

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 46 - 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 47 – 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	No geographic area limits.
	Associated Goals	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Planning/ General Administration
	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	No geographic area limits.
	Associated Goals	Infrastructure Improvements Economic Development Planning/ General Administration
	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	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	Planning/ General Administration Affordable Housing- New Construction
	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 higher quality affordable housing units.
4	Priority Need Name	Blight Removal
	Priority Level	Low
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	No geographic area limits.
	Associated Goals	Building Demolition Planning/ General Administration
	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.
5	Priority Need Name	Economic Development
	Priority Level	Low
	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 Planning/ General Administration

	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.
6	Priority Need Name	Public Services
	Priority Level	Low
	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	Planning/ General Administration
	Description	This priority is the provision of needed social services to lower income residents.

	Basis for Relative Priority	The basis for this priority is ongoing needs for a variety of social services for community residents are being met. These needs are primarily met by private and state funded organizations but occasionally strain is placed on the service delivery providers and additional support may be needed to ensure the social service needs of the community's residents are being fully met.
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	Planning/ General Administration
	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	There is a need for additional and better quality affordable housing units. The village anticipates using some of 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 (\$49,000) 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 currently exists very few vacant lots in the Village. While CDBG funds can be used for property acquisition, generally acquisition would be as a last resort for the demolition of dilapidated properties.

Table 48 – Influence of Market Conditions

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

Introduction

The Village of Rantoul, as a CDBG Direct Entitlement Community, anticipates receiving \$314,842 per year in CDBG funding. Over the 5 year Consolidated Plan period, the Village would expect to receive a total of \$1,574,210 in CDBG funding.

If the actual CDBG allocation amount is different, any increase or decrease in funding to match the actual allocation amount will be applied to the Infrastructure Improvements project/activity.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	314,842	0	0	314,842	Village of Rantoul Consolidated Plan High Priorities
Competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act	public - federal	Other	0	0	0	0	The Village of Rantoul does not receive any McKinney-Vento funds from HUD or the State of Illinois
						1,257,040	

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	100,000	0	0	100,000	400,000	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	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.
Other	public - state	Public Improvements	350,000	0	0	350,000	1,400,000	The Village of Rantoul annually receives approximately \$350,000 in MFT funds thru the State to direct towards the transportation needs of the community.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Other	public - local						This program was initially funded via a U.S. Dept. of Commerce Economic Development Administration grant to assist the community in creating jobs immediately after the closure of Chanute Air Force Base. These funds have since been defederalized. A business may borrow up to \$500,000 and must create 1 full-time job for every \$30,000 borrowed.	
Other	public - local	Economic Development	200,000	0	0	200,000	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.	
		Public Improvements	600,000	0	0	600,000	2,400,000	

Table 49 - 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.

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 partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County to provide vacant lots to Habitat 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 50 - 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	X		
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			

Table 51 - 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	2025	2029	Affordable Housing	Housing Rehab Areas	Affordable Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$400,000	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 15 Household Housing Unit
2	Infrastructure Improvements	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Area Benefit Areas	Public Improvements and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$498,422 Tax Increment Financing: \$275,000 Public Improvement: \$1,750,000 Public Improvements: \$3,000,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 Persons Assisted
3	Economic Development	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Village Wide Availability	Public Improvements and Infrastructure Economic Development	CDBG: \$120,000 Redevelopment Fund: \$400,000 Tax Increment Financing: \$200,000 Economic Development: \$1,000,000	Jobs created/retained: 12 Jobs

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Building Demolition	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Village Wide Availability	Blight Removal	CDBG: \$120,000 Redevelopment Fund: \$100,000 Tax Increment Financing: \$100,000	Buildings Demolished: 5 Buildings
5	Affordable Housing- New Construction	2025	2029	Affordable Housing	Village Wide Availability	Affordable Housing - New Construction	CDBG: \$120,000	Homeowner Housing Added: 4 Household Housing Unit
6	Planning/ General Administration	2025	2029	Planning/General Administration	Village Wide Availability	Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Public Improvements and Infrastructure Public Services Economic Development Blight Removal Affordable Housing - New Construction Homelessness	CDBG: \$313,460	Other: 1 Other

Table 52 – 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 \$25,000 per home. This program is available village-wide and open to any owner-occupant who earns no more than 80% of the median family income of Champaign County.
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	Affordable Housing- New Construction
	Goal Description	This priority is to add new affordable single family homes to the housing market.
6	Goal Name	Planning/ General Administration
	Goal Description	This goal is intended to make sure that all grant funds and their associated activities are properly planned and administered. This goal will be carried out village-wide.

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 - 6

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 contain 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 which was updated in November 2020 that found nine problem areas related to fair housing.

