City of Binghamton FY49 HUD Entitlement Budget

CDBG Projects	Amount
Administration	\$129,325.00
Planning	\$24,000.00
Demolition and Blight Removal	\$300,000.00
Code Enforcement	\$234,000.00
Binghamton Local Development Corporation	\$99,000.00
Clinton Street Square Project	\$250,000.00
Broome County Council of Churches Ramp It Up Program	\$20,000.00
First Ward Action Council Senior Housing Repair Program	\$85,000.00
Homebuyer Assistance and Repairs	\$300,000.00
Housing Admin	\$66,849.30
Lead Risk Assessment	\$5,000.00
Metro Interfaith Binghamton Homeownership Academy	\$20,000.00
SEPP Hamilton Housing Parking	\$20,000.00
First Ward Senior Center Upgrades	\$18,000.00
Mill and Pave: Liberty St (Robinson to Frederick)	\$85,000.00
Mill and Pave: Pleasant Ave (Pleasant to Truesdell)	\$85,000.00
Mill and Pave: Pleasant St (Chenango to end)	\$80,000.00
Park: Recreation Park Poolhouse Upgrades	\$100,000.00
Roberson Museum Energy Efficiency and Safety Upgrades	\$12,000.00
Tubman Center Freedom Trail Project	\$100,000.00
ACHIEVE Summer Program	\$10,000.00

Action for Older Persons Senior Health Insurance Program	\$15,000.00
American Civic Association Multilingual Case Management	\$10,000.00
Binghamton Adult Education Out of School Youth Program	\$12,000.00
Binghamton Housing Authority Summer and After School Programs	\$15,000.00
Boys & Girls Club Membership Fees	\$19,975.00
Boys & Girls Club Teen Center	\$20,000.00
Boys & Girls Club Youth After Hours Program	\$50,000.00
Broome County Urban League ATTAIN Tech Center	\$8,760.00
Broome County Urban League Summer and After School Programs	\$15,000.00
CARES Backpack Program	\$15,000.00
City of Binghamton Park Ranger Program	\$10,247.70
Fairview Recovery Services Opioid Addiction Program	\$55,000.00
Mothers and Babies Perinatal Network PAL Center	\$15,000.00
Safe Streets NoMa Community Center	\$15,000.00
VINES Youth Employment Program	\$15,000.00
	\$2,334,157.00
HOME Projects	Amount
Housing Admin	\$65,150.70
Homeowner Rehab Projects	\$175,000.00
*Unknown Community Housing Development Project	\$411,356.30
	\$651,507.00
ESG Projects	Amount
Catholic Charities Teen Transitional Living Program Salaries	\$30,311.00
City of Binghamton HMIS Fees	\$1,720.00

Family Enrichment Network Homeless Prevention Program	\$64,308.80
Volunteers of America Men's Shelter Salaries	\$6,330.35
YWCA of Binghamton Women's Shelter Salaries	\$45,578.55
YWCA Street Outreach Salaries	\$14,243.30
	\$162,492.00

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

This plan represents the final year of the City of Binghamton 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. Many of the elements in this plan will be similar as the previous year's plan. No new goals have been identified. The City continues to look at the City as a whole in allocating it's entitlements however certain areas represent concentrations of poverty that necessitate focusing HUD entitlement funds in those areas.

This plan shall work in tandem where possible and able with the Comprehensive Plan adopted in 2014 and draws from surveys done for that project.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

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

The overall objective of the City's action plans is to reduce or eliminate poverty and homelessness in the City. To this end, this plan will follow the nine goals outlined in the Consolidated Plan.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

COVID has impacted the City in a way that may never be fully known, but it no doubt pushed back past recovery efforts for an unknown period of time

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

In addition to a committee (the CDAC) that represents City residents appointed by elected officials, and the input and guidance received from NY-511, the local continuum of Care, three public hearings were held. The first was held on November 9th, 2022in order for the CDAC to view the overall situation of the City. This meeting also included a data summary in order to state the existing housing, poverty, and unproportionally overrepresented groups in poverty in the City.

The second was held on March 8, 2023 to get public feedback and recommendations on the Draft Plan.

A third and final public hearing was scheduled for June 28th during the City Council business meeting.

5. Summary of public comments

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

In general, comments focused on encouraging continuing assistance to existing HUD backed CDBG and ESG programs. The YWCA spoke at the first public "data" hearing and discussed the nature of homelessness in the area.

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

The City plans to continue funding most existing service programs going in the next fiscal year and add a few additional ones.

7. Summary

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name		Department/Agency	
CDBG Administrator	Binghamton		Department of HUD Admin and Housing	
HOME Administrator	Binghamton		artment of HUD Admin and Housing	
ESG Administrator Binghamton Department of HUD Admin and Ho		artment of HUD Admin and Housing		

Table 1 - Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

All three HUD grants are administered by the same department. Direct communication to the department manager is available to the public on any aspect of HUD based projects.

