

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
FY 2019 (HUD FY 2018) Annual Action Plan
Year 4 of the FY 2015-2019 Consolidated Planning Period**



Submitted to:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

By:

**City of Portsmouth
Community Development Department
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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.

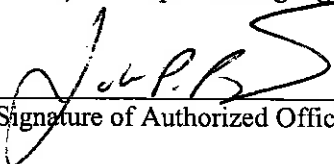
Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

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 135.



Signature of Authorized Official

5-9-18

Date

City manager

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) 2018 [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.

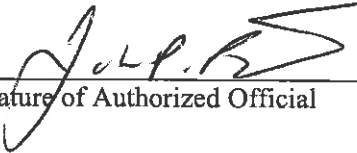
Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

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

5-9-18
Date

City manager
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.

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application: <input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): _____ * Other (Specify): _____
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* 3. Date Received: _____	4. Applicant Identifier: _____
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5a. Federal Entity Identifier: _____	5b. Federal Award Identifier: _____
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State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State: _____	7. State Application Identifier: _____
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8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name: City of Portsmouth, NH		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 02-6000714	* c. Organizational DUNS: 0739767060000	

d. Address:

* Street1:	1 Junkins Avenue
Street2:	_____
* City:	Portsmouth
County/Parish:	_____
* State:	NH: New Hampshire
Province:	_____
* Country:	USA: UNITED STATES
* Zip / Postal Code:	03801-000

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name: Community Development	Division Name: _____
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f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix: Ms.	* First Name: Elise
Middle Name:	_____
* Last Name:	Annunziata
Suffix:	_____

Title: Community Development Coordinator

Organizational Affiliation: _____

* Telephone Number: 603-610-7281	Fax Number: 603-427-1593
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* Email: eannunziata@cityofportsmouth.com
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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:**

U.S. Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14-219

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grants/Small Cities Program

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

* Title:

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

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

Add Attachment

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

City of Portsmouth - PY 2018 Annual Plan and Budget (City FY 2019)

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

Add Attachments

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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="545,208.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text" value="707,019.00"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="40,000.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="1,292,227.00"/>

*** 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 218, Section 1001)**

** I AGREE

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

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative: 

* Date Signed:

ASSURANCES - CONSTRUCTION PROGRAMS

OMB Number: 4040-0009
Expiration Date: 01/31/2019

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

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

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

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

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	City Manager 
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of Portsmouth, NH	05/15/2018

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Portsmouth receives funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. Under this program, the City of Portsmouth is an entitlement community. In Program Year 2018 (City FY 2019), the City of Portsmouth expects to receive \$545,208 to be used in carrying out various eligible programs that benefit residents who earn low or moderate incomes. CDBG funds must be used to primarily 1) benefit individuals and families who earn very low, low or moderate incomes; 2) improve neighborhoods in which over 51% of the residents earn very low, low or moderate incomes; and 3) improve accessibility for people with disabilities.

The Consolidated Plan is a five-year strategic plan that sets the goals and objectives that the Portsmouth Community Development Department plans to achieve from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2019. Each year the CD Department provides an annual update to the Consolidated Plan, which serves as an action plan for the upcoming fiscal year. This Annual Action Plan and Budget for Program Year 2018 (City FY 2019) is the fourth in the five year planning period.

There are many worthwhile and eligible programs and projects that are considered for funding each year. To assist the Community Development Department in determining which projects are funded, an eight member Citizens Advisory Committee meets to make funding recommendations to the City Manager. A more detailed description of the CDBG planning process as well as information about the Citizens Advisory Committee is included in **Attachment "Grantee Unique Appendices."**

This year's Annual Action Plan includes goals and objectives for housing, public facilities and public services that assist income-eligible individuals and families. Priority needs this program year include creating and preserving affordable housing units, removing architectural barriers for persons with disabilities, supporting public service agencies that provide a wide range of services to assist people who earn eligible incomes, assisting special needs populations, and improving public facility infrastructure to better meet the needs of people who earn low to moderate incomes.

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 selection of priority needs was informed by a variety of input from the Citizens Advisory Committee, public service agencies, the City's Master Plan, and consultations with various community service organizations noted above. The needs of residents earning low and moderate incomes in Portsmouth are diverse, however, the priority needs, goals and objectives selected for the current five-year period represent a balance between what services and improvements are needed and what is likely to be realistically achieved given funding constraints.

The City FY 2019 Action Plan and Budget balances community development needs with the available funding planned over the five-year planning period. The Five-Year Priority Needs are listed below.

5-Year **Housing** Goal: To support the creation and preservation of housing opportunities for people who earn very low-, low- and moderate-incomes and to support the ability of people with disabilities to remain in their homes and to affirmatively further fair housing compliance by addressing the impediments to fair housing choice, within the City of Portsmouth, that have been identified and analyzed in the City's 2013 Updated Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI).

5-Year **Public Facility** Goal: To improve infrastructure in areas where a majority of residents earn very low-, low-, and moderate-incomes with the objective of improving safety and aesthetics; and to improve accessibility for people with disabilities.

5-Year **General Public Service** Goal: To support public service agencies that provide services important to the health and welfare of people who earn very low-, low-, and moderate-incomes.

5-Year **Youth Programs** Goal: To support public service agencies that provide services for children and youth from families who earn very low-, low-, and moderate-incomes that will foster their growth into healthy adults.

5-Year **Special Needs/Non-Homeless** Services Goal: To support public service agencies that provide services to help prevent the hospitalization of the elderly and those with disabilities by providing home care, support activities and medical care; provide programming that will support the physical and emotional health of senior citizens.

5-Year **Homeless Goal and HIV-AIDS**: To support public service agencies that provide emergency and transitional shelter for the homeless and facilitate their movement into permanent housing through life skills enhancement activities; and help prevent the hospitalization of those living with HIV/AIDS through the provision of supportive services.

5-Year **Administration** Goal: To efficiently and effectively develop, implement and evaluate programs that primarily benefit people who earn very low-, low-, and moderate-incomes. To ensure full compliance with federal regulatory requirements in the carrying out Block Grant-funded activities; including Fair Housing Act and related laws and regulations by affirmatively furthering fair housing compliance by addressing the impediments to fair housing choice, within the City of Portsmouth, that

have been identified and analyzed in the City's 2013 Updated Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (AI).

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The City of Portsmouth has administered the CDBG entitlement program in Portsmouth for over 30 years. During this time, the City has ensured adherence to CDBG program rules as well as compliance with federal regulations governing the use of funds. In the previous program year, progress was made on several of the community development goals established for housing, public facilities, accessibility and public services, including:

- Improved the housing stock of eligible individuals and families;
- Removed architectural barriers to accessibility for homeowners and in public facilities;
- Provided grants to agencies providing key social supports for eligible households and families; and
- Leveraged funding for various public facility improvement projects for non-profit service agencies.

The specific accomplishments of projects and programs carried out during the third year of this Consolidated planning cycle will be provided in the City FY 2018 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report to be completed in September 2018.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City of Portsmouth Community Development (CD) Department is responsible for the development of the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans and administration of CDBG-funded projects and programs. The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), an eight member committee of Portsmouth residents including business and civic leaders, assists the staff in planning and setting local priorities. The CAC was first convened in 1975 to act in an advisory role to CD staff regarding the CDBG program. The committee meets throughout the year providing input and direction to the Community Development Block Grant Program. A more detailed description of the CDBG planning process as well as information about the Citizens Advisory Committee is included in "Citizen Participation Plan" uploaded in the **Grantee Unique Appendices**.

In order to ensure public participation and input into the development of the Annual Plan, the following schedule was followed for the development of the Annual Plan and Budget.

CAC Meeting Schedule
Community Advisory Committee Meetings – FY 2019
Conference Room A, City Hall

Thursday, January 18, 2018 6:00 p.m. CAC Regular Meeting

Thursday February 15, 2018 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing on Community Needs and Evaluation/Progress of FY18 projects

Tuesday, March 13, 2018 6:00 p.m. Public Service Presentations (weather-related reschedule to 3/15/18)

Wednesday, March 14, 2018 6:00 p.m. Public Service Presentations

Thursday, March 15, 2018 6:00 p.m. Public Service Presentations (rescheduled from 3/12/18 weather)

Tuesday, April 10, 2018 6:00 p.m. CAC Regular Meeting (review budget recommendation to City Manager)

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing on FY 19 AAP and Budget

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.