1. There is a waitlist for Section 8 housing voucher subsidies in Champaign County which includes Rantoul.
2. A lack of funds (both for housing programs and individual families) restricts housing choices and options for owners and potential homeowners.
3. First-time homebuyer subsidies are needed and 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 work to support each other's policies.
8. The Village should work to ensure that the Village's Boards and Commissions represent the diversity of the community's population as closely as possible.
9. The Village's Human Relations Committee and Village Staff 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 and Habitat for Humanity are acquiring vacant land in Rantoul to construct additional affordable housing units during this consolidated plan period;
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. Housing Authority of Champaign County publishes their policies and reports on their website for public review;
6. A rural mass transit system is operating in Rantoul that is partially funded by the Village;

7. Community Development staff have attended local housing fairs and job/employment fairs to promote the department's programs;
8. Community Development staff continually review the Housing Rehabilitation Manual; Citizen Participation Plan; and the Anti-Displacement, Replacement Housing, and Relocation Assistance Plan;
9. Community Development staff recognizes that the Impediments to Fair Housing report needs to be updated again 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 that serves the Village and is partially funded by the Village of Rantoul;
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 2020 Census, 4,020, or 80%, of the total housing units in Rantoul were built in 1979 or earlier. As mentioned in section MA-20, it is estimated that over 2,000 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
- Promote 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.

SP-80 Monitoring – 91.230

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

The Village of Rantoul Community Development Department has responsibility for the preparation of the Consolidated Plan and all annual updates. The department oversees programs implemented with CDBG funding and, as such, is subject to all regulations pertaining to the grant source.

Housing units rehabilitated through the Village's housing programs are subject to local building codes. The Village's Inspection Department enforces compliance with local codes. All of the properties undergo a complete code inspection prior to having a project write-up completed to ensure that only code-related items are addressed in the rehabilitation first. Once rehab work is underway, village rehab staff conducts periodic inspections. No payments are issued to contractors until the rehab staff has approved the quality of the work. The final payment is not made to the contractor until such time as the Inspection Department certifies that all work has been done in compliance with code standards. The property must also be tested to ensure it is cleared of lead-based paint hazards.

CDBG funds have previously been used for demolition purposes. The Village of Rantoul Inspection Department determines whether the structure is dilapidated and/or unsafe for occupancy; determines whether the property has been vacant for a minimum of six months; creates the scope of work for the demolition contractor; and monitors the contractor during the demolition process.

The Community Development Department is also responsible for the monitoring of any CDBG subrecipients. A thorough consultation is conducted with the subrecipients prior to the execution of any contract documents. All contracts are prepared in compliance with HUD requirements, and the base document is a modified version of a sample agreement shown in the HUD handbook entitled "Managing CDBG: A Guidebook for Grantees on Subrecipient Oversight." At the time the agencies sign their agreement, they are given information with various HUD and CDBG regulations on it such as OMB Circulars, CDBG program guidelines and regulations, the "Technical Guide for Determining Income and Allowances," and "Playing by the Rules: CDBG Subgrantee Administrative Systems." All agencies receiving grant funding from the Village are required to have an on-site monitoring visit conducted before the agency receives their first quarterly reimbursement payment. The agency must provide written quarterly reports outlining activities undertaken during the quarter.

The Village undergoes a comprehensive annual financial audit conducted by an independent auditing firm. The auditors thoroughly review all expenditures and financial processes related to the Village's

federal funds. The auditors have stated no concerns with the financial status of any of the programs. In addition, the Village meets HUD requirements for timely expenditure of funds.

All CDBG program activities and expenditures are documented in the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). All documents, including the CAPER and Consolidated Plan, are made available for public review for the HUD-determined duration of time.

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The Village of Rantoul, as a CDBG Direct Entitlement Community, anticipates receiving \$314,842 per year in CDBG funding. Over the 5 year Consolidated Plan period, the Village would expect to receive a total of \$1,574,210 in CDBG funding.

If the actual CDBG allocation amount is different, any increase or decrease in funding to match the actual allocation amount will be applied to the Infrastructure Improvements project/activity.

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	314,842.00	0.00	0.00	314,842.00	1,257,040.00	Village of Rantoul Consolidated Plan High Priorities

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: \$		
Competitive McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act	public - federal	Other	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	The Village of Rantoul does not receive any McKinney-Vento funds from HUD or the State of Illinois	
Redevelopment Fund	public - local	Economic Development	100,000.00	0.00	0.00	400,000.00	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.	

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: \$		
Tax Increment Financing	public - local	Acquisition Economic Development Public Improvements	115,000.00	0.00	0.00	115,000.00	460,000.00	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.
Other	public - state	Public Improvements	350,000.00	0.00	0.00	350,000.00	1,400,000.00	The Village of Rantoul annually receives approximately \$350,000 in MFT funds thru the State to direct towards the transportation needs of the community.

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
Other	public - local	Economic Development					This program was initially funded via a U.S. Dept. of Commerce Economic Development Administration grant to assist the community in creating jobs immediately after the closure of Chanute Air Force Base. These funds have since been defederalized. 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	200,000.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00	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.	
			600,000.00	0.00	0.00	600,000.00	2,400,000.00	

Table 53 - 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.

