



City of Pascagoula 2019 Community Development Action Plan Public Review Draft

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

1. Introduction

The City of Pascagoula's 2019 One-Year Action Plan is a component of its 2015-2019 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and serves as the City's application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for entitlement grants. For Program Year 2019, which begins October 1, 2019 and ends September 30, 2020, the City of Pascagoula (the City) received an allocation of \$183,709 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from HUD. The City has \$5,670 in unallocated carryover funds and it does not anticipate receiving any CDBG Program Income in the 2019 Program Year. Total CDBG funds available for Program Year 2019 are \$189,379.

The City is not a formula entitlement recipient under HUD's Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) or HOME Programs. This Action Plan identifies the City of Pascagoula's sources of Program Year 2019 funds and other resources available to plan and implement specific activities that are intended to primarily benefit low- to moderate-income residents by meeting their housing and nonhousing community development needs.

Through its citizen-based public planning process described in this Action Plan and the City's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, the community's housing and nonhousing community development needs and priorities were identified. Input provided by citizens, citizen groups and nonprofit organizations, in particular those agencies structured to deliver housing and supportive services to Pascagoula's low- and moderate-income residents, and various residents and business owners provided oral input to assist the City in identifying community priorities that focus on: 1) improving the quality of life for residents,

especially in areas where the majority of households qualify as low- to moderate-income; and 2) expanding public services for very low, low and moderate-income families, the homeless and qualified residents with special needs, such as the elderly, persons experiencing domestic violence and disabled persons.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

As identified in its 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, the City's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Program is guided by the overarching goal of developing a viable community in which all residents, but especially those in low- to moderate-income households and those who have special needs, enjoy:

- decent housing;
- suitable living environments/improved quality of life; and
- economic opportunities.

The City will continue to address its unmet housing and nonhousing community development needs by: supporting improved access to affordable housing; providing housing assistance services; implementing activities to provide suitable living environments and an improved quality of life; and addressing unmet needs of the homeless and special needs populations through funded qualified public services. Working collaboratively with public and private agencies, organizations, community leaders, residents, business owners and other interested parties, the City strives to accomplish this goal by achieving objectives identified and prioritized as part of the annual CDBG Action Plan development process.

During development of the 2019 Action Plan, the City exceeded the outreach requirements of its Citizen Participation Plan to encourage citizen input. Community priorities and unmet needs identified during development of the 2019 Action Plan supplement those identified in the City's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and guided identification of proposed CDBG-funded activities.

The City's ability to comprehensively address its unmet community needs, which are considerable, is constrained by the limited amount of CDBG resources annually allocated to it by HUD. Every effort is made to maximize public benefits by leveraging other funding resources. The City invests its limited CDBG resources to improve the quality of life for the greatest possible number of residents, particularly for those who reside in low- to moderate-income households, the homeless, and those who have special needs.

Activities identified for implementation in Pascagoula's 2019 Action Plan are intended to principally benefit low- to moderate-income residents by funding activities that improve the living environment in primarily residential areas where the majority of residents qualify as low- to moderate-income. The outcomes of this effort will be improved public safety, healthier living environments and improved quality of life.

3. Evaluation of past performance

The City monitors its performance in terms of meeting HUD national objectives; spending CDBG funds on a timely basis; meeting identified goals with CDBG funds; and complying with HUD regulations and policies on an on-going basis through IDIS software tools, monthly reports and staff interaction.

The City also assesses its performance at least once annually and conducts a public hearing to inform the public of its progress in completing activities funded through the CDBG Program. The City reports past performance to HUD annually through its Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

Although the City's annual activity goals for CDBG-funded activities historically are achieved, as reported in its annual CAPER, unmet community needs are so great that continued CDBG funding of public service and public facility improvement activities is warranted. Public input provided during development of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and 2019 Action Plan affirms the continued need to budget CDBG funds to support these activities in Pascagoula.

Based on this continued community need, Pascagoula budgeted the maximum allowed by HUD in PY2019 to support CDBG-eligible public service activities. Similarly, previous years' success in achieving community goals to improve CDBG-eligible public facilities and adapt them to comply with ADA requirements and the City's ADA Transition Plan supported budgeting PY2019 funds to improve and diversify MCC Park's recreational amenities and improve access throughout the park for the benefit of project service area residents, especially the 55.16% low- to moderate-income residents and disabled and frail elderly residents who live in this area.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Exceeding the outreach requirements of its Citizen Participation Plan, which identifies the process the City will follow to provide opportunity for citizens to participate throughout development of the One-Year Action Plan, the City used a variety of methods to invite and encourage residents and other interested parties to participate in a public hearing and/or to submit written comments regarding the draft 2019 Action Plan during a 30-day comment period.

In addition to posting notices on its website and Facebook page to share information about the development process and to encourage citizen participation, the City posted notices at City Hall, the Economic and Development Department Office and Pascagoula Public Library. The City also individually contacted area nonprofit agencies, organizations and individuals via email to encourage a broad range of participation. Additionally, the City attempted to consult directly with regional housing and nonhousing community agencies and nonprofits, including the Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII, the Open Doors Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care and the Gulf Coast Center for NonViolence in developing the 2019 Action Plan.

Public service announcements were sent to local radio stations with the request that the information about the public hearing be broadcast; and local churches were sent notices inviting the congregation's participation in person or through written comments.