Comments were received and are summarized below:

Martha Stone from Crossroads House provided information about the needs and demands on the emergency shelter, noting that there has been an uptick in the number of persons seeking shelter. The shelter has a few nights when it operates at full capacity, however, there have been examples of shelter clients who have found permanent housing. Ms. Stone noted that the lack of affordable housing options in the City of Portsmouth have contributed to the longer stays at the shelter. She hopes that Crossroads' efforts to acquire property to be used for affordable housing will alleviate the housing needs. Cross Roads House, along with other homelessness services providers have continued to provide additional "wrap around services" to support newly exited (from shelter) individuals and families as a means to reduce recidivism. The effort continues have positive affects in resulting in a reduction in the number of persons returning to shelter after exit to housing.

Next, Janet Laatsch discussed the Families First's merger with Goodwin Health Services. She stated that the merger will now allow the agency to have a broader reach to serve individuals and families in need with medical and dental services. They have a 340-B program to assist persons with low income to affordably access prescription medications

Next, Mike Gingas from the Portsmouth Housing Authority discussed PHA's short and medium term facility improvement projects. The projects include improvements at the Gosling Meadows --community center, roof and entry access and adding expanded and new playground space here and at Wamesit Place; kitchen and bath upgrades at Woodbury and State public housing; and energy efficiency upgrades at Feaster and Margeson apartments

The final speaker, Elisa Bolton, from Gather NH (formerly called Seacoast Family Food Pantry) discussed the progress of new mobile food programs and meals 4 kids program. The mobile food programs have been very success and she expects an increase in services provided. There has been an increase in the number of persons coming to Gather NH's new space on West Road, where the agency has a 3-year lease.

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

No comments or views were not accepted.

7. Summary

From December to April, the Community Development Department works with the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) to develop the Annual Action Plan and the CDBG Budget that describe the activities to be funded in the coming fiscal year. Citizen input is specifically sought during this period.

The CAC recommends the developed Annual Action Plan and CDBG Budget to the City Manager for approval by early/mid-April. Once approved, the application is submitted to HUD for approval, typically by May 15. CDBG activities are implemented and administered by the Community Development Department throughout the July 1 - June 30 fiscal year.

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	PORTSMOUTH	Community Development Department

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

None further.

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

City of Portsmouth
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AP-10 Consultation – 91.100, 91.200(b), 91.215(I)

1. Introduction

The Portsmouth Community Development (CD) Department is the sole agency responsible for administering the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program. The CD Department is responsible for developing the Consolidated Plan, providing annual updates, reporting on activities accomplished and documenting funds expended at the end of each program year. The CD Department works in cooperation with public and private agencies who serve persons who earn very low-, low- and moderate incomes. The CD Department works closely with other municipal departments including the Planning, Public Works, Legal, Finance, Inspection, Health and Welfare departments. The Portsmouth Housing Authority is another City agency with which the CD Department coordinates services because that agency serves many of the same clientele as CDBG programs. Many residents in Portsmouth Housing Authority apartments are served directly or indirectly by programming and projects funded with CDBG. The CD Department's coordination and cooperation with various entities facilitates CDBG programming and assists in identifying community needs.

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))

Community Development staff is engaged in enhancing coordination between public housing providers and local and regional health, mental health and services agencies. The City supports and coordinates with area organizations such as Goodwin Community Health and Families First Dental Program to promote access to medical/dental and mental health services for individuals in need. Health organizations work directly with the Portsmouth Housing Authority to bring their services to low and moderate income residents. Through ongoing collaboration with the Portsmouth Housing Authority, Welfare and homeless or other transitional housing service providers, the City is aware of long range planning and community needs of public and assisted housing providers.

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 City continues to work with the Greater Seacoast Coalition to End Homelessness, which serves as the lead to the Balance of State Continuum of Care (CoC), in order to better coordinate services targeted toward families and individuals experiencing or at risk of homelessness. The coordinated access initiative between regional service providers is helping potential clients avoid shelters altogether and move forward directly to transitional or permanent placements that are best aligned with their needs. City staff attended the recent homelessness workgroup meeting organized by the Coalition. The homeless service community priorities in the near term include implementation of a coordinated care

program with area hospitals, expansion of data aggregation and analysis, prevention, intervention and treatment for opioid and other addictions, and improving efficiency of advocacy work.

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 Community Development Department consults with the homelessness services providers during Citizen Advisory Committee meetings and through the Seacoast Continuum of Care, and takes an active role in compiling information required by the State Continuum of Care for ESG funding. CD staff is also involved in forums and working groups addressing issues of chronic homelessness and coordination of services for those currently or at risk of becoming homeless.

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

See chart on following pages.

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Portsmouth Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment 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?	PHA staff attended the CAC public presentations on March 15, 2018 and described the Portsmouth Housing Authority's MC3 Program aimed primarily to benefit children from Gosling Meadows. Staff stated that 8% of all Portsmouth school aged children are from public housing. The agency provides a late bus transportation from the program site at New Franklin School. Summer programming will include on site program at Gosling Meadows. PHA Staff pointed to housing challenges for Portsmouth families that are PHA-ineligible.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Portsmouth Welfare Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Child Welfare Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public Services
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Community Development Department staff met with City Welfare staff and discussed social services grant applications and community needs and gaps in services. The departments coordinate funding requests and a joint budget is recommended for the City's annual budget book.

3	Agency/Group/Organization	Cross Roads House, 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?	Cross Roads House staff attended the March 15, 2018 presentations and noted that there has been an uptick in the number of persons seeking shelter. The shelter has a few nights when it operates at full capacity, however, there have been examples of shelter clients who have found permanent housing. Agency staff noted that the lack of affordable housing options in the City of Portsmouth have contributed to the longer stays at the shelter. Cross Roads House, along with other homelessness services providers have begun providing additional wrap around services to support newly exited (from shelter) individuals and families as a means to reduce recidivism. The effort has had positive affects in seeing a slight reduction in the number of persons returning to shelter after exit to housing.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	AIDS Response Seacoast
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Public services

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	AIDS Response Seacoast staff attended the CAC Public Presentations on 3/15/18. The Executive Director stated that the challenges facing community development in Portsmouth and his clients in particular is housing, transportation, mental health services, substance misuse, food security and insurance coverage. Also, confidentiality is critical for HIV/AIDS support service as well as for substance misuse and alcohol treatment facilities. Staff noted that transportation in particular is an issue with insufficient COAST stops to City Hall and taxis unwilling to travel in/out of the City.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	New Heights
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Services, youth
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	New Heights agency staff attended the 3/14/18 CAC public services presentation meeting and the Executive Director described the New Heights program and the scholarships provided to Portsmouth at-risk youth for enrichment activities.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Rockingham Community Action Program
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Program Director presented at the 3/14/18 meeting and explained the Rockingham Community Action homeless prevention program, which provides financial assistance to income-eligible tenant families struggling to stay in their homes. The program offers financial counseling and wrap around services to provide stability for low-income families in need. Staff indicated that housing supply would continue to be a challenge in the coming years and that rental subsidies for families in temporary financial difficulty will be a critical support, which he advocated continuing.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	Goodwin Community Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Services, health
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Goodwin Community Health (formerly Families First) Dental Program staff attended the 3/15/18 CAC public services grant program presentations. The dental program primarily serves adults and children who earn low to moderate income. She described challenges facing the community and the agency's clients as: lack of affordable housing; not enough access/ease of ridership in public transportation - particularly to the community campus from public housing; opioid addiction and substance misuse are also significant challenges in the community.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Seacoast Community School
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public services, child care

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Executive Director attended the CAC meeting on 3/14/18 and presented information about the Seacoast Community School's child care program on site at the Community Campus and on site at two Portsmouth elementary schools. The grant funds provide financial assistance for income eligible Portsmouth children.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	HAVEN
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Public Services, services for domestic violence victims
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	HAVEN staff attended the CAC public services presentations on 3/14/18 and described the operations of HAVEN, which provides sexual assault services and shelter to women and children who are survivors of domestic violence. She stated that affordable housing, lack of transitional housing for persons fleeing domestic violence and lack of permanent supportive housing for families needing additional assistance is a significant challenge for Portsmouth and HAVEN's clients. HAVEN has identified building space as a challenge and is doing a facilities review. HAVEN is exploring acquisition and/rehab for affordable housing properties or additional temporary shelter facilities for survivors of domestic violence.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	The Chase Home for Children
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs Public services, Youth

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Chase Home for Children's Diversion Program staff attended the CAC public services presentations on 3/14/18. Staff stated that opioids and substance misuse, human trafficking and lack of affordable housing for families and for young adults aged 19-22 are among the top challenges for community development and facing her agency's clientele. Diversion programs around the state have been found effective and Chase Home will continue to provide and expand this program in FY 2019.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	New Hampshire Legal Assistance
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Services, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Staff from New Hampshire Legal Assistance attended the CAC agency presentation meeting on 3/14/18 and described the fair housing seminars that are provided to homeless persons living at Crossroads House. The mission is to provide homeless individuals with information about tenant landlord law and rights in order to prepare these individuals for transition to permanent housing out of the shelter.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	Gather
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Food pantry
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Public services, food distribution
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Agency staff attended the 3-15-18 CAC meeting and discussed the existing meals for kids program that provides food for low-income school children during the summer and school vacation weeks.