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 partnered with Habitat for Humanity of Champaign County to provide vacant lots to Habitat 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	2025	2029	Affordable Housing	Housing Rehab Areas	Affordable Housing Rehabilitation	CDBG: \$80,000.00	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 3 Household Housing Unit
2	Infrastructure Improvements	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Area Benefit Areas	Public Improvements and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$122,150.00 Public Improvement: \$600,000.00 Public Improvements: \$350,000.00	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 125 Persons Assisted
3	Building Demolition	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Village Wide Availability	Blight Removal	CDBG: \$20,000.00	Buildings Demolished: 1 Buildings
4	Affordable Housing- New Construction	2025	2029	Affordable Housing	Village Wide Availability	Affordable Housing - New Construction	CDBG: \$30,000.00	Homeowner Housing Added: 1 Household Housing Unit

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Planning/ General Administration	2025	2029	Planning/General Administration	Village Wide Availability	Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Public Improvements and Infrastructure Public Services Economic Development Blight Removal Affordable Housing - New Construction Homelessness	CDBG: \$62,692.00	Other: 1 Other

Table 54 – 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 \$25,000 per home. This program is available village-wide and open to any owner-occupant who earns no more than 80% of the median family income of Champaign County.

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 to make various infrastructure improvements.
3	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 funds to demolish structures throughout Rantoul.
4	Goal Name	Affordable Housing- New Construction
	Goal Description	This priority is to add new affordable single family homes to the housing market.
5	Goal Name	Planning/ General Administration
	Goal Description	This goal is intended to make sure that all grants and their associated activities are properly planned and administered. This goal will be carried out village wide.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The projects listed here will address the high priority needs contained in this Plan in the 2025-2026 Program Year.

If the Village's actual CDBG allocation amount is different than what is estimated, any increase or decrease in funding to match the actual allocation amount will be completely applied to the Infrastructure Improvements project/activity.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation - 2025
2	Infrastructure Improvements - 2025
3	Building Demolition - 2025
4	New Affordable Housing Construction- 2025
5	Administration - 2025

Table 55 – 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.

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1	Project Name	Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation - 2025
	Target Area	Housing Rehab Areas
	Goals Supported	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Rehabilitation
	Funding	CDBG: \$80,000.00
	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	4/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3 families are estimated to benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	Housing Rehab Areas
	Planned Activities	Improvements to at least 3 owner occupied homes of low-moderate income households.
2	Project Name	Infrastructure Improvements - 2025
	Target Area	Area Benefit Areas
	Goals Supported	Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Improvements and Infrastructure
	Funding	CDBG: \$122,150.00
	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	4/30/2026
	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 125 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 but not limited to sidewalks, streets, and drainage improvements.

3	Project Name	Building Demolition - 2025
	Target Area	Area Benefit Areas
	Goals Supported	Building Demolition
	Needs Addressed	Blight Removal
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,000.00
	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	4/30/2026
	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	The planned activity is to remove deteriorated blighting structures.
4	Project Name	New Affordable Housing Construction- 2025
	Target Area	Area Benefit Areas
	Goals Supported	Affordable Housing- New Construction
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing - New Construction
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000.00
	Description	This activity is designed to add new affordable single family homes to the housing market.
	Target Date	4/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	1 family will directly benefit, but the benefit will accrue to the surrounding households and the surrounding neighborhoods.
	Location Description	Area Benefit Areas
	Planned Activities	The planned activity is to add one newly constructed single-family residence. The Village anticipates partnering with Habitat for Humanity on this activity.
	Project Name	Administration - 2025

5	Target Area	Village Wide Availability
	Goals Supported	Owner-Occupied Housing Rehabilitation Infrastructure Improvements Building Demolition Affordable Housing- New Construction Planning/ General Administration
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Public Improvements and Infrastructure Affordable Housing - New Construction Blight Removal Economic Development Public Services Homelessness
	Funding	CDBG: \$62,692.00
	Description	This project is designed to make sure CDBG grant funds and their associated activities are properly planned and administered. This activity is village wide.
	Target Date	4/30/2026
	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	Village Wide Availability
	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	25
Area Benefit Areas	45
Village Wide Availability	30

Table 56 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The basis for giving priority to the allocation of investments geographically to these CDBG Target Areas 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 2025-2026 plan year is to concentrate on housing rehabilitation for eligible low-moderate income households. In addition, the production of new units will be encouraged in collaboration with Habitat for Humanity. No rental assistance, 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 57 - 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	1
Rehab of Existing Units	3
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	4

Table 58 - 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 works with the Housing Authority of Champaign County 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 both available vouchers and public housing units.

The Village of Rantoul will continue to work with the HACC to identify 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

N/A

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 specific goals 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;
- 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 shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Rantoul Community Development staff meets annually 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 extreme weather, especially in winter, has required 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, Rosecrance'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:

The Village has an approved Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Plan. High tax rates, land use controls and poor employment/transportation linkages can all have a negative effect on affordable housing and residential investment. The Village of Rantoul has no taxing policies in place that could be seen as specifically negatively impacting 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. The Village has continued to work with other organizations to improve transportation linkages to employment opportunities throughout the community.

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 annual action plan period:

- The Village is partnering with the Housing Authority of Champaign County (HACC) and Habitat for Humanity in purchasing vacant land in Rantoul to construct additional affordable housing units;
- 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 HACC staff exchange consolidated plans and annual plans for review and comment;
- HACC publishes their policies and reports on their website for public review;
- A rural mass transit system is operating in Rantoul assisted with Village funding to ensure low-moderate income residents are connected to jobs, healthcare, and services;
- 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 is planning to update the *Impediments to Fair Housing* report to ensure housing equality is in place and issues are being worked on.