The draft 2019 Action Plan was posted on the City's website for public review; hard copies were printed and made available at City Hall, the Community and Economic Development Department Offices and at the Pascagoula Public Library.

A public hearing was held at 5:30 p.m. on June 18, 2019 in the Pascagoula Senior Center, which is accessible to persons with disabilities; meeting notices provided information about how to request accommodations such as a translator or signing assistance. ___ citizens attended the public hearing. A 30-day comment period, June 19-July 19, 2019, was publicized to encourage public review of the Draft Action Plan and invite public input regarding the proposed use of CDBG funds.

The City submitted the Pascagoula 2019 Action Plan to the City Council for consideration of adoption at its regular meeting on ___ 2019 and the approved plan then was submitted to HUD via IDIS prior to the August 16, 2019 deadline.

5. Summary of public comments

A public hearing to discuss the City of Pascagoula's 2019 Action Plan was held on June 18, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Pascagoula Senior Center. Minutes from the meetings, as well as copies of the attendance rosters, agendas, CDBG Fact Sheets and the official notices posted to advertise the hearing are attached to this document.

___ citizens attended the public hearing; ___ oral comments were offered and ___ written comments were submitted at the hearing. ___ written comments were submitted during the 30-day comment period.

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

___ citizens attended the June 18, 2019 public hearing regarding development of the 2019 Action Plan and ___ oral comments were offered and ___ written comments were submitted. ___ written comments were received during the 30-day comment period.

All comments received were considered by the City. Lack of funding to address all identified needs requires the City to prioritize use of limited CDBG funds to maximize benefits for the greatest number of low- to moderate-income residents possible.

7. Summary

The City received a Program Year 2019 allocation of \$183,709 in CDBG Entitlement funds from HUD to assist the City in addressing some of its unmet housing and nonhousing community development needs. To the extent possible, the City will leverage these CDBG funds to maximize public benefit to improve residents' quality of life, particularly for those who reside in low- to moderate-income households, who are homeless or who have special needs.

The City will continue to work actively with local, regional and state nonprofit agencies and service providers that serve its low- to moderate-income residents, the homeless and those with special needs by supporting their applications for federal and state assistance when the programs proposed to be funded are consistent with Pascagoula's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and the 2019 Action Plan.

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		Department of Community and Economic Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

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

1. Introduction

The City encourages a high level of public participation, public communication and consultation to identify and prioritize community goals to maximize the use of limited CDBG Entitlement funding. In keeping with this spirit of collaboration and coordination, the City developed its 2019 Action Plan with input from stakeholders that included nonprofit organizations and service providers, community leaders, businesses, senior citizens and other interested parties. Proposed activities and use of funds in the 2019 Action Plan are based on achieving community goals and priorities identified in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan. The City prioritizes use of limited CDBG resources to fund eligible projects that maximize benefit to the largest number of low- to moderate-income residents possible.

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(l))

The City actively works to enhance coordination and collaboration between the regional housing authority and regional and local housing and community development service providers. Regular communication among the City, the Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII and local and regional housing and social service agencies minimizes duplication of efforts; maximizes effective use of limited resources; improves efficient delivery of services and management of client data; and encourages consideration of collaborative community-wide solutions to better meet residents' housing and nonhousing needs.

On an on-going basis, the City of Pascagoula:

- Encourages coordination and communication between public and private sector agencies in the City's institutional structure to minimize duplication of efforts.
- Supports the efforts of the Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII and other organizations to meet the housing needs of the elderly and others with special needs with HUD program funding and other public/private resources.
- Supports the efforts of the social service agencies in the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi to address the full Continuum of Care.
- Encourages and considers citizen input regarding the use of HUD resources, in compliance with its Citizen Participation Plan.
- Supports efforts to improve delivery methods and institute systematic improvements of the Salvation Army, South Mississippi AIDS Task Force, Homes of Grace, Open Doors Homeless Coalition, Gulf Coast Center For NonViolence, Boys and Girls Clubs, Public Housing Resident Councils, Stevens Center and other nonprofit agencies to meet the housing and nonhousing needs of the homeless, the elderly, the physically and mentally disabled, persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families, and individuals with drug and alcohol addiction who reside in the City of Pascagoula.

In compliance with the Pascagoula Citizen Participation Plan, all known nonprofit service agencies and organizations were invited by emails from the City and through public notices posted in public places as well as on the City's Facebook page and website, to participate in the 2019 Action Plan development process by attending the public hearing and submitting written comments during the formal 30-day comment period.

The 2019 Action Plan incorporates and supplements the public input provided during development of the five-year Consolidated Plan. In addition to encouraging participation into development of the 2019 Action Plan from publicly-funded institutions and systems of care that may discharge persons into homelessness, the City consulted with the Open Doors Homeless Coalition, the regional Continuum of Care, to update local homeless needs, including homelessness caused by institutions and systems of care that discharge persons into homelessness, and how best to address these needs in Pascagoula with limited resources. The City also contacted the Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII to consult about public housing needs and unmet needs. State and local health and child welfare agencies also

were invited and encouraged to provide input into development of the 2019 Action Plan and to attend the public hearing.

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 has a good working relationship with the Open Doors Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care and is an active participant in the multi-county, multi-agency effort to address the full continuum of care for the homeless on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

While Pascagoula is not a formula entitlement recipient under HUD's Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG), Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA) or HOME Programs, its partnership with the local continuum of care, the Open Doors Homeless Coalition, allows it to keep abreast of the needs of the homeless and chronically homeless populations in the City as well as with those at risk of becoming homeless.