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

None

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	State of New Hampshire	Typical services assisting the homeless in a Continuum of Care include case management, housing counseling, job training and placement, health care, mental health services, substance abuse treatment, child care, transportation, emergency food and clothing, family violence services, education services, moving services, entitlement access assistance, referrals to veterans' services, and legal assistance. In addition to participating in the Continuum Care, the City provides funding to agencies that make up a significant portion of the Continuum of Care system. This support is provided through the City's Community Development Block Grant-funded Public Service Agency Grant Program and through the Portsmouth Welfare Department Social Service grant program, which is supported by local tax dollars.
Master Plan	City of Portsmouth	One of the many priorities for action identified in the Master Plan is supporting and maintaining a diverse community in the City, which includes promoting access to affordable housing.
Bicycle Pedestrian Plan	Portsmouth Planning Department	The Plan calls for a connected bicycle and pedestrian network and new programs and policies to help encourage people to walk and bike on a daily basis. This Plan builds on the City's considerable attributes and growing support for walking, bicycling, and "Complete Streets" with the goal of promoting accessibility to diverse modes of transportation for the benefit of all residents.
PHA 5-Year Plan	Portsmouth Housing Authority	The Plan's goals include increasing the quality and supply of housing for families of low or moderate income in Portsmouth, as well encouraging access to social services, healthcare, family support, youth programs and senior programs for current PHA residents.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The City encourages the participation of neighborhood groups and committees, residents of public and assisted housing developments, along with other low-income residents in income eligible census tract-block groups, in the process of developing and implementing the Consolidated Plan.

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**

There are many worthwhile and eligible programs and projects, which are considered for funding each year. To assist the Community Development Department in determining which projects are funded, an eight member Citizens Advisory Committee meets to make funding recommendations to the City Manager. The Community Development Department also meets regularly with area service providers in order to ensure the needs of partner organizations and their clients are being met.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/ broad community	Community Advisory Committee hearing on the City FY 19 Annual Action Plan and Budget held on 5/1/18. No public in attendance.	No comments received at the public hearing.	N/A	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
2	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/ broad community	Community Advisory Committee meeting and public hearing on 2/15/18 to solicit public input on community needs and priorities for FY 19 and to review progress of CDBG in current year FY 18.	See AP-05 for summary of comments by social services agencies. No other public comments were received.	N/A	
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/ broad community	N/A	Notice of 30-day public comment period on the City's Annual Action Plan and Budget. April 12-May 12, 2018. No comments were received during the public comment period.	N/A	

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
4	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/ broad community	11 public services agencies attended Citizens Advisory Committee Public Services Grant Program presentations on 3/14/18 and 3/15/18.	See AP-10.	N/A	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

This section is intended to summarize the funding sources which may be available to the CDBG program to make progress on priority needs and Consolidated Plan goals.

Anticipated Resources

See table on following page

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	545,208	40,000	707,019	1,292,227	545,000	\$ 1,000,000 CDBG dollars will be used to fund projects and activities benefiting low to low-moderate income individuals. Actual program income for the prior year City FY 18 was approximately \$35,000. The total available to calculate the City FY 19 public services cap is \$580,208; of this amount, \$86,000 or 14.8% is allocated to City FY 19 public services. The anticipated program income for City FY 18 is \$40,000; of this amount, \$103,213 or 17.6% is allocated to program administration.

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: \$		
General Fund	public - local	Admin and Planning Public Improvements	750,000	0	0	750,000	1,000,000	General Fund dollars are anticipated to be matched with CDBG funds as projects are identified on an annual basis. Typically, projects funded in part with CDBG for public facilities will see a cost share with local general fund dollars, primarily through the City's capital budget.
LIHTC	public - federal	Housing	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	The funding source and amount is intended to serve as a placeholder for potential partnerships in the five-year period that may result in the preservation of existing affordable units or the expansion of the inventory of affordable units in the City.

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

General fund dollars are anticipated to be matched with CDBG funds as projects are identified on an annual basis. Public facilities projects funded in part with CDBG dollars typically assume a cost share with local general fund dollars, primarily through the City's capital budget. Public service agency projects and accessibility projects undertaken by non profit agencies typically leverage additional private or foundation funding to support CDBG-funded 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 former Army reserve center, Paul A. Doble Center, is expected to be transferred to the City of Portsmouth in late City FY 18 or early in FY 19. The City intends to use this property for a Senior Center. Design and engineering for adaptive reuse of the facility is planned--including building rehabilitation and necessary improvements of the facility and pedestrian and transit connections in order to make the property accessible to seniors desiring to utilize the center.

Discussion

No further 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	Program Administration	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Public Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Program Admin	City-Wide Former Doble Army Reserve Base	Accessibility and Infrastructure Homeless and HIV/AIDS Housing Public Services Special Needs/Non-Homeless Services Youth Programs Program Administration	CDBG: \$103,213	Other: 1 Other
2	City Senior Center	2015	2018	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Former Doble Army Reserve Base	Accessibility and Infrastructure Special Needs/Non-Homeless Services	CDBG: \$500,000 General Fund: \$1,500,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 200 Persons Assisted
3	Citywide Accessibility Improvements	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City-Wide	Accessibility and Infrastructure	CDBG: \$495,616	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 300 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
4	Housing	2015	2019	Affordable Housing Public Housing	City-Wide	Housing	CDBG: \$107,398	Rental units rehabilitated: 100 Household Housing Unit
5	Public Services	2015	2019	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	City-Wide	Homeless and HIV/AIDS Public Services Special Needs/Non-Homeless Services Youth Programs	CDBG: \$86,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 500 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Program Administration
	Goal Description	Program administration of the CDBG grant.
2	Goal Name	City Senior Center
	Goal Description	Adaptive reuse of a building into a new senior center.
3	Goal Name	Citywide Accessibility Improvements
	Goal Description	Includes public facility and accessibility improvements citywide.
4	Goal Name	Housing
	Goal Description	Multi-family housing rehab.
5	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Social services provided by nonprofit agencies.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

In Program Year 2018 (City FY 2019), the CDBG program plans to make progress on an number of high priorities including public facilities upgrades to address accessibility needs and needs of the senior population; assistance to non-profit partners with public facilities improvements, as well as continuing long standing housing rehabilitation programs in support of homeowners in need. The CDBG program also intends to target funds toward affordable housing initiatives.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	Program Administration
2	Public Facilities/Accessibility Improvements
3	Housing Rehab Loan Program
4	Public Services Grant Program
5	Senior Center Upgrade

Table 7 - Project Information

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

This year the CDBG Consolidated Plan does not allocate resources based on geographic areas or targeting assistance. All programs and projects are intended to benefit residents earning low and moderate incomes accessing services and safe affordable housing, as well as ensuring access for people with disabilities throughout the City.

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

See following tables.

1	Project Name	Program Administration
	Target Area	City-Wide Former Doble Army Reserve Base
	Goals Supported	Program Administration City Senior Center Citywide Accessibility Improvements Housing Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Housing Accessibility and Infrastructure Public Services Youth Programs Special Needs/Non-Homeless Services Homeless and HIV/AIDS Program Administration
	Funding	CDBG: \$103,213
	Description	General program administration of the CDBG Program.
	Target Date	6/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Program Administration
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	Program Administration
	2	Project Name
Target Area		City-Wide
Goals Supported		Citywide Accessibility Improvements
Needs Addressed		Accessibility and Infrastructure
Funding		CDBG: \$495,616
Description		The City will continue accessibility and public facilities upgrades to locations throughout the City. Major projects include Rock Street Park Rehabilitation, PPMTV accessibility improvements and PHA site improvements.
Target Date		6/30/2019

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	3-4 projects are expected, which will benefit over 500 income eligible persons/persons with disabilities.
	Location Description	Activities will take place in low-mod income areas and/or in facilities that have architectural barriers to accessibility.
	Planned Activities	3-4 projects are expected and activities will take place in low-mod income areas and/or in facilities that have architectural barriers to accessibility.
3	Project Name	Housing Rehab Loan Program
	Target Area	City-Wide
	Goals Supported	Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$107,398
	Description	Provides loans for rehabilitation of multi-family units that house low-moderate income. Housing rehab funds may be provided as grants for nonprofits providing housing to income-eligible individuals/families.
	Target Date	6/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	100 low income families/individuals are estimated to benefit from multi-family rehabilitation projects.
	Location Description	Multi-family rehab projects will take place in LMA areas of the city or in facilities that serve primarily low-moderate income households.
	Planned Activities	Multi-family rehabs
4	Project Name	Public Services Grant Program
	Target Area	City-Wide
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Public Services Youth Programs Special Needs/Non-Homeless Services Homeless and HIV/AIDS
	Funding	CDBG: \$86,000