Discussion:

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 often must go to Urbana and Champaign to receive such services. 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 is being used to address housing and other 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 operates a summer lunch program.
- Rantoul City Schools and Rantoul Township High School offer free/reduced cost lunches to lower-income students.

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 and collaborate on the construction of new affordable housing units 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 by a consultant for lead-based paint using an x-ray fluorescent (XRF) machine by a licensed lead risk assessor. 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, a licensed lead risk inspector collects dust wipe samples which are sent to an independent laboratory for testing and final clearance. The Community Development Department's practice is to temporarily relocate families if extensive lead-paint abatement is to be undertaken. 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. The 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, will provide a housing rehabilitation program to assist low- and moderate income households repair their homes.
4. Rantoul City Schools and Rantoul Township High School will provide free/low-cost meals for students meeting certain income guidelines.
5. Rantoul Community Foundation and the Village of Rantoul Recreation Department will 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.

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 Manager, who reports to the Village Administrator and the Mayor. The Department also includes a Community Development Specialist. The Department is 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). The staff, Human Relations Committee and Village Board all work together to ensure that effective Fair Housing practices are in place and reviewed and maintained. The adopted Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing document plays a large role in dictating both the planning and administration of our CDBG Program. 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 is working to take more of a 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 of Champaign, Urbana and Rantoul in their planning and operating activities. Time constraints don't always allow Community Development staff to attend. 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 a lot of interaction over the years, the Community Development staff and HACC staffs have 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.

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| 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

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| 1. The amount of urgent need activities | 0 |
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| 2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan. | 75.00% |

1. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii)). <TYPE=[text] REPORT_GUID=[A0BBB986408D8C25582AC4BE59FA99C5]>

The overall benefit will cover a three year period of time and include program years 2025, 2026 and 2027.

ATTACHMENTS

Application for Federal Assistance

Certifications

Resolution Approving 2025-2029 Five Year Consolidated Plan

CDBG Proposed Program Allocations

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

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOLUTION NO. 304
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
2025-2029 CONSOLIDATED PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Village of Rantoul receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Housing and Urban Development Department (HUD) 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, 2025 through April 30, 2029, and assemble those as the Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Plan includes an Annual Action Plan for FY2025-2026 that serves as the Village of Rantoul's application for CDBG funds; and

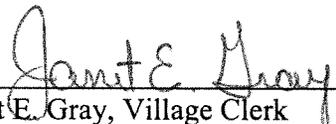
WHEREAS, a Citizens Advisory Committee meeting and public hearing was conducted to receive citizen input on the Draft of the Consolidated Plan on April 28, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Consolidated Plan is to be submitted to HUD by May 16, 2025.

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

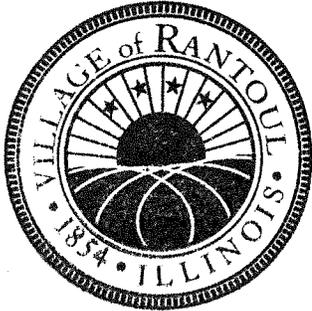
1. That the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan is hereby approved and adopted.
2. The Village President is authorized to execute any and all necessary documents to carry out the Consolidated Plan, including documents necessary to receive CDBG funds.

PASSED this 13th day of May, 2025.



Janet E. Gray, Village Clerk

APPROVED this 13th day of May, 2025.





Samuel E. Hall III, Village President

CDBG Program Allocations

Proposed 2025-2026

Housing Rehabilitations	\$80,000
Public Infrastructure Improvements	\$122,150
Demolition	\$20,000
Affordable Housing Construction	\$30,000
 Subtotal for all projects	 \$252,150
 Administrative Reimbursement	 \$62,692
 Total	 \$314,842

Current 2024-2025

Housing Rehabilitations	\$120,000
Public Infrastructure Improvements	\$106,568
Demolition	\$25,000
 Subtotal for all projects	 \$251,568
 Administrative Reimbursement	 \$62,692
 Total	 \$314,260

Public Notice

Village of Rantoul

Notice of Availability of Draft 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan

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The Draft Plan will be available for public review and comment during the period beginning Thursday, April 10, 2025 through Tuesday, May 13, 2025. The Draft Plan is 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 on the Draft Plan can be submitted either over the phone or via mail or email thru May 13, 2025 and should be directed to the Department of Community Development by contacting (217) 892-6824 weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. or via email at bhunt@myrantoul.com. 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:

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Public Meeting for Plan Consideration Tuesday, May 13, 2025, 6:00 p.m. Village Board Meeting	Rantoul Municipal Building Board Room 333 S Tanner Street, Rantoul, IL

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Scott Eisenhauer, Village Administrator
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Paul Barrett, being duly sworn, says:

That he is Publisher of the News-Gazette, a daily newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Champaign, Champaign County, Illinois; that the publication, a copy of which is attached hereto, was published in the said newspaper on the following dates:

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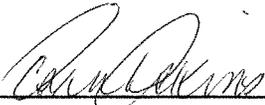
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NOTICE OF MEETING & AGENDA RANTOUL CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, April 28, 2025
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Location: Board Room
Rantoul Municipal Building
333 South Tanner Street
Rantoul, Illinois 61866

AGENDA:

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call of Members
3. Approval of Minutes of the July 30, 2024 Citizens Advisory Committee meeting
4. Public Hearing on Draft 2025-2029 CDBG Consolidated Plan
5. Review of and recommendation on the proposed 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan
6. Adjournment

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

The Village of Rantoul wishes to ensure that its programs, services, and activities are accessible to individuals with disabilities. All ***Citizens Advisory Committee meetings*** are wheelchair accessible. Persons who require an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Village of Rantoul should contact the ADA Coordinator at (217) 892-6821. TTY users should dial 7-1-1 or call the Illinois Relay Center at 1-800-526-0844 (TTY) or 1-800-526-0857 (V). TTY users requiring Spanish language assistance should call 1-800-501-0864 (TTY).

We would appreciate advance notice of at least 48 hours for any requests to receive an agenda in an alternate format or other types of auxiliary aids and services.

**Rantoul Citizens Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
April 28th, 2025**

**Louis B. Schelling Memorial Board Room
Rantoul Municipal Building, 333 S. Tanner St, Rantoul, IL**

A scheduled Citizens Advisory Committee meeting was held on Monday, April 28 2025, in the Louis B Schelling Memorial Board Room, Rantoul Municipal Building, 333 S Tanner St, Rantoul, IL. The following persons were in attendance:

Committee Members

Chris King, Chairman
Craig Rogers
Hank Gamel
Sherry Johnson

Others Present

Chris Milliken, Urban Planning Manager
Brian Hunt, Community Development Specialist
Jim Johnson

Chairman King called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m. A Roll Call determined that a quorum was present.

Approval of the Minutes: Sherry Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 30th, 2024 meeting, as presented, Seconded by Craig Rogers. Minutes were unanimously approved by voice vote.

Public Hearing: Draft 2025-2029 CDBG CONSOLIDATED PLAN

Chairman King opened the public hearing. Urban Planning Manager, Chris Milliken, noted that one individual from the public was present in the meeting room. Community Development Specialist, Brian Hunt, then provided a brief overview of the content of the Draft 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan. With no one from the public wishing to make comments, Chairman King closed the public hearing at 5:24 p.m.

Committee Comments on 2025-2029 CDBG CONSOLIDATED PLAN:

Commissioners thanked staff for preparing the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan document and indicated they had reviewed the document and it was thorough and educational in content. Village Staff and the Committee discussed upcoming CDBG Projects and the unique challenges that each project has. Staff reminded the Committee that they are more than welcomed to suggest any projects that might be of necessity, and to consider such as the 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan is a working document that can be updated and adjusted depending on community needs.

On a motion by Craig Rogers, seconded by Sherry Johnson, the committee unanimously recommended the acceptance of the report to be presented to HUD.

On a motion by Hank Gamel, seconded by Craig Rogers the meeting was adjourned at 5:26 p.m.

Chris Milliken

From: Cortes, Grazia <Grazia.Cortes@hud.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2025 8:34 AM
To: Chris Milliken; Brian Hunt
Cc: Cortes, Grazia
Subject: Community Planning and Development Formula Program Allocations for FY 2025

Importance: High

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.

Good morning, Chris and Brian,

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 budget for the Department of Housing and Urban Development has been enacted. The spreadsheet provides full-year allocations for the Office of Community Planning and Development's (CPD) formula programs: Community Development Block Grants (CDBG); CDBG Recovery Housing Program (RHP); HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME); Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG); Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA); and Housing Trust Fund (HTF) and can be accessed on the following link:

<https://www.hud.gov/hud-partners/community-budget-25>

The Village of Rantoul's FY2025 CDBG allocation is \$314,842.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Grazia Cortes, MBA

Community Planning and Development Representative

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

77 West Jackson Blvd., Room 2400

Chicago, IL 60604

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Rantoul Village Board of Trustees
Regular Study Session
May 6, 2025
6:15 PM

Order of Business

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Agenda

4. 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 up on the public participation form, and submit it to the Village Clerk prior to the meeting.

Comments will be limited to three minutes for each speaker.

