

Strategic Plan

SP-05 Overview

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The following strategic plan sections provide details on matters that affect the implementation of this Plan. Seven specific priority needs have been identified. Each of these priority needs has connected goals, accomplishments, and budgets as well as listings of other resources in the community that are available for implementation over the 5-year term of this Plan. The Village of Rantoul's housing market is stable, but there is still room for improvement. There is a coordinated regional homelessness strategy in place. The barriers to affordable housing have been reviewed and steps are being taken to minimize those barriers that do exist.

This Plan is guided by the following goals:

- Develop, preserve, and finance a continuum of decent and affordable housing opportunities.
- Revitalize low- and moderate-income neighborhoods to create healthy and sustainable communities.
- Promote equal housing opportunities.
- Support efforts to develop/complete the Continuum of Care's System for the homeless through the provision of emergency shelters, transitional housing, prevention and rapid re-housing, supportive housing services, and permanent housing.
- Provide community and supportive services for low- and moderate-income persons and those with special needs, including the homeless and persons living with HIV/AIDS.
- Eliminate blight and promote economic development opportunities through infrastructure and public facility improvements.
- Implement effective and efficient management practices to enhance customer service and project delivery.

SP-10 Geographic Priorities – 91.215 (a)(1)

Geographic Area

Table 48 - Geographic Priority Areas

1	Area Name:	Area Benefit Areas
	Area Type:	Low-Mod Income Census Tracts and/or Low-Mod Income Census Block Groups
	Other Target Area Description:	Low-Mod Income Census Tracts and/or Low-Mod Income Census Block Groups
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?		
2	Area Name:	Housing Rehab Areas
	Area Type:	Village Wide
	Other Target Area Description:	Village Wide
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	

	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	
3	Area Name:	Village Wide Availability
	Area Type:	No geographic area limits.
	Other Target Area Description:	No geographic area limits.
	HUD Approval Date:	
	% of Low/ Mod:	
	Revital Type:	
	Other Revital Description:	
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	
	Identify the needs in this target area.	
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	

General Allocation Priorities

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA)

CDBG funds are distributed on an income eligibility basis throughout the village. For area benefit programs such as infrastructure development and demolition of unsafe and dilapidated structures, CDBG investments are made in low to moderate income census tracts known as low-mod areas (LMA). The basis for allocating investments geographically within the community is to ensure that the scarce resources that are available to use are used in the areas where there is the most need and where they can have a measurable impact on the overall area.

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

Priority Needs

Table 49 – Priority Needs Summary

1	Priority Need Name	Affordable Housing Rehabilitation
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	Village Wide
	Associated Goals	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
	Description	This priority will address the need for housing rehabilitation for owner occupied homes in the community. There is a need for improved affordable housing units for lower-income individuals and households, particularly those that are cost burdened and overcrowded. This priority allows the Village to preserve the current housing stock by providing rehabilitation services to lower-income homeowners which improves their condition yet keeps them affordable.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The basis for the high relative priority given is the need for the rehabilitation of owner occupied homes occupied by low income persons as discussed in the Disproportionate Greater Need Discussion section. The housing stock of the community is advancing in age and this older housing stock requires additional and continued repairs and reinvestment in order to be kept viable. A larger amount of CDBG funds are allocated towards housing rehabilitation projects because alternative resources available to the Village of Rantoul to fully rehabilitate homes or make emergency repairs for lower-income households are scarce.
2	Priority Need Name	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Priority Level	High

	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Low-Mod Income Census Tracts and/or Low-Mod Income Census Block Groups No geographic area limits.
	Associated Goals	Economic Development Infrastructure Improvements
	Description	This priority provides for the construction of public improvements and infrastructure that serves an eligible resident population or area. Aging infrastructure and public facilities are needing upgrades and improvements in order to maintain their effectiveness.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The basis for this priority is that there exists a multitude of public improvement and infrastructure needs identified elsewhere within this plan including aging infrastructure.
3	Priority Need Name	Public Services
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development

	Geographic Areas Affected	No geographic area limits.
	Associated Goals	Health Services Homeless Services Senior Services Substance Abuse Services Youth Services
	Description	This priority is the provision of needed social services to lower income residents.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The basis for this priority is the ongoing need for a variety of social services for community residents. These needs are partially met by private and state funded organizations but occasionally gaps open up and specific areas of service needs will need to be addressed and funded to ensure the social services needs of the community's residents are all being met.
4	Priority Need Name	Economic Development
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	No geographic area limits.
	Associated Goals	Economic Development
	Description	This priority provides economic incentives to businesses that will create new jobs or retain existing jobs that are threatened to be lost for the benefit of low-moderate income individuals. Individuals and households are classified as low-income because they generally do not have employment or are underemployed. By creating economic development opportunities, residents can earn enough income to sustain themselves.

	Basis for Relative Priority	The basis for this activity is the need for jobs, as noted in the Disproportionate Priority Needs section of this Plan.
5	Priority Need Name	Blight Removal
	Priority Level	Low
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Low-Mod Income Census Tracts and/or Low-Mod Income Census Block Groups No geographic area limits.
	Associated Goals	Building Demolition
	Description	This priority need will provide for the removal of blighted and deteriorating structures.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The basis for this activity is the deteriorated condition and age of the housing stock and other structures, including non-housing structures, as noted in the Disproportionately Greater Need section of this plan.
6	Priority Need Name	Affordable Housing - New Construction
	Priority Level	Low
	Population	Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly
	Geographic Areas Affected	No geographic area limits.
	Associated Goals	
	Description	This priority is to add new affordable single family homes to the housing market.

	Basis for Relative Priority	The market contains an adequate supply of affordable housing units but there is a need for newer quality affordable housing units.
7	Priority Need Name	Homelessness
	Priority Level	Low
	Population	Extremely Low Large Families Families with Children Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth
	Geographic Areas Affected	No geographic area limits.
	Associated Goals	Homeless Services
	Description	According to the Rantoul Police Department and the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care's homelessness street count, Rantoul does not have any unsheltered homeless individuals. It is not known if there are any sheltered homeless individuals or families in Rantoul.
	Basis for Relative Priority	A larger amount CDBG funds are allocated towards housing rehabilitation projects because resources available to the Village of Rantoul to fully rehabilitate homes or make emergency repairs for lower-income households are scarce. Other priorities such as Non-Housing and Community Development (infrastructure, demolition, and public services) and Economic Development have some other funding sources available to them. Since there are no known unsheltered homeless individuals or families in Rantoul, there is less need to allocate CDBG funds towards this.

Narrative (Optional)

The Village of Rantoul intends to use the resources made available by HUD to fund "high" priority needs in this Plan. "Low" priority needs may be funded by other community stakeholders or other funding sources or not at all during the period of this Plan.

The Consolidated Plan indicates the general priorities for allocating investment of available resources among different needs.

Affordable Housing

- Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
- Removal of Architectural Barriers in Housing

Non-Housing Community Development

- Public Services
- Demolition of Dilapidated Structures
- Infrastructure Improvements

Economic Development

- Economic Development Opportunities

The Consolidated Plan discusses the rationale for establishing the allocation priorities given to each priority need. The rationale flows logically from the analysis of information in the Needs Assessment, Market Analysis, and the information gathered during the consultation and citizen participation process.

SP-30 Influence of Market Conditions – 91.215 (b)

Influence of Market Conditions

Affordable Housing Type	Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	The Village of Rantoul does not receive HOME funding. No funds are expected to be used for Tenant Based Rental Assistance as the existing housing market is already very affordable.
TBRA for Non-Homeless Special Needs	No funds are expected to be used for Non-Homeless Special Needs Tenant Based Rental Assistance as the existing housing market is already extremely affordable and other resources are available to address any future need.
New Unit Production	Although there is a need for more affordable housing units, the village is currently not anticipating using its CDBG funds on projects to develop additional housing units.
Rehabilitation	A high percentage of the existing housing stock is of an advanced age and deferred maintenance is quite common place in the housing stock. Due to the advanced age and abundance of deferred maintenance there is clearly a need for the rehabilitation of the existing housing stock. Additionally, the relatively low median household income of the community (\$38,000) makes housing repairs and maintenance, such as a roof replacement, difficult for a typical household to afford. The number of home rehabilitations completed is dependent upon individual project costs and total available resources.
Acquisition, including preservation	Land acquisition costs in much of Rantoul is generally quite affordable. There actually exists a surplus of vacant lots currently in the Village, for which little interest exists. While CDBG funds can be used for property acquisition, generally acquisition would be as a last resort for the demolition of dilapidated properties.

Table 50 – Influence of Market Conditions

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

Introduction

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available 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	345,439	0	0	345,439	1,381,756	Village of Rantoul Consolidated Plan High Priorities
Competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act	public - federal	Other	0	0	0	0	0	The Village of Rantoul does not receive any McKinney-Vento funds from HUD or the State of Illinois

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Narrative Description	
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Redevelopment Fund	public - local					Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	The Chanute Economic Development Commission and fund was established over 10 years ago to redevelop the former Chanute Air Force Base. These funds are used for staffing along with attracting new businesses and developments.	
		Economic Development	100,000	0	0	100,000		400,000
Tax Increment Financing	public - local	Acquisition Economic Development Public Improvements Other	115,000	0	0	115,000	460,000	These property tax revenues must be used within specific geographic areas to make various types of improvements. The Village of Rantoul has used these funds to demolish dilapidated structures and improve the infrastructure. Some of the low-moderate income census tracts are within a TIF district.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	
Other	public - federal						These funds were granted to the Village of Rantoul by the U.S. Dept. of Commerce Economic Development Administration to assist the community in creating jobs immediately after the closure of Chanute Air Force Base. A business may borrow up to \$500,000 and must create 1 full-time job for every \$30,000 borrowed.
Other		Economic Development	250,000	0	0	250,000	1,000,000
Other	public - state	Public Improvements	350,000	0	0	350,000	1,400,000
Other	public - local	Public Improvements	600,000	0	0	600,000	2,400,000

Table 51 - Anticipated Resources

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

The CDBG program does not require a match for those federal entitlement funds. The CDBG funds identified above will leverage the additional, local, state and private resources listed. Overall, all sources and types of leveraged funds are more limited now due to the current federal and state economic climate. As in the past, the Village of Rantoul will be as creative as possible to find other sources of funding from state, federal, private developer, tax-credits, loans, and local funds in order to develop and deliver efficient and cost effective projects. All agencies applying for CDBG public service funding are required to identify their efforts in obtaining other public and/or private resources that address needs identified in the Consolidated Plan.

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

The Village of Rantoul owns various vacant lots throughout the community that could be used to facilitate the development of new infill housing or economic development projects.