	Description	Grants to local nonprofit organizations providing public services to Portsmouth residents who earn low to moderate income.
	Target Date	6/30/2019
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately 400--500 low income individuals will benefit from the public services activities.
	Location Description	Citywide subrecipient grant agreements with agencies that provide services to low income families/individuals.
	Planned Activities	Social services agencies will provide services including, child care, dental health care, diversion programs, homeless shelter, shelter for survivors of domestic violence, youth activities, fair housing, and homeless prevention (rental assistance).
5	Project Name	Senior Center Upgrade
	Target Area	Former Doble Army Reserve Base
	Goals Supported	City Senior Center
	Needs Addressed	Special Needs/Non-Homeless Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$500,000 General Fund: \$1,500,000
	Description	The City will begin construction (adaptive reuse) of a senior center at the former Paul Doble Army Reserve Center.
	Target Date	6/30/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	200 seniors will benefit from adaptive reuse of building
	Location Description	Former Paul S. Doble Army Reserve Center
	Planned Activities	Adaptive reuse, construction of building for a new senior center

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 citizen participation process, community needs, and available funding drive the geographical allocation of investments in the community. The PY 2018 (City FY 19) Annual Action Plan plans investment of community development resources throughout the jurisdiction.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
City-Wide	100

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City of Portsmouth has three Census block groups where a majority of residents earn low or moderate incomes. Public facility projects in these areas, such as Portsmouth Housing Authority site improvements at Gosling Meadows and Wamesit Place, and the Rock Street Park Rehabilitation will be undertaken based on project eligibility and funding availability. The PY 2018 Annual Action Plan does not identify any geographic concentration of resources.

Accessibility projects may be undertaken in area benefit census tracts or in facilities that primarily benefit persons who earn low to moderate incomes.

Public service agencies that receive CDBG grant funds are scattered throughout the City to benefit low to moderate income limited clientele, and public facilities projects occur in locations that directly benefit those who earn low or moderate incomes or those who are presumed to earn low or moderate incomes.

The Housing Rehabilitation Program is undertaken without regard to geography, but instead, are based on income of the property owners/renters.

Discussion

See above.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

While wages in the Seacoast area are on par with state averages overall, average housing purchase and rental costs are the most expensive in New Hampshire by considerable margins. Unfortunately it seems that the gap in affordability is growing again; from 2000-2012 the average increase in housing rental and purchase price was 36-38%, but the average wage increase was only 31%. A diverse workforce is vital to a thriving regional economy and if the Seacoast region continues to become more expensive to live in, the lack of affordable housing will increase commuting distance, making it more difficult for employers to recruit workers and more costly to retain them.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	220
Non-Homeless	0
Special-Needs	0
Total	220

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

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

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

Discussion

Housing goals will be directed through funding tenant based rental assistance, rehabilitation of multi-family units and homeless shelter operations.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Portsmouth Housing Authority (PHA) works to serve the housing needs of individuals and families who have very low, low, and moderate incomes. The Housing Authority manages several residential complexes serving the elderly, families with children, and families with disabilities. In addition, the Authority manages a tenant-based Section 8 program and waiting list. The Housing Authority has also worked with local public safety providers to ensure effective screening policies, strict lease enforcement and the maintenance of healthy and safe neighborhoods. The Housing Authority also provides employment and education incentives to tenants, as well as youth risk prevention services. The City of Portsmouth and the Portsmouth Housing Authority have worked closely to address the need for public housing, including on retention, renovation and development of housing units as well as improvements to livability and access to services by residents.

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

The Portsmouth Housing Authority (PHA) has made great strides in the past several years in areas including security, accessibility, and partnerships with the community. Challenges to address in the future include the increasing number of non-elderly disabled persons being served, and expanding housing opportunities. Recently the PHA has been required to house greater numbers of non-seniors with physical and/or mental disabilities in traditionally senior housing buildings; this creates a difficult situation to manage but one in which the PHA is confident it can continue to serve both populations through new administrative strategies and community partnerships. With over 450 families on the PHA's waiting list and sustained lack of affordable housing for the Seacoast's workforce, the PHA is looking for new opportunities to increase housing units through acquisition or new construction. While this process can take years, opportunities for potential projects are currently being developed. The PHA has also committed to increase collaboration between other regional or statewide Housing Authorities and non-profit developers. This includes cooperating on issues like policy development, purchasing, back office operations and wait lists in order to decrease costs and improve customer service, with the long-term goal of creating a stronger and more disciplined organization.

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

The PHA is committed to encouraging resident participation in all of its neighborhoods in order to improve social outcomes, reduce crime, foster greater civic engagement, and assure more caring and compassionate communities. Besides working to add more programs and services for tenants, the PHA encourages residents to seek leadership roles and actively engage with the future of the community by

joining Resident Advisory Boards.

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

Not applicable.

Discussion

The Portsmouth Housing Authority is seen as an invaluable partner in addressing housing needs in Portsmouth. Through its five-year strategic plan, the PHA is engaged on the issue of creating additional units, preserving existing units, and ensuring high quality services and linking with other resources in the community.

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

Introduction

The City already has a robust Continuum of Care and continues to work with regional organizations such as the Greater Seacoast Coalition to End Homelessness to improve coordination between service providers and develop and implement strategies to expand and refine services.

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 City will promote the availability of Public Service Grants to shelters, healthcare and public welfare agencies in order to strengthen the already robust Continuum of Care.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The City will conduct certifications of consistency for new proposals, as well as providing support through CDBG funding for public facilities projects. The City will also encourage close cooperation and participation in the Continuum of Care.

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 City will continue providing Public Service Grants for agencies providing supportive services to homeless or at-risk of homeless persons and families, and will support the increase of affordable housing units or transitional and permanent-supportive housing.

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.

The City will help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless by working with

organizations such as the Rockingham County Community Action Program, the Portsmouth Special Needs Fund, NH Legal Assistance and Operation Blessing, which provide financial, program/services and legal support for individuals and families at-risk of becoming homeless. The City will also work with organizations such as Southeastern New Hampshire Services, Seacoast Mental Health Center, One Sky Community Services, and Area Home Care to support those with disabilities or substance abuse issues.

Discussion

Through the Portsmouth Public Service Agency Grant Program and Public Facilities/Accessibility Grant Program, the City will support projects that provide services for homeless and low to moderate income non-homeless special needs individuals/families, including elderly persons, persons with disabilities and persons living with HIV/AIDS. Some PY 2018 projects include AIDS Response Seacoast, Goodwin Community Health-Families First Dental Center, Chase Home for Children and Rockingham CAP Homeless Prevention Services.

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

Introduction:

As the downtown area of the City continues to expand, opportunities to address the lack of affordable housing are beginning to come to light through increased potential for development of previously underutilized and underdeveloped sites.

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

Since 2005, the City has established an Affordable Housing Trust Fund to support the creation of affordable housing. The scarcity of land in Portsmouth has proven a challenge to affordable housing creation. The City has also amended the zoning ordinance to include Residential Density Initiative Planned Unit Development (RDI-PUD) and Gateway Planned Development zones. These are intended to incentivize market rate housing production intended to lower the cost of housing in the city.

The Portsmouth Housing Authority continues to invest in support programs and property improvements that supply the City's share of below market affordable housing to families, seniors and people with disabilities. The financial and land ownership resources of the Housing Authority could be leveraged for future redevelopment of mixed-income and mixed-use districts adjacent to PHA sites.