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

1. Introduction

Provide a concise summary of the jurisdiction's activities to enhance coordination between public and assisted housing providers and private and governmental health, mental health and service agencies (91.215(I))

The City works directly with several housing providers: First Ward Action Council, Greater Opportunities, Binghamton Housing Authority, Family Enrichment Network, and Metro Interfaith. First Ward Action Council, amongst other activities, provides senior housing rehab services which is reimbursed through the CDBG program as well as operates several CHDO projects. Greater Opportunities is an agency that works to better empower the low income residents of the area and has been a CHDO for past projects. The Binghamton Housing Authority provides HUD funded public housing and runs the Section 8 program in addition to receiving TBRA funds for a security deposit program. Family Enrichment Network has received CHDO funds to build permanent supportive housing. Metro Interfaith runs the Homeownership Academy that provides free financial and home purchase counseling for prospective home owners and helps coordinate with the Housing division for its own home purchase and rehabilitation program. All of these agencies run their own housing services for lower income households in various locations throughout the region.

Each fall, the City releases RFPs seeking applications for the expenditures of the CDBG public service and capital activity funds as well as ESG funds. Potential stakeholders are notified along with public advertising to maximize agencies that wish to become sub-recipients. The Community Development Advisory Council (CDAC) helps oversee and award the remaining service and ESG funds prior to the Council's and Mayor's final decision on sub-recipient's funding allocations which are now combined with the overall funding process for the action plan allowing the public to see what projects are being funded out of the entire CDBG/HOME/ESG grant.

This year, the CDAC invited stakeholders representing specifically identified target underserved populations. These groups include included veterans, victims of domestic violence, individuals with mentally disabilities, public housing participants and low income renters in general, the hungry, and seniors. Groups were invited to attend and present the situations facing their respective clients in the region. Several were also asked to provide any additional research they may have for this AAP

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

The HUD Manager is the ad-hoc City representative with the local Continuum of Care (CoC), the Homeless Coalition of the Southern Tier, as well as the CoC HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) Administrator. The HUD Manager acts as a voting member of the CoC as a representative of the City and is a member of the NOFA, CES, and HMIS subcommittees.

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

The HUD Manager works closely with the local Continuum of Care (CoC), the Homeless Coalition of the Southern Tier, as well as the CoC HMIS (Homeless Management Information System) Administrator. The HUD Manager acts as a voting member of the CoC as a representative of the City and is a member of the NOFA, CES, and HMIS subcommittees. The HMIS Coordinator of the CoC presented to the CDAC in early spring to explain the area's homeless situation as well as to provide meaningful initial budget recommendations (the pre-sub-recipient funding levels). In the fall, the CoC will also work hand in hand with the CDAC to prepare the RFPs for homeless agencies wishing to receive EGS funding for FY50 as well as to make recommendations to the City as to which agencies should receive specific funding for their programs. This will run in tandem with the CoC's NOFA budget process.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	YWCA		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy		
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The agency spoke at the first and second public hearings about the state of homelessness in the area and to request continued funding for their programs. The City plans to fund homeless activities through ESG grants including the YWCA homeless shelter and street outreach programs.		
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Coalition for the Homeless of the Southern Tier, NY Inc.		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy		
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Binghamton is an active partner with NY-511, the Continuum of Care. The CoC reviewed ESG applicants and provided funding recommendations to the CDAC. A representative of the CoC also engaged in discussion with the CDAC to speak on the current homeless situation in the area at the CDAC meeting on February 1st. The City will be funding the ESG applicants at the CoC recommendation levels, including the preference for non HP funding to only be spent on salaries.		

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3	Agency/Group/Organization	Department of Planning
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Emergency Management Planning organization Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	General area planning
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Planning Department through its sub department, the Housing an HUD Administration Department, administers and oversees the HUD process. The Director spoke to the CDAC on February 1st regarding plan and strategies, not just relevant to the HUD grants, but overall planning for the City as well as to request funding for salaries and future plans. The City will be using CDBG funds for eligible salaries, but will not be providing additional funding for plans as the expected Comprehensive Plan is expected to be redone in the next two years at which time funding will likely be provided.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Southern Tier Independence Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	STIC was invited as a non-grant applicant to present to the CDAC at the March 22 meeting. They discussed challenges and situations concerning the physical disadvantaged in the community. The City will be providing funding for a new ramp installation program a well as continued funding for the senior home repair program
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Broome County Office for Aging
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs		
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	OfA could not attend a CDAC meeting but did fill out a request form in which they indicated factors and issues facing seniors in the area. They indicated that housing quality and access being a primary concern. To address this, the City will continue to fund the Senior Home repair program as well as thew ne ramp programs and provide continued funding for the senior health insurance program.		
7	Agency/Group/Organization	SOS Shelter, Inc.		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services - Victims		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs		
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RISE could not attend a meeting but did provide a written form statement regarding DV needs in the area. They indicated that victims of DV often have financial issues and are in need of quality affordable housing as well as periodic emergency assistance for food, travel, and clothing. Although no agency applied for funding that specifically addresses DV, continue funding of agencies such as the YWCA who do provide alternative funding for DV can help offset those agencies costs to enable them to continue DV service.		
8	Agency/Group/Organization	BINGHAMTON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION		
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business and Civic Leaders Grantee Department		
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development		