5. Items from the Mayor

6. Items from Trustees

8. Items from Human Resources

(A) Village Career Opportunities

9. Items from Comptroller

10. Items from Police Department

(A) Purchase of an Emergency Warning Siren for the 400 Block of West Grove Avenue (Rudzinski Memorial Park) from Global Technical Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$37,829.09

(B) Purchase of a 2025 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor Vehicle for the Police Department from Shields Auto Group in the amount not-to-exceed \$66,397.00

11. Items from Fire Department

12. Items from Community Planning & Development



(A) Resolution Approving the Community Development Block Grant 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan

(B) Downtown Reconstruction & Streetscaping Project Update

13. Items from Parks & Recreation

14. Items from Public Works

(A) Construction Engineering Services Agreement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Systems Project, Phase II with Donohue & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$683,110.00

(B) Engineering Service Agreement for the Engineering, Planning, and Special Services for the Runway Safety Area Improvements, Drainage, and Lighting for Runway 9/27 & Runway 18/36 with Hanson Professional Services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$196,275.00 (Village share of \$9,813.75)



Rantoul Village Board of Trustees
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Order of Business

15. Items from the Administrator

16. Items from Counsel

17. Public Announcements

- (A) **Village of Rantoul Clean-up Day**
Saturday, May 10 | 8:00am to Noon
Must Provide a Copy of Utility Bill
- (B) **Senior Luncheon**
Thursday, May 15 | 11:30am
Rantoul Recreation Department
Call 217-893-5703 to RSVP
- (C) **Cop on a Rooftop**
Friday, May 16 | 5:00am to 11:00am
Dunkin' Donuts
- (D) **Shop with a Cop Golf Outing**
Friday, May 16 | Shotgun Start at Noon
Call 217-892-2143 to Register
- (E) **Residential Electronics Collection Event**
Saturday, May 17 | Parkland College
Register at ecycle.simplybook.me

18. Items for Closed Session

19. Adjournment



Rantoul Village Board of Trustees
Regular Board Meeting
May 13, 2025
6:00 PM

1. Call to Order

2. Invocation

Pastor Mark Wilkerson | Maranatha Baptist Church

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Roll Call

5. Mayoral Proclamation

(A) International GM1 Gangliosidosis Awareness Day | May 23, 2025

(B) Mental Health Awareness Month

6. Mayor's Presentation

(A) Oath of Office | Police Officer Malik Evans

(B) Oath of Office | Police Officer John Sexton

7. Approval of Agenda

8. 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 up on the public participation form, and submit it to the Village Clerk prior to the meeting. Comments will be limited to three minutes for each speaker.

Section A - Consent Agenda

9. 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) Bills / Monthly Financial Report

10. Approval of Any Items Removed from Consent Agenda

Section B - Consideration of Bids, Contracts & Other Expenditures

11. Motion to Authorize and Approve the Purchase of an Emergency Warning Siren for the 400 Block of West Grove Avenue (Rudzinski Memorial Park) from Global Technical Systems, Inc. in the amount of \$37,829.09

12. Motion to Authorize and Approve the Purchase of a 2025 Ford Explorer Police Interceptor Vehicle for the Police Department from Shields Auto Group in the amount not-to-exceed \$66,397.00
13. Motion to Authorize and Approve an Engineering Service Agreement for the Engineering, Planning, and Special Services for the Runway Safety Area Improvements, Drainage, and Lighting for Runway 9/27 & Runway 18/36 with Hanson Professional Services in the not-to-exceed amount of \$196,275.00 (Village share of \$9,813.75)
14. Motion to Authorize and Approve a Construction Engineering Services Agreement for the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Systems Project, Phase II with Donohue & Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$683,110.00

Section C - Consideration of Ordinances & Resolutions

-  15. Motion to Pass Community Development Resolution 304, a Resolution Approving the Community Development Block Grant 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan

Section D - Other Business

Section E - Public Announcements

16. **Senior Luncheon**
Thursday, May 15 | 11:30am
Rantoul Recreation Department
Call 217-893-5703 to RSVP
17. **Cop on a Rooftop**
Friday, May 16 | 5:00am to 11:00am
Dunkin' Donuts
18. **Shop with a Cop Golf Outing**
Friday, May 16 | Shotgun Start at Noon
Call 217-892-2143 to Register

Section F - Closed Session

Section G - Adjournment

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
VILLAGE OF RANTOUL

AGENDA ITEM

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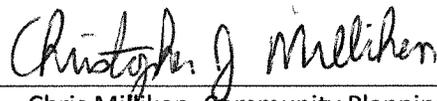
ITEM: CDBG 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan Approval and Submission	DEPARTMENT: Community Development
AGENDA SECTION:	AMOUNT: Estimated: \$314,260
ATTACHMENTS: <input type="checkbox"/> ORDINANCE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RESOLUTION <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (See Summary Highlights) <input type="checkbox"/> SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	DATE: May 6 th , 2025
<p>SUMMARY HIGHLIGHTS: The Village of Rantoul is a direct recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). The Village must prepare and submit a five year Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consolidated Plan in order to apply for, accept and allocate CDBG funds. 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 in this case being from May 1, 2025 through April 30, 2029. The last Consolidated Plan was prepared and submitted in 2020. As part of the Consolidated Plan the first year Annual Action Plan is also prepared and submitted. The FY2025-2026 Annual Action Plan serves as the Village’s application for CDBG funds of which the Village is estimated to receive \$314,260 in 2025-2026. In order to determine how to best utilize the funds the Consolidated Plan provides a needs assessment and market analysis. This identifies priority needs and creates goals to address the highest priority needs. Based on the needs assessment and analysis the following activities are proposed to be funded in Program Year 2025-2026:</p> <p>Owner Occupied Housing Rehabilitation - \$80,000 Public Infrastructure Improvements - \$121,568.00 Demolitions - \$20,000 Affordable Housing/New Construction - \$30,000 Administration - \$62,692.00 TOTAL - \$314,260</p> <p>The complete draft plan can be viewed at: www.myrantoul.com/370/Community-Development</p>	
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Board approval of and authorization to submit the 2025-2029 CDBG Consolidated Plan to HUD.	
DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL:	VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

Village of Rantoul
Draft 2025-2029 CDBG Consolidated Plan

Public Comment Period
April 10, 2025 – May 13, 2025

Comments Received:

There were no comments received from the public on the Village's Draft 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan during this Public Comment period.