Discussion:

No further discussion.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

All programs and projects in this year's Action Plan are intended to benefit residents earning low and moderate incomes accessing services as well as ensuring access for people with disabilities throughout the City. Additionally the Plan targets resources to improvements to public facilities and infrastructure. This year, the plan allocates significant resources to the adaptive reuse of a facility that will become the new senior center.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City will address any future identified obstacles to meeting underserved needs. The Annual Action Plan does not allocate resources based on geographic areas or targeting assistance. All programs and projects are intended to benefit residents earning low- to moderate incomes who are accessing services, as well as making public facilities improvements and ensuring access for people with disabilities throughout the City.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The Portsmouth Housing Authority has already embraced exploring opportunities to increase workforce and affordable housing stock as one of its primary objectives, and the City is supportive of those and other efforts to promote increased affordable housing opportunities as one of its priorities. In accordance with HUD's Notice PIH 2014-26(HA), the City will work with the PHA to better provide access to financial literacy and education resources among residents of the PHA in order to promote saving and asset building to help families achieve economic independence and self-sufficiency.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The NH Dept. of Health and Human Services Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program maintains an extensive blood lead surveillance system for the purposes of monitoring trends in blood lead levels in adults and children in New Hampshire. The data is used to help identify populations at risk for elevated blood lead levels (BLLs) to determine whether screening guidelines are being followed in high-risk populations and to ensure that appropriate environmental and medical follow-ups are provided to children with elevated BLLs. An estimated 50 licensed laboratories that serve approximately 1,500 medical clinics, hospitals, and employer groups report to the program ensuring that incidents are identified and addressed as quickly as possible in order to minimize health risks to the public.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City of Portsmouth is committed to supporting and promoting opportunities for families in poverty to achieve stability and success. By focusing on the three areas of housing, financial, and healthcare

security, the City will work to provide a framework and support network for families to assist them in lifting themselves out of poverty. The City works closely with the Portsmouth Housing Authority to ensure residents have access to and are able to utilize supportive programs.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City of Portsmouth and the Community Development Department monitor and participate in regional discussions about issues impacting residents earning low to moderate incomes and special populations. The City is actively involved in supporting efforts to address substance misuse and homelessness prevention efforts through regional and citywide dialogues and resulting interventions and programs. The City will continue to be engaged in order to have an impact in these areas.

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

The City of Portsmouth and its residents benefit from a good network of social services and public and privately-assisted housing. For its size, Portsmouth benefits from a wide range of social service providers to assist those in need in Portsmouth. This is due in part to Portsmouth's role as an economic, cultural, and social hub of the region. Many larger non-profits are located in Portsmouth but have service areas beyond the City's borders. In addition, the leading agency in Portsmouth for housing issues, the Portsmouth Housing Authority, is heavily involved in the constellation of non-profit service providers and participates extensively in regional efforts to address substance misuse and homelessness issues. Most all of the City's publicly and privately assisted housing developments are served by regional transportation.

Discussion:

See above.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

All CDBG funds and program income will be used in accordance with CDBG requirements.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	40,000
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	0
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	0
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	40,000

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	90.00%

In addition to the resources described in this section and in AP-15, Housing Rehab Revolving Loan funds with a balance of \$107,398 are planned for use to support eligible projects in City FY 19.

See below for a description of CDBG funds expected to be available during the program year, including the following details:

a) The CDBG origin year grant: HUD Program Year 2018 (City FY 2019) CDBG entitlement grant award and any remaining pre-2015 grant funds will be utilized for project grant awards/subawards.

b) Any program income expected to be received during the program year: Any program income amounts not included/received at the time of the submittal of this action plan will be utilized to fund projects in accordance with HUD requirements.

c) Any program income amounts not included in a prior action plan: Any program income amounts not included/received at the time of the submittal of this action plan will be utilized to fund projects in accordance with HUD requirements.

d) Any program income previously generated under a lump sum drawdown agreement for which a new agreement will be executed during the program year pursuant to 24 CFR 570.513(b): None

e) Reimbursements other than program income, made to the local account: None



CITY OF PORTSMOUTH, NH
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

Including the
RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND
RELOCATION PLAN

Prepared by:
Portsmouth Community Development Department

Adopted by the Citizens Advisory Committee
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To request additional information or to comment on this plan, please contact David Moore, Community Development Director, at 610-7226

Information about the Community Development Block Grant program can also be found at www.cityofportsmouth.com

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION PLAN

Introduction

The Citizen Participation Plan describes the procedures that will be followed to encourage the involvement of Portsmouth residents in the development of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the Annual Action Plan and the annual Community Development Block Grant application. This plan meets the requirements of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for citizen participation (CFR Part 91.105).

The purpose of the Consolidated Plan is to document housing and community development needs and to describe the activities conducted to address these needs. The plan looks specifically at the needs of residents earning very low, low and moderate-incomes. A new Consolidated Plan is developed every five years. In interim years, an Annual Action plan is issued. The Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan include the Community Development Block Grant application to HUD. The Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing is also part of the Consolidated Plan.

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), which is provided to Portsmouth through HUD, is the primary funding source for the activities included in the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan. CDBG funds are provided to the City by HUD on an annual basis. The purpose of this grant program is to improve the urban environment and to primarily benefit individuals and families who earn very low, low and moderate-incomes. The Portsmouth Community Development Department is responsible for administering the CDBG program.

Below is a description of the primary documents for which citizen participation is sought. These documents are developed and submitted to HUD.

Consolidated Plan	This plan identifies priority community needs and a strategic plan for addressing these needs. This plan includes the Annual Action Plan and the Community Development Block Grant application
Annual Action Plan	This plan describes the activities that will be undertaken and how they will benefit very low, low and moderate-income residents for a particular year in accordance with the Consolidated Plan.
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) application	The CDBG application describes the activities to be funded with the CDBG grant.
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing	This document is part of the Consolidated Plan and is to be adopted along with the Annual Action Plan. The document is to be updated every five years and outline actions to overcome impediments

	to fair housing
Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)	The CAPER describes the progress made toward the goals identified in the Annual Action Plan and in the Consolidated Plan.

Citizens Advisory Committee

The Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC), first convened in 1975, is the advisory board and official citizen participation body for the Consolidated Plan and the CDBG Program. Membership openings are posted via the City Clerk’s web site. Applicants are interviewed by Community Development staff and the CAC Chairperson. New members are appointed by the Mayor. In selecting new members, an effort is made to ensure that the CAC has broad and diverse representation from within the community.

The CAC has the following responsibilities:

- a) To advise the Community Development staff on emerging community development needs.
- b) To facilitate the involvement and participation of Portsmouth residents in the CDBG program development process.
- c) To hold public forums and hearings on the proposed Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan and CDBG program activities.
- d) To formulate and recommend to the City Manager a proposed Consolidated Plan and CDBG program activities targeted to meet community needs.

Consolidated Planning Process and the CDBG Program

The CDBG fiscal year extends from July 1 through June 30 of the next calendar year. The planning process occurs primarily from December through April, however, planning activities may take place year round.

From December to April, the Community Development Department works with the CAC to develop the Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan by identifying community needs and developing CDBG activities to meet these needs. Citizen input is specifically sought during this period; and includes input on the City’s Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing.

The CAC recommends the proposed Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan and CDBG application to the City Manager for approval. Once approved, the application is submitted to HUD for their approval. CDBG activities are implemented and administered by the Community Development Department year round. HUD staff in Manchester monitor and oversee overall grant implementation. Within three months of the end of the fiscal year, the City is required to submit a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) to HUD.

Public Hearings

The CAC will hold, at a minimum, the following:

- a hearing to receive input regarding community needs and potential activities to meet these needs;
- a hearing to receive comments on the proposed Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing and CDBG application; and
- a hearing to inform the public of progress on the activities funded.

Suggestions for future CDBG activities are welcome at any of these hearings. In addition, the CAC shall hold additional meetings as appropriate to inform the public about CDBG activities.

Notification Requirements

Public Hearings

Notification of these hearings will occur as follows:

- public notice will be given in one local newspaper;
- the notice will be published for one day; and
- the notice will be published between five to seven days prior to the hearing.

Public hearings will be listed on the City's web page (cityofportsmouth.com) residents. Notice of these hearings will also be posted at City Hall and the Public Library.

In addition, when an activity will specifically affect a neighborhood, special notice of the hearing may be given to residents of that neighborhood. Such notice shall consist of either notifying the neighborhood or tenants' organization, if one exists, or of mailing out fliers to residents to announce the meeting.

The hearings will be held at City Hall which is accessible to individuals with physical disabilities and centrally located.

Public Meetings

These meetings will be held as appropriate at City Hall and at neighborhood locations. Notice of these meetings will be made through press releases to the local newspaper, announcements on the City's web page as well as, when feasible, mailings to the neighborhood(s) affected.

Information Availability / Public Comment

The Consolidated Plan, the Annual Action Plan, the CDBG application, the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing and the CAPER will be available for public review at the Public Library and the Community Development Department. In addition, a summary of the Consolidated Plan will be advertised in local media. The summary shall state the content and purpose of the plan and where copies of the entire plan may be reviewed. Any amendments to the Consolidated Plan, or revisions to the CAPER,

will be filed at the Public Library and the Community Development Department.

Public comment periods will be held to obtain public input as noted below.

Prior to . . .	Length of comment period
the submission of the Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan and CDBG application	thirty-days
the submission of the CAPER	fifteen days
the consideration of a substantial amendment at a public hearing	five days

A Public hearing shall also be held as part of each update to the City’s Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing. On an annual basis, input will be solicited on the Anlaysia of Impediments to Fair Housing during the public input portions opportunities for the Consolidated Plan (of which it is a part), Annual Action Plan and CDBG application.