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The BLDC, a quasi-independent economic development corporation, presented to the CDAC on February 15th. They requested continued funding for the BLDC using CDBG funds. In addition, the City Planning Department director sits as a voting chair member of the BLDC board which provides real time understanding of the economic development needs of the area. The City has been updating its salary reimbursement process but shall continue funding the BLDC going into next year and will also be converting unused RL funds into PI in order to create a multi-use public square in a LMI commercial area that can act as a parking area for business, a location for locals to enjoy local food trucks, and a public
9	Agency/Group/Organization	gathering place for residents. Binghamton Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The BHA did request funding for an after school program at two of their Public Housing communities which the City will be funding. In addition, they have been invited to discuss Public Housing needs in the area.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Binghamton Code Enforcement
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Code Enforcement Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing stock

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Code Enforcement presented to the CDAC on January 18th seeking continued funding of eligible Code Enforcement positions. The City has recently updated its reimbursement process for Code Enforcement and updated the City Charter to reflect this in order to meet HUD guidelines. The City will continue the funding of Cod Enforcement and also provided a resource rich handout to all property owners and tenants that are encountered to connect them with assistance.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	Metro Interfaith Housing Management Corp.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Metro presented to the CDAC on February 15th seeking continued funding of the Homeownership academy but also provided information regarding the poor quality of the overall housing stock in the city. The City will continue funding Metros Academy and require completion in order to receive CDBG or HOME funding for home purchase.

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

The City does not receive any HOPWA funding so no HOPWA agencies were consulted. Veterans groups were invited for both the AAP and HOEM-ARP but would not respond.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?		
		The City receives ESG funds it then distributes to agencies that provide homeless services. All		
Continuum of Care	Coalition for the	belong to the Homeless Coalition. The Homeless Coalition also provides client tracking		
	Homeless of the	information that the City can then utilize for its own plan and strategies. In many ways, the		
	Southern Tier, NY Inc	Homeless Coalition and the City are partners in implementing homeless prevention and		
		reduction policies.		

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation - 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

The first Public Hearing held on November 9th, 2022 was an information meeting. Presenters indicated the need for homeless assistance. The Second Public Hearing was held on March 22nd, 2023 to determine overall goals for the budget. Comments focused on supporting the womens shelter, street outreach, summer program for the disabled, and elderly insurance programs. The final public hearing is scheduled for June 28th, 2023: COMMENTS TO BE ATTACHED

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of	Summary of	Summary of comments	URL (If
			response/attendance	comments received	not accepted	applicable)
					and reasons	
					ESG funding is fully	
				Homeless need	committed to the	
1 P	l Non-	Niere	Data Gathering meeting on	assistance,	homeless/at risk	
		_			population. NO agency	
		November 9, 2022.	including help with	has presented a		
		community	Four speakers	credit scores and	program to address	
			animals.	credit scores or pets of		
					homeless families.	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted	URL (If applicable)
					and reasons	
				Support homeless		
			Budget	shelters, street	All accepted, all	
		Non-	recommendation	outreach, summer		
2	Public Hearing	targeted/broad	meeting on March	program for		
		community	22, 2023. Four	disabled youth, and	funded.	
			speakers.	senior insurance		
				programs		

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

Entitlement funding from HUD has varied somewhat but remained relatively steadily over the past few years. Currently, the city receives approximately \$2.5 million in overall entitlement amongst the three programs: CDBG, HOME, and ESG. Decreases to funds also decreases capability of delivering improvements and programs to the city. In addition, regulatory oversight limits the usage of these funds as many resources must be spent to meet HUD and other federal requirements, New York State, and even Broome County and other local requirements.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Ехре	cted Amour	nt Available Ye	ear 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	1,784,157	550,000	0	2,334,157	0	Funding for general low income programs and projects. A historical renovation and several residential demolitions are also planned. All program income will be allocated to home buyer and rehab housing programs.

Program	Source	Uses of Funds	Expe	cted Amoui	nt Available Ye	ar 1	Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
	of Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
HOME	public -	Acquisition						Funding for housing projects. All
	federal	Homebuyer						program income will be allocated to
		assistance						rehab housing programs.
		Homeowner						
		rehab						
		Multifamily rental						
		new construction						
		Multifamily rental						
		rehab						
		New construction						
		for ownership						
		TBRA	586,507	65,000	0	651,507	0	

Program	Source	Uses of Funds	Ехре	cted Amou	nt Available Ye	ear 1	Expected	Narrative Description
	of Funds		Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$	Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	
ESG	public -	Conversion and						Funding for homeless projects. No
	federal	rehab for						program income is expected,
		transitional						however, all ESG costs for down
		housing						payments are required to be
		Financial						returned to the City as PI save for an
		Assistance						amount to cover repairs to the units.
		Overnight shelter						
		Rapid re-housing						
		(rental assistance)						
		Rental Assistance						
		Services						
		Transitional						
		housing	162,492	0	0	162,492	0	

Table 5 - 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

HUD has permitted a waiver on the City's HOME program match. The ESG match is met by the City's own usage through general fund costs to salary. All ESG subrecipients must match their allocation on an equal amount (i.e. \$1 to \$1 or a non-ESG match of 50% of the total program costs) and provide proof of this with each payment. The City does combine HUD funds with other funds as the need arises, for example road funding with CHIPS from NYS. AHC funds from NY State are also used to expand on the rehab program.