In addition, the City also maintains a good working relationship with experienced housing service providers, including the Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII, Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence and the Open Doors Homeless Coalition, and supports their efforts to address emergency, transitional and permanent housing needs by investing CDBG funds in eligible public service activities that benefit chronically homeless individuals and their families, families with children, veterans, unaccompanied youth and persons at risk of homelessness.

In its 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, the City identified the need for additional emergency shelters, transitional housing units and permanent, affordable housing units. To address this priority need, the City will continue to:

- support applications for funding from local and regional homeless and housing services providers;
- work with local and regional partners to identify and secure other resources needed to fully address the needs of the homeless; and
- support other public agencies in their efforts to develop education and employment training programs for the homeless.

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 City does not receive or administer any ESG funds, but it does provide input about the emergency shelter needs of the community to support the efforts of the Open Doors Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care, including programs and activities assisted with ESG funds.

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

Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

1	Agency/Group/Organization	Open Doors Homeless Coalition
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Regional organization
	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 HOPWA Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	On June 10, 2019, the City reached out to Open Doors to request updated information about local homeless needs and determine how best to address these needs with limited resources. Open Doors provided the requested update and additional input via telephone conversation. Anticipated outcomes include a better understanding of Pascagoula's homeless populations and affordable housing needs.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	GULF COAST CENTER FOR NONVIOLENCE
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Regional organization

What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City consulted with the Gulf Coast Center for Nonviolence via email in June 2019 to identify current needs of individuals in Pascagoula who are experiencing domestic violence. The anticipated outcome of on-going communication with this agency is expanded emergency and transitional housing services to address these needs.

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

The City is not aware of any agency types that it did not attempt to consult with. The City contacted the Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII via email and telephone on June 10, 2019 to request input into the 2019 Action Plan. The City also telephoned and emailed the Pascagoula office of the Regional Housing Authority on _____, 2019 to follow up on the previous requests for input.

Pascagoula also contacted social service agencies and other nonprofit agencies by email to encourage them to attend the public hearing and to provide input about the proposed use of Pascagoula’s 2019 CDBG allocation to meet the community’s housing and nonhousing community development needs. The public hearing and 30-day comment period were widely advertised to encourage input and the City did not exclude any known entity from participating in the planning process.

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	Open Doors Homeless Coalition	The goals are consistent.
Pascagoula Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing	City of Pascagoula	The City continues its efforts to address impediments to fair housing choice to support affordable housing for all residents. Pascagoula is participating in development of the statewide AI Update spearheaded by the Mississippi HOME Corp.
Plan for Opportunity	Gulf Regional Planning Commission	The goals are consistent in terms of supporting efforts to address affordable, fair housing and public transportation service expansion.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

The City contacted the Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII on June 10, 2019 to share information about the 2019 Action Plan development process and request input. The City also requested updated information from the Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII regarding Pascagoula residents they assist.

The City has an active working relationship with the Continuum of Care and other agencies working with housing, health, employment, education and youth services. This partnership serves as a framework through which agencies such as the South Mississippi Regional Center, LIFE, CARE, Gulf Coast Mental Health and the Mental Health Association of Mississippi provide ongoing input to the City about activities that help address unmet needs of homeless, those about to become homeless and those with special needs in Pascagoula.

The Plan for Opportunity, the Regional Sustainability Plan for the Mississippi Gulf Coast, was a collaborative effort spearheaded by the Gulf Regional Planning Commission and was considered during planning efforts.

The City of Pascagoula's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, its Comprehensive Plan, and CDBG Entitlement Program 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan also were considered during development of the 2019 Action Plan. These documents were developed in consultation with Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII, with community-based that represent protected class members, such as the Open Doors Housing Coalition, and organizations that advocate for fair housing laws, such as the Mississippi Center for Justice.

For the past several years, the Mississippi Center for Justice has collaborated with the City to conduct Fair Housing Workshops for Pascagoula residents and businesses; it provides input to the City on an on-going basis and actively assists with affirmatively furthering fair housing through educational outreach efforts. During 2018-2019, the City participated with the Mississippi HOME Corp., other CDBG Entitlement cities, public housing agencies and other nonprofit agencies to develop a statewide AI that defines and identifies actions for addressing impediments to fair housing choice.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation

In compliance with its Citizen Participation Plan, the City encouraged citizen participation throughout development of its 2019 Action Plan. To encourage input from citizens, particularly low, very low and extremely low income persons, information about the 2019 Action Plan development process and availability of the draft was posted at City Hall, at the Community and Economic Development

Department and in the Pascagoula Public Library; notices also were posted on the City's Facebook page and website to broaden outreach to residents.

The housing and social service agencies that provide direct services to low, very low, and extremely low-income persons, the homeless and those with special needs were emailed the 2019 Action Plan development schedule and encouraged to share it with their clients.