Agendas for Citizens Advisory Committee meetings and public hearings, as well as minutes for the meetings, are available on the City’s website.

Substantial Amendment

A substantial amendment to the Annual Action Plan shall be required whenever the City proposes:

- to increase the budget of an approved activity by more than 10% or \$10,000 whichever amount is greater; or
- to carry out a new activity not described in the Annual Action Plan.

The amendment process shall require public notice of the proposed substantial amendment through local media, a public comment period and a public hearing before the CAC. The public comment period and the public hearing will be advertised as described in the “Notification Requirements” section above.

The meeting notice shall include a brief summary of the proposed substantial amendment as well as the name and number of a contact person. Copies of the substantial amendment shall be mailed upon request. If the CAC recommends approval of the amendment, the revised Consolidated Plan or Annual Action Plan will be available for review at the Public Library and at the Community Development Department.

Availability of Staff for Technical Assistance and Consultation

Upon request, Community Development Department staff will assist applicants to the CDBG competitive grant programs with their program applications. The nature and extent of such assistance will be at the discretion of the staff. In addition, staff are

happy to discuss potential project ideas with residents to determine project eligibility.

Comments/Complaints

All written comments received from citizens regarding the Consolidated Plan, the Annual Action Plan, the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing, the CAPER and substantial amendments will receive a written or verbal response. The response will be made within 10 days of receipt of the letter.

Notice to Members of the Public Who are Hearing Impaired

Residents who are hearing impaired can make a request for assistance to the Human Resource Director at 610-7270.

RESIDENTIAL ANTI-DISPLACEMENT AND RELOCATION PLAN

In recognition of the requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (URA), of Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and HUD program regulations at 24 CFR Parts 570.457, 570.496(a)(c), 570.606(c) and 570.702(f), the City of Portsmouth adheres to the guidelines described in this Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan.

The purpose of this plan is to minimize the displacement of families and individuals from their homes and neighborhoods as a result of CDBG assisted activities. In support of this goal, the City will take all reasonable steps, consistent with the overall goals of the CDBG program, as provided in 24 CFR Parts 92 and 570, to minimize displacement.

The Residential Anti-Displacement and Relocation Plan requires that:

- 1) all occupied and vacant occupiable low or moderate-income dwelling units that are demolished or converted to a use other than low or moderate-income housing in connection with an activity assisted with CDBG funds be replaced with comparable low or moderate-income dwelling units. (Sec. 42.375 of the URA.)
- 2) displaced persons be provided relocation assistance through either the URA, as described in 49 CFR Part 24 which contains the government-wide regulations implementing the URA, or through Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. (Section 42.350 of the URA.)

Additional information and guidance can be found in the Tenant Assistance, Relocation and Real Property Acquisition handbook available at the Community Development Department, Portsmouth City Hall, 1 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth, NH.

Definitions

The following definitions are taken from the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (URA) and as described at 42 CFR.

Conversion means altering a housing unit so that it is a) used for non-housing purposes; b) used for housing purposes, but no longer meets the definition of low or moderate-income dwelling units; or c) used as a shelter.

A displaced person is any low or moderate-income person who, in connection with a CDBG funded activity, permanently moves from real property or permanently moves their personal property from real property, as a direct result of the demolition or conversion of a low or moderate-income dwelling unit.

A low or moderate-income dwelling unit is a dwelling unit with a market rent

(including average utility costs) that does not exceed the applicable Fair Market Rent for Section 8 existing housing established under 24 CFR Part 888. However, the term does not include any unit that is owned and occupied by the same person before and after the assisted rehabilitation.

A permanent move includes a move made permanently, and 1) after notice by the grantee to move from the property following initial submission to HUD of the Consolidated Plan; 2) after notice by the property owner to move from the property, following the submission of a request for financial assistance by the property owner (or other person in control of the site) that is thereafter approved; or 3) before the dates described in this definition, if HUD or the grantee determine that the displacement was a direct result of conversion or demolition in connection with an activity subject to the subpart for which financial assistance has been requested and is thereafter approved.

A vacant occupiable dwelling unit means a unit that is in a standard condition; a unit that is in a substandard condition, but is suitable for rehabilitation; or a dwelling unit in any condition that has been occupied (by a person with the legal right to occupy the property) at any time within the period beginning one year before the date of the execution of the Agreement between the private owner and the City or between the PHA and the contractor.

A displacement is considered to have occurred “in connection with” a CDBG-assisted activity if such action, and the CDBG-assisted activity, are part of a single undertaking.

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE
FY 2019 ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

JANUARY 2018

18	Thursday 6:00 p.m.	Conference Room A	CAC Meeting
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January 19, 2018 FY 18-19 Public Service Agency Grant Round Advertised

FEBRUARY 2018

15	Thursday 6:00 p.m.	Conference Room A	Public Hearing (community needs)
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February 9, 2018 Public Service Agency Grant Applications Due to City

MARCH 2018

13	Tuesday 6:00 p.m.	Conference Room A	Public Service Agency Presentations
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14	Wednesday 6:00 p.m.	Conference Room A	Public Service Agency Presentations
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APRIL 2018

10	Tuesday 6:00 p.m.	Conference Room A	Non public work session
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April 12, 2018 30-Day Public Comment Period Begins

MAY 2018

1	Tuesday 6:00 p.m.	Conference Room A	CAC Public Hearing on FY 18-19 Annual Action Plan and Budget
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MAY 15, 2018 Due: FY 19 CDBG Annual Action Plan and Budget to HUD

For more information, please call Elise Annunziata at (610-7281)
or email eannunziata@cityofportsmouth.com

Legal Notice
City of Portsmouth, NH
Citizens Advisory Committee Public Hearing
on the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan
and Review of FY 2018 CDBG Accomplishments

The Portsmouth Citizens Advisory Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday February 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room A, Portsmouth City Hall, 1 Junkins Avenue. The public hearing will be to solicit ideas for new activities for the next fiscal year of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program that begins July 1, 2018. In addition to the public hearing described above, City staff will review the status and accomplishments of current fiscal year CDBG-funded projects and programs. The public is also invited to comment on the status of current year projects.

CDBG funds are provided to the City each year by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City must spend these funds to primarily 1) benefit individuals who earn very low, low or moderate incomes; 2) benefit areas of the City in which more than 51 % of the residents earn very low, low or moderate incomes; and 3) improve accessibility for individuals with disabilities. For more information, or if you are unable to attend the hearings and would like to provide input, please contact Elise Annunziata, Community Development Coordinator (603) 610-7281, Portsmouth City Hall, 1 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801.

NATION & WORLD

No obituaries were submitted for this edition of the Portsmouth Herald

Trump support vital as Congress tackles immigration issue

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate will open up a rare, open-ended debate on immigration and the fate of the “Dreamer” immigrants on Monday. But the most influential voice in the conversation may be on the other side of Pennsylvania Avenue. If the aim is to pass a

legislative solution soon, President Donald Trump is a crucial and, at times, complicating player. His day-to-day turnabouts on the issues have confounded Democrats and Republicans and led some to urge the White House to minimize his role in the debate for fear he’ll say something that undermines the effort. Yet his ultimate support

will be vital if Congress is to overcome election-year pressures against compromise. No Senate deal is likely to see the light of day in the more conservative House without the president’s blessing and promise to sell compromise to his hard-line base. Trump, thus far, has balked on that front.

“The Tuesday Trump versus the Thursday Trump, after the base gets to him,” is how Sen. Jeff Flake, R-Ariz., a proponent of compromise, describes the president and the impact conservative voters and his hard-right advisers have on him. “I don’t know how far he’ll go, but I do think he’d like to fix it.” Senate Majority Leader

Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., scheduled an initial procedural vote for Monday evening to commence debate. It is expected to succeed easily, and then the Senate will spend days or weeks — no one knows how long — sorting through proposals. Democrats and some Republicans say they want to help the “Dreamers,” young

immigrants who have lived in the U.S. illegally since they were children and have only temporarily been protected from deportation by an Obama-era program. Trump has said he wants to aid them and has even proposed a path to citizenship for 1.8 million, but in exchange wants \$25 billion for his proposed U.S.-Mexico border wall.

LEGAL NOTICE
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
PORTSMOUTH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Adjustment will hold Public Hearings on Old Business and the following new petitions on **“Wednesday, February 21, 2018 and Tuesday, February 27, 2018, both at 7:00 p.m.** in the Eileen Dondero Foley Council Chambers, Municipal Complex, 1 Junktins Avenue, Portsmouth, New Hampshire:

OLD BUSINESS AND THE FOLLOWING NEW PETITIONS WILL BE HEARD ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2018: (*NOTE: CHANGE IN CUSTOMARY SCHEDULE AND DAY OF WEEK.)