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

City owned property that would be influenced by the needs within this plan would be park improvements and the potential demolition of properties acquired by the City for removal of blight. The City will be converting a publicly owned empty lot into a public square that will serve the Clinton Street area, aka the First Ward

Discussion

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic	Needs	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Order		Year	Year		Area	Addressed		
1	Improve Public	2020	2024	Non-Housing		Better public	CDBG:	Public Facility or Infrastructure
	Facilities			Community		facilities	\$468,000	Activities other than Low/Moderate
				Development		Economic		Income Housing Benefit: 36940
						growth		Persons Assisted
2	Improve	2020	2024	Non-Housing		Better streets	CDBG:	Public Facility or Infrastructure
	Infrastructure			Community		and utilities	\$250,000	Activities other than Low/Moderate
				Development				Income Housing Benefit: 125 Persons
								Assisted
3	Increase	2020	2024	Non-Homeless	City of	Housing	CDBG:	Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 5
	Accessibility			Special Needs	Binghamton		\$20,000	Household Housing Unit
				Non-Housing				
				Community				
				Development				

Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic	Needs	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Order		Year	Year		Area	Addressed		
4	Increase Health	2020	2024	Non-Homeless	City of	Better public	CDBG:	Public Facility or Infrastructure
	and Safety			Special Needs	Binghamton	facilities	\$97,248	Activities other than Low/Moderate
				Non-Housing		Housing		Income Housing Benefit: 10000
				Community		Necessary		Persons Assisted
				Development		services		Public service activities other than
								Low/Moderate Income Housing
								Benefit: 48434 Persons Assisted
								Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 10
								Household Housing Unit
5	Increase and	2020	2024	Affordable	City of	Housing	CDBG:	Public Facility or Infrastructure
	Retain Quality			Housing	Binghamton		\$645,174	Activities for Low/Moderate Income
	Housing						номе:	Housing Benefit: 39 Households
							\$651,507	Assisted
								Public service activities for
								Low/Moderate Income Housing
								Benefit: 50 Households Assisted
								Rental units rehabilitated: 3 Household
								Housing Unit
								Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 78
								Household Housing Unit
								Direct Financial Assistance to
								Homebuyers: 1 Households Assisted
6	Promote	2020	2024	Non-Housing	City of	Economic	CDBG:	Businesses assisted: 100 Businesses
	Economic			Community	Binghamton	growth	\$99,000	Assisted
	Growth			Development				
7	Provide Needed	2020	2024	Non-Homeless	City of	Necessary	CDBG:	Public service activities other than
	Services			Special Needs	Binghamton	services	\$220,735	Low/Moderate Income Housing
								Benefit: 3587 Persons Assisted
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Sort	Goal Name	Start	End	Category	Geographic	Needs	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
Order		Year	Year		Area	Addressed		
8	Reduce	2020	2024	Homeless	City of	Reduce	ESG:	Public service activities for
	Homelessness				Binghamton	homelessness	\$162,492	Low/Moderate Income Housing
								Benefit: 234 Households Assisted
								Homeless Person Overnight Shelter:
								600 Persons Assisted
								Homelessness Prevention: 30 Persons
								Assisted
9	Reduce Slums	2020	2024	Non-Homeless	City of	Reduce blight	CDBG:	Buildings Demolished: 10 Buildings
	and Blight			Special Needs	Binghamton		\$534,000	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed
				Non-Housing				Property Care: 2000 Household
				Community				Housing Unit
				Development				

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Improve Public Facilities
	Goal Description	This goal will be addressed by providing upgrades at the First Ward Senior Center and Recreation Park pool house along. In addition, a newly renovated public square/parking development will expand opportunities along Clinton Street and a new memorial installation to commemorate the Freedom Trail will be installed downtown.
2	Goal Name	Improve Infrastructure
	Goal	This goal will be met by milling and paving three LMI residential streets: Liberty Street from Robinson to Frederick,
	Description	Pleasant Avenue from Pleasant Street to Truesdell, and Pleasant Street from Chenango to the dead end.