Copies of all public notices are attached to this document. Specific steps taken by the City to broaden community input into development of the 2019 Action Plan include:

- Posting on its Facebook page and website a Notice of Availability of Information as it pertains to the City of Pascagoula's 2019 One-Year Action Plan;
- Emailing invitations to housing and social service agencies, civic organizations, neighborhood associations and local churches to encourage attendance at the public hearing and to make them aware of the availability of information regarding the 2019 One-Year Action Plan;
- Posting a Notice of the Public Hearing on the City's Facebook page and website to invite the public to attend and provide input into development of the 2019 One-Year Action Plan;
- On June 18, 2019, conducting a public hearing to provide citizens with an opportunity to comment orally and in writing about the housing and non-housing community development needs of the City and about the proposed use of CDBG funds during the 2019 Program Year;
- Posting a Notice of the Availability of the Public Review Draft of the 2019 Action Plan for review and comment during a 30-day comment period;
- Sending public service announcements to local radio stations regarding the 2019 Action Plan development process and inviting citizens to provide input at the June 18, 2019 public hearing; and
- Sending invitations to local church congregations to encourage participation in the 2019 Action Plan development process and to attend the June 18 public hearing.

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
1	Public Hearing	Minorities, Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish, Persons with disabilities, Non-targeted/broad community, Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	___ citizens attended the June 18, 2019 public hearing.	The minutes of the public hearings are attached to this document.	___ comments were received.
2	Posting of notices	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	Notices were posted in public places to share information about availability of information regarding the CDBG Entitlement Program and 2019 Action Plan development process; to promote the public hearing and encourage attendance; and to advertise the availability of the draft for public review and input.	___ comments were received.	___ comments were received.

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons
3	Internet Outreach	Minorities Non-English Speaking - Specify other language: Spanish Persons with disabilities Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	The 2019 Action Plan development process and public hearing notice were posted on the City's website as well as on its Facebook page. The notices and the draft document also were posted on the City's website.	___ oral and ___ written comments were received at the public hearing. ___ written comments were received during the 30-day comment period.	___ comments were received.

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Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons
4	Internet Outreach	Regional housing and nonhousing community development agencies	Emails were sent to known housing and non-housing community development agencies that provide services to Pascagoula residents, as well as business leaders and organizations to share information about the 2019 Action Plan development process, to invite them to attend the public hearing and encourage their oral and written comments, and to promote review and input about the draft document.	__ oral comments were received.	__ oral and __ written comments were received at the public hearing. __ written comments were received during the 30-day comment period.

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

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

Introduction

The City is defined by HUD as an Entitlement City for the CDBG Program and, as such, receives an annual allocation of CDBG funds that is invested to primarily benefit low- to moderate-income residents and those with special needs by addressing unmet housing and nonhousing community development needs through CDBG-eligible activities.

The City received a Program Year 2019 allocation of \$183,709 in CDBG Entitlement Program funds and is carrying forward \$5,670 from a prior year for total CDBG resources of \$189,379 available in PY2019.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 5				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	183,709	0	5,670	189,379	0	This is the 5 th year of the 5-Year Consolidated Plan period.

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

The City developed its 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan with the expectation that HUD would allocate \$935,060 to it in CDBG funding over the 5-year period of the Plan. The City will work with local, regional and state partners to leverage limited CDBG funds to meet its housing and nonhousing community development needs. However, the CDBG Entitlement Program does not require matching funds.

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

Not applicable

Discussion

The City budgeted the majority of its limited Program Year 2019 CDBG resources to a public facilities improvement project that will benefit 6,190 people, 3,415 (55.16%) of whom are low- to moderate-income. The project will improve the quality of life and living environment for those living in a northeast Pascagoula project service area by diversifying recreational amenities and access in the only public park or recreation facility located in the project service area, which is zoned for single family and neighborhood commercial activities. MCC Park improvements will maximize investment of limited CDBG resources to address a high-priority, unmet community need while maximizing the investment of CDBG resources by benefitting a large number of low- to moderate-income residents, in compliance with goals and objectives identified in the City’s 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan.

\$27,556.35, the maximum allowed by HUD, is budgeted in PY2019 for public service activities that also will improve low- to moderate-income residents' quality of life.

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Services	2019	2020	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs	Homeless and Supportive Services	CDBG: \$27,556.35	Persons Assisted: tbd; Households Assisted: tbd
2	Improved Quality of Life	2019	2020	Non-Housing Community Development	Special Needs Populations Parks & Recreational Facilities	CDBG: \$125,080.85	Public Facility Activities other than Low/Mod Income Housing Benefit: 6,190 total persons assisted; 3,415 (55.16%) low/mod area benefit

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	<p>In compliance with HUD's annual 15% public services cap, 2019 Program Year funding in the total amount of \$27,556.35 is budgeted for the following public service agencies to assist in addressing: high-priority, unmet community needs.</p> <p>The agencies also will share fair housing rights information with housing providers, persons being assisted, and with related service providers throughout PY2019, in an effort to address the public's lack of education about the Fair Housing Act, in compliance with the Pascagoula Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.</p>
2	Goal Name	Improved Quality of Life
	Goal Description	<p>In 2019, \$119,410.85 from Pascagoula's CDBG Program Year allocation and \$5,670 in funds carried forward from a previous year (total of \$125,080.85) are budgeted for Public Facilities Improvements to improve MCC Park with additional recreational amenities and ADA access improvements to address a high-priority, unmet need in a northeast Pascagoula project service area where 55.16% of residents are low- to moderate-income. ADA improvements in the park will be based on recommendations in the Pascagoula ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan to maximize public benefit.</p>

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

As part of the 2019 Action Plan development process, the City of Pascagoula considered all citizen input in terms of identifying and addressing unmet community development needs to achieve the goals identified in its Consolidated Plan with available CDBG resources. Pascagoula substantially amended its 5-Year Consolidated Plan in PY2016 to include housing and nonhousing community development goals and community priorities that inadvertently were left out of the original document submitted to HUD. These goals and priorities more comprehensively reflect Pascagoula's unmet needs and were

identified through the citizen participation process during development of the Consolidated Plan, as well as the 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 Action Plans.