- Case 2-1.** Petition of Jennifer S. Benjamin for property located at **180 Sherburne Avenue** wherein relief is required from the Zoning Ordinance to construct a one-story left-front addition including the following variances: a) from Section 10.521 to allow a 5’6” right side yard where 10’ is required; b) from Section 10.521 to allow 29% building coverage where 25% is the maximum allowed; and b) from Section 10.321 to allow a nonconforming building or structure to be extended, reconstructed or enlarged without conforming to the requirements of the Ordinance. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 112, Lot 31 and lies within the General Residence A District.
- Case 2-2.** Petition of Dorothy M. Kierstead and Theresa Sessions for property located at **50 Lovell Street** wherein relief is required from the Zoning Ordinance to construct two, two-family structures on a lot with an existing single-family dwelling for a total of five dwelling units including the following variance from Section 10.521 to allow a lot area per dwelling unit of 3,423 s.f. where 3,500 s.f. is required. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 147, Lot 2 and lies within the General Residence C District.
- Case 2-3.** Petition of Jeffrey J. Caron for property located at **325 Thaxter Road** wherein relief is required from the Zoning Ordinance to construct a one-story right rear addition including the following variances: a) from Section 10.521 to allow a 4’ right side yard for the addition where 10’ is required; b) from Section 10.521 to allow 28.1% building coverage where 20% is the maximum allowed; and c) from Section 10.321 to allow a nonconforming building or structure to be extended, reconstructed or enlarged without conforming to the requirements of the Ordinance. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 152, Lot 39 and lies within the Single Residence B District.
- Case 2-4.** Petition of Kathryn Michele Arbour, owner and Jeff Mattson, applicant, for property located at **86 Emery Street** wherein relief is required from the Zoning Ordinance to construct an attached single family dwelling unit including a variance from Section 10.440, Use #1.30 to allow a two family dwelling on a lot where only a single family dwelling is allowed. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 220, Lot 87-1 and lies within the Single Residence B District.
- Case 2-5.** Petition of KL Boston Revocable Trust, Kelly L. Boston, Trustee, for property located at **465 Cutts Avenue** wherein relief is required from the Zoning Ordinance for an extended front porch and garage including the following variances from Section 10.521: a) a secondary front yard setback of 10.5’ and 30’ is required; and b) 23% building coverage and 20% is the maximum allowed. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 210, Lot 27 and lies within the Single Residence B District.
- Case 2-6.** Petition of Evon Cooper for property located at **287 Maplewood Avenue** wherein relief is required from the Zoning Ordinance to construct a one-room addition on an existing foundation including the following variances: a) from Section 10.5A41.10A to allow a 2.49’ side yard where 5’ is the minimum required; and b) from Section 10.321 to allow a nonconforming building or structure to be extended, reconstructed or enlarged without conforming to the requirements of the Ordinance. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 141, Lot 36 and lies within Character District 4-Limited (CD4-L1).

THE FOLLOWING PETITIONS WILL BE HEARD ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2018:

- Case 2-7.** Petition of Michael De La Cruz for property located at **75 Congress Street (63 Congress Street)** wherein relief is required from the Zoning Ordinance to construct 15 residential units without required parking, including a variance from Section 10.1112.30 to allow no off-street parking spaces to be provided where off-street parking spaces are required. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 117, Lot 5 and lies within Character District 5.
- Case 2-8.** Petition of James W. and Heather L. Davis for property located at **530 Bennett Street** wherein relief is required from the Zoning Ordinance to construct a single family home with attached garage replacing existing home and garage including the following variances: a) from Section 10.521 to allow a lot area and lot area per dwelling unit of 7,441 s.f. where 7,500 s.f. is required for each; b) from Section 10.521 to allow continuous street frontage of 61.09’ where 100’ is required; c) from Section 10.521 to allow an 8’ left side yard where 10’ is required; and c) from Section 10.321 to allow a nonconforming building or structure to be extended, reconstructed or enlarged without conforming to the requirements of the Ordinance. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 161, Lot 10-1 and lies within the General Residence A District.
- Case 2-9.** Petition of Michael G. and Annette A. Kane for property located at **242 State Street Unit #1** wherein relief is required from the Zoning Ordinance for a lighted projection of a logo onto the sidewalk including the following variances: a) from Section 10.1234 to allow a sign that is not specifically permitted in a sign district; and b) from Section 10.1263.10 to allow a light source for external illumination of a sign to be visible three feet above grade at the lot line with the lighting not confined to the area of the sign; and c) from Section 10.1263.30 to allow a sign or its illuminator to interfere with pedestrian or vehicular traffic; and d) from Section 10.1262 to allow a sign to be illuminated between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. without the operation of a use or activity that is open to customers or the public and more than one hour after the activity ceases. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 107, Lot 70-6 and lies within Character District 4.
- Case 2-10.** Petition of Richard Fusegni for property located at **201 Kearsarge Way** wherein relief is required from the Zoning Ordinance to subdivide one lot into two lots one of which will be nonconforming including the following variances from Section 10.521: a) to allow a lot area and lot area per dwelling unit of 7,834 s.f. where 15,000 s.f. is required; b) to allow 97.52’ of continuous street frontage where 100’ is required. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 218, Lot 5 and lies within the Single Residence B District.
- Case 2-11.** Petition of Cyrus Lawrence Gardner Beer for property located at **64 Mt. Vernon Street** wherein relief is required from the Zoning Ordinance to construct a chicken coop and keep six chickens including the following variances: a) from Section 10.440, Use #17.20 to allow the keeping of farm animals where the use is not allowed; b) from Section 10.573.10 to allow an accessory structure 3’ from the rear property line where 5’ is required. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 110, Lot 30 and lies within the General Residence B District.
- Case 2-12.** Petition of Vaughan Street Hotel LLC and 299 Vaughan Street LLC c/o Cathartes Private Investments for property located at **225 and 299 Vaughan Street** wherein relief is required from the Zoning Ordinance for vehicular circulation patterns in off-street parking areas including the following variance from Section 10.1114.32(a) to allow vehicles to enter and leave a parking space by passing over another parking space or requiring the moving of another vehicle. Said properties are shown on Assessor Plan 123, Lot 15 and 124, Lots 10 and 11 and lie within Character District 5.
- Case 2-13.** Petition of Eric A. Spear and Jean C. M. Spear, owners and Brendan Cooney and Megan Tehan, applicants, for property located at **57 Mt. Vernon Street** wherein relief is required from the Zoning Ordinance to create a lot by subdivision with an existing dwelling including variances from Section 10.521 to allow the following: a) a lot area and lot area per dwelling unit of 3,647 s.f. where 5,000 s.f. is required for each; b) 45.41’ continuous street frontage where 80’ is required; c) a 2.2’ left side yard where 10’ is required; and d) a 15.8’ rear yard where 25’ is required. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 111, Lot 31 and lies within the General Residence B District.
- Case 2-14.** Petition of Charles L. Fleck, Jr., owner and Sarah Fleck and Charles L. Fleck, Jr., applicants for property located at **39 Sagamore Avenue** wherein relief is required from the Zoning Ordinance to replace a free-standing shed with an attached garage including the following variances: a) from Section 10.521 to allow a 6’ right side yard where 10’ is required; b) from Section 10.321 to allow a nonconforming building or structure to be extended, reconstructed or enlarged without conforming to the requirements of the Ordinance. Said property is shown on Assessor Plan 221, Lot 31 and lies within the General Residence A District.

Juliet T.H. Walker
Planning Director

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A man works on the Southern Nevada portion of U.S. Interstate 11 on May 19, 2017, near Boulder City, Nev. President Donald Trump will unveil his long-awaited infrastructure plan today, a \$1.5 billion proposal that fulfills a number of campaign goals, but relies heavily on state and local governments to produce much of the funding. [JOHN LOCHER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS, FILE]

Trump to unveil \$1.5T infrastructure plan

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Monday will unveil his long-awaited infrastructure plan, a \$1.5 trillion proposal that fulfills a number of campaign goals, but relies heavily on state and local governments to produce much of the funding. The administration’s plan is centered on using \$200 billion in federal money to leverage local and state tax dollars to fix America’s infrastructure, such as roads, highways, ports and airports.

“Every federal dollar should be leveraged by partnering with state and local governments and — where appropriate — tapping into private sector investment to permanently fix the infrastructure deficit,” Trump said at last month’s State of the Union address.