Previously, the Village has purchased and demolished three dilapidated single-family homes located at 1600 Eater Drive, 1311 Fairlawn Drive, and 1608 Lowry Drive, using CDBG funds. All three are eligible for single-family housing development. Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County has previously expressed interest about the Village donating the parcels for new housing construction.

Discussion

SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure – 91.215(k)

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

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
RANTOUL	Government	Economic Development Ownership Planning neighborhood improvements public facilities	Jurisdiction
Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care Committee	Continuum of care	Homelessness Non-homeless special needs	Region
CHAMPAIGN COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION	Regional organization	Non-homeless special needs Planning Rental public services	Region
Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County	Non-profit organizations	Non-homeless special needs public services	Region
DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES CENTER	Non-profit organizations	Non-homeless special needs public services	Region
Family Service of Champaign County	Non-profit organizations	Non-homeless special needs public services	Region
Rosecrance	Non-profit organizations	Non-homeless special needs public services	Region
GREATER COMMUNITY AIDS PROJECT OF EAST CENTRAL ILLINOIS	Non-profit organizations	Non-homeless special needs public services	Region

Table 52 - Institutional Delivery Structure

Assess of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

The institutional structure through which this Consolidated Plan will be implemented is focused around the Village of Rantoul. The Village of Rantoul is a direct entitlement community and is the lead

agency. The strengths include the Village’s past experience coordinating with other governments and agencies in the implementation of HUD and non-HUD funded programs and services. The Community Development Department of the Village is responsible for managing all HUD funds received by the Village.

The Village is dependent on the Urbana Champaign Continuum of Care, based in Urbana, IL, which is the primary homeless assistance planning and service delivery system organization and with the Continuum's local partner organizations in and around the Village. Community Development staff have also formed strong relationships with the staff and leaders of social service agencies in Champaign County. The primary gap in the existing institutional structure is a need to further enhance coordination among the various social service agencies. The Village will be working to take the lead in promoting additional coordination with these entities going forward.

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

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

Table 53 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary

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

With the implementation of HEARTH legislation there is the expectation that the HUD-funded Continuum of Care program dollars will focus on meeting critical housing needs. Although some HUD dollars may be reinvested in the system to support services, there is the expectation that other mainstream resources will be incentivized through investment and managing care to provide service to special needs populations (persons with HIV/AIDS, the elderly and persons with disabilities). In line with managing service costs, there will be a focus on prevention, as research indicates that it is such approaches that are less expensive and highly effective when done properly. There will also be an increased focus on employment so the individuals and families can offset service costs and needs through increased income.

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

With the implementation of HEARTH legislation there is the expectation that the HUD-funded Continuum of Care program dollars will focus on meeting critical housing needs. Although some HUD dollars may be reinvested in the system to support services, there is the expectation that other mainstream resources will be incentivized through investment and managing care to provide service to special needs populations (persons with HIV/AIDS, the elderly and persons with disabilities). In line with managing service costs, there will be a focus on prevention, as research indicates that it is such approaches that are less expensive and highly effective when done properly. There will also be an increased focus on employment so the individuals and families can offset service costs and needs through increased income.

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

The Village of Rantoul carries out its various federal community development programs by an institutional structure that includes the Village of Rantoul and its various departments, public institutions, nonprofit organizations, and private industry. The institutional capacity of these agencies includes resources to assist in the development, implementation and monitoring of housing and community development programs. An assessment of the institutional structure in Champaign County indicates various agencies and organizations are actively collaborating to develop and administer programs and policies to increase the number of affordable housing units and address community development needs. The Village of Rantoul is considering shifting to a strategy towards larger improvement projects. By allocating larger dollar amounts to fewer projects the projects would generate more visible improvements in the neighborhoods and foster private investment in

communities where funds are expended. To improve efficiency, Community Development staff would direct funding through a more focused delivery mechanism such as working with a limited number of village staff, consultants, and contractors for delivery of projects.

SP-45 Goals Summary – 91.215(a)(4)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Housing Rehab Areas	Affordable Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$300,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 18 Household Housing Unit
2	Infrastructure Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Area Benefit Areas	Public Improvements and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$500,000 Illinois Motor Fuel Tax: \$1,500,000 Village of Rantoul Stormwater Drainage Fund: \$3,000,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 Persons Assisted
3	Economic Development	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Village Wide Availability	Economic Development Public Improvements and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$200,000 Redevelopment Fund: \$400,000 Tax Increment Financing: \$200,000 USEDA - Revolving Loan Fund: \$500,000	Jobs created/retained: 20 Jobs
4	Building Demolition	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Village Wide Availability	Blight Removal	CDBG: \$125,000 Redevelopment Fund: \$100,000 Tax Increment Financing: \$100,000	Buildings Demolished: 8 Buildings

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Senior Services	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Village Wide Availability	Public Services	CDBG: \$51,500	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10 Persons Assisted
6	Youth Services	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Village Wide Availability	Public Services	CDBG: \$51,500	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10 Persons Assisted
7	Health Services	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Village Wide Availability	Public Services	CDBG: \$51,500	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10 Persons Assisted
8	Substance Abuse Services	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Village Wide Availability	Public Services	CDBG: \$51,500	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10 Persons Assisted
9	Homeless Services	2020	2024	Homeless	Village Wide Availability	Homelessness Public Services	CDBG: \$51,500 Competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act: \$0	Homelessness Prevention: 10 Persons Assisted

Table 54 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	<p>Goal Name Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation</p> <p>Goal Description This goal is designed to facilitate the rehabilitation of owner occupied single family homes. The Village of Rantoul offers a "Full-Home Rehabilitation Program", which repairs all of the code violations on the home. This program uses up to \$20,000 per home and the funds are secured by a 3-year forgivable mortgage on the property. The "Emergency Rehabilitation Program" provides a grant up to \$6,000 to repair a single code violation that is considered enough of an emergency that the homeowner might not be able to stay in the home. Both programs are available village-wide and open to any owner-occupant who earns no more than 80% of the median family income of Champaign County.</p>
2	<p>Goal Name Infrastructure Improvements</p> <p>Goal Description This goal is to facilitate the upgrading of existing public improvements and infrastructure. The Village of Rantoul intends to allocate a portion of their CDBG funds, along with other state/federal grant funds and local funds to make various infrastructure improvements.</p>
3	<p>Goal Name Economic Development</p> <p>Goal Description This goal is designed to provide economic opportunity by facilitating the creation of new jobs or retention of existing jobs that otherwise would be lost. Every community needs a healthy economy that has a diversification of job opportunities. In order to achieve more employment opportunities, various programs will be utilized to encourage employers to start operations in Rantoul; expand their current operations; or keep their current job opportunities.</p>
4	<p>Goal Name Building Demolition</p> <p>Goal Description This goal is intended to facilitate the demolition and clearance of deteriorated structures on a spot basis. The Village of Rantoul annually uses several funding sources, including CDBG to demolish dilapidated structures throughout Rantoul.</p>
5	<p>Goal Name Senior Services</p> <p>Goal Description This goal is intended to address the public service needs of the community, particularly as it relates to seniors. Census data shows that the population in the United States is living longer. Seniors need various types of services in order to live in their homes for a longer period of time.</p>

6	Goal Name	Youth Services
	Goal Description	This goal is intended to address the public service needs of the community, particularly as it relates to youth. Two main problems exist for youth. Standardized testing scores for youth are below the statewide average in all categories. Additionally, youth tend to roam the streets and get into trouble.
7	Goal Name	Health Services
	Goal Description	This goal is intended to address the public service needs of the community, particularly in relation to meeting the community's health needs. Rantoul's unemployment rate is greater than the state average. With so many people without job benefits, particularly health and dental insurance, the cost of medical care generally makes it prohibitive for lower-income families to seek medical care.
8	Goal Name	Substance Abuse Services
	Goal Description	This goal is intended to address the public service needs of the community, particularly as it relates to substance abuse counseling and treatment. Many of the larger employers in Rantoul have stated that they have employment opportunities that they have been unable to fill because the applicants cannot pass a pre-employment drug screening.
9	Goal Name	Homeless Services
	Goal Description	This goal is intended to address the public service needs of the community, particularly as it relates to the homeless. Although there is no known unsheltered homeless individuals currently in the community, it is believed that there may be some sheltered homeless individuals and families from the community sheltered elsewhere as well as some individuals and families in danger of becoming homeless. If an unsheltered homeless individual or family is found, they are either given a voucher for food and a motel room or they are provided transportation to an appropriate shelter in Champaign or Urbana.

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

- Extremely Low Income - 7
- Low Income - 6
- Moderate Income - 5

SP-50 Public Housing Accessibility and Involvement – 91.215(c)

Need to Increase the Number of Accessible Units (if Required by a Section 504 Voluntary Compliance Agreement)

Not applicable.

Activities to Increase Resident Involvements

The Housing Authority of Champaign County (HACC) encourages public housing residents to participate in policy, procedure and program implementation and development through its Resident Advisory Board (RAB). HACC also distributes a quarterly newsletter to all residents, which contains relevant HACC news, information on training and employment opportunities and other community resources available to all residents.

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

No

Plan to remove the ‘troubled’ designation

Not applicable. The Housing Authority of Champaign County is not identified as a “Troubled” agency. HACC has been designated as a “High Achiever” by HUD.

SP-55 Barriers to affordable housing – 91.215(h)

Barriers to Affordable Housing

Housing affordability is a key component to the quality of life for Rantoul residents. A number of factors create barriers to affordable housing, which is generally accepted to mean that no more than 30% of a household's gross annual income is spent on housing costs, including utilities. The Rantoul Community Development Department conducted an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing in April 1997 and found nine problem areas related to fair housing.

1. There is a shortage of Section 8 subsidies in Rantoul and Champaign County.
2. A lack of funding (both for housing programs and individual families) restricts housing choices and options for owners and potential homeowners.
3. First-time homebuyer subsidies should be continued through down payment assistance programs and building incentives offered through the village.
4. Housing rehabilitation programs are necessary to preserve the housing stock and to allow families to live in standard and safe housing.
5. There is a need for transportation services for low-income employment purposes.
6. There is a need to periodically review the CRA reports of the local lending institutions along with insurance and real estate firms in Rantoul.
7. The Rantoul Community Development Department and the Housing Authority of Champaign County should review each other's policies.
8. There should be at least one female member of the village's plan commission.
9. The Community Development Department should enhance its outreach program for fair housing choice education.

