the information for homeless persons to receive expedited assistance and information when accessing services.

A local affiliate of the national "Family Promise" organization has been operational since April 2015. As a sheltering system for families, this program provides shelter, case management, life skills education, and transportation assistance for homeless families. The program is designed to ensure that children can attend school, families can stay together, and assistance is provided so that these families can again become self-sufficient. The initial start-up activities are funded through the Parish's CDBG-DR funds and the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development. A permanent day center is planned for the Safe Haven campus in Mandeville, LA. The local homebuilder's association has agreed to donate their services to construct the Family Promise of St. Tammany Day Center, for homeless families.

## Meeting Attendance and Information Coordination

Parish staff will continue to play an active role in the planning and development of our community's delivery system. By attending meetings and staying in constant communication with local service providers, Parish government can assist in addressing the most urgent and current needs of our citizens.

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

Parish staff will continue to play an active role in the planning and development of our community's delivery system. By attending meetings and staying in constant communication with local service providers, Parish government can assist in addressing the most urgent and current needs of our citizens.

National Alliance for Mental Illness-St. Tammany received funds to provide training, educational, and support services to individuals with mental illness and their families; a mental health case manager servicing the Behavioral Health Court clients of 22 nd JDC, and support for a Group Home (operations and maintenance) for transitional housing and access to services for individuals with severe behavioral health issues. Louisiana Public Health Institute maintains a "Dashboard" with up to date behavioral health information accessible to the public. Access Health supports two full time Licensed Clinical Social Workers and a part time Psychiatrist, who provide counseling services to uninsured individuals at a Medicaid cost. Youth Service Bureau supports case plans, drug screens and counseling for at-risk youth who are receiving behavioral health services at the Youth Service Bureau of St. Tammany. STOPS provides support to groups and services to families of suicide victims. VOA - Crisis Response provides support to law enforcement by providing mental health assessments and support to individuals in crisis along with their families. As of now, these services will not be funded due to funding shortages as a result of a failed tax renewal. Grants department plans to assist these agencies with finding possible funding to continue their services to the parish.

In 2008, two coalitions were formed to address the predominant social issues: "St. Tammany Behavioral Health Task Force" and "St. Tammany Housing and Homeless Alliance." These two groups have become excellent planning tools for service coordination for mental health, homelessness, and housing needs in

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St. Tammany. Mental health and housing/homelessness have become the most important and visible needs of our community; the Alliance and Task Forces have played a role in ensuring that service gaps are identified and that efforts made to address those gaps are non-duplicative and coordinated. The Behavioral Health Task force has been redesigned and restructured into the Safe Haven Advisory Board.

Members of the Safe Haven Advisory Board include representatives from the following organizations: National Alliance on Mental Illness - St. Tammany, the Florida Parishes Human Service Authority, Catholic Charities - Northshore, St. Tammany Outreach for the Prevention of Suicide (STOPS), the St. Tammany Parish Coroner's Office, the St. Tammany Community Health Center, St. Tammany Parish Hospital, Volunteers of America Greater New Orleans, St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office, Northlake Behavioral Health System, Slidell Memorial Hospital and the St. Tammany Parish Dept. Of Health and Human Services.

Members of the St. Tammany Housing and Homeless Alliance include representatives from the following organizations: the Northlake Homeless Coalition, Volunteers of America Greater New Orleans, Catholic Charities - Northshore, the Samaritan Center, Covington Food Bank, Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany West, Habitat for Humanity St. Tammany East, the Covington Housing Authority, St. Tammany Community Action Agency, Slidell Housing Authority, Northshore Community Foundation, the City of Covington, Community Christian Concern, and the St. Tammany Parish Dept. of Grants.

## Discussion:

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

## Introduction

## Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) <br> 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.


#### Abstract

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


#### Abstract

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 0

Total Program Income:

## Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities
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.
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