The \$5,670 in unallocated funds carried forward from previous years is budgeted for the MCC Park Improvements Project.

Projects for which 2019 CDBG funds are budgeted are:

- **MCC Park Improvements** - \$125,081 (includes \$5,670 in unallocated carryover from a previous year) is budgeted to diversify recreational amenities and provide ADA-compliant access in MCC Park, as funds allow, to serve a 55.16% low- to moderate-income project service area that is primarily residential. ADA improvements will comply with the Pascagoula ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan; Low/Mod Area benefit;
- **Public service activities** - A total of \$27,556.35 is budgeted to assist ___ nonprofit agencies provide affordable housing and supportive services to prevent and address homelessness in Pascagoula; public service providers will make efforts to improve housing and supportive service providers’ understanding of fair housing rights, in addition to sharing this information with persons being assisted; citywide benefit; and
- **Administration** - \$36,741.80 is budgeted to pay some of the costs associated with implementing the CDBG Entitlement Program, including a portion of staff costs; updating the City’s Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice; and educational outreach that addresses fair housing and predatory lending businesses. In compliance with outreach goals identified in its Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, the City also will use administration funds to print flyers in English and Spanish for distribution as utility bill inserts that will be mailed to approximately 6,800 business and households.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	MCC Park Improvements
2	Administration
3	Public Service –
4	Public Service –

Table 7 - Project Information

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

To meet underserved and unmet needs identified during development of the 2019 Action Plan and 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, the City has allocated \$27,556.35 in PY2019 CDBG funds for public service activities. This level of support for public service activities funding complies with HUD’s annual public services category cap.

The allocation of funds for eligible public service activities was determined by the City based on information provided in written requests submitted by nonprofit agencies and consideration of applicants' past performance, professional capacity to provide the identified service, fiscal management experience, and program delivery achievements as they pertain to providing services to the homeless or to other special needs populations in the City.

Considering community goals and priorities identified in the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, as amended, and offered by the public during development of the 2019 Action Plan, the City identified implementation of the MCC Park Improvements Project as the most effective and efficient way to address a high priority, unmet need of residents in northeast Pascagoula for an improved living environment/improved quality of life through expanded recreational amenities. The City will maximize use of limited 2019 CDBG resources to diversify recreational amenities for those living in the project service area by reconfiguring and improving an existing City park.

As a result of numerous conversations between the City and citizens who live in the project service area, adding a basketball court and an ADA-compliant playground area, as well as improving access, in MCC Park was identified as the most cost effective and efficient way to address the stated need for expanded recreational resources in an underserved area. The project is consistent with public input provided during development of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and during subsequent years, identifying quality of life improvements as a high priority in northeast Pascagoula. The project also supports the City's overarching goal of developing a viable community which all residents, but especially those in low- to moderate-income households and those who have special needs, enjoy.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	MCC Park Improvements
	Target Area	N/A
	Goals Supported	Improved Quality of Life
	Needs Addressed	Special Needs Populations, Public Facilities Improvements, Parks & Recreational Facilities, improved Access to Quality Public Facilities
	Funding	CDBG: \$125,080.85
	Description	The park will be reconfigured and may include a new basketball court, ADA-compliant playground, improved lighting and security measures, water fountains, landscaping and ADA-compliant access for a project service area that is not served by any other public park or recreation facility. The \$125,080.85 budgeted for this project includes \$5,670 in carryover from a previous year.
	Target Date	September 30, 2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The primarily residential project service area consists of seven census Block Groups identified in the attached map. 6,190 persons live in the project service area, of whom 3,415 (55.16%) are low- to moderate-income. The area is zoned for single family residential and neighborhood commercial development.
	Location Description	5701 Orchard Avenue, Pascagoula, MS
	Planned Activities	Project activities may include engineering/design soft costs to reconfigure the park; installation of a basketball court and ADA-compliant playground area; upgraded lighting and security measures, water fountains and landscaping; and ADA-compliant access in the park to support residents' enjoyment of outdoor recreation as participants and/or spectators. ADA improvements will comply with recommendations in the Pascagoula ADA Self-Evaluation and Transition Plan.
2	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	N/A
	Goals Supported	N/A
	Needs Addressed	N/A
	Funding	CDBG: \$36,742

	Description	CDBG-eligible activities and expenses required to administer the Pascagoula CDBG Entitlement Program, including preparing an update to the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and educational outreach that addresses fair housing and predatory lending businesses.
	Target Date	September 30, 2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable
	Location Description	630 Delmas Avenue Pascagoula, MS
	Planned Activities	CDBG-eligible activities required to administer the Pascagoula CDBG Entitlement Program, including assisting in the update of the HUD-required Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and educational outreach that addresses fair housing and predatory lending businesses. Flyers printed in English and Spanish also will be distributed as utility bill inserts to residents and businesses to affirmatively further fair housing.
3	Project Name	Public Services - [REDACTED]
	Target Area	N/A
	Goals Supported	Public Services Activities
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG;
	Description	This public service project will support [REDACTED] and related services, including affirmatively furthering fair housing outreach, provided by the [REDACTED] to prevent and address homelessness.
	Target Date	September 30, 2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	