Chris Milliken, Community Planning & Development Manager

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>
* 3. Date Received: 05/15/2025	4. Applicant Identifier: IL175808 RANTOUL	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: HUD	5b. Federal Award Identifier: B-25-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): 37-600510	* c. UEI: LJW3VQGNC4K5	
d. Address:		
* Street1: 333 S Tanner Street	<input type="text"/>	
Street2:	<input type="text"/>	
* City: Rantoul	<input type="text"/>	
County/Parish:	<input type="text"/>	
* State: IL: Illinois	<input type="text"/>	
Province:	<input type="text"/>	
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES	<input type="text"/>	
* Zip / Postal Code: 61866	<input type="text"/>	
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: Chris	
Middle Name:	<input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: Milliken	<input type="text"/>	
Suffix:	<input type="text"/>	
Title: Community Planning & Development Manager		
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: 217-892-6822	Fax Number: 217-892-6871	
* Email: cmilliken@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. Assistance Listing Number:

14.218

Assistance Listing Title:

Community Development Block Grant

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

B-25-MC-17-0019

* Title:

Community Development Block Grant

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

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

Add Attachment

Delete Attachment

View Attachment

*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

2025 CDBG Activities will include assistance to those of low-moderate income levels via housing rehab programs, blight removal, infrastructure improvements, and administration of these programs

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Add Attachments

Delete Attachments

View Attachments

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="314,842.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text" value=""/>
* c. State	<input type="text" value=""/>
* d. Local	<input type="text" value=""/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value=""/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value=""/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="314,842.00"/>

*** 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 18, 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:

**Applicant and Recipient
Assurances and Certifications**

**U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development**

OMB Number: 2501-0044
Expiration Date: 2/28/2027

Instructions for the HUD 424-B Assurances and Certifications

As part of your application for HUD funding, you, as the official authorized to sign on behalf of your organization or as an individual, must provide the following assurances and certifications. The Responsible Civil Rights Official has specified this form for use for purposes of general compliance with 24 CFR §§ 1.5, 3.115, 8.50, and 146.25, as applicable. The Responsible Civil Rights Official may require specific civil rights assurances to be furnished consistent with those authorities and will specify the form on which such assurances must be made. A failure to furnish or comply with the civil rights assurances contained in this form may result in the procedures to effect compliance at 24 CFR §§ 1.8, 3.115, 8.57, or 146.39.

By submitting this form, you are stating that all assertions made in this form are true, accurate, and correct.

As the duly representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant: [Insert below the Name and title of the Authorized Representative, name of Organization and the date of signature]:

*Authorized Representative Name:
Samuel Hall III

*Title: Mayor

*Applicant/Recipient Organization:
Village of Rantoul

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, has the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds to pay the non-Federal share of program costs) to plan, manage and complete the program as described in the application and the governing body has duly authorized the submission of the application, including these assurances and certifications, and authorized me as the official representative of the application to act in connection with the application and to provide any additional information as may be required.

2. Will administer the grant in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C 2000(d)) and implementing regulations (24 CFR part 1), which provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance OR if the applicant is a Federally recognized Indian tribe or its tribally designated housing entity, is subject to the Indian Civil Rights Act (25 U.S.C. 1301-1303).

3. Will administer the grant in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 8, the American Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et.seq.), and implementing regulations at 28 CFR part 35 or 36, as applicable, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101-07) as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 146 which together provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of disability or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance; except if the grant program authorizes or limits participation to designated populations, then the applicant will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

4. Will comply with the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-19), as amended, and the implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 100, which prohibit discrimination in housing on the basis of race, color, religion sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, familial status, or national origin and will affirmatively further fair housing; except an

applicant which is an Indian tribe or its instrumentality which is excluded by statute from coverage does not make this certification; and further except if the grant program authorizes or limits participation to designated populations, then the applicant will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

5. Will comply with all applicable Federal nondiscrimination requirements, including those listed at 24 CFR §§ 5.105(a) and 5.106 as applicable.

6. Will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4601) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 24 and, as applicable, Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304(d)) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 42, subpart A.

7. Will comply with the environmental requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et.seq.) and related Federal authorities prior to the commitment or expenditure of funds for property.

8. That no Federal appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid, by or on behalf of the applicant, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress, in connection with the awarding of this Federal grant or its extension, renewal, amendment or modification. If funds other than Federal appropriated funds have or will be paid for influencing or attempting to influence the persons listed above, I shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying. I certify that I shall require all subawards at all tiers (including sub-grants and contracts) to similarly certify and disclose accordingly. Federally recognized Indian Tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) established by Federally-recognized Indian tribes as a result of the exercise of the tribe's sovereign power are excluded from coverage by the Byrd Amendment, but State-recognized Indian tribes and TDHs established under State law are not excluded from the statute's coverage.