The impediments have been addressed through the following actions and will continue to be addressed during this consolidated planning period:

1. The Housing Authority of Champaign County is purchasing vacant land in Rantoul to construct additional affordable housing units during this consolidated plan;
2. Village of Rantoul offers owner-occupied home rehabilitation services to lower-income households in order to maintain the existing housing stock;
3. There is a female member on the Rantoul Plan Commission;
4. Village of Rantoul has ceded its annual bond cap allocation to create first-time homeowners' programs;
5. Community Development staff review local lender's CRA reports; Community Development and housing authority staff exchange consolidated plans and annual plans for review and comment;
6. Housing Authority of Champaign County publishes their policies and reports on their website for public review;

7. A rural mass transit system is operating in Champaign County;
8. Community Development staff have attended local housing fairs and job/employment fairs to promote the department's programs;
9. Community Development staff continually review the Housing Rehabilitation Manual; Citizen Participation Plan; and the Anti-Displacement, Replacement Housing, and Relocation Assistance Plan;
10. Community Development staff recognizes that the Impediments to Fair Housing report needs to be updated and will be doing just that in the near future.

Strategy to Remove or Ameliorate the Barriers to Affordable Housing

The impediments have been addressed through the following actions and will continue to be addressed during this consolidated planning period:

1. The Village is working with Habitat for Humanity and others to construct additional affordable housing units during this consolidated plan;
2. Village of Rantoul offers owner-occupied home rehabilitation services to lower-income households in order to maintain the existing housing stock;
3. Village of Rantoul has ceded its annual bond cap allocation to create first-time homeowners programs;
4. Community Development staff review local lender's CRA reports;
5. Community Development and housing authority staff exchange consolidated plans and annual plans for review and comment;
6. Housing Authority of Champaign County publishes their policies and reports on their website for public review;
7. A rural mass transit system is operating in Champaign County;
8. Community Development staff have attended local housing fairs and job/employment fairs to promote the department's programs;
9. Community Development staff continually review the *Housing Rehabilitation Manual*; *Citizen Participation Plan*; and the *Anti-Displacement, Replacement Housing, and Relocation Assistance Plan*.

SP-60 Homelessness Strategy – 91.215(d)

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

The Village of Rantoul is a participant in the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care. The following are actions that the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care intend to accomplish in order to reach out to homeless persons and assess their needs:

- Salvation Army in cooperation with local churches operates the “Canteen Run” twice weekly to assist the unsheltered homeless;
- The “C-U at Home” organization will continue to keep the issue of homelessness in the media during their fundraising efforts;
- HMIS users will continue to work to improve information sharing to improve coordination of prevention and rapid re-housing services;
- Each member agency of the Continuum of Care will train their staff to assess the needs of homeless individuals;
- Help homeless persons make the transition to permanent housing and independent living;
- Reduce recidivism among those exiting the homeless system; and
- Help low-income individuals and families who are being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care, or receiving assistance from public and private agencies avoid becoming homeless.

Addressing the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Continued success in moving from emergency and transitional housing to permanent housing is the responsibility of all of the members of the Continuum of Care and can be achieved by increasing access to permanent housing options and equipping participants with the economic resources and tools necessary for long-term housing stability. While in programs, participants receive structured services to mitigate barriers to housing such as education/training, substance abuse counseling, health care, and mental health services.

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

The HEARTH regulations encourage providing homeless persons with housing quickly, and only availing supportive services that are of greatest need to support stable housing; other needs the individual or family may have should be addressed through existing mainstream resources available in the

community. This reflects a new emphasis on both the expansion of the homelessness prevention and the addition of new rapid re-housing components: housing relocation and stabilization service and short- and medium-term rental assistance, and permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing. Below are the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care's strategic planning objectives to achieve this goal:

1. Create new permanent housing beds for chronically homeless persons.
2. Increase the percentage of participants remaining in Continuum of Care funded permanent housing projects for at least 6 months to 80% or more.
3. Increase the percentage of participants in Continuum of Care funded transitional housing that move into permanent housing to 65% or more.
4. Increase the percentage of participants in all Continuum of Care funded projects that are employed at program exit to 20% or more.
5. Increase the percentage of participants in all Continuum of Care funded projects that obtained mainstream benefits at program exit to 20% or more.
6. Decrease the number of homeless individuals and families.
7. Intent of the Continuum of Care to reallocate supportive services only and transitional housing projects to create new permanent housing projects.

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

Discharge from foster care: The IL Department of Children and Family Services provides housing to youth who are wards until age 21, through traditional foster care, Independent Living Programs, Transitional Living Programs and other residential programs. Wards in the Youth in College program continue to receive help with housing payments while they are enrolled in a college or employment training program until age 23. A study by Chapin Hall shows dramatically fewer homeless youth prior age 21. Youth choosing to exit foster prior to turning 21 (and those adopted after age 16) can be assisted by DCFS' Youth Housing Assistance Program (YHAP) shortly before and after they exit care. YHAP provides housing advocacy and cash assistance to young people ages 18 to 21, including assistance with security deposit and move-in expenses, crisis assistance for rent/utility arrears and rental subsidy up to \$250 per month. Youth aging out of care but later deciding to return prior to age 21 can receive services from the Independent and Transition Living Programs.

Discharge from health care: Emergency room and post-operative clients are seen by the hospital social worker for assistance with short-term housing issues related to their health status. Discharged individuals from local hospitals are released back to their place of last residence, or directed to nursing homes or other medical facilities for continued health care needs. Victims of domestic violence may be discharged to the local domestic violence shelter. There are no state-operated health care facilities for

which to develop a statewide discharge policy. Intake workers at shelters also help hospital discharge planners locate as safe a location as possible. Occasionally, hospitals pay for a short-term housing option from charitable funds.

Since health care patients routinely are discharged to the location of their residence prior to admission, persons who are homeless prior to a health care crisis are at risk of remaining homeless upon discharge. Shelters do become an option for these few patients.

Discharge from **MENTAL HEALTH**: Patients discharged from a mental health facility or state-operated psychiatric facility in need of transitional housing utilize the services of Community Elements' group home and respite center, Prairie Center's residential beds or one of the faith-based half-way houses in Champaign County. If a domestic violence victim, the person may use A Woman's Place emergency bed. These facilities offer case management, treatment services and other services to assist with reintegration into the community, including appropriateness for Shelter Plus Care.

Discharge from **CORRECTIONS**: It is the policy of the IL Dept of Corrections that every person on parole status be released to an address of a host that has agreed to accept them (family, friend, shelter, etc.) and agree to allow IDOC to enter the site to monitor the parolee. The Dept. has no legal jurisdiction for those released with no parole. The IDOC liaison is an active member of the CoC and works with local resources to locate jobs, apartments, etc. for parolees during a transition period prior to release. Mental Health Court assures probationers with mental health issues comply with treatment and remain housed, and Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities has a similar mission for persons with substance abuse issues.

There is no specific plan for ex-felons released without parole, although IDOC does try to work with them during a transition period prior to release to help located community services and employment opportunities. Not having gainful employment is the main reason these individuals become/remain homeless.

SP-65 Lead based paint Hazards – 91.215(i)

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

Lead-based paint was available for use on all residential structures until 1978. Houses constructed prior to 1978 can be presumed to have at least some lead-based paint. According to the 2010 Census, 4,795, or 78%, of the total housing units in Rantoul were built in 1979 or earlier. As mentioned in section MA-20, it is estimated that over 1,100 housing units in Rantoul have lead-based paint hazards.

The Champaign County Public Health District provides services and information to the Village of Rantoul and Champaign County regarding childhood lead poisoning and prevention. Specifically, program staff offers case management and home investigations for children with elevated blood lead levels. Staff also provides outreach services and information regarding lead poisoning, childhood testing and treatment, along with prevention practices. There have not been any reported cases of elevated blood lead levels in Rantoul.

All applicants to the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Programs are provided a copy of the pamphlet entitled “The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right.” Every housing unit considered for full-home rehabilitation is tested for lead-based paint using an x-ray fluorescent (XRF) machine by a building inspector. If lead-based paint is detected, it is removed by a state licensed lead-based paint abatement contractor. When lead abatement work has been completed, the Village of Rantoul Inspection Department collects dust wipe samples which are sent to an independent laboratory for testing and final clearance. The Community Development Department temporarily relocates families during extensive lead-paint abatement. If the lead-paint work is minimal, the work area can be completely sealed until final clearance is obtained and relocation is not required.

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

The Champaign County Public Health District and Village of Rantoul Community Development Department will continue to take action as necessary to reduce lead-based paint hazards in accordance with HUD and State of Illinois regulations.

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

The Village of Rantoul will continue its efforts to reduce the harmful effects of lead-based paint over the next five years. The Village will work together with the Champaign County Public Health District as needed to monitor the health and safety risks created by lead-based paint. Housing units identified as having lead-based paint hazards, particularly those containing residents under six years of age, will have the disturbed paint made safe and the household will be referred to the appropriate resources for mitigation measures and health resources. The Village will continue to explore and actively pursue other funding sources that may be used to address the problems associated with lead-based paint and lead poisoning in children.

SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy – 91.215(j)

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

Per the 2013-2017 American Community Survey's 5-Year Estimates, the Village of Rantoul has approximately 2,555 (20%) of its population at or below the poverty level, which is higher than the poverty rate for the State of Illinois and even with the poverty rate for Champaign County. Of the 2,555, 1,079 are below the age of 18 and 178 are over the age of 65. The Village employs a variety of strategies to help alleviate poverty, including efforts to stimulate economic growth and additional job opportunities, and to provide residents with the skills and abilities required to take advantage of those opportunities. Economic Development opportunities, such as higher paying jobs, are very important to low-income persons to gain economic self-sufficiency and live above the poverty level.

The Village of Rantoul is committed to carrying out a comprehensive anti-poverty strategy in collaboration with the community and nonprofit organizations that serve Rantoul's low-income population, including but not limited to the Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County, the United Way of Champaign County, the Champaign County Regional Planning Commission, and Family Service of Champaign County. The Village's CDBG funds will continue to support programs and organizations that provide assistance and economic opportunities for low- and moderate income persons and for populations with special needs. The Village of Rantoul also supports the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care Committee's "10-Year Plan to End Homelessness."

During the next 5 years, the Anti-Poverty Goals will include:

- Promote Economic Development
- Provide Services to Lower Income and At-Risk Populations

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

1. Village will work to retain existing businesses and encourage the establishment of new businesses using their various economic development tools such as loan programs, enterprise zone and tax increment financing incentives, along with working with other economic development partners such as the Champaign County Economic Development Corporation and the Rantoul Chamber of Commerce.
2. The Village will continue to support mentoring programs for lower-income and at-risk youth.
3. Using CDBG funds, provide a housing rehabilitation program to assist low- and moderate income households repair their homes.
4. Rantoul City Schools and Rantoul Township High School provide free/low-cost meals for students meeting certain income guidelines.
5. Rantoul Community Foundation and the Village of Rantoul Recreation Department assist lower-income youth in participating in various sports and recreational activities.

6. Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County is the local “First-Call for Help” Agency and can provide referrals to various social service agencies to meet the needs of the client. It also operates a food pantry.
7. Village of Rantoul will set-aside up to 15% of its annual CDBG funding to assist public service agencies to operate programs in Rantoul and to assist Rantoul residents.
8. Village of Rantoul Recreation Department provides transportation to seniors on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons for shopping trips.
9. Four days per week, the Peacemeal Program provides low-cost lunches to seniors at the Community Service Center and operates the local Meals-on-Wheels program.

SP-80 Monitoring – 91.230

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

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 Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	345,439	0	0	345,439	1,381,756	Village of Rantoul Consolidated Plan High Priorities
Competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act	public - federal	Other	0	0	0	0	0	The Village of Rantoul does not receive any McKinney-Vento funds from HUD or the State of Illinois

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: \$		
Redevelopment Fund	public - local	Economic Development					The Chanute Economic Development Commission and fund was established over 10 years ago to redevelop the former Chanute Air Force Base. These funds are used for staffing along with attracting new businesses and developments.	
Tax Increment Financing	public - local	Acquisition Economic Development Public Improvements Other	100,000	0	0	100,000	These property tax revenues must be used within specific geographic areas to make various types of improvements. The Village of Rantoul has used these funds to demolish dilapidated structures and improve the infrastructure. Some of the low-moderate income census tracts are within a TIF district.	
			115,000	0	0	115,000	460,000	

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	
Other	public - federal	Economic Development	250,000	0	0	250,000	These funds were granted to the Village of Rantoul by the U.S. Dept. of Commerce Economic Development Administration to assist the community in creating jobs immediately after the closure of Chanute Air Force Base. A business may borrow up to \$500,000 and must create 1 full-time job for every \$30,000 borrowed.
Other	public - local	Public Improvements	600,000	0	0	600,000	All property owners must pay this special assessment to help in the alleviation of flooding in the community. Various improvements have been made in both low/mod and non-low/mod areas throughout the community to manage storm water.
Other	public - local	Public Services	100,000	0	0	100,000	These tax revenues come from nightly hotel stays in Rantoul. Approximately \$17,000 of these funds is annually granted to the Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County to provide social services in Rantoul.
							Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$
							1,000,000
							2,400,000
							0

Table 55 - Expected Resources – Priority Table

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

The CDBG program does not require a match for those federal entitlement funds. The CDBG funds identified above will leverage the additional, local, state and private resources listed. Overall, all sources and types of leveraged funds are more limited now due to the current federal and state economic climate. As in the past, the Village of Rantoul will be as creative as possible to find other sources of funding from state, federal, private developer, tax-credits, loans, and local funds in order to develop and deliver efficient and cost effective projects. All agencies applying for CDBG public service funding are required to identify their efforts in obtaining other public and/or private resources that address needs identified in the Consolidated Plan.

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

The Village of Rantoul owns various vacant lots throughout the community that could be used to facilitate the development of new infill housing or economic development projects.

Previously, the Village has purchased and demolished three dilapidated single-family homes located at 1600 Eater Drive, 1311 Fairlawn Drive, and 1608 Lowry Drive, using CDBG funds. All three are eligible for single-family housing development. Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County has previously expressed interest about the Village donating the parcels for new housing construction.

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation	2020	2024	Affordable Housing	Housing Rehab Areas	Affordable Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$60,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit
2	Infrastructure Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Area Benefit Areas	Public Improvements and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$100,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 100 Persons Assisted
3	Economic Development	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Village Wide Availability	Economic Development	CDBG: \$40,000 Redevelopment Fund: \$75,000 Tax Increment Financing: \$40,000 USEDA - Revolving Loan Fund: \$100,000	Jobs created/retained: 4 Jobs
4	Building Demolition	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Village Wide Availability	Blight Removal	CDBG: \$25,000 Redevelopment Fund: \$20,000	Buildings Demolished: 2 Buildings

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Senior Services	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Village Wide Availability	Public Services	CDBG: \$10,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10 Persons Assisted
6	Youth Services	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Village Wide Availability	Public Services	CDBG: \$10,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10 Persons Assisted
7	Health Services	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Village Wide Availability	Public Services	CDBG: \$10,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10 Persons Assisted
8	Substance Abuse Services	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Village Wide Availability	Public Services	CDBG: \$10,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 10 Persons Assisted

Table 56 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	This goal is designed to facilitate the rehabilitation of owner occupied single family homes. The Village of Rantoul offers a "Full-Home Rehabilitation Program", which repairs all of the code violations on the home. This program uses up to \$20,000 per home and the funds are secured by a 3-year forgivable mortgage on the property. The "Emergency Rehabilitation Program" provides a grant up to \$6,000 to repair a single code violation that is considered enough of an emergency that the homeowner might not be able to stay in the home. Both programs are available village-wide and open to any owner-occupant who earns no more than 80% of the median family income of Champaign County. These funds allow for 5 projects.
2	Goal Name	Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	This goal is to facilitate the upgrading of existing public improvements and infrastructure. The Village of Rantoul intends to allocate a portion of their CDBG funds, along with other state/federal grant funds and local funds to make various infrastructure improvements.
3	Goal Name	Economic Development
	Goal Description	This goal is designed to provide economic opportunity by facilitating the creation of new jobs or retention of existing jobs that otherwise would be lost. Every community needs a healthy economy that has a diversification of job opportunities. In order to achieve more employment opportunities, various programs will be utilized to encourage employers to start operations in Rantoul; expand their current operations; or keep their current job opportunities.
4	Goal Name	Building Demolition
	Goal Description	This goal is intended to facilitate the demolition and clearance of deteriorated structures on a spot basis. The Village of Rantoul annually uses several funding sources, including CDBG to demolish dilapidated structures throughout Rantoul.
5	Goal Name	Senior Services
	Goal Description	This goal is intended to address the public service needs of the community, particularly as it relates to seniors. Census data shows that the population in the United States is living longer. Seniors need various types of services in order to live in their homes for a longer period of time. The Family Service Center of Champaign County offers two programs in Rantoul. The Counseling & Advocacy Program assists seniors apply for and obtain various social services they may be eligible for. The HomeCare program assists seniors with chores of everyday living so that they may age in their home longer.

6	Goal Name	Youth Services
	Goal Description	This goal is intended to address the public service needs of the community, particularly as it relates to youth. Two main problems exist for youth. Standardized testing scores for youth are below the statewide average in all categories. Additionally, youth tend to roam the streets and get into trouble.
7	Goal Name	Health Services
	Goal Description	This goal is intended to address the public service needs of the community, particularly in relation to meeting the community's health needs. Rantoul's unemployment rate is greater than the state average. With so many people without job benefits, particularly health and dental insurance, the cost of medical care generally makes it prohibitive for lower-income families to seek medical care.
8	Goal Name	Substance Abuse Services
	Goal Description	This goal is intended to address the public service needs of the community, particularly as it relates to substance abuse counseling and treatment. Many of the larger employers in Rantoul have stated that they have employment opportunities that they have been unable to fill because the applicants cannot pass a pre-employment drug screening.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The projects listed here will address the high priority needs contained in this Plan in the 2020-2021 Program Year.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation - 2020
2	Infrastructure Improvements - 2020
3	Building Demolition - 2020
4	Public Services - 2020
5	Economic Development - 2020
6	Administration - 2020

Table 57 – Project Information

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

The reason for these particular allocation priorities is that they address the high priority needs that were identified and articulated in this Plan. Funding priorities have not changed from those outlined in the Strategic Plan. There are no known obstacles in addressing underserved needs or proposed actions.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation - 2020
	Target Area	Housing Rehab Areas
	Goals Supported	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$60,000
	Description	This activity is for rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing. Repairs will be made to homes of lower-income households to make the home safer to live in.
	Target Date	4/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4 low-moderate income families
	Location Description	Housing Rehab Areas
	Planned Activities	Improvements to at least 4 owner occupied homes of low-moderate income households
2	Project Name	Infrastructure Improvements - 2020
	Target Area	Area Benefit Areas
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$100,000
	Description	This activity will allow for select public infrastructure improvements to be made in low-moderate income neighborhoods of the community including sidewalks, streets, and drainage improvements.
	Target Date	4/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This will be an area benefit to an area that is predominantly low-moderate income. It is estimated this would be at least 100 low-moderate income households.
	Location Description	Area Benefit Areas
	Planned Activities	Construction of public infrastructure improvements in low-moderate income neighborhoods of the community including sidewalks, streets, and drainage improvements.
3	Project Name	Building Demolition - 2020

	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Building Demolition
	Needs Addressed	Blight Removal
	Funding	CDBG: \$25,000
	Description	This activity is designed to provide for the demolition and disposal of deteriorated buildings that are no longer feasible for rehabilitation and reuse and which are having a blighting effect on the surrounding neighborhoods. This will be carried out on a spot basis.
	Target Date	4/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	No families will directly benefit, but the benefit will accrue to the surrounding households and the surrounding neighborhoods.
	Location Description	Area Benefit Areas
	Planned Activities	This planned activity is to remove deteriorated blighting structures.
4	Project Name	Public Services - 2020
	Target Area	Village Wide Availability
	Goals Supported	Senior Services Youth Services Health Services Substance Abuse Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$51,500
	Description	This activity will allow for a maximum of 15% of the 2020 grant to be used to fund various social service programs that serve Rantoul residents. 4-5 programs will receive funding.
	Target Date	4/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	50 individuals
	Location Description	All the programs will be made available village wide
	Planned Activities	Provide Social Services to community residents.
5	Project Name	Economic Development - 2020

	Target Area	Village Wide Availability
	Goals Supported	Economic Development
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$40,000
	Description	This project is to facilitate the creation of new jobs or retention of existing jobs that otherwise would be lost in the community.
	Target Date	4/30/2021
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	4 low-moderate income families
	Location Description	Villagewide
	Planned Activities	Creation of new jobs with current employers or with new companies or retained jobs in existing businesses.
6	Project Name	Administration - 2020
	Target Area	Village Wide Availability
	Goals Supported	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Infrastructure Improvements Economic Development Building Demolition Senior Services Youth Services Health Services Substance Abuse Services
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Public Improvements and Infrastructure Public Services Economic Development Blight Removal Affordable Housing - New Construction Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$68,939
	Description	This project is designed to make sure CDBG grant funds and their associated activities are properly planned and administered. This activity is villagewide.
	Target Date	4/30/2021

Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Planning & Administration activities are not subject to benefit numbers.
Location Description	Villagewide
Planned Activities	The planned activities are for administering the CDBG grant and associated activities and coordinating with related programs.

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

The Village of Rantoul has established an Area Benefit Area, which is comprised of the area of the community where the census tracts are comprised of predominantly low-moderate income households.

The Housing Rehab Area is comprised of the same areas as the Area Benefit Area, and is the portion of the community where housing programs are to be focused.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Housing Rehab Areas	17
Area Benefit Areas	28
Village Wide Availability	55

Table 58 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The basis for giving priority to the allocation of investments geographically to the CDBG Target Area is to ensure that the scarce resources that are available are used in the areas where there is the most need and where they can have a measurable impact on the overall area.