3	Goal Name	Increase Accessibility
	Goal Description	This goal will be addressed by first time funding for the Broome County Council of Churches Ramp It Up Program that installs accessibility ramps for LMI households.
4	Goal Name	Increase Health and Safety
	Goal Description	This goal will be met by funding of multiple types of health and safety programs. For environmental health, the City will again be providing funding for lead remediation as part of its housing rehab programs. For personal health programs, the City will be funding the Action for Older Persons Senior Health insurance program and the Fairview Recovery Services Opioid Addiction program. To address crime and safety, the City will continue funding it's park ranger program and provided safety upgrades for the Roberson Museum.
5	Goal Name	Increase and Retain Quality Housing
	Goal Description	The largest proportion of City funding will go towards this goal. This will include the City's Rehab and Homebuyer programs, continued funding for the First Ward Action Council Senior Housing Rehab Program, and funding of the Binghamton Homeownership Academy, done in partnership with Metro Interfaith who will also handle the rehab/Homebuyer initial client intake. With the HOME-APR plan soon to be approved, it is likely, the City will combine funds to utilize CHDO funding on an undecided as of yet larger CHDO project. In addition, the SEPP program has requested and will be granted assistance for the rehab of the parking lot at Hamilton House, a senior/disabled housing project. In addition, CDBG funds will be used for both administration of CDBG and HOME backed programs, but also for Planning Staff engaging in CDBG eligible planning activities.
6	Goal Name	Promote Economic Growth
	Goal Description	This goal will be met by continued funding of the Binghamton Local Development Corporation which will run the CDBG Revolving Loan program, provide assistance with economic public facility improvements (the Clinton St Square), and will assist businesses in or moving to Binghamton that are looking for technical assistance.

7	Goal Name	Provide Needed Services
	Goal Description	There are several underserved groups in the area which will be addressed by this goal. For youth, the City will provide funding for the ACHIEVE Summer Program for Developmentally Disadvantaged Children, the Binghamton Housing Authority Summer and After School Program, the Boys & Girls Club's Membership Scholarship, Teen Center, and After-Hours programs, the Broom County Urban League's Summer and After School Programs, the CARES Backpack Giveaway Program, and Mothers and Babies Perinatal Network PAL Center, an VINES Youth Employment Program. For immigrants seeking legal and social assistance the City will provide funding to the American Civic Association Multilingual Case Management program. For those who fall between the gaps between high school and college age for placement in programs, the City will continue funding for the Binghamton Adult Education Out of School Youth program. For adults seeking technical assistance and understanding of technology in the modern work environment, the City will assist the Broome County Urban League with the ATTIN Technical Center. Finally, the City will provide funds for the North of Main (NoMA) Community center operations which is located in one of the most severely impoverished areas of Binghamton.
8	Goal Name	Reduce Homelessness
	Goal Description	This goal will be addressed explicitly with ESG funding. In addition to the HMIS fees for the City has, ESG funds will be used for providing salary assistance to the following programs: Catholic Charities Teen Transitional Living Program, Volunteers of America Mens Shelter, the YWCA of Binghamton Women & Families Shelter, and the YWCA Street Outreach Program. In addition, the City will fully fund Family Enrichment Network's Homeless Prevention program.
9	Goal Name	Reduce Slums and Blight
	Goal Description	Slums and blight will be addressed by providing funding to Binghamton Code Enforcement for their code enforcement activities that will both connect property owners and residents with housing and other services but will also begin identifying and determining the overall deteriorated nature of City buildings. In addition, the City is looking to provided funding for demolition of blight and unsafe properties.

Projects

AP-35 Projects - 91.220(d)

Introduction

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Projects

#	Project Name
1	FY49/CDBG/Capital
2	FY49/HOME/CHDO
3	FY49/CDBG/Code
4	FY49/CDBG/Demo
5	FY49/CDBG/Econ
6	FY49/ESG
7	FY49/CDBGHOME/Housing
8	FY49/CDBG/Parks
9	FY49/CDBG/AdminPlanning
10	FY49/CDBG/Service
11	FY49/CDBG/Streets

Table 7 - Project Information

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

All programs are equally valued. There is no priority of one project over another, nor of any geographic area over another. Main obstacles to address underserved needs appear to be mainly regarding finding effective ways of communicating with households of available programs. This was addressed during the pandemic through regular press releases on new programs, contact with agency stakeholders on eligibility of HUD funding, and even direct marketing to target populations though radio/tv/web ads. Even with that, far less than expected applications occurred.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	FY49/CDBG/Capital
	Target Area	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
	Goals Supported	Improve Public Facilities Increase Health and Safety
	Needs Addressed	Better public facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$30,000
	Description	Projects that provide capital upgrades that do not fall under parks, streets, or housing
	Target Date	8/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	17900 people will likely benefit from the First Ward Senior center upgrade and Roberson Museum safety upgrades. Which amounts to approximately 8300 families from all walks of life, although the senior center will most likely impact senior and disabled individuals more.
	Location Description	The First Ward Senior Center is located at 226 Clinton Street. Roberson Museum is located at 30 Front Street.
	Planned Activities	Upgardes to the Senior Center (\$18,000) and Roberson Museum (\$12,000)
2	Project Name	FY49/HOME/CHDO
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Increase and Retain Quality Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing
	Funding	HOME: \$411,356
	Description	Funding for CHDO projects
	Target Date	8/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Current estimates are for three or more very LMI households assisted through new or rehabbed rental units.
	Location Description	Undecided at this time
	Planned Activities	CHDO rental rehab
	Project Name	FY49/CDBG/Code