	Planned Activities	_____ will _____ It also will make efforts to improve housing and supportive service providers' understanding of fair housing rights, in addition to sharing this information with persons being assisted.
4	Project Name	Public Service -
	Target Area	N/A
	Goals Supported	Public Services
	Needs Addressed	
	Funding	CDBG: \$_____
	Description	This public service project will support _____ to provide _____ and related supportive services, including education about fair housing rights, to those who have experienced domestic violence.
	Target Date	September 30, 2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	_____ will provide _____ and supportive services to LMC persons who _____. It also will make efforts to improve supportive service providers' understanding of fair housing rights, in addition to sharing this information with persons being assisted.

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

Because its needs are so great throughout the City, it does not invest its CDBG dollars according to a geographic distribution. As in its 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, the City will continue to describe goals and objectives in its 2019 Action Plan primarily in terms of the functional components of a well-developed community that creates and supports neighborhood stability, rebuilding, and growth.

The City will continue to address its unmet housing and nonhousing community development needs by:

- supporting improved access to affordable housing;
- implementing activities to provide suitable living environments/improved quality of life; and
- addressing unmet needs of the homeless and special needs populations through funded qualified public services.

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

Not applicable

Discussion

Not applicable

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Providing a suitable living environment for its residents, especially those in low- to moderate-income households and special needs populations, is a primary goal of the City of Pascagoula, which it attempts to address through its limited CDBG annual allocation. The City does not receive HOME, ESG, or HOPWA funding.

In Program Year 2019, the City budgeted \$27,556.35 of its CDBG allocation to fund public service activities to help achieve its goal of _____ through _____ and related supportive services activities, which will benefit an estimated # _____ persons. This goal will be achieved through CDBG-funded public service activities conducted by the _____ and the _____.

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

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

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

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

Discussion

_____ and _____ will work in collaboration to _____ by _____.

To address fair housing goals identified in the Pascagoula Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (A.I.) during PY2019, the City will incorporate efforts to affirmatively further fair housing into its public service activities to educate housing and support service providers, as well as those being provided with housing and supportive services, about the Fair Housing Act, especially about the rights of tenants, prospective tenants and home buyers. The City is working with the Mississippi HOME Corp., other cities and public housing agencies to prepare a statewide A.I. for the next five-year period.

The City also will print flyers in English and Spanish that will be inserted into utility bills and mailed to residents and businesses. In compliance with the A.I., the flyers will summarize “basic fair housing rights, predatory lending, reasonable accommodations and modifications.” Information about how to file a complaint with HUD, including identification of local organizations that will assist with filing a complaint, will be included.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII is the local public housing agency in the City and administers both the public housing and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. The Mississippi

Regional Housing Authority VIII is considered a “High Performing Public Housing Authority” that serves a variety of tenants including the elderly, disabled, veteran, and family populations.

Three of the 21 projects that the housing authority owns and manages are located in the City and include a total of 198 units. The Housing Authority also administers 6,778 Section 8 housing vouchers, but it is not possible to identify the number of vouchers directly benefitting Pascagoula residents.

Six Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) properties, which provide a total of 589 federally-assisted housing units, also are located in the city.

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

There are no plans at the present time to rehabilitate any of the public housing complexes in the City of Pascagoula. The City will continue to support the Resident Councils at all three public housing complexes and will continue to provide residents with technical assistance regarding Section 3 training and employment opportunities. The City also will continue to provide fair housing and predatory lending educational outreach information to public housing residents.

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

All three public housing complexes in the City have active Resident Councils. The City will continue to support efforts of the Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII to encourage public housing residents to be more involved in management and to participate in homeownership.

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

Not applicable

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

Introduction

During Program Year 2019, the City will continue to work with regional and local nonprofit agencies to address and prevent homelessness in Pascagoula. The City budgeted \$27,556.35 of its 2019 allocation for public service **activities to support _____ and related supportive services.**

The City’s direct investment in affordable housing and associated services for vulnerable citizens led to _____ **(being updated)** homeless households moving from homelessness to housing in 2018. State funding targeted toward moving homeless persons living with mental illness from homelessness to housing, managed by Singing River Services and Open Doors Homeless Coalition, led to _____ households obtaining safe, decent, affordable housing. Federal funding for local programs administered by local nonprofit agencies assisted an additional _____ extremely low-income homeless households in

successfully maintaining housing, according to the Open Doors Homeless Coalition, which manages regional homeless data by city.

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

Nonprofit organizations have coordinated services to effectively end homelessness among veterans in the Mississippi Gulf Coast Continuum of Care that includes the City of Pascagoula. Under the leadership of the Open Doors Homeless Coalition, Pascagoula and other partners will continue to collaborate to effectively end chronic homelessness in the City by the end of 2018-19 and effectively end homelessness among families and youth by 2020.