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The plan for affordable housing in the 2020-2021 plan year is to concentrate on housing rehabilitation for eligible lower income households. No rental assistance, production of new units or acquisition of existing units will be funded through this Plan in this year.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	4
Special-Needs	0
Total	4

Table 59 - 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	4
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	4

Table 60 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type
Discussion

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

There are no projects from grant funds covered in this plan assigned to be used solely to meet the needs of public housing residents. The Village of Rantoul work with the Champaign County Housing Authority on plans for improving the quality of affordable housing in the community.

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

HACC has a waiting list for available vouchers and public housing units.

The Village of Rantoul will continue to work with the HACC to acquire additional property for the development of affordable rental units.

The Village of Rantoul will continue to notify the HACC that a construction project funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and that job training and employment opportunities may exist under the “Section 3 program requirements.”

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

The HACC has a 5-member Resident Advisory Board that represents all of the residents of public housing units, along with the entire voucher program. Their main job is to provide the HACC, public housing residents, and voucher holders a forum for discussing the HACC’s annual plans.

Each public housing site also conducts a monthly tenant meeting to discuss HACC policies and various need/actions that are specific to the site.

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

This section includes an overview of the programs that will be funded in Champaign County to address the needs of the homeless and those with special needs. The activities address the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless individuals and families, along with homeless prevention activities especially for low income individuals and families with children who have incomes below 30 percent of the area median income. Activities are also funded to address the special needs of those who are not homeless (i.e., elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, and/or persons with alcohol or other substance abuse problems).

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

The Village of Rantoul, in partnership with homeless service providers, supports outreach program with goal to engage chronically homeless persons, unaccompanied youth, and families. Each individual or family is assessed to determine their vulnerability and the community's ability to respond.

The following are actions that members of the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care intend to accomplish in order to reach out to homeless persons and assess their needs:

- Salvation Army in cooperation with local churches will operate the "Canteen Run" twice weekly to assist the unsheltered homeless;
- The "C-U at Home" organization will continue to keep the issue of homelessness in the media during their fundraising efforts;
- HMIS users will work to improve information sharing to improve coordination of prevention and rapid re-housing services;
- Each member agency of the Continuum of Care will train their staff to assess the needs of homeless individuals;
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- Reduce recidivism among those exiting the homeless system; and
- Help low-income individuals and families who are being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care, or receiving assistance from public and private agencies avoid becoming homeless.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Rantoul Community Development staff meets with the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care and

homeless service providers to assess the demands for service and whether the current housing resources are meeting them. For example, planning for severe weather, especially in winter, may require the community to negotiate with shelters and the faith community to explore expansion of emergency shelter capacity.

Continued success in moving from emergency and transitional housing to permanent housing is the responsibility of all of the members of the Continuum of Care and can be achieved by increasing access to permanent housing options and equipping participants with the economic resources and tools necessary for long-term housing stability. While in programs, participants receive structured services to mitigate barriers to housing such as education/training, substance abuse counseling, health care, and mental health services.

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

Rantoul Community Development staff meets with the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care and homeless service providers to assess the demands for service and whether the current housing resources are meeting them.

The HEARTH regulations encourage providing homeless persons with housing quickly, and only availing supportive services that are of greatest need to support stable housing; other needs the individual or family may have should be addressed through existing mainstream resources available in the community. This reflects a new emphasis on both the expansion of the homelessness prevention and the addition of new rapid re-housing components: housing relocation and stabilization service and short- and medium-term rental assistance, and permanent housing and achieve stability in that housing. Below are the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care's strategic planning objectives to achieve this goal:

- Create new permanent housing beds for chronically homeless persons
- Increase the percentage of participants remaining in Continuum of Care funded permanent housing projects for at least 6 months to 80% or more
- Increase the percentage of participants in Continuum of Care funded transitional housing that move into permanent housing to 65% or more
- Increase the percentage of participants in all Continuum of Care funded projects that are employed at program exit to 20% or more
- Increase the percentage of participants in all Continuum of Care funded projects that obtained mainstream benefits at program exit to 20% or more

- Decrease the number of homeless individuals and families
- Intent of the Continuum of Care to reallocate supportive services only and transitional housing projects to create new permanent housing projects

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

Rantoul Community Development staff meet with the Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care and homeless service providers to assess the demands for service and whether the current housing resources are meeting them.

The IL Dept. of Children and Family Services provides housing to youth who are wards until age 21, through traditional foster care, Independent Living Programs, Transitional Living Programs and other residential programs. Wards in the Youth in College program continue to receive help with housing payments while they are enrolled in a college or employment training program until age 23. Youth choosing to exit foster prior to turning 21 (and those adopted after age 16) can be assisted by DCFS' Youth Housing Assistance Program (YHAP) shortly before and after they exit care. YHAP provides housing advocacy and cash assistance to young people ages 18 to 21, including assistance with security deposit and move-in expenses, crisis assistance for rent/utility arrears and rental subsidy up to \$250 per month. Youth aging out of care but later deciding to return prior to age 21 can receive services from the Independent and Transition Living Programs.

Emergency room and post-operative clients are seen by the hospital social worker for assistance with short-term housing issues related to their health status. Discharged individuals from local hospitals are released back to their place of last residence, or directed to nursing homes or other medical facilities for continued health care needs. Victims of domestic violence may be discharged to the local domestic violence shelter. There are no state-operated health care facilities for which to develop a statewide discharge policy. Intake workers at shelters also help hospital discharge planners locate as safe a location as possible. Occasionally, hospitals pay for a short-term housing option from charitable funds.

Since health care patients routinely are discharged to the location of their residence prior to admission, persons who are homeless prior to a health care crisis are at risk of remaining homeless upon discharge. Shelters do become an option for these few patients.

Patients discharged from a mental health facility or state-operated psychiatric facility in need of transitional housing utilize the services of Community Elements' group home and respite center, Prairie Center's residential beds or one of the faith-based half-way houses in Champaign County. If a domestic violence victim, the person may use A Woman's Place emergency bed. These facilities offer case

management, treatment services and other services to assist with reintegration into the community, including appropriateness for Shelter Plus Care.

It is the policy of the IL Dept of Corrections that every person on parole status be released to an address of a host that has agreed to accept them (family, friend, shelter, etc.) and agree to allow IDOC to enter the site to monitor the parolee. The Dept. has no legal jurisdiction for those released with no parole. The IDOC liaison is an active member of the CoC and works with local resources to locate jobs, apartments, etc. for parolees during a transition period prior to release. Mental Health Court assures probationers with mental health issues comply with treatment and remain housed, and Treatment Alternatives for Safer Communities has a similar mission for persons with substance abuse issues.

There is no specific plan for ex-felons released without parole, although IDOC does try to work with them during a transition period prior to release to help located community services and employment opportunities. Not having gainful employment is the main reason these individuals become/remain homeless.

Discussion

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

Introduction:

High tax rates, land use controls and building codes can have a negative effect on affordable housing and residential investment. The Village of Rantoul has no taxing policies in place that would negatively impact the development of affordable housing or residential investment. Housing related taxes are based solely on the assessed value of a property. Land use controls include zoning, subdivision and building codes. The Village's development codes do include some elements that could end up enhancing development costs in the older established neighborhoods of the City. The housing and other development that does take place in these older established neighborhoods is frequently obtaining incentives and subsidies to facilitate the development. Building code requirements and fees are the same for all types of residential developments and present no barriers to affordable housing or residential development. Land costs in the Village are also very reasonable.

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

The impediments have been addressed through the following actions and will continue to be addressed during this consolidated planning period:

- The Housing Authority of Champaign County is purchasing vacant land in Rantoul to construct additional affordable housing units during this consolidated plan;
- Village of Rantoul offers owner-occupied home rehabilitation services to lower-income households in order to maintain the existing housing stock;
- Village of Rantoul has ceded its annual bond cap allocation to create first-time homeowners programs;
- Community Development staff review local lender's CRA reports;
- Community Development and housing authority staff exchange consolidated plans and annual plans for review and comment;
- Housing Authority of Champaign County publishes their policies and reports on their website for public review;
- A rural mass transit system is operating in Champaign County;
- Community Development staff have attended local housing fairs and job/employment fairs to promote the department's programs;
- Community Development staff continually review the *Housing Rehabilitation Manual*; *Citizen Participation Plan*; and the *Anti-Displacement, Replacement Housing, and Relocation Assistance Plan*;
- Community Development staff recognizes that *the Impediments to Fair Housing* report needs to be updated and are attempting to locate a competent and affordable partner to accomplish this.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

The section addresses the Village of Rantoul's planned actions to foster and maintain quality affordable housing, continue the mitigation of lead based paint hazards in homes occupied by low-mod income individuals, reduce the number of households in poverty through various services and programs, promote the coordination of services among the various providers, and seek and support the pursuit of additional funding to address underserved needs.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

There are two primary obstacles to meeting the underserved needs of Rantoul's citizens: inadequate funding and lack of organizational capacity. Organizations and government programs that provide services in Rantoul, as across the nation, are finding it increasingly difficult to maintain their current funding levels or to obtain new resources of revenue. Losses of revenue have led to program elimination or reduction of services provided or the number of clients that can be served. Most social service agencies in Champaign County are located 15 miles away, within the Cities of Urbana and Champaign; and are unable to directly provide services in the Village of Rantoul. Clients must find their own transportation to Urbana and Champaign. These budget cuts and economic difficulties that have troubled the state and nation in recent years have also had a negative impact on the capacity of the service providers. Relevant capacity issues include staffing levels, ability to provide adequate training opportunities to staff and volunteers, and the ability to purchase necessary supplies and equipment. It appears likely that inadequate funding and lack of organizational capacity will continue to be obstacles during the five years covered by this consolidated plan.

Some of the actions proposed to address the underserved needs of the community:

- Village of Rantoul receives a direct entitlement of CDBG funds from HUD which will be used to address housing and social service needs of lower income individuals.
- HACC oversees the Housing Voucher Program and public housing units.
- Village of Rantoul will regularly evaluate the barriers to affordable housing.
- Village of Rantoul Recreation Department supports the Peacemeal Program, operates a summer lunch program.
- Rantoul City Schools and Rantoul Township High School offer free/reduced cost lunches to lower-income students.
- Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County along with the Rantoul Ministerial Alliance operates the "Transient Homeless Program."