Trump has repeatedly blamed the “crumbling” state of the nation’s roads and highways for preventing the American economy from reaching its full potential. Many in Washington believe that Trump should have begun his term a year ago with an infrastructure

push, one that could have garnered bipartisan support or, at minimum, placed Democrats in a bind for opposing a popular political measure.

But the administration chose to begin with health care and relations with Democrats have only grown more strained during a turbulent, contentious year. The White House, now grappling with the fallout from the departure of a senior aide after spousal abuse allegations, may not have an easy time navigating a massive infrastructure plan through a polarized Congress. It just grappled with two federal government shutdowns and will soon turn its attention to immigration.

Administration officials previewing the plan said it would feature two key components: an injection of funding for new investments and help speed up repairs of crumbling roads and airports, as well as a streamlined permitting process that would truncate the wait time to get projects underway. Officials said the \$200 billion in federal support would come from cuts to existing programs.

Half the money would go to grants for transportation, water, flood control, cleanup at some of the country’s most polluted sites and other projects.

States, local governments and other project sponsors could use the grants — which administration officials view as incentives — for no more than 20 percent of the cost. Transit agencies generally count on the federal government for half the cost of major construction projects, and federal dollars can make up as much as 80 percent of some highway projects.

About \$50 billion, would go toward rural projects — transportation, broadband, water, waste, power, flood management and ports. That is intended to address criticism from some Republican senators that the administration’s initial emphasis on public-private partnerships would do little to help rural, GOP-leaning states. Early reaction to the proposal was divided.

Jay Timmons, president of the National Association of Manufacturers, saluted Trump “for providing the leadership we have desperately needed to reclaim our rightful place as global leader on true 21st-century infrastructure.”

States look to lower drug costs

The Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. — Lawmakers in more than two-thirds of the states are considering ways to reduce prescription drug costs, including importing them from Canada, as they strive to balance budgets without knowing for sure what their government’s share of the tab will be.

A total of 87 bills in 34 states of all political stripes seek to save money on prescription drugs, according to the nonpartisan National Academy for State Health Policy. Six of those states are considering bills that would allow drugs to be imported from Canada, where they cost an average 30 percent less than in the United States.

One is liberal Vermont, where lawmakers have revived a nearly 2-decade old proposal. Conservative Utah is considering a similar proposal. Maryland is looking at creating a commission that would regulate drug costs.

“States have to balance budgets,” said Trish Riley, executive director of the health policy academy, based in Portland, Maine. “You budget a certain amount of money for drugs in a state employee health program or a Medicaid program, and you’re surprised by the mid-year increases that are unpredictable and huge.”

The stakes are high not only for state governments, government employees and Medicaid recipients, but also for anyone else paying for prescription drugs. The federal government does not control drug prices, which are set by drug companies and are subject to costs and competition, while Medicaid negotiates cheaper drugs for low-income Americans.

But one hope is that importing drugs can put downward pressure on domestic costs for all, said Utah state Rep. Norm Thurston, a Republican who introduced a drug-import bill in his state.

“It’s not a liberal-conservative thing,” he said. “It’s not a Democrat-Republican thing.” Of the pharmaceutical industry, he said, “it makes them compete against themselves.”

The Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, a trade group for drugmakers, argues the proposals would threaten people’s health because quality could not be assured.

Safety has nothing to do with the potential for tainted drugs from Canada, said Thurston, whose bill could be debated by the Utah House on Monday.


“The No. 1 threat to patient safety related to prescription drugs in our state is that the drugs are so expensive that people don’t take them,” Thurston said. “We don’t have any widespread problem in our state with counterfeit drugs.”

Allowing patients to buy medication from other countries with strict drug standards, such as Canada, is an idea that has long been floated in Washington by lawmakers of both parties.

Legal Notice
TOWN OF ELIOT, MAINE
OFFICE OF THE SELECT BOARD
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
AUTHORITY: ELIOT SELECT BOARD
DATE: THURSDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2018
TIME: 5:30 P.M.
PLACE: ELIOT TOWN HALL, 1333 STATE RD.
The Town of Eliot will hold a Public Hearing on February 22, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Eliot Town Office, 1333 State Road, for the renewal of a Liquor License and Special Amusement Permit for the business, Daily Scoop, DBA, 207 Tavern located at 811 Harold L. Dow Highway, Eliot, ME.
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LEGAL NOTICE
City of Portsmouth, NH
Citizens Advisory Committee Public Hearing
on the FY 2019 Annual Action Plan
and Review of FY 2018 CDBG Accomplishments
The Portsmouth Citizens Advisory Committee will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room A, Portsmouth City Hall, 1 Junktins Avenue. The public hearing will be to solicit ideas for new activities for the next fiscal year of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program that begins July 1, 2018. In addition to the public hearing described above, City staff will review the status and accomplishments of current fiscal year CDBG-funded projects and programs. The public is also invited to comment on the status of current year projects.
CDBG funds are provided to the City each year by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The City must spend these funds to primarily 1) benefit individuals who earn very low, low or moderate incomes; 2) benefit areas of the City in which more than 51 % of the residents earn very low, low or moderate incomes; and 3) improve accessibility for individuals with disabilities. For more information, or if you are unable to attend the hearings and would like to provide input, please contact Elise Annunziata, Community Development Coordinator (603) 610-7281, Portsmouth City Hall, 1 Junktins Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801.
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In Memory of
JOHN GOODWIN
March 7, 1960 - Feb 12, 2007



*He bid no one a last farewell
Nor even said goodbye.
He was gone before we knew it
And only God Knows Why.
They say time heals all sorrow
And helps us to forget.
But time so far has only proved
How much we miss him yet.
All our Love,
Mom, Angela, Joey,
Jeff, Patty & Shannon*

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Monday, February 12, 2018

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC HEARING
PORTSMOUTH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AND BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that the Portsmouth Citizens Advisory Committee will hold a 30-day comment period beginning on April 12, 2018 and ending on May 12, 2018 regarding the City FY 19 (HUD FY 18) Annual Action Plan and Community Development Block Grant Budget.

A public hearing to receive comments on the Action Plan and Budget will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 1st in Conference Room A, Municipal Complex, 1 Junkins Avenue, Portsmouth.

The Action Plan describes the activities funded with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to meet the City's housing and community development needs as described in the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan. CDBG funds are provided to the City by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the purpose of benefitting residents who earn low and moderate incomes.

Copies of the Action Plan will be available at the City Community Development Department and Public Library during the public comment period. Any comments or questions regarding this document should be directed to Elise Annunziata, Community Development Coordinator at 610-7281.

Elise Annunziata
Community Development Coordinator
4/11/18

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Donald Trump has vowed to respond "forcefully" to Saturday's attack on civilians in the town of Douma, and warned that Russia – or any other nation found to share responsibility – will "pay a price."

In a statement, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons said a fact-finding mission was "preparing to deploy to Syria shortly," though it did not give a more precise timetable on when the inspectors would arrive.

ratcheted up tensions in the already volatile Mideast, raising the specter of possible imminent American retaliation amid Russia's warnings against any such action, and denials that any chemical weapons attack took place.

Adding to the tensions, Iran, a strongly ally of Syrian President Bashar Assad, threatened to respond to an airstrike on a Syrian military base on Monday that the Syrian government, Russia and Iran blamed on Israel.

Legal Notice

Upcoming Vote - Tax Increment Financing Proposal

There will be an Informational Hearing to be held at Marshwood Middle School on Tuesday, April 17th at 7:00 pm. This will be an opportunity to share information, ask questions, review the items included in the proposed development agreement, and to generally solicit the views of the public. There will be ample opportunity for attendees to speak.

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Annual Plan & Budget

FY 2019 BUDGET

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

5/14/2018

Projects/Programs	TOTAL	FY 19 Entitlement Grant	FY 18 Encumbered Entitlement Grant	Reprogrammed From FY18	REHAB	
					Revolving Loan Fund Current Balance	Projected FY 19 Program Income
Public Service Agency Grant Program	\$86,000	\$70,879	\$15,121			
Multi-Family Housing Rehabilitation						
Multi-Family Housing Rehab	\$107,398				\$107,398	
Public Facility Improvements						
Public Facilities (<i>unallocated</i>)	\$140,616	\$81,116		\$59,500		
Senior Center	\$500,000	\$110,000		\$350,000		\$40,000
Low-Mod Area Site and Facility Improvements	\$205,000	\$180,000	\$25,000			
Accessibility/Remove Barriers						
Citywide Accessibility Improvements (<i>unallocated</i>)	\$85,000			\$85,000		
PPM TV	\$65,000		\$50,000	\$15,000		
Administration						
General Administration	\$103,213	\$103,213				
TOTAL BUDGET	\$1,292,227	\$545,208	\$90,121	\$509,500	\$107,398	\$40,000