



**City of Warwick
Office of Housing & Community Development
2020 – 2024 Consolidated Plan**



City of Warwick's newly renovated Municipal Annex and home to the Office of Housing & Community Development

**Community Development Block Grant Program
2024 Annual Action Plan**

The Honorable Frank J. Picozzi, Mayor

Annual Action Plan
2024

Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Warwick's 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan identifies the City's housing, community, neighborhood, and economic development needs, prioritize those needs, and develop goals and strategies regarding how funding will be allocated to eligible housing and community development activities to meet the City's priority needs. The Consolidated Plan provides the vision that guides policies and the use of City resources to address these important issues over a five year period, the Annual Action Plan draws from the Consolidated Plan to implement those strategies and priorities identified therein.

The 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan is divided into five sections:

The Process section describes the development of the Consolidated Plan and discusses how citizens were involved in the process, and how public and private service providers and other stakeholders were consulted to facilitate the development of the Plan. The section also shares key findings from the citizen participation and consultation processes.

The Needs Assessment provides data, analysis, and other relevant information on the City's needs as they relate to affordable housing, special needs housing and services, community development, and homelessness. Throughout the Needs Assessment section, special attention is paid to the needs of Low and Moderate Income (LMI) households, racial and ethnic minorities, homeless persons, and non-homeless special needs populations (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS, disabilities, the elderly, refugees, etc.).

The Housing Market Analysis section provides information and detailed data about the local housing market conditions in the City of Warwick. The Housing Market Analysis is meant to supplement the information gleaned from the Needs Assessment to facilitate the creation of goals that are better tailored to the local context. In this way, the purpose of the Housing Market Analysis is to ensure that the priority goals developed through the Strategic Plan process will effectively work in the local market.

The Strategic Plan section is based on the findings from the Needs Assessment, Housing Market Analysis, stakeholder and resident input, and review of existing local and regional planning documents. The primary purpose of the Strategic Plan is to prioritize the needs identified through the Consolidated Planning process in order to develop associated goals that direct the allocation of federal funds in a manner that maximizes community impact and is driven by citizen preferences.

Finally, the Annual Action Plan describes the City's activities and projects for addressing the needs and priorities set forth in the Strategic Plan.

Potential funding contingencies in Program Year 2024 (FY 2024-2025) (Increases/Decreases):

The City of Warwick's ("City") Program Year 2024 (FY 2024 - 2025) Annual Action Plan was based on the amount stated in the PY2024 CPD Formula Letter received by the OHCD for the Community Development Block Grant Program ("CDBG"). The allocation amounts were used in the DRAFT Annual Action Plan made available for public comment and review for Program Year 2024 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD"). The City intends to make the following adjustments to its Annual Action Plan is after approval the PY2024 amount changes:

- Increase in Funding: Additional funds will be distributed to Public Service Activities, Public Facility Activities, Housing Activities, and Neighborhood Improvement Activities depending on need and review of the Office.
- Reduction/Loss of Funding: Any reduction/loss of funding will be reflected in the Public Service Activities, Public Facility Activities, Housing Activities, and Neighborhood Improvement Activities depending on need and review of the Office.

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 City of Warwick's housing and community needs were identified, during the Consolidated Plan process, through a series of four community meetings that solicited input from neighborhood residents across the City; consultation meetings with local Community Development organizations, community centers, and other nonprofit service organizations; evaluation of data obtained from partner organizations and data systems such as HMIS; analysis of publicly available data; previous planning documents and studies, and information gleaned from a variety of other sources. Each of these helped inform various sections of the Consolidated Plan.

The 2020 - 2024 Consolidated Plan Needs Assessment demonstrates that the shortage of affordable housing stock and the increased housing costs in Warwick is the most critical problem for the City's low-income population, resulting in a high percentage of cost burdened households. Over the next five years, Warwick will continue to implement the Housing Rehabilitation Program which assists lower income homeowners with safety, energy efficiency, code & housing quality, and accessibility improvements as well lead based paint hazards, that enable residents to live in their homes affordably. Additionally, the Strategic Plan allocates resources for the construction of rental and homeowner housing, through rehabilitation, acquisition, and in partnership with Warwick's House of Hope Community Development Corporation. The Needs Assessment, Market Analysis, and Strategic Plan note

that Warwick has an expansive network of public service providers serving its homeless and non-homelessness special needs population. The increasing demand for services and shrinking state, federal and local funding, that supports general agency operation, presents a continuous challenge for these providers. The City aims to address these unmet needs through public facility improvements, and public service funding. CDBG funds will be used for public facility improvements in centers for people with disabilities, health facilities, homeless facilities as well as youth and childcare centers.

In Program Year 2024, the City remains committed to allocate the maximum allowable percentage of CDBG funds to public service activities, while maximizing the highest positive impact on low to moderate income populations. CDBG investment in public services include: senior, youth, substance abuse & drug addiction, childcare, physical & mental health services, as well as services for victims of sexual & domestic abuse, and abused & neglected children. During the Program Year 2024 Annual Action Plan period of performance, Warwick continued an annual competitive RFP process for public facility, housing and public service projects.

The City of Warwick will continue community development investment in low to moderate income areas/neighborhoods, focusing on providing ADA compliant playgrounds and outdoor recreation features during Program Year 2024. Master Plans detailing priority needs in public infrastructure and facilities have been completed in some of the neighborhoods. During the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan period of performance, CDBG funds for improvements to flood drainage; streets and sidewalks, as well as parks and recreational facilities will be invested in neighborhoods that are predominately low to moderate income if funds are available. Census data will be analyzed to ensure proper areas of the City are targeted for investment of CDBG funds.