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Housing is one of the high priorities for the Village of Rantoul. Over 90% of the housing stock is over 30 years old. Routine maintenance such as replacing roofs and upgrading plumbing and electrical systems

are often out of reach for low-income homeowners, along with some landlords. Homeownership is considered a safe and easy way to build personal wealth. In today's housing market, there is not much difference between the cost of a mortgage payment and a monthly rent payment. Many households find it difficult to save for a down payment. In the upcoming five-year period, the Village expects to fund its owner-occupied rehabilitation program to meet the needs of lower-income homeowners.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

All applicants to the Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Program are provided a copy of the pamphlet entitled "*The Lead-Safe Certified Guide to Renovate Right.*" Every housing unit considered for full-home rehabilitation is tested for lead-based paint using an x-ray fluorescent (XRF) machine by a building inspector. If lead-based paint is detected, it is removed by a state licensed lead-based paint abatement contractor. When lead abatement work has been completed, the Village of Rantoul Inspection Department collects dust wipe samples which are sent to an independent laboratory for testing and final clearance. The Community Development Department temporarily relocates families during extensive lead-paint abatement. If the lead-paint work is minimal, the work area can be completely sealed until final clearance is obtained and relocation is not required.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

1. Village will work to retain existing businesses and encourage the establishment of new businesses using their various economic development tools such as loan programs, enterprise zone and tax increment financing incentives, along with working with other economic development partners such as the Champaign County Economic Development Corporation and the Rantoul Chamber of Commerce.
2. The Village will continue to support mentoring programs for lower-income and at-risk youth.
3. Using CDBG funds, provide a housing rehabilitation program to assist low- and moderate income households repair their homes.
4. Rantoul City Schools and Rantoul Township High School provide free/low-cost meals for students meeting certain income guidelines.
5. Rantoul Community Foundation and the Village of Rantoul Recreation Department assist lower-income youth in participating in various sports and recreational activities.
6. Community Service Center of Northern Champaign County is the local "First-Call for Help" Agency and can provide referrals to various social service agencies to meet the needs of the client. It also operates a food pantry.
7. Village of Rantoul will set-aside up to 15% of its annual CDBG funding to assist public service agencies to operate programs in Rantoul and to assist Rantoul residents.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The local institutional structure is in relatively good shape. The CDBG Program in Rantoul is operated by the Village's Community Development Department. The Department is staffed by the Director, who

reports to the Village Administrator and the Mayor. The Department is also responsible for the administration of the grant program, providing technical assistance to subrecipients, monitoring projects for compliance with all applicable regulations, and communicating with the public. The Village Board has final approval of the federal block grant budget allocation, Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans and Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). Outside of the Village staff, the primary gap in the existing institutional structure is a need to further enhance coordination among the various service agencies. The Village will be working to take the lead in promoting additional coordination with these entities. Coordination and collaboration efforts will be spearheaded by additional involvement with the Local Continuum of Care, and consultations with existing service agencies not already engaged in this process or with the Continuum.

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

Public and private housing and social service agencies and organizations throughout Champaign County have achieved a higher level of collaboration in administering programs benefitting low- and moderate-income people and families; and have included the three entitlement communities in their planning and operating activities. Although time constraints don't allow Community Development staff to attend regularly, Agencies/Organizations/Planning groups that benefit low- and moderate income individuals and households include: Urbana-Champaign Continuum of Care, Champaign County Community Services Board, Champaign County Regional Planning Commission Technical Committee, and Community Reinvestment Group. Although the Housing Authority of Champaign County (HACC) and the Village of Rantoul have not had much interaction over the years, the Community Development Staff and HACC staffs enjoy a good relationship.

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(1)

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

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	0
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	80.00%

The overall benefit will cover a three year period of time and include program years 2020, 2021, and 2022.

ATTACHMENTS

Application for Federal Assistance

Certifications

Resolution Approving 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan

CDBG Proposed Program Allocations

Notice of Public Hearing (Plan Review)
Sign-In Sheets, Handouts and Minutes

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>
* 3. Date Received: 8/16/2020	4. Applicant Identifier: IL175608 Rantoul	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: HUD	5b. Federal Award Identifier: B-20-MC-17-0019	
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: Village of Rantoul		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 37-6000510	* c. Organizational DUNS: 0608603500000	
d. Address:		
* Street1: 333 S Tanner St	Street2: <input type="text"/>	
* City: Rantoul	County/Parish: Champaign	
* State: Illinois	Province: <input type="text"/>	
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES	* Zip / Postal Code: 61866-2919	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: Community Development	Division Name: <input type="text"/>	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: Mr.	* First Name: Ken	
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	* Last Name: Turner	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	Title: Community Development Director	
Organizational Affiliation: Village of Rantoul		
* Telephone Number: 217-892-6824	Fax Number: 217-892-6871	
* Email: kturner@myrantoul.com		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

* Other (specify):

* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.128

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grant

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

Entitlement Grant

* Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

2020 Community Development Activities. Provide assistance to those of low-moderate income levels vis housing programs, demolition, infrastructure, public services and economic development

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant:

* b. Program/Project:

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="345,439"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
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* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="345,439"/>

* 19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?

- a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

* 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)

Yes No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications** and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)

** I AGREE

** The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:  * Date Signed:

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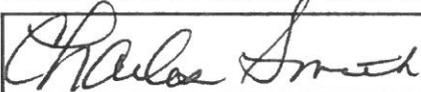
PLEASE DO NOT RETURN YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET. SEND IT TO THE ADDRESS PROVIDED BY THE SPONSORING AGENCY.

NOTE: Certain of these assurances may not be applicable to your project or program. If you have questions, please contact the Awarding Agency. Further, certain Federal assistance awarding agencies may require applicants to certify to additional assurances. If such is the case, you will be notified.

As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, and the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds sufficient to pay the non-Federal share of project costs) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of project described in this application.
2. Will give the awarding agency, the Comptroller General of the United States and, if appropriate, the State, the right to examine all records, books, papers, or documents related to the assistance; and will establish a proper accounting system in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards or agency directives.
3. Will not dispose of, modify the use of, or change the terms of the real property title or other interest in the site and facilities without permission and instructions from the awarding agency. Will record the Federal awarding agency directives and will include a covenant in the title of real property acquired in whole or in part with Federal assistance funds to assure non-discrimination during the useful life of the project.
4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
5. Will provide and maintain competent and adequate engineering supervision at the construction site to ensure that the complete work conforms with the approved plans and specifications and will furnish progressive reports and such other information as may be required by the assistance awarding agency or State.
6. Will initiate and complete the work within the applicable time frame after receipt of approval of the awarding agency.
7. Will establish safeguards to prohibit employees from using their positions for a purpose that constitutes or presents the appearance of personal or organizational conflict of interest, or personal gain.
8. Will comply with the Intergovernmental Personnel Act of 1970 (42 U.S.C. §§4728-4763) relating to prescribed standards of merit systems for programs funded under one of the 19 statutes or regulations specified in Appendix A of OPM's Standards for a Merit System of Personnel Administration (5 C.F.R. 900, Subpart F).
9. Will comply with the Lead-Based Paint Poisoning Prevention Act (42 U.S.C. §§4801 et seq.) which prohibits the use of lead-based paint in construction or rehabilitation of residence structures.
10. Will comply with all Federal statutes relating to non-discrimination. These include but are not limited to: (a) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (P.L. 88-352) which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color or national origin; (b) Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, as amended (20 U.S.C. §§1681 1683, and 1685-1686), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex; (c) Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended (29 U.S.C. §794), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of handicaps; (d) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§6101-6107), which prohibits discrimination on the basis of age; (e) the Drug Abuse Office and Treatment Act of 1972 (P.L. 92-255), as amended relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of drug abuse; (f) the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-616), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination on the basis of alcohol abuse or alcoholism; (g) §§523 and 527 of the Public Health Service Act of 1912 (42 U.S.C. §§290 dd-3 and 290 ee 3), as amended, relating to confidentiality of alcohol and drug abuse patient records; (h) Title VIII of the Civil Rights Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. §§3601 et seq.), as amended, relating to nondiscrimination in the sale, rental or financing of housing; (i) any other nondiscrimination provisions in the specific statute(s) under which application for Federal assistance is being made; and (j) the requirements of any other nondiscrimination statute(s) which may apply to the application.

11. Will comply, or has already complied, with the requirements of Titles II and III of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) which provide for fair and equitable treatment of persons displaced or whose property is acquired as a result of Federal and federally-assisted programs. These requirements apply to all interests in real property acquired for project purposes regardless of Federal participation in purchases.
12. Will comply with the provisions of the Hatch Act (5 U.S.C. §§1501-1508 and 7324-7328) which limit the political activities of employees whose principal employment activities are funded in whole or in part with Federal funds.
13. Will comply, as applicable, with the provisions of the Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. §§276a to 276a-7), the Copeland Act (40 U.S.C. §276c and 18 U.S.C. §874), and the Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act (40 U.S.C. §§327-333) regarding labor standards for federally-assisted construction subagreements.
14. Will comply with flood insurance purchase requirements of Section 102(a) of the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-234) which requires recipients in a special flood hazard area to participate in the program and to purchase flood insurance if the total cost of insurable construction and acquisition is \$10,000 or more.
15. Will comply with environmental standards which may be prescribed pursuant to the following: (a) institution of environmental quality control measures under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190) and Executive Order (EO) 11514; (b) notification of violating facilities pursuant to EO 11738; (c) protection of wetlands pursuant to EO 11990; (d) evaluation of flood hazards in floodplains in accordance with EO 11988; (e) assurance of project consistency with the approved State management program developed under the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. §§1451 et seq.); (f) conformity of Federal actions to State (Clean Air) implementation Plans under Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act of 1955, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§7401 et seq.); (g) protection of underground sources of drinking water under the Safe Drinking Water Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 93-523); and, (h) protection of endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (P.L. 93-205).
16. Will comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act of 1968 (16 U.S.C. §§1271 et seq.) related to protecting components or potential components of the national wild and scenic rivers system.
17. Will assist the awarding agency in assuring compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. §470), EO 11593 (identification and protection of historic properties), and the Archaeological and Historic Preservation Act of 1974 (16 U.S.C. §§469a-1 et seq.).
18. Will cause to be performed the required financial and compliance audits in accordance with the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 and OMB Circular No. A-133, "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations."
19. Will comply with all applicable requirements of all other Federal laws, executive orders, regulations, and policies governing this program.
20. Will comply with the requirements of Section 106(g) of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA) of 2000, as amended (22 U.S.C. 7104) which prohibits grant award recipients or a sub-recipient from (1) Engaging in severe forms of trafficking in persons during the period of time that the award is in effect (2) Procuring a commercial sex act during the period of time that the award is in effect or (3) Using forced labor in the performance of the award or subawards under the award.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
Village of Rantoul, IL	8-17-20

CERTIFICATIONS

In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing -- The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing, which means it will conduct an analysis of impediments to fair housing choice within the jurisdiction, take appropriate actions to overcome the effects of any impediments identified through that analysis, and maintain records reflecting that analysis and actions in this regard.

Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, and implementing regulations at 49 CFR 24; and it has in effect and is following a residential antidisplacement and relocation assistance plan required under section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the CDBG or HOME programs.

Drug Free Workplace -- It will or will continue to provide a drug-free workplace by:

1. Publishing a statement notifying employees that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensing, possession, or use of a controlled substance is prohibited in the grantee's workplace and specifying the actions that will be taken against employees for violation of such prohibition;
2. Establishing an ongoing drug-free awareness program to inform employees about –
 - (a) The dangers of drug abuse in the workplace;
 - (b) The grantee's policy of maintaining a drug-free workplace;
 - (c) Any available drug counseling, rehabilitation, and employee assistance programs; and
 - (d) The penalties that may be imposed upon employees for drug abuse violations occurring in the workplace;
3. Making it a requirement that each employee to be engaged in the performance of the grant be given a copy of the statement required by paragraph 1;
4. Notifying the employee in the statement required by paragraph 1 that, as a condition of employment under the grant, the employee will -
 - (a) Abide by the terms of the statement; and
 - (b) Notify the employer in writing of his or her conviction for a violation of a criminal drug statute occurring in the workplace no later than five calendar days after such conviction;
5. Notifying the agency in writing, within ten calendar days after receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b) from an employee or otherwise receiving actual notice of such conviction. Employers of convicted employees must provide notice, including position title, to every grant officer or other designee on whose grant activity the convicted employee was working, unless the Federal agency has designated a central point for the receipt of such notices. Notice shall include the identification number(s) of each affected grant;

6. Taking one of the following actions, within 30 calendar days of receiving notice under subparagraph 4(b), with respect to any employee who is so convicted:
 - (a) Taking appropriate personnel action against such an employee, up to and including termination, consistent with the requirements of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; or
 - (b) Requiring such employee to participate satisfactorily in a drug abuse assistance or rehabilitation program approved for such purposes by a Federal, State, or local health, law enforcement, or other appropriate agency;
7. Making a good faith effort to continue to maintain a drug-free workplace through implementation of paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

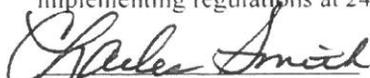
Anti-Lobbying -- To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction -- The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which It is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan -- The housing activities to be undertaken with CDBG, HOME, ESG, and HOPWA funds are consistent with the strategic plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 135.


Signature/Authorized Official

8-17-20
Date

Mayor
Title

Specific CDBG Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated housing and community development plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that provide decent housing, expand economic opportunities primarily for persons of low and moderate income. (See CFR 24 570.2 and CFR 24 part 570)

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan (or Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy) that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. **Maximum Feasible Priority.** With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it certifies that it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low and moderate income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available);
2. **Overall Benefit.** The aggregate use of CDBG funds including section 108 guaranteed loans during program year(s) 2020-2022, (a period specified by the grantee consisting of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years), shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period;
3. **Special Assessments.** It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements. However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.
The jurisdiction will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108, unless CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of fee or assessment attributable to the capital costs of public improvements financed from other revenue sources. In this case, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds. Also, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction;

Compliance With Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 USC 2000d), the Fair Housing Act (42 USC 3601-3619), and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, subparts A, B, J, K and R;

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.

Charles Smith 8-17-20
Signature/Authorized Official Date

MAYOR
Title

**OPTIONAL CERTIFICATION
CDBG**

Submit the following certification only when one or more of the activities in the action plan are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency as specified in 24 CFR 570.208(c):

The grantee hereby certifies that the Annual Plan includes one or more specifically identified CDBG-assisted activities which are designed to meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community and other financial resources are not available to meet such needs.

Charles Smith 8-17-20
Signature/Authorized Official Date

MAYOR
Title

APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE REQUIREMENTS:

A. Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

B. Drug-Free Workplace Certification

1. By signing and/or submitting this application or grant agreement, the grantee is providing the certification.
2. The certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance is placed when the agency awards the grant. If it is later determined that the grantee knowingly rendered a false certification, or otherwise violates the requirements of the Drug-Free Workplace Act, HUD, in addition to any other remedies available to the Federal Government, may take action authorized under the Drug-Free Workplace Act.
3. Workplaces under grants, for grantees other than individuals, need not be identified on the certification. If known, they may be identified in the grant application. If the grantee does not identify the workplaces at the time of application, or upon award, if there is no application, the grantee must keep the identity of the workplace(s) on file in its office and make the information available for Federal inspection. Failure to identify all known workplaces constitutes a violation of the grantee's drug-free workplace requirements.
4. Workplace identifications must include the actual address of buildings (or parts of buildings) or other sites where work under the grant takes place. Categorical descriptions may be used (e.g., all vehicles of a mass transit authority or State highway department while in operation, State employees in each local unemployment office, performers in concert halls or radio stations).
5. If the workplace identified to the agency changes during the performance of the grant, the grantee shall inform the agency of the change(s), if it previously identified the workplaces in question (see paragraph three).
6. The grantee may insert in the space provided below the site(s) for the performance of work done in connection with the specific grant:

Place of Performance (Street address, city, county, state, zip code)

Check if there are workplaces on file that are not identified here.

The certification with regard to the drug-free workplace is required by 24 CFR part 24, subpart F.

7. Definitions of terms in the Nonprocurement Suspension and Debarment common rule and Drug-Free Workplace common rule apply to this certification. Grantees' attention is called, in particular, to the following definitions from these rules:

"Controlled substance" means a controlled substance in Schedules I through V of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812) and as further defined by regulation (21 CFR 1308.11 through 1308.15);

"Conviction" means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence, or both, by any judicial body charged with the responsibility to determine violations of the Federal or State criminal drug statutes;

"Criminal drug statute" means a Federal or non-Federal criminal statute involving the manufacture, distribution, dispensing, use, or possession of any controlled substance;

"Employee" means the employee of a grantee directly engaged in the performance of work under a grant, including: (i) All "direct charge" employees; (ii) all "indirect charge" employees unless their impact or involvement is insignificant to the performance of the grant; and (iii) temporary personnel and consultants who are directly engaged in the performance of work under the grant and who are on the grantee's payroll. This definition does not include workers not on the payroll of the grantee (e.g., volunteers, even if used to meet a matching requirement; consultants or independent contractors not on the grantee's payroll; or employees of subrecipients or subcontractors in covered workplaces).

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOLUTION NO. 297
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
2020-2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Village of Rantoul receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department on an annual basis and the Village must prepare and submit a five-year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans to accept and allocate these funds; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to identify strategies and resources available to realize specific community development needs and activities for the five-year period from May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2025 and assemble those as the Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Plan includes an Annual Action Plan for FY2020-2021 that serves as the Village of Rantoul's application for CDBG funds; and

WHEREAS, a Citizens Advisory Committee meeting and public hearing was conducted to receive citizen input on the Draft of the Consolidated Plan on July 30, 2020; and

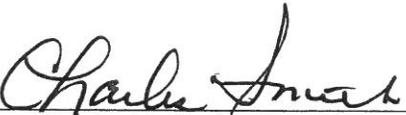
WHEREAS, the Consolidated Plan is to be submitted to HUD by August 16, 2020.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Rantoul, Illinois, as follows:

1. That the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan is hereby approved and adopted.
2. The Village President is authorized to execute any and all necessary documents to carry out the Consolidated Plan, including documents necessary to receive CDBG funds.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 11th day of August 2020.

APPROVED

BY: 
Charles R. Smith, President
Village Board of Trustees

ATTEST:


Mike Graham
Village Clerk



CDBG Program Allocations

Proposed 2020-2021

Housing Rehabilitations	\$60,000
Public Infrastructure Improvements	\$100,000
Public Services	\$51,500
Demolition	\$25,000
Economic Development	\$40,000
Subtotal for all projects	\$276,500
Administrative Reimbursement	\$68,939
Total	\$345,439

Current 2019-2020

Housing Rehabilitations	\$67,910
Public Infrastructure Improvements	\$150,747
Public Services	\$51,075
Subtotal for all projects	\$269,732
Administrative Reimbursement	\$67,433
Total	\$337,165

Public Notice

The Village of Rantoul and Citizens Advisory Committee will host a public hearing to receive citizen input concerning the Village's formulation of its draft 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan for Community Development Activities. This multi-year plan on housing and community development needs and activities describes the Village's design for utilization of federal funds administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development identified under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. The Plan addresses activities directed at housing for low and moderate income families and special needs populations; public services; infrastructure supporting neighborhoods; blight removal; and economic development. The Village receives approximately \$345,439 of CDBG funds annually to fund these activities and address the community's priority needs.

The draft Plan is now available for review online at www.myrantoul.com/370/Community-Development and hardcopies can also be reviewed at the Rantoul Municipal Building, 333 S Tanner Street, Rantoul, IL and Rantoul Public Library, 106 W Flessner Ave, Rantoul, IL.

Questions or comments can be directed to the Department of Community Development by contacting (217) 892-6824 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Questions or comments on the draft Plan can be submitted either over the phone or via mail thru August 6, 2020. Suggestions and concerns will be recorded and considered in accordance with the Village's adopted Citizen Participation Plan. The public is also invited to attend the following:

Public Hearing for Public Input Thursday, July 30, 2020, 6:00 p.m. Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting	Rantoul Municipal Building Board Room 333 S Tanner Street, Rantoul, IL
Public Meeting for Plan Consideration Tuesday, August 4, 2020, 6:00 p.m. Village Board Meeting	Rantoul Municipal Building Board Room 333 S Tanner Street, Rantoul, IL

Persons with disabilities may request assistance to present their comments by contacting the Community Development Office at (217) 892-6824 at least 48 hours before the hearing.

Scott Eisenhauer, Village Administrator
Village of Rantoul

**Rantoul Village Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
Louis B. Schelling Memorial Board Room
Rantoul Municipal Building**

**August 11, 2020
6:00 pm**

Order of Business

1. Call to Order – Mayor Charles Smith
Invocation –
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Public Participation
Citizens wishing to address the Village Board with respect to any item of business listed on the agenda or any matter not appearing on the agenda are asked to sign in with the Village Clerk prior to the meeting. Comments will be limited to three minutes for each speaker.