Other partners in this effort include the Salvation Army, Homes of Grace, and the Gulf Coast Center for NonViolence, Church on the Rock, Power Ministries, Jackson County Community Action Agency and Catholic Social Services. These partners provide a range of services that include emergency housing, transitional housing and permanent housing. In spite of this collaborative effort, there is a gap in available funding to support effective outreach and coordinated entry, which would streamline access to homeless services for Pascagoula's most vulnerable citizens.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

In 2019, there are 27 shelter beds (being updated) in the City of Pascagoula primarily for single adults. The existing shelter would be more effective, according to homeless service providers, if renovated to include space for families with children needing shelter.

Through the CDBG public service category, the City of Pascagoula provides funding to **experienced homeless and/or special needs population service organizations that provide emergency shelters and transitional housing for individuals and their families.** Once homeless or special needs populations are housed, supportive service providers work to address physical and mental needs, such as food and clothing.

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 to seek additional resources to meet the housing needs of homeless persons, especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth.

The City also will continue to support the efforts of homeless service providers to help homeless individuals and their families maintain housing, employment, mental, and physical health. Pascagoula

will continue to be an active partner with the Open Doors Homeless Coalition in its efforts to obtain and maintain data to document the extent of homelessness in the City of Pascagoula.

The City will continue its public educational outreach to homeless and special needs populations regarding fair housing and predatory lending.

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 continue to support efforts of housing and supportive service providers to obtain federal and state funding for the continuation and expansion of services and facilities to bridge the gap that exists in fully addressing the needs of the homeless and to prevent homelessness.

To help low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families who are likely to become homeless after being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care, or who are receiving assistance from public and private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education or youth needs, the City of Pascagoula will continue to support nonprofit agencies' applications for funding to continue and expand programs and facilities to meet the needs of these vulnerable populations. Agencies such as the South Mississippi Regional Center, LIFE, Gulf Coast Mental Health and the Mental Health Association of Mississippi will continue to be supported.

This collaborative effort is projected to benefit a total of ____ persons during Program Year 2019 (**being updated**). Those assisted with emergency and transitional housing and supportive services may include the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families. Supportive services provided will include efforts to affirmatively further fair housing, especially in terms of improving the understanding of renters' and home buyers' rights under the Fair Housing Act.

As resources allow during Program Year 2019, the City of Pascagoula also will continue to work with state, regional and local agencies to support efforts to address housing and supportive service needs for persons who have special needs, including the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, and public housing residents. Because the City's CDBG and nonCDBG resources are not adequate to address the housing and supportive needs of all residents, the City will continue to support nonprofit agencies' applications for funding to maintain and expand programs and facilities to meet the needs of these vulnerable populations. Agencies such as the South Mississippi Regional Center, LIFE, Gulf Coast Mental Health and the Mental Health Association of Mississippi will continue to be supported.

Discussion

By working collaboratively with regional and local nonprofit agencies and organizations, the City of Pascagoula maximizes the effective and efficient use of its limited CDBG resources to address the needs of the homeless.

During Program Year 2019, a partnership among the City of Pascagoula, Open Doors Homeless Coalition, faith-based leaders, local businesses and others will provide outreach to unsheltered adults in Pascagoula. Case workers will conduct assessments and link people as quickly as possible to housing and services based on their needs. Funding will be provided through the City's CDBG Entitlement Program and the Open Doors Homeless Coalition's ESG and Continuum of Care funds (**being updated**).

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

Introduction:

Pascagoula's 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and current Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice identify the need for additional federal funding to support development of affordable housing located in various neighborhoods throughout the City rather than clustering it in low-income and racially concentrated areas.

The Comprehensive Housing Strategy being funded with 2016 CDBG resources will improve the capacity of City staff to fund, coordinate and implement a diverse housing program that addresses the needs of tenants and homeowners to access and maintain affordable housing in a location of their choice.

During Program Year 2019, the City will continue to implement its fair housing and predatory lending public education outreach efforts and will support grant applications of local nonprofit agencies to access:

- local housing rehabilitation loan, grant and tax credit programs;
- emergency shelter and transitional housing services and programs; and
- various programs to expand homebuyer education programs; to assist first-time homebuyers with down payment assistance; and to provide funding assistance for rehabilitation of rental units.

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

The most significant barriers to affordable housing in Pascagoula, as identified in its 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan (MA-40) and current Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice (A.I.) are: “the lack of down payment assistance for first time homebuyers; and the lack of work force development

housing for those individuals who want to purchase but are unable due to the lack of housing inventory along with the financial resources to assist them in purchasing the housing.”

As identified in its 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan (SP-55), the City has identified the following efforts as ways to remove or ameliorate barriers to affordable housing in Pascagoula:

- The City will continue to support the Mississippi HOME Corporation in the mission to provide residents with down payment assistance and homebuyer education.
- The City will work with housing developers to build affordable workforce development housing units.
- The City will continue to support efforts of the Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII to improve the three public housing complexes located in the City.
- The City will continue to support nonprofit agencies and organizations which provide weatherization and LIHEAP support to Pascagoula residents.

The 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan (MA-40) also identifies two public policies that the City recognizes as problematic:

- The need for increased funding with regard to affordable housing for the homeless and special needs populations; and
- The need for exceptions to existing funding rules and zoning rules to allow for the pursuit of demonstration projects to test the viability of alternative housing developments such as cottage housing, micro housing, etc.