3	Target Area	City of Binghamton
	Goals Supported	Reduce Slums and Blight
	Needs Addressed	Reduce blight
	Funding	CDBG: \$234,000
	Description	Code enforcement salaries
	Target Date	8/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Using current estimates, approximately 2000 households will be assisted, all of which live in LMI areas and whose buildings are deteriorated.
	Location Description	City wide
	Planned Activities	Code enforcement salaries.
4	Project Name	FY49/CDBG/Demo
	Target Area	City of Binghamton
	Goals Supported	Reduce Slums and Blight
	Needs Addressed	Reduce blight
	Funding	CDBG: \$300,000
	Description	Funding for demolition and site clearance of blighted properties
	Target Date	8/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	No families will be directly impacted, however, after demolition the City does provide the opportunity for neighboring properties to apply to the City to purchase the property at market rate on the condition that the property remain greenspace save for minor plot development such as sheds and gardens.
	Location Description	City wide. Lots undecided
	Planned Activities	Demolition and site clearance
5	Project Name	FY49/CDBG/Econ
	Target Area	City of Binghamton
	Goals Supported	Improve Public Facilities Promote Economic Growth
	Needs Addressed	Better public facilities Economic growth

	Funding	CDBG: \$349,000
	Description	BLDC salaries and redevelopment costs of Clinton Street Square
	Target Date	8/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 100 business are expected to be helped. In addition to that, the Clinton Stret Square will provide a public gathering, relaxation, and parking space for at least 2,500 local families in an LMI area.
	Location Description	Business assistance is City wide. The Clinton Street Square project will be located at 107 Clinton Street.
	Planned Activities	Busness assistance and rehab of public facility.
6	Project Name	FY49/ESG
	Target Area	City of Binghamton
	Goals Supported	Reduce Homelessness
	Needs Addressed	Reduce homelessness
	Funding	ESG: \$162,492
	Description	All ESG based homeless activities
	Target Date	8/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimates of 860 people will be assisted, indicating that roughly 400 households will be assisted, all of which are homeless or at risk of homeless without assistance.
	Location Description	The VOA Men's Shelter is located at 320 Chenango Street and the YWCA Women and Families Shelter is located at 80 Hawley Street. Catholic Charities' TTLP Units are located offsite and it would not be appropriate to post the address. FEN will assist renters trying to stay in their home's city wide. The YWCA Street Outreach program is City wide, but they are based out of the shelter at 80 Hawley.
	Planned Activities	\$1,720 will be used for the City of Binghamton's HMIS fees. \$64,308 is allocated for the FEN Homeless Prevention program. For all other programs, funding will be provided only for salary expenses: TTLP (\$30,311), VOA (\$6,330.35), YWCA Shelter (\$45,578.55) and YWCA Street Outreach (\$14,243.30)
	Project Name	FY49/CDBGHOME/Housing

7	Target Area	City of Binghamton
	Goals Supported	Increase Accessibility Increase Health and Safety Increase and Retain Quality Housing
	Needs Addressed	More accessibility for all residents Increased access to healthcare and safety needs Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$516,849 HOME: \$240,150
	Description	Funding for a variety of housing based programs.
	Target Date	8/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 186 households are expected to be served, of those the vast majority are very to extremely low LMI and over half are elderly or disabled.
	Location Description	The Homeownership Academy takes place the Metro Interfaith Office locates at 21 New Street. Hamilton House is located at 16 St John Avenue. The remining projects will be located across the City of Binghamton.
	Planned Activities	Senior/disabled projects included a ramp installation project (\$20,000), the senior housing rehab program (\$85,000), and the SEPP Hamilton House parking upgrade (\$20,000). The City will operate a homeowner rehab program (\$475,000) of which a small portion may be used for assistance for new home buyer to purchase a home. The remaining funds will be used administratively for staff salaries (\$132,000), lead clearance testing (\$5,000), and for the Homeownership Academy (\$20,000).
8	Project Name	FY49/CDBG/Parks
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Improve Public Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Better public facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$200,000
	Description	Funding for upgrades to City parks
	Target Date	8/31/2024

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	According to service area estimates, approximately 11,000 households will be able to access these upgrades, the majority of which are LMI.
	Location Description	Rec Park is located at 103 Laurel Avenue. The Freedom Trail Project will be located at Confluence Park at 1 Water Street.
	Planned Activities	Recreation Park will receiving needed upgrades to its pool house (\$100,000) while the Freedom Trail project is estimated to cost \$100,000.
9	Project Name	FY49/CDBG/AdminPlanning
	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$153,325
	Description	Staff salaries
	Target Date	8/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	City staff work at City Hall located at 38 Haly Street.
	Planned Activities	Admin funding (\$129,325) will cover staff salaries, CDAC stipends, auditing costs, and expected costs for professional services for studies for the upcoming Consolidated Plan. Planning funding (\$24,000) will cover staff salaries and the costs for Broome County GIS services.
10	Project Name	FY49/CDBG/Service
	Target Area	City of Binghamton
	Goals Supported	Increase Health and Safety Provide Needed Services
	Needs Addressed	Increased access to healthcare and safety needs Necessary services
	Funding	CDBG: \$300,982