Section A – Consent Agenda

4. Approval of Consent Agenda by Omnibus Vote
All items under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine in nature and will be enacted by a single motion and subsequent roll call vote. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Village Board member so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered as the first item after approval of the Consent Agenda.
 - A) Minutes from Regular Study Session, July 7, 2020
 - B) Minutes from Regular Board Meeting, July 14, 2020
5. Approval of Any Items Removed from Consent Agenda
6. Motion to approve Bills and Monthly Financial Reports

Section B – Consideration of Bids, Contracts & Other Expenditures

7. Motion to affirm appointments to the Human Relations Committee:
8. Motion to authorize and approve purchase of Concession Equipment for the Sports Complex from Serv-U - \$122,364.00
9. Motion to authorize and approve Byrnes & Jones Contract Amendment No. 4 to coordinate with Cross Construction on concrete and asphalt surfaces – \$2,115,942.31

10. Motion to authorize and approve Byrnes & Jones Contract Amendment No. 5 with SK Fence to coordinate all fencing - \$755,539.08
11. Motion to authorize and approve contract with Cooper Lighting Solutions for sport and parking lot lighting - \$1,1775,000.00
12. Motion to authorize and approve contract with Oberlander Electric for electric installation - \$1,046,981.00
13. Motion to authorize and approve contract Amendment No. 6, with Wells & Wells Construction, Rantoul Family Sports Complex for building package – \$2,609,734.05

Section C – Consideration of Ordinances & Resolutions

14. Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2652, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 38 OF THE RANTOUL CODE BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE XIII, ENTITLED "ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLES"
15. Motion to pass Ordinance No. 2653, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 18 OF THE RANTOUL CODE, ENTITLED "LAW ENFORCEMENT"
16. Motion to pass CD Resolution No. 297, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT 2020-2024 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Section D – New Business

Discussion of any items of new business not listed upon the formal agenda. No formal action will be taken on these items during this proceeding.

Section E – Public Announcements

Section F – Adjournment

17. Motion to Adjourn

Statement Regarding Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)
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**Rantoul Village Board of Trustees
Regular Study Session
Louis B. Schelling Memorial Board Room
Rantoul Municipal Building**

**August 4, 2020
6:00 pm**

Order of Business

Board Packet Page(s)

1. Call to Order – Mayor Smith
Roll Call
 2. Approval of Agenda
 3. Public Participation
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 4. Items from the Mayor
 - A) Affirmation of appointments to the Human Relations Committee
 5. Items from Trustees
 6. Items from the Clerk
 - A) Minutes from Regular Study Session, July 7, 2020
 - B) Minutes from Regular Board Meeting, July 14, 2020
 - C) Discussion regarding Elected Official's pay
- Note: All minutes are drafts until approved at the August 11, 2020 Board Meeting. The Village is required to post the approved minutes on their web site within 30 days of approval.
7. Items from the Administrator
 - A) IMRF payment to Retiring Employee re PA 099-0646
 - C) Discussion of EDA Loans
 - D) Housing Condition Study Presentation
 - E) Agenda planning – discussion of future items
 8. Items from Comptroller
 - A) Approval of Bills and Monthly Financial Reports
 9. Items from Police Department
 - A) Amend Chapter 38 -Traffic Code regarding operation of ATVs – Ordinance No. 2652
 - B) Amend Chapter 18 – Law Enforcement to allow continuous police officer testing by Fire and Police Commission – Ordinance No. 2653

10. Items from Community Development
 - A) Approval of CDBG 5-year plan – CD Resolution No. 297
11. Items from Recreation
 - A) Items for Sports Complex
 - i) Contract for purchase of all Concession Equipment – Serv-U - \$122,364.00
 - ii) Byrnes & Jones Contract Amendment #4 to coordinate with Cross Construction on concrete and asphalt surfaces - \$2,115,942.31
 - iii) Byrnes & Jones Contract Amendment #5 to coordinate with SK Fence on all fencing - \$755,539.07
 - iv) Contract with Cooper Lighting Solutions for sport and parking lot lighting – \$1,775,000.00
 - v) Contract with Oberlander Electric for electric installation - \$1,046,981.00
 - vi) Contract for – Building package
12. Items from Counsel
13. Adjournment

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(217) 892-6802

NOTICE OF MEETING & AGENDA RANTOUL CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, July 30, 2020
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Board Room
Rantoul Municipal Building
333 South Tanner Street
Rantoul, Illinois 61866

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comments
3. Approval of Minutes of the January 30, 2020 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting
4. Review and recommendation of the proposed 5-Year Consolidated Plan
5. Update on Human Rights Committee
6. Adjournment

Ken Turner
Community Development Director

Statement Regarding Compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

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Rantoul Citizens Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

07/30/2020

I. Call to order

Chris King-President

II. Roll call

Chris King, Sarah Brown, Pam Cheek, Debbie Jeffers, Jennifer Tucker, Tony Peyton, Rick Rodgers

ABSENT: Debbie Jeffers, Pam Cheek, and Rick Rodgers

III. Public Comments- Tracy Williams

-African American need for housing, were there any organizations found to directly assist the population?

-What is the percentage of African Americans that live here?

Transportation to the west side of town, specifically to get minorities to the new Sports Complex?

-What is our demographic breakdown for Agriculture, Education, and Health for minorities? We are not dealing with systemic racism and symptoms in this society.

-There are 149 homeless in town of which 104 are believed to be African American. Teachers of color are lacking in town, none are at RTHS and few at RCS. Out of 136 jobs, 8 are black and none are Latino.

-Rentals are falling apart, septic systems are failing causing waste to come back into apartments, also no flushing toilets and landlords are telling residents they need renter's insurance instead of placing them in a new unit while their unit is repaired. We need increased quality for renters. There are a few more concerns that will be emailed to Ken Turner.

-Read the minutes from 01/30/2020 meeting. The minutes were approved as read.

1st-Tony Peyton

2nd-Jennifer Tucker

Approved

IV. Review and Recommendation of proposed 5 Year Plan-

-Chris Millikin comments

- a) Using 2010 Census data info we have available, employment data was not available by race.
- b) Look at all the needs of the community and prioritize, all cannot be high priority we have \$345,000 to use at our disposal.
- c) Strategic plan based on needs, what do we want to accomplish? How do we anticipate creating goals? What are barriers we may face? What strategies and what's important to the community so we can move forward.
- d) 2020 annual action plan for the next 5 years.it can always be amended the same way it is adopted.
- e) Action Plan-HUD allocates just over \$300,000 Based on need Goals and Objectives:
 - Owner occupied housing limitations
 - Infrastructure improvements
 - Economic Development
 - Building demolition

Define the purpose of these goals and what they mean. Projects to fulfill priority needs and accomplish goals for a 1-year period for housing rehab programs both major and minor.

Owner Occupied-provide opportunities to "fix-up" owner occupied low to moderate income homes

Infrastructure improvements- The needs have to be in a low to moderate income area in order to take advantage of the funding, cannot use CDBG funds for the west side of town since it is not low to moderate income.

Economic Development- public works identified projects on Congress and Maplewood for new sidewalks and possibly a new playground on the east side of the community. We have some drainage projects as well, roughly about \$100,000 to use so we must prioritize.

Building Demolition-Using CDBG funds for some demolitions, going forward we will continue that path we have a very small amount of money to work with.

Public Services-We have allocated funds for Public Service to work with. We can allocate on an application basis, we can program up to 15% of our allocation and year 2020 is \$51,000.

We have various service providers but must meet low to moderate income guidelines.

Our projects are based on priority needs and have been modified by using COVID funding to help businesses with low/moderate income to retain and create jobs.

Current admin reimbursements are up to 20% or \$68,000 on what projects should be funded overall 5 yr. plan to look at data for African American housing needs.

Public Service funding is 51,000, in the past we have used 5-6 different programs that used roughly 5-10,000 each. Our problem is time. Due to COVID everything has been delayed through HUD with funding, etc. HUD requests we submit a consolidated plan by August 15, 2020 or we risk loss of funding.

V. Comments

Ms. Williams- Interested in first time home buyer program. Ken Turner advised can go to local banks or the website to get more information on which banks participate in that program, but is not through the Village of Rantoul.

Chris Millikin address Ms. Williams question of African American percentage in the community, an example would be if 22%, then 10% over that community population.

How to make an amendment process. You can amend the same process as adopting the plan. HUD requires citizen participation for plan changes and you can contact Ken Turner, Chris Millikin, the Administrator, The Mayor to address concerns and comments.

No other questions.

VI. Update to Human Relations Committee

Noted publicly Human Relations Committee was needed to be re-instituted by the Village of Rantoul. The Mayor adopted a decree that said there would be five members, as a result of citizen participation and concerns, the Mayor decided to increase the number of participants from five to seven and we are in the process of working on that

now. This is something that is very important and the Human Rights Committee is actually going to move things forward once it is implemented. Thank the Board and the members of the audience, we will move forward to get things accomplished.

-Tony Peyton asked "Do we have a tentative date to formalize the Human Rights Committee?" Ken Turner stated the stamp of approval will be at the presentations of the potential candidates will be at the August 4th meeting and finalized at the following Board meeting the following Tuesday.

-Jennifer Tucker asked "Is this a committee we once had in Rantoul?" Ken Turner stated this is a committee that is required by HUD and it seemed to fade away and meetings were not being called. No complaints or concerns were addressed and we need a professional and discreet body to address our concerns, so it is being re-instituted.

-No questions.

VII. Adjournment

Chris King-motion to adjourn.

Tony Peyton recommended a motion for adoption of the plan to the Village board.

1st Tony Peyton

2nd Jennifer Tucker

Approved

Name tracy A Williams
Email tracybrownteacher@yahoo.com
Address 310 East Grove
City Rantoul
State Illinois
Zip 61866
Preferred Method of Contact Email

I am a resident of Rantoul. Yes

Question or comment for the Citizens Advisory Committee:
Comment for the 5-year plan:
African Americans have the greatest needs in every area specifically 104/149 homelessness and housing that they do live in, essential workers, ...) but you have not contacted any organizations to get information to devise a plan that deals specifically with systemic racism in employment, education, housing... and the effects of it. (Shared organizations that I found with a google search local and national) Dealing with symptoms, not the root cause.)

This was from another citizen Amy Richardson:

I would like to know why some people that rent out their property in Rantoul has to be perfect and are given a hard time, but others are given a pass, Meadowlands, for example, they have had the village inspectors out and write up all that needs fixed and supposed to come back out and make sure it is taken care of but never comes back and issues are never fixed!
#2 plan what percentage of people living in an area makes it dominantly that group living there? (establish whether areas are segregated.

Transportation for youth from West Side and northwest side of town to access sports complex and other facilities on the west, southwest and northwest.

Park with play area on the east side. People living in lower incomes and predominately African American and Latinos. Interested in knowing what area people of color broken down by different ethnicity are employed in town.

What portion of funding to improve business does the business put in? Many areas are making money off of minorities they should put in money to improve septic and infrastructure (i.e. Gulf View letting minority renters with children live in human waste for days while they repaired septic- Would not house them elsewhere)

What are you doing to refer renters to buy a home with the First Time Home Buyers program? What is the percentage of low-income housing vs. homeowners? How many of the homeowners are African Americans and Latinos vs. white people?

Does the data tell the real negative impact of issues in Rantoul? Many African Americans and Latinos do not fill out the census and that is the data used.