3. Evaluation of past performance

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

The Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the previously completed Program Year 2023 and IDIS Report Con Plan Goals & Accomplishments shows that the City has been successful in achieving the Strategic Plan Goals that were established in the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan. Most Programs/Activities utilizing CDBG funding are on target to meet, and in some cases exceed, the established goals in all priority areas.

In the Housing area, while the City continues to struggle with creating new affordable housing units, it has been successful in the rehabilitation of both homeowner and rental housing. The City has provided rehabilitation assistance to 64 rental units (640% of 5-year goal) and 202 homeowner units (101% of 5-year goal). The City plans to continue investment in the rehabilitation of existing housing stock and to partner with its affordable housing developers to rehab and create safe affordable housing.

In Basic Services, the City assisted 652 persons (33.18% of 5-year goal) and in Services for Special Needs Populations, the City assisted 985 persons (100% of 5-year goal). The City is on track to exceed its goals for the service categorizes.

The City's performance in the utilization of CDBG-CV funds to assist those persons and families impacted by the continuing impacts of COVID-19 and its variants have been continuing. While the City could not anticipate the impact of the Pandemic while assembling its 5-year ConPlan, it has provided essential support to agencies that are meeting the needs of the community. The City has assisted 14,163 persons (269.36% of 5-year goal) through its CDBG-CV funded Programs/Activities.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The Warwick Office of Housing & Community Development ("OHCD") executes the Citizens Participation Plan for the Community Development Program, including elements contained in this Program Year 2023³₄ Annual Action Plan. The City utilizes a variety of outreach initiatives to ensure transparency and accountability in the Community Development Program. First, the OHCD has a Community Development Advisory Board which assists in the review, planning and program definition of the OHCD's CDBG Program. The Board meets several times in the first quarter of each year with staff and reviews staff and consultant recommendations on applications, program priorities, and community needs. Second, the OHCD has public hearings designed to facilitate an open discussion regarding the Community Development Program and its objectives and to allow for public comment relating to the CDBG Program and its implementation. It is important to note that all public meetings/hearings were held in person. Each of the notices/postings/ advertisements included detailed information regarding participation by the general public. For the Program Year 2024 Annual Action Plan, an in-person public informational meeting/hearing was held on November 13, 2023 to announce the opening of the application process for community development activities.

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.

There were no public comments during the Citizens Participation portion of the drafting of the Annual Action Plan for 2023.

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

There were no comments or views that were not accepted.

7. Summary

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	WARWICK	
CDBG Administrator	WARWICK	Office of Housing & Community Development
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator		
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

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

1. Introduction

In developing the Consolidated Plan, the City of Warwick's Office of Housing & Community Development ("OHCD") conducted a thorough outreach effort to engage with critical stakeholders in the City and State. The City utilized many outreach and engagement efforts and regular communication with residents by the City's Planning Department, City Hall, Senior Services, Housing Authority, Property Maintenance, and Building Department. Further, the OHCD contracted with CEW Advisors, Inc. to conduct a comprehensive community outreach, stakeholder engagement, and public consultation process.

CEW Advisors, Inc., on behalf of the OHCD, consulted with City Departments, nonprofit service agencies, Community and Housing Development Corporations, other State Agencies and Departments, business organizations, and the general public to discuss short-term and long-term housing and community development needs for the residents of Warwick and strategies for meeting these needs.

This outreach effort was designed to duly record stakeholder input and develop an informed set of priority needs to help guide the City's investment strategies over the 2020-2024 time period for this Consolidated Plan. This outreach effort included multiple stakeholder interviews, where organizations, service providers, and residents of all types from across the City discussed the City's needs and discussed strategies to address those needs. Additionally, an online survey allowed for additional opportunities for Warwick residents to add their voice and articulate community needs. The OHCD continually conducts coordination with varied stakeholders throughout the year to ensure the City is delivering the services and programming that will serve its constituency.

In preparation of the 2024 Annual Action Plan the OHCD consulted with local non-profits, service providers, and neighborhoods to determine how needs have changed/evolved during the past year, as COVID-19 restrictions are easing, the economic climate, and to provide direction to the OHCD & City on how it can best assist.

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

The Planning Department and OHCD has contact with residents, business owners, nonprofit organizations, and program beneficiaries. This contact with developers, business owners, the public, and providers and agencies results in regular input regarding the needs of the community, allows for alignment and coordination with the City's goals, and assists in program development and implementation.

Over 17 years ago, Warwick supported its community and social service providers in creating the Warwick 13. The service needs addressed were diverse and holistic and opened up new opportunities for client referral and was better able to address the needs of a broader household that could face multiple challenges in a wide variety of service areas. The knowledge among agency directors and front-line staff of the programs and services available created a unique system of referral that benefits Warwick residents.

Although no longer a formalized group, many agencies continue to coordinate with one another on a more informal basis to strategize on service delivery. The member agencies partnered on a coordinated website which profiles agencies and streamlines the sharing of information and acts as a portal to clients looking for services. Many City departments interact with these nonprofit providers to assess and meet needs of Warwick's residents.