Description	Agency services
Target Date	8/31/2024
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 52,000 people are expected to receive a benefit from these services, approximating 24,000 households. Service programs will undress unmet needs of LMI youth, the disabled, refugees, LMI adults seeing education, those with chemical dependencies, and simply people that are lower income or live in an LMI area.
Location Description	ACHIEVE will host its program at Calvin Coolidge Elementary School at 261 Robin Street. Action for Older Persons operates its program out of its offices at 200 Plaza Drive in Vestal. The American Civic Association is located at 131 Front Street. Binghamton Adult Education operates out of the United Presbyterian Church at 42 Chenango Street. Binghamton Housing Authority will run is program out of the Carlisle and Saratoga Apartments at 150 Moeller Street and 60 Saratoga Avenue respectively. The Boys & Girls Club is located at 90 Clinton Street. The Broome County Urban League After and Summer School Program will operate out of the Calvin Coolidge School located at 261 Robinson Street while the ATTAIN Lab is located at 47 North Street. CARES provides its backpack giveaway at various locations around the city before the school year. The Park Ranger program is City wide. Fairview Recovery Services is located at 5 Merrick Street. Mothers and Babies PAL Center is located at 457 State Street. The NoMa Community Center is at 85 Walnut Street. VINES Urban Farm is located at 16 Tudor Street.
Planned Activities	The following programs are allocated funding: ACHIEVE Summer Program (\$10,000), Action for Older Persons Senior Health Insurance Program (\$15,000), American Civic Association Multilingual Case Management (\$10,000), Binghamton Adult Education Out of School Youth Program (\$12,000), Binghamton Housing Authority Summer and After School Programs (\$15,000), Boys & Girls Club Membership Fees (\$19,975), Boys & Girls Club Teen Center (\$20,000), Boys & Girls Club Youth After Hours Program (\$50,000), Broome County Urban League ATTAIN Tech Center (\$8,760), Broome County Urban League Summer and After School Programs (\$15,000), CARES Backpack Program (\$15,000), City of Binghamton Park Ranger Program (\$10,247), Fairview Recovery Services Opioid Addiction Program (\$55,000), Mothers and
	Babies Perinatal Network PAL Center (\$15,000), Safe Streets NoMa Community Center (\$15,000), VINES Youth Employment Program (\$15,000)

11	Target Area	
	Goals Supported	Improve Infrastructure
	Needs Addressed	Better streets and utilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$250,000
	Description	Street milling and paving which may included sidewalk rehab where needed
	Target Date	8/31/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 60 households live on the streets that will be rehabbed. These areas are LMI and predominantly residential
	Location Description	Liberty St (Robinson to Frederick), Pleasant Ave (Pleasant to Truesdell), Pleasant St (Chenango to end)
	Planned Activities	MIlling and paving which may include sidewalk rehabs. Estamietd costs are: Liberty Street (\$85,000), Pleasant Avenue (\$85,000), and Pleasant Street (\$80,000).

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 City wishes to maintain a comprehensive, city-wide plan instead of targeting specific locations. All activities must meet LMI eligibility requirements where required by HUD

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City of Binghamton	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

No priorities and city wide

Discussion

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City does not run a public housing or Section 8 program. Those are done though the Binghamton Housing Authority, an independent agency. HOME funds can provide assistance to agencies such as CHDOs to provide affordable decent rental units. The ESG program provides services to prevent those in danger of homelessness to remain in their units via rental assistance and to also provide funds for those who are homeless to lease a new rental unit.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	834
Non-Homeless	159
Special-Needs	0
Total	993

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	30
The Production of New Units	3
Rehab of Existing Units	125
Acquisition of Existing Units	1
Total	159

Table 10 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

Although homeless services are provided, the City does not have any current homeless-to-housed programs or agencies seeking funding to operate said programs. The HOME-ARP may provide such assistance through funding for development /rehab of housing.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

TO BE ANSWERED

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

TO BE ANSWERED

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

TO BE ANSWERED

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

TO BE ANSWERED

Discussion

TO BE ANSWERED

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

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

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

FY49 funds will be used to support the YWCA direct street outreach program.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City provides funding to the YWCA and VOA to provide emergency shelter assistance. Another program is the TTLP program run by Catholic Charities which is transitional housing targeting for at-risk youth. Goals are up to the providers, with an overall goal of fully reducing homelessness to zero with no

recidivism.

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

Rapid rehousing is typically covered through CoC funding at the multi-county level

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.

Family Enrichment Network (FEN) is provided funds to run its homeless prevention (HP) program. This includes case management to reduce the chance that households assisted will need further assistance for services in the future. Goals are up to the providers, with an overall goal of full reducing homelessness to zero with no recidivism.

Currently, HP funds are not specifically targeted towards any population. FEN does have a target population of families, but have been instructed to handle cases funded with ESG on a first come first serve for eligibility. No specific plans are in place for dealing with those exiting other facilities other than through the CoC wide directive of sending everyone to the Coordinated Entry System to be sorted to the best available provider for their needs. In a similar manner, no specific plans are in place for preventing homelessness with other agencies, other than that many of the agencies targeting groups such as youth that are at risk of homelessness and DSS are partners in the CoC and thus utilize the CES system.