I/We, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true and correct. WARNING: Anyone who knowingly submits a false claim or makes a false statement is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fines, and civil and administrative penalties. (18 U.S.C. §§287, 1001, 1010, 1012, 1014; 31 U.S.C. §3729, 3802; 24 CFR §28.10(b)(iii)).

* Signature:



* Date: (mm/dd/yyyy):

05/19/2025

Public Reporting Burden Statement: The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 0.5 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering, and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Comments regarding the accuracy of this burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing this burden can be sent to: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of the Chief Data Officer, R, 451 7th St SW, Room 4176, Washington, DC 20410-5000. **Do not send completed HUD-424B forms to this address.** This agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection displays a valid OMB control number. The Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to collect this information under the authority cited in the Notice of Funding Opportunity for this grant program. The information collected provides assurances and certifications for legal requirements related to the administration of this grant program. HUD will use this information to ensure compliance of its grantees. This information is required to obtain the benefit sought in the grant program. This information will not be held confidential and may be made available to the public in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. §552).

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.

Uniform Relocation Act and 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, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

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 Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.



Signature of Authorized Official

05/19/25
Date

Mayor

Title

Specific Community Development Block Grant 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 plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan 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 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 CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having 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 (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2025-2027 [a period specified by the grantee 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.

In addition, 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 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 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.



Signature of Authorized Official

05/19/25

Date

Mayer

Title

OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

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 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 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.

N/A

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Title

Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

Tenant Based Rental Assistance -- If it plans to provide tenant-based rental assistance, the tenant-based rental assistance is an essential element of its consolidated plan.

Eligible Activities and Costs -- It is using and will use HOME funds for eligible activities and costs, as described in 24 CFR §§92.205 through 92.209 and that it is not using and will not use HOME funds for prohibited activities, as described in §92.214.

Subsidy layering -- Before committing any funds to a project, it will evaluate the project in accordance with the guidelines that it adopts for this purpose and will not invest any more HOME funds in combination with other Federal assistance than is necessary to provide affordable housing;

N/A

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Title

Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

Major rehabilitation/conversion/renovation – If an emergency shelter’s rehabilitation costs exceed 75 percent of the value of the building before rehabilitation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed rehabilitation.

If the cost to convert a building into an emergency shelter exceeds 75 percent of the value of the building after conversion, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 10 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed conversion.

In all other cases where ESG funds are used for renovation, the recipient will maintain the building as a shelter for homeless individuals and families for a minimum of 3 years after the date the building is first occupied by a homeless individual or family after the completed renovation.

Essential Services and Operating Costs – In the case of assistance involving shelter operations or essential services related to street outreach or emergency shelter, the recipient will provide services or shelter to homeless individuals and families for the period during which the ESG assistance is provided, without regard to a particular site or structure, so long the recipient serves the same type of persons (e.g., families with children, unaccompanied youth, disabled individuals, or victims of domestic violence) or persons in the same geographic area.

Renovation – Any renovation carried out with ESG assistance shall be sufficient to ensure that the building involved is safe and sanitary.

Supportive Services – The recipient will assist homeless individuals in obtaining permanent housing, appropriate supportive services (including medical and mental health treatment, victim services, counseling, supervision, and other services essential for achieving independent living), and other Federal, State, local, and private assistance available for these individuals.

Matching Funds – The recipient will obtain matching amounts required under 24 CFR 576.201.

Confidentiality – The recipient has established and is implementing procedures to ensure the confidentiality of records pertaining to any individual provided family violence prevention or treatment services under any project assisted under the ESG program, including protection against the release of the address or location of any family violence shelter project, except with the written authorization of the person responsible for the operation of that shelter.

Homeless Persons Involvement – To the maximum extent practicable, the recipient will involve, through employment, volunteer services, or otherwise, homeless individuals and families in constructing, renovating, maintaining, and operating facilities assisted under the ESG program, in providing services assisted under the ESG program, and in providing services for occupants of facilities assisted under the program.

Consolidated Plan – All activities the recipient undertakes with assistance under ESG are consistent with its consolidated plan.

Discharge Policy – The recipient will establish and implement, to the maximum extent practicable and where appropriate, policies and protocols for the discharge of persons from publicly funded institutions or systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care or other youth facilities, or correction programs and institutions) in order to prevent this discharge from immediately resulting in homelessness for these persons.

N/A

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Title

Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

Activities -- Activities funded under the program will meet urgent needs that are not being met by available public and private sources.

Building -- Any building or structure assisted under that program shall be operated for the purpose specified in the consolidated plan:

1. For a period of not less than 10 years in the case of assistance involving new construction, substantial rehabilitation, or acquisition of a facility,
2. For a period of not less than 3 years in the case of assistance involving non-substantial rehabilitation or repair of a building or structure.

N/A

Signature of Authorized Official

Date

Title

APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

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.