Senior Services interacts with the State Office of Healthy Aging and the RI Statewide Independent Living Council. Family Support Services and the Warwick School Department interact with the state's Truancy Court to address issues of chronic absenteeism. There is also interaction with the state court system, DCYF and DCYF-funded agencies, and the state Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals. OHCD and the City consult on a regular basis with the Warwick Housing Authority on long range planning and development and rehabilitation. The Planning Department regularly interacts with public and private entities to provide guidance and regulatory review.

There many interactions between the various departments in the city and state agencies. The City's on-line economic development website provides information to individuals and entities seeking to start or grow a business in Warwick. Working with Commerce RI, the City leverages state incentives to drive development. As the home city to the state's only International Airport, Warwick has a close relationship with the Rhode Island Airport Corporation. Tourism activities are supported through both the City of Warwick's Office of Tourism, Culture & Development and the Providence-Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau.

The City also partners with the Central RI Chamber of Commerce which acts as a broker between the City and its members and new businesses interested in opening in Warwick. The Chamber communicates with the City on licensing and building permits to help facilitate new business development.

Warwick is a member of the RI League of Cities and Towns which represents municipal government interests before the state legislature, executive and state administrative agencies, as well as provides technical assistance, information sharing, and training to assist municipal officials in fulfilling their responsibilities. Through this membership, Warwick has relationships with the other municipal leaders in the state in a structured and formalized manner.

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.

Rhode Island has a single Continuum of Care (RiCoC). Rhode Island Housing is the Collaborative Applicant for the RiCoC and is responsible for overseeing its annual funding competition, compliance processes and system planning and policy oversight. The RiCoC is supported by the Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless (RICH) as the entity that manages the HMIS system. RICH is responsible for managing, training, collecting and reporting data into and out of the system.

Under the requirements of the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act (HEARTH Act), over the past several years the system of programs and services for homeless individuals and families in RI has been organized around a more cohesive statewide Coordinated Entry System that, although has had its critics and limitations, has helped better target the most vulnerable population which has the highest need for services. Crossroad RI, the state's largest provider of homelessness services, operates the Coordinated Entry Hotline and all diversion/entry to the shelter system.

The RiCoC seeks to coordinate outreach services including those funded by RiCoC, ESG and other funding sources to ensure that outreach fully covers the State of Rhode Island including urban and non-urban areas. The RiCoC seeks to prevent overlap and duplication of outreach services and assure that outreach covers all areas of the State that are likely locations where homeless people will find shelter or will seek or remain or congregate without formal shelter services or support. Outreach teams coordinate with local shelters, drop-in centers, and other programs serving homeless people, law enforcement, and emergency medical personnel.

The RiCoC Board is comprised of 15 individuals, primarily representing service providers, state agencies, and organizations directly involved in housing and homelessness. The only municipal representation is the City of Providence, the state's capital city and largest city. While the City of Warwick does not directly sit on the Governance Board for the RiCoC, House of Hope CDC is on the board and represents the views and homelessness needs of the City. House of Hope CDC has been an important partner with the City since its founding in 1989, with a mission to prevent and end homelessness in the state and end the personal and social trauma of homelessness.

All this information was incorporated into the relevant sections of the Needs Assessment.

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

Warwick does not receive an allocation of ESG funds. In Rhode Island, the State Housing Resources Commission has established the Consolidated Homeless Fund (CHF) which brings together various resources available to support homelessness programs into a single, coordinated effort. Both the RICOc and the CHF are designed to deliver a continuum of programs and assistance to reduce the number of homeless individuals and families throughout Rhode Island. The CHF includes:

- Pawtucket Emergency Solutions Grants
- Providence Emergency Solutions Grants
- Woonsocket Emergency Solutions Grants
- State of RI Emergency Solutions Grants
- Title XX Shelter/Homeless Service Funds
- Housing Resource Commission Shelter/Homeless Service Funds

RICOc's Recipient Approval and Evaluation Committee (RAEC) meets jointly with the CHF funding committee and policy makers to set parameters for ESG funding and to determine ESG awards. RICOc's RAEC reviews ESG program performance metrics and reports; evaluation of performance metrics informs the ESG funding decisions. The RICOc and CHF attend RAEC and CHF Funding committee meetings to represent ESG and RICOc recipient feedback in planning and allocation decisions. RICOc stakeholders without conflicts of interest may be invited to represent ESG recipient feedback and answer questions before the funding committee begins deliberations. RICOc committees gather ESG recipient feedback to inform policy, procedures and written standards and gaps analysis.

In 2019, to increase ESG and RICOc recipient feedback and public comment incorporation into funding deliberations, the RICOc asked the RI Coalition for the Homeless to organize a working group to inform the RAEC and CHF/ESG funding committee in their stewardship of these resources in alignment with emerging needs and gaps analysis of RI's Opening Doors plan to end homelessness and recipient expertise and localized experience. ESG/RICOc recipients met with the CHF/ESG/RICOc Funding Committee chair in August 2019 to reflect feedback and priorities for ongoing RICOc/ESG and CHF funding. The Chair surveys RICOc/ESG/CHF stakeholders for their ongoing input into funding priorities.

RICOc collaborates with the State of RI and the Entitlement Communities that receive ESG funding: Providence, Pawtucket, East Providence, and Woonsocket. Collaboration includes sharing fiscal and program data (SPMs, LOCCS balances, Opening Doors RI metrics tracked in HMIS).