PY2016 CDBG funds in the amount of \$25,000 were budgeted for preparation of a comprehensive housing strategy that is intended to assist the City in achieving its goal to address residents’ short- and long-term affordable housing needs by:

- accessing multiple funding sources for grant, loan and tax credit programs;
- maximizing efficient coordination and concurrent implementation of multiple housing activities;
- identifying and developing related housing resources; and
- enhancing collaboration with existing state, regional and local agencies and organizations.

Discussion:

The City will continue to take the actions identified in its 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice to eliminate impediments to fair housing, including providing educational outreach regarding fair housing rights.

The 2019 Action Plan budgets Program Year 2019 CDBG administration funds to assist in developing an update to the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and to print flyers summarizing the Fair Housing Act, which will be mailed as a utility bill insert to residents and businesses.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

To meet other housing and nonhousing community development needs identified during development of the 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan and the 2019 Action Plan, the City budgeted \$27,556.35 of its 2019 CDBG funds for public services. _____ will receive \$_____ to support activities to _____ in Pascagoula and \$_____ is budgeted to assist in funding _____ and supportive services provided by the _____ to benefit persons _____.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The City of Pascagoula will continue to facilitate development of a regional social service collaborative to meet underserved needs. This collaborative will:

- coordinate the schedules and service delivery of local and regional organizations;
- share limited resources and information;
- reduce or eliminate duplication of efforts; and
- implement community-wide solutions to address local and regional needs.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City will continue to invest CDBG public service funds to support experienced nonprofit agencies in moving homeless individuals and their families from shelters to transitional and permanent housing.

The City will continue to work with local and regional housing agencies to pursue a comprehensive array of residential loan, grant and tax credit resources as part of its comprehensive efforts to meet the affordable housing needs of Pascagoula residents.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

During the 2019 Program Year, the City will continue to work with the Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII and other housing providers in the City to reduce lead-based paint hazards in housing units.

The City will continue to require that substantial rehabilitation of housing units in the City test for lead-based paint and abate it, if necessary, in compliance with EPA regulations.

The Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII will continue its home inspection program requiring owners of housing units inspected for Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program eligibility scrape and repaint any surface areas where paint is chipping or peeling.

The Housing Authority also will continue its lead-based paint hazard educational program by providing educational information to Section 8 families with children aged 6 years and younger living in public housing.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City of Pascagoula has the following programs and policies in place to reduce the number of poverty-level families:

- The City will continue to invest available resources and support public and private efforts to revitalize, rebuild and redevelop deteriorating neighborhoods and especially in neighborhoods where a majority of residents are low- to moderate-income.
- The City will pro-actively promote and encourage economic development and redevelopment in areas throughout the City.
- The City will continue to recruit new businesses and support expanded job opportunities for residents.
- The City will continue to work with housing developers to expand and diversify local affordable housing options.
- The City will maintain public street improvements (such as curbs, gutters and sidewalks) in accordance with its infrastructure maintenance policy.
- The City will support efforts to expand affordable childcare services (both day care and after hour care) to allow parents of young children to maintain employment.
- The City will continue to support efforts to expand public transportation services to improve residents' access to employment, education and training opportunities.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Below are strategies to develop Pascagoula's institutional structure identified in its 2015-2019 Consolidated Plan, which the City will continue to use and build upon:

- Improve coordination and communication between public and private sector agencies to avoid duplication of efforts;
- Support efforts by the Mississippi Regional Housing Authority VIII and other housing organizations to expand the inventory of affordable housing for the elderly through HUD Programs and other public/private resources.
- Continue to support the efforts of the Salvation Army, Homes of Grace, Open Doors Homeless Coalition, Gulf Coast Center for NonViolence, Boys and Girls Clubs, Public Housing Resident Councils, Stevens Center and others in their work to address the unmet needs of the homeless, the elderly, the physically and mentally disabled, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, and the drug and alcohol addicted individuals who live in the City of Pascagoula.
- Support efforts to meet the public transportation needs of Pascagoula residents, especially of residents who are unable to access social services critical to their overall health and wellbeing.

- Continue to support on-going efforts of local and regional housing and service agencies to address the full continuum of care for Pascagoula residents.
- Continue to adhere to its Citizen Participation Plan so that the City may benefit from diverse input that fully reflects the opinions of its residents so local needs may be identified comprehensively and appropriately prioritized.
- Continue to conduct an annual mailout to local and regional housing and community service agencies to encourage participation in developing and implementing Pascagoula’s Consolidated and Annual Action Plans.

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

The City has significantly increased its efforts to coordinate development of a regional housing and community services collaborative that will coordinate the work of both local and regional social service agencies. The City recognizes that improved service coordination will help eliminate duplication of efforts, maximize the effective use of limited public resources, improve communication and education about “best practices”, and identify community-wide solutions to meet basic housing and community needs.

The City will continue to participate as an active member in the Open Doors Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care and to adhere to its Citizen Participation Plan.

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

Introduction:

The City invests its CDBG funds to provide public services to address unmet community needs; to provide its residents with suitable living environments; and to expand economic opportunities, particularly for low- to moderate-income residents and for those with special needs.

Not less than 70% of the city’s CDBG allocation is used for low to moderate-income individuals and their families and each of the activities meets at least one of the National Objectives for the CDBG program.

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

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

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed

0

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

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	100.00%

The City's 2019 Action Plan covers the consecutive three-year program period of 2017, 2018 and 2019.

Attachments to the Final Document Will Include:

Citizens Participation Documentation

Maps

SF-424 and HUD Certifications

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