Discussion

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

Introduction:

Most public policies that have an effect on the affordability of housing have little to do with City policies. CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds are used and do directly affect people's affordability of housing by providing assistance for housing rehabilitation or through providing assistance to those at risk of homelessness by providing temporary rental assistance. Beyond essentially providing funds that residents would not be able to afford on their own that may affect affordability, much of the rest is in the hands of state and federal limitations and regulations that add extra overhead costs to private and public projects.

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

Tax policies that make it difficult to afford homes are somewhat reduced by using HUD and other grant funds to offset the required taxes to run the city where possible. For example, school taxes are outside the purview of the City as a municipality, and little can be done for those other than to funnel funds into youth programs that may offset school taxes

Discussion:

Although not covered here, access to housing has been identified multiple time by multiple stakeholders, but as one very large sub barrier to this is the quality of the existing housing stock. The City Code office does what it can, but unfortunately, there is only so much capability from the City's perspective to force housing quality above minimum levels. One way around that is to continue funding CHDO, TBRA/Section 8, Homeless Prevention, etc., essentially, any program that requires housing inspection on HQS levels. Those programs can help, but may not be enough.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Most of the Action Plan discusses housing needs, including homeless needs. However, the City does provide funding for improvements in low income areas and service that provide unmet needs to low income people and areas.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City will provide funds to "human service" programs run through local non-profits. The City will encourage non-profits to apply for funding and will judge applicants based on the program's impacts for

the underserved.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The HOME CHDO set aside will address rental unit rehabilitation. The City will also continue to fund programs through area non-profits to provide the homeownership academy and senior housing rehabilitation programs. All of these will help to maintain and improve affordable housing in the area.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

None. All rehab projects must meet HUD lead requirements.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City will continue to fund economic development activities to decrease the unemployment rate.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

City representatives will monitor agencies receiving CDBG, ESG, and HOME funding during the year to ensure that all activities meet HUD requirements on reporting and financial responsibility.

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

Most housing agencies are also members of the Continuum of Care, which allows for cross communication, although this is generally homeless focused, it does also include assisted housing. Metro Interfaith, Family Enrichment Network, the YWCA, Greater Opportunities, and First Ward Action Council are all sub-recipients or CHDOs with City grants and so lines of communication are

open to them to discuss pertinent issues and to determine what needs exist.
Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

Total Program Income:	300,000
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use	
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
strategic plan.	0
year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's	
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the	
next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	300,000
1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the	

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities

10

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.

85.00%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(2)

1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:

The City receives New York State Affordable Housing Corporation funds to help shore up its home

Annual Action Plan 2023 rehab program.

2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:

At a minimum, deed restrictions will be placed on the title to ensure compliance and the CHDO agency will be required under the CHDO agreement to ensure that property sales meet HUD requirements.

3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:

For all HOME CHDO projects, whether home buyer ore rental rehabs, projects must meet compliance with HOME regulations regarding affordability and occupant income. The following policies regarding the frequency and duration of monitoring apply:

- 1) All project, must be monitored within 12 months of project completion
- 2) The frequency of monitoring is based on how many units are in the project:
- 3) The period of affordability (or, how long must the project be monitored) is based on the amount of funding per unit

Agreements with CHDO agencies must include the specific affordability period and monitoring schedule.

4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:

The City does not refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing with HOME funds.

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

1. Include written standards for providing ESG assistance (may include as attachment)

Please see attached Emergency Solutions Grants Program Written Standards. This should be

updated along with the local CoC's Written Standards.

2. If the Continuum of Care has established centralized or coordinated assessment system that meets HUD requirements, describe that centralized or coordinated assessment system.

The Coordinated Entry System has been implemented and is in use. Individuals with questions about homelessness are directed to the 211 system which directs individuals to dedicated Coordinated Entry agents. These agents ask pertinent questions and begin the individual entrance into the HMIS system. The CES group coordinates with the local agencies to determine the best fit for individuals experiencing or potentially experiencing homeless.

3. Identify the process for making sub-awards and describe how the ESG allocation available to private nonprofit organizations (including community and faith-based organizations).

RFPs will be released in the Fall. Eligible homeless agencies will be required to submit applications indicating the need for funding and their ability to meet the matching requirement. Awards will be based on project utilization, performance, and monitoring data as represented by recommendations

received from the local Continuum of Care.

4. If the jurisdiction is unable to meet the homeless participation requirement in 24 CFR 576.405(a), the jurisdiction must specify its plan for reaching out to and consulting with homeless or formerly homeless individuals in considering policies and funding decisions regarding facilities and services funded under ESG.

This requirement is under review as part of updating the City of Binghamton's HUD grant policies manual as well as updates to the ESG written standards

5. Describe performance standards for evaluating ESG.

The City strives for a 100% reduction in homelessness and was one of the first to respond to the national call for the elimination of homeless veterans.