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	Adoption RI
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Child Welfare Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss service needs and programs for youth in the foster care system, and youth at risk of homelessness as they transition out of the foster care system. Spoke about the coordinated partnership with several agencies in the foster care system and assistance for disconnected youth who are at risk of aging out of the foster care system without permanency or who have aged out. Behavioral health services are critical for children and youth and their families to respond to specific behavioral issues exhibited by youth and to address underlying issues among parents to prevent DCYF involvement. Better coordination between the state DCYF system and homeless prevention services is necessary.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	AIDS Care Ocean State
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss specific services and housing needs for persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. Also discussed coordination with homeless service providers to identify and rapidly house HIV-infected persons. Collaboration is expected to lead to better coordination between ACOS and homeless providers or other agencies that are providing public services to HIV positive persons.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	Beautiful Day RI
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Anti-poverty Strategy Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss youth development programs and services available for Warwick youth, and the partnerships between B&GC and Warwick Public Schools. Discussed community development needs among youth and families served by B&GC, including behavioral issues among youth, and family instability issues among caregivers. Additional resources are necessary for family stability and behavioral health services to prevent and respond to short-term crises. In preparation of the 2023 Annual Action Plan, the Agency was consulted through the comprehensive application process as to the current needs of the clients they serve and how to best support those needs with CDBG & CDBG-CV funding.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss youth development programs and services available for Warwick youth, and the partnerships between B&GC and Warwick Public Schools. Discussed community development needs among youth and families served by B&GC, including behavioral issues among youth, and family instability issues among caregivers. Additional resources are necessary for family stability and behavioral health services to prevent and respond to short-term crises. In preparation of the 2023 Annual Action Plan, the Agency was consulted through the comprehensive application process as to the current needs of the clients they serve and how to best support those needs with CDBG & CDBG-CV funding.
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Central RI Chamber of Commerce
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment Regional organization Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Non-Housing Community Development Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss business needs and concerns for Warwick area business members of the Chamber. Surveys also were collected from Warwick-based businesses to solicit information on a range of business and economic development activities in Warwick. The Agency was further consulted, as many COVID-19 restrictions on businesses have been lifted, to inquire as to needs associated with servicing its clients as a result of the widespread shut-downs.
6	Agency/Group/Organization	Child Inc
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Health Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss programs and services for early childhood, school readiness and education in the City, non-parent child rearing, housing concerns among families served, and behavioral health issues evident in children and caretakers.
7	Agency/Group/Organization	College Crusade
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Non-Housing Community Development Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss education and college access strategies, and the Warwick education system relative to the rest of the state, and the need for high quality teachers, counselors, and advisors in schools. College Crusade services very few youth from the City of Warwick.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Conimicut Village Association
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business and Civic Leaders Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Anti-poverty Strategy Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Neighborhood Association was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss the Consolidated Plan goals, community development needs, and strategies with neighborhood residents. Comments were broadly concerned with neighborhood infrastructure, park improvements, quality of life, housing affordability, housing code violations, vacant properties, and support for new small businesses.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	CORNERSTONE ADULT SERVICES
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Non-Housing Community Development Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss program and service needs for elderly individuals and those with disabilities, including health, mental health, socializations, and mobility needs, and required transportation services. Also discussed in-home modifications to support aging in place. In preparation of the 2023 Annual Action Plan, the Agency was consulted through the comprehensive application process as to the current needs of the clients they serve and how to best support those needs with CDBG & CDBG-CV funding.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Crossroads RI
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing
	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 Anti-poverty Strategy

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss all aspects of homelessness programs and services, available housing for homeless individuals and families, and the coordinated entry system. There are still significant grievances with the Coordinated Entry System mandated by HUD, but the integration of coordinated entry has led to a dramatically improved system of services for individuals that have the highest level of service needs while diverting those with the lowest needs. Discussed the conversion of the former Family Shelter to four units of Permanent Supportive Housing and how easy it has been to work with the municipality. Housing availability is still the most pressing challenge for homelessness as well as co-occurring mental health and addition disorders. In preparation of the 2023 Annual Action Plan, the Agency was consulted through the comprehensive application process as to the current needs of the clients they serve and how to best support those needs with CDBG & CDBG-CV funding.</p>
11	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Dorcas International Institute of Rhode Island</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Services - Housing Services-Education Services-Employment</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy Non-Housing Community Development Needs</p>

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss programs and services for refugees, immigrants, and low-literacy individuals throughout Rhode Island, and individuals with other barriers to employment. Also discussed strategies to alleviate poverty for immigrants, refugees, and other low-income and low-skilled individuals. There is not a large refugee population living in Warwick.
12	Agency/Group/Organization	East Natick Village Association
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business and Civic Leaders Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Economic Development Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Neighborhood Association was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss the Consolidated Plan goals, community development needs, and strategies with neighborhood residents. Comments were broadly concerned with neighborhood infrastructure, housing code violations, funds for home improvements, and housing affordability. OHCD interacts with neighborhood associations, which serve low-to moderate income areas, throughout the year to identify resident needs and how the OHCD can assist in the association. In preparation of the PY 2023 Annual Action Plan, the neighborhood association was consulted with regards to on-going and up-coming projects from their Neighborhood Master Plan.
13	Agency/Group/Organization	Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Victims of Domestic Violence

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss housing and services needs for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence, prevention and educational services, the changing nature of domestic violence, and new laws that help with removing the abuser from the home. The escalating rental costs create challenges for victims and more affordable housing options are critical to move people into independent living. In preparation of the 2023 Annual Action Plan, the Agency was consulted through the comprehensive application process as to the current needs of the clients they serve and how to best support those needs with CDBG & CDBG-CV funding.
14	Agency/Group/Organization	House of Hope Community Development Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless
	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 Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, about housing and services needs for homeless individuals and families in Warwick, street outreach, their Fair House development and other units, the NIMBY mentality in the state that blocks affordable housing development, and the Coordinated Entry System. The need for more affordable housing is enormous. In preparation of the 2023 Annual Action Plan, the Agency was consulted through the comprehensive application process as to the current needs of the clients they serve and how to best support those needs with CDBG & CDBG-CV funding.
15	Agency/Group/Organization	The Housing Network of Rhode Island/Community Housing Land Trust of Rhode Island
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, about affordable housing, housing finance, investment needs, programs to support new homeowners, the existing market for new owner and rental units, barriers to affordable housing, and opportunities for innovative development. As the Housing Network is a coalition of all the CDCs in the state, consultation leads to better coordination of programs and projects among the various CDCs operating in the State. In preparation of the PY 2023 Annual Action Plan, OHCD had numerous discussions regarding various projects that are scheduled to take place in the neighborhood and general issues pertaining to quality of life issues.
16	Agency/Group/Organization	HousingWorksRI
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Planning organization Academic Institution
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Market Analysis 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?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, about affordable housing needs, rising housing costs, consumer preferences, zoning challenges that restrict housing options, and opportunities for innovative development. In-person meeting with Program Manager for RI Alliance for Healthy Homes to discuss healthy housing issues in Warwick, including lead-based paint. Housing Works RI releases an annual Housing Fact Book, the Fact Book for 2022 continues to clearly detail the affordability issues locally and statewide.

17	Agency/Group/Organization	Junior Achievement
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss changing student population, needs of Warwick students, school closures, K-12 services. More emphasis on industry relevant instruction and programming will help better bridge student academics to real-world work and industry experiences.
18	Agency/Group/Organization	Local Initiatives Support Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-homeless Services-Employment Regional organization Community Development Financial Institution
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, for Income and Wealth Building and Lending to discuss housing issues generally and innovative programs and services in Warwick and the State.

19	Agency/Group/Organization	Oakland Beach Master Plan Committee
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business and Civic Leaders Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
20	Agency/Group/Organization	Mentor Rhode Island
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss programs and services offered by Mentor RI for Warwick students; their partnership with Warwick schools is strong. They have been seeing an escalation of behavioral issues and articulated a need for more social and emotional learning and a better recognition of trauma and developmental issues in order to better address underlying trauma rather than punishing behavior.

21	Agency/Group/Organization	Operation Stand Down Rhode Island
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss housing and service needs of veterans, veteran homelessness, mental health and addiction recovery services, and legal services. Consultation highlighted the need for more legal services to help address Social Security, housing, VA Compensation, and other issues. Additional education and training is necessary for returning veterans so they can get connected to better employment opportunities. And more affordable housing options are needed for veterans and their families.
22	Agency/Group/Organization	Pilgrim Senior Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Other government - Local Grantee Department

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss program and service needs for elderly individuals and those with disabilities, including health, mental health, socialization, and mobility needs, and required transportation services. Also discussed senior preferences for activities and necessary in-home modifications to support aging in place.
23	Agency/Group/Organization	Pontiac Village Association
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business and Civic Leaders Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Neighborhood Association was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss the Consolidated Plan goals, community development needs, and strategies with neighborhood residents. Comments were broadly concerned with neighborhood infrastructure and beautification needs, homelessness, and historic preservation. In preparation of the PY 2023 Annual Action Plan, OHCD had numerous discussions regarding various projects that are scheduled to take place in the neighborhood and general issues pertaining to quality of life issues.
24	Agency/Group/Organization	RI Coalition for the Homeless
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing Regional organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Neighborhood Association was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss the Consolidated Plan goals, community development needs, and strategies with neighborhood residents. Comments were broadly concerned with neighborhood infrastructure and beautification needs, homelessness, and historic preservation. In preparation of the PY 2023 Annual Action Plan, OHCD had numerous discussions regarding various projects that are scheduled to take place in the neighborhood and general issues pertaining to quality of life issues.
25	Agency/Group/Organization	Rhode Island Commerce Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment Other government - State Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Non-Housing Community Development Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to hear from businesses about how the state can improve the business environment by better understanding the pain points in existing laws, regulations, licensing standards, fee structures, and other areas. Business members were offered the opportunity to make suggestions for changes. While this was a statewide event, the content was relevant for the City of Warwick.
26	Agency/Group/Organization	Rhode Island Continuum of Care
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless Other government - State Civic Leaders Continuum of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs 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 Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to how the RCoC coordinates with service organizations, municipalities, and state agencies to address the needs of homeless persons and persons at risk of homelessness, as well as how the RCoC and the Consolidated Homeless Fund interact to develop strategies for service provision among the various types of funding streams that support programs and services to address homelessness. There is significant coordination among the various funding streams, municipalities, and agencies that are involved in homelessness.

27	Agency/Group/Organization	Rhode Island Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Health Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss programs and services available for individuals living with mental illness, substance abuse disorders, and developmental disabilities, and the ecosystem of agency providers in Warwick. Consultation also involved innovative investments in housing and services for these populations. Medicaid rates are generally too low to adequately cover the costs of services, creating financial pressure for provider agencies and a need to do additional fundraising and grant solicitation to support these services.
28	Agency/Group/Organization	RI Department of Corrections
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss the inmate population, discharge planning, recidivism rates, and programs and services available in Correctional Facilities and services necessary for newly released individuals. Service appointments are made for individuals upon release, but often they do not appear. Especially challenging are drug treatment appointments are set for too long after release and individuals fall back into drug use.</p>
29	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Rhode Island Housing and Mortgage Finance Corporation</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing PHA Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing Other government - State Business and Civic Leaders Private Sector Banking / Financing</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy Lead-based Paint Strategy</p>

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, the Centralized Waitlist for affordable housing units, general affordable housing needs for new and rehab units, lead abatement and property rehabilitation, demographic trends and their impact on housing needs, and the housing and service needs of the homeless. The need for affordable housing was highlighted by articulation of there being over 17,000 persons on the Centralized Waitlist. Warwick Housing Authority participates in the Centralized Waitlist.
30	Agency/Group/Organization	Rhode Island Office of Innovation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Other government - State Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to determine the resources available for broadband and wireless connectivity in the state for low-income residents as well as the state Digital Equity Initiative.

31	Agency/Group/Organization	THRIVE Behavioral Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Services - Victims Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss mental health, behavioral health, and substance abuse needs and services available in Warwick, opioid epidemic, housing needs and supportive services for homeless individuals and families, and the dramatic rise of kinship care.
32	Agency/Group/Organization	Warwick Beacon
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Business and Civic Leaders Media
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Non-Housing Community Development Needs

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss mental health, behavioral health, and substance abuse needs and services available in Warwick, opioid epidemic, housing needs and supportive services for homeless individuals and families, and the dramatic rise of kinship care.
33	Agency/Group/Organization	Warwick Family Support Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Service-Fair Housing Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss programs and services for children and families, including summer and afterschool programming, addressing substance abuse issues for youth and the elderly through prevention, education, and intervention activities, and coordinating activities with human service and social services agencies. The Office and Agency consult on a weekly basis as to programmatic initiatives that serve the Community.
34	Agency/Group/Organization	Warwick Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, regarding coordination between the City Consolidated Plan and the WHA Annual Plan for public housing, the needs of public housing residents, the waiting list for Section 8 vouchers, housing market trends, and the service needs of public housing residents. In preparation of the PY 2023 Annual Action Plan, the agency was consulted regarding recent trends and issues with adding additional Section-8 rentals to their inventory.
35	Agency/Group/Organization	Warwick Public School District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Education Other government - Local Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Families with children Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Agency was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, due to effect of recent school consolidation, declining student enrollments, conditions of facilities, and general needs of public school students.

36	Agency/Group/Organization	WESTBAY COMMUNITY ACTION
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Service-Fair Housing Child Welfare Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Lead-based Paint Strategy Non-Housing Community Development Needs
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37	Agency/Group/Organization	Ocean State Center for Independent Living
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Civic Leaders Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Neighborhood Association was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss the Consolidated Plan goals, community development needs, and strategies with neighborhood residents. Comments were broadly concerned with neighborhood infrastructure, erosion of the beach and dredging of the cove and channel, traffic mitigation and parking concerns especially during special events, housing code violations, vacant properties, housing affordability, small business expansion and facade program. OHCD interacts with neighborhood associations, which serve low-to moderate income areas, throughout the year to identify resident needs and how the OHCD can assist in the association. In preparation of the PY 2023 Annual Action Plan, the neighborhood association was consulted with regards to on-going and up-coming projects from their Neighborhood Master Plan.
38	Agency/Group/Organization	Tides Family Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Health Services-Education
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development Needs

<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The Neighborhood Association was consulted, for the 2020-2024 Consolidate Plan, to discuss the Consolidated Plan goals, community development needs, and strategies with neighborhood residents. Comments were broadly concerned with neighborhood infrastructure, erosion of the beach and dredging of the cove and channel, traffic mitigation and parking concerns especially during special events, housing code violations, vacant properties, housing affordability, small business expansion and facade program. OHCD interacts with neighborhood associations, which serve low-to moderate income areas, throughout the year to identify resident needs and how the OHCD can assist in the association. In preparation of the PY 2023 Annual Action Plan, the neighborhood association was consulted with regards to on-going and up-coming projects from their Neighborhood Master Plan.</p>
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Identify any Agency Types not consulted and provide rationale for not consulting

During the 2020-2024 Consolidated Plan process the OHCD scheduled a number of one-on-one conversations with organizations and agencies engaged in affordable housing, homelessness, social service delivery, senior and youth programming, community and economic development, and many other relevant issue areas. Most of these organizations and agencies have existing relationships and partnerships with the OHCD. The OHCD made every effort to be inclusive of every type of organization in the City. It is unlikely that there were any agency types serving the Warwick community that were not consulted during the development of the Consolidated Plan. In preparing the 2022 Annual Action Plan the OHCD reached out to many non-profit agencies to discuss operational and program delivery changes, as a result of the an going affects that COVID-19 and its variants have had on the Agency and its clientele, as well as discussions on the changing needs of the organization in servicing its clients.

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	Rhode Island Continuum of Care	This operational and policy guidance document details the priorities of the RICoC, including the policy of prioritizing the chronically homeless for permanent supportive housing. This aligns with the priorities of the City and undergirds the work of the primary partner in homelessness issues, House of Hope CDC.
2022 Housing Fact Book	HousingWorks RI	Affordable housing is one of the most significant needs in the City of Warwick. The Housing Fact Book supports this finding and also discusses additional housing strategies that could be implemented in Warwick. There is information about healthy housing strategies and the state transportation system that were integrated into the Needs Assessment. Finally, the Warwick city profile was a useful summary snapshot of the affordable housing challenges.
2022 Rhode Island Kids Count Factbook	Rhode Island Kids Count	Rhode Island KIDS COUNT is a policy and advocacy agency that works to improve the health, safety, education, economic well-being, and development of Rhode Island's children. The Fact Book is the preeminent resource on child well-being and covers a wealth of indicators. The data contained in the report informed the Needs Assessment section as well as supported program ideas contained in the Strategic Plan.
RI 2023 State Plan on Aging Survey	Rhode Island Office of Healthy Aging	Strategic plan discusses the priority areas of focus for the Office of Healthy Aging and details the various programs and services which are available through the office for older individuals. Many of the comments align with the strategic goals of this Consolidated Plan: place-based supports, programs to age in place, health and wellness, including behavioral health and food security, and protections for older individuals.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
City Centre Warwick Master Plan	City of Warwick	This Master Plan defines a vision and development strategy to advance redevelopment of the City Centre Warwick Station Development District, comprising approximately 95 acres of land within the City of Warwick. The Master Plan primary focus is development of land at the heart of the District as a new public destination and center of economic activity. With the opening of the Warwick commuter rail station, this area has the potential to attract transit-served development and serve as a catalyst for long-term improvements in the larger area. The Strategic Plan incorporates and is aligned with the City Centre Master Plan.
City of Warwick Comprehensive Plan 2033	City of Warwick	The Comprehensive Plan addresses many community and economic development concerns such as housing, parks, transportation, community services, innovation district, the airport, neighborhood activity centers, sustainability, and many others. The Plan is based on a substantial community engagement process that was designed to find out what Warwick residents, business people, and other stakeholders were thinking about the future of the city. The goals detailed in the Strategic Plan support the goals and concepts of the Comprehensive Plan.
2019 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update	City of Warwick	The purpose of the Warwick Hazard Mitigation Strategy is to advocate the concepts of disaster resilient and sustainable communities. Warwick is committed to building a disaster resistant community, achieving sustainable development, and mitigating hazard impacts before a disaster hits. The Consolidated Plan aligns with the strategies contained in this report to create a more resilient and safer community.
Economic Intersections of RI	RI Foundation	As part of a broader economic development strategy for the state, the information contained in this report is valuable with regard to understanding the strategic opportunities for economic development in the City.
RI Biennial Employment & Training Plan	Governor's Workforce Board RI	This Plan outlines overarching priorities of the state workforce development system aimed to increase the impact of its programs and services to create a more robust and capable workforce to meet the needs of high-wage jobs in high-growth industries.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Healthy Housing Data Book	RI Department of Health	Report describes the various types of healthy housing issues throughout the state of RI and discusses the seven key principles of healthy housing. Strategies for eliminating environmental health risks are identified for each type of hazard.
How to End Long-Term Homelessness in RI	Housing Works RI	This report recommends the production of a substantial number of deeply affordable homes to house individuals and families earning less than 50% AMI. The City is fully supportive of this recommendation and works with agencies in Warwick to increase the supply of affordable housing.
Master Plan Update: Conimicut Village	City of Warwick's Office of Housing & Community Development	Goals for neighborhood development including streetscape, recreation and sewer improvements.
Master Plan Update: East Natick	City of Warwick's Office of Housing & Community Development	Goals for neighborhood development including streetscape, recreation and sewer improvements.
Master Plan Update: Pontiac Village	City of Warwick's Office of Housing & Community Development	Goals for neighborhood development including streetscape, recreation and sewer improvements.
Master Plan Update: Apponaug Village	City of Warwick's Office of Housing & Community Development	Goals for neighborhood development including streetscape, recreation and sewer improvements.
Master Plan Update: Oakland Beach	City of Warwick's Office of Housing & Community Development	Goals for neighborhood development including streetscape, recreation and sewer improvements.
Strategic Plan to Prevent & End Homelessness	RI Housing Resources Commission	The City of Warwick fully embraces the goals of Opening Doors and supports the efforts of House of Hope CDC to assist in achieving these goals. Further, the City advocates for system transformation to reduce the use of emergency shelters to a more holistic approach to prevention, rapid response, and supports to assist the most in need and eliminate chronic homelessness.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Projecting Future Housing Needs Report	HousingWorks RI	This report discusses two Scenarios of statewide population growth and analyzed the effect of each scenario on household composition and housing units. While this is a statewide report, it disaggregated Central RI which includes Coventry, East Greenwich, Warwick, West Greenwich, and West Warwick. Based on historical trends and future projections, the report suggests that population growth in Central RI will be negligible over the 2014-2025 period, while the school age population is projected to shrink dramatically and the 65+ population will have pronounced growth.
RI Innovates: Competitive Strategy for Ocean State	RI Commerce Corporation	A comprehensive economic development strategy for the state based on an evaluation of current conditions and best opportunities for high-quality economic growth, based on leveraging existing assets in the state, with the goal of promoting an advanced economy based on high-growth and high-wage industries.
RI Regional Analysis of Imped. to Fair Housing	State of RI Office of Housing & Community Development	The State of Rhode Island undertook a regional analysis of impediments to fair housing as part of a HUD funded Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant. As part of the development of the statewide Analysis, the City had the opportunity to consult with, offer comment, and supplement additional information relevant to the City. The regional analysis discusses broader level market trends that inhibit the development of affordable housing in the City and State.
RI Rising: A Plan for People, Places & Prosperity	RI Office of Statewide Planning	This Economic Development Plan as part of a coordinated, long-range planning effort led by the RI Division of Planning and discusses 6 primary goals and the policies and action steps it is emphasizing to achieve these goals. The City is supportive of the goals contained in the plan and is aligning its own economic development strategies to match these goals.
State of Homelessness in America	The Council of Economic Advisors	This report describes how homelessness varies across States and communities in the United States; analyzes the major factors that drive this variation; and discusses previous Federal policies to reduce homeless populations. The report also discusses the current approach of the Federal government towards homelessness.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
State of Working RI 2017	Economic Progress Institute of Rhode Island	This report summarizes the current state of the Rhode Island economy, particularly as it impacts RI working families. It focuses on the existing workforce and the challenges workers face at getting ahead in an economy that has shifted dramatically, from the decades long erosion of the manufacturing base, and more sudden, as the pace of change driving the global economy accelerates. This leaves those without the skills or education necessary to fully engage in that economy. This report focuses on the role that education and training play in helping workers thrive, drawing on research to better understand the strategies that work to improve adult education, especially for those currently working in low-wage, lower skilled jobs.
State Plan for Independent Living	RI Statewide Independent Living Council	The State Plan for Independent Living is a three-year blueprint for improving lives of individuals with significant disabilities through implementing the Independent Living Philosophy. The State Plan outlines the current scope of services provided by the Centers for Independent Living, as well as the goals for expansion and improvement of Independent Living in Rhode Island. The State Plan addresses issues important to Independent Living, including transitioning, home modification, assistive technology, legislative advocacy, health care, and transportation so that all persons with disabilities have access to the resources necessary to live fully in the community.
TF Green Airport Master Plan	RI Airport Corporation	Through the strategic planning of City Centre, analysis of airline traffic through TF Green is critical. The aviation demand forecast assists the strategic planning of the City and this Consolidated Plan by helping the City better understand the context within which potential increases in aviation activity are likely to occur, including local, regional, and national trends. The Technical Advisory Committee is currently in the process of developing a new Airport Master Plan and has held public meetings and public workshops to discuss planning alternatives.

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Transit Forward RI 2040	RI Public Transit Authority & RI Department of Transportation	The Transit Master Plan will envision how the public transportation network should look and operate in the state. RI passenger transportation network currently includes bus, rail and water transportation services. The Transit Master Plan will envision how this network should be enhanced and further developed to best meet the travel needs of the state's residents, workers and visitors. The plan is currently in development and existing transit scenario documents align with the TOD goals of TF Green and the intermodal station.
Warwick Public Schools Master Plan Report	Warwick Public Schools Department	Master Plan discusses facilities needs for existing school buildings and informed the Needs Assessment and Market Analysis sections related to Non-Housing Community Development Needs and Assets. The decision by voters to approve the construction of two new high schools is likely to draw/retain families to or within the City.
Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act State Plan	Governor's Workforce Board RI	The Rhode Island State workforce plan contains three strategies to improve workforce development efforts in RI: (1) a demand-driven, sector-based strategy that aggregates labor demand by industry; (2) a career pathway strategy to provide employment, education, training and support services for individuals; and (3) an effective performance measurement strategy to track labor market interactions beyond federal reporting requirements. These strategies aim to ensure Rhode Island employers have the talent they need to continue to expand their operations while ensuring Rhode Islanders are equipped to take advantage of the employment opportunities available in the state.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

The City of Warwick's Office of Housing & Community Development (OHCD) relies on five major initiatives in its outreach and citizens participation. First, a Community Development Advisory Board which assists in the review, planning and program definition of the OHCD's CDBG Program. The Board is comprised of four Warwick residents; their backgrounds are varied and include civic leaders, seniors and business people. The Board meets in the first quarter of each year with staff and reviews staff recommendations on applications, program priorities, and community needs. Second, the OHCD has public meetings designed to facilitate an open discussion regarding the program and its objectives and to allow for public comment. The first meeting was held in November 2022, the second was held in February 2023. These meetings are advertised in the local newspaper, the *Warwick Beacon*, the Secretary of State's Open Meetings website, on bulletin boards located in public areas of Warwick City Hall & the City's Municipal Annex Buildings, and on the City's website. Third, the OHCD has an application process for community development projects. Most of the applications received are for social service projects. This year's application process was opened in November, 2022 and closed in January 2023. The application process and format are reviewed at the public meeting. The Application is posted on the City's website. Fourth, consultations play an important role in this process. Fifth, the OHCD also relies on the extensive citizen participation process implemented in its neighborhood master plan process. A number of neighborhoods in Warwick, which are eligible for Community Development Block Grant funds, are the subject of a neighborhood master plan. At this time the following neighborhoods have master plans that address community development needs, goals and outcomes: Apponaug Village, East Natick Village, and Oakland Beach. Planning consultants are retained by the OHCD to assist the eligible neighborhoods with the development of their master plans. The master plans are the product of neighborhood meetings where hundreds of neighborhood residents participate in shaping their community. Each neighborhood has an active neighborhood association which typically meets periodically throughout the year. Often there are planning and project oriented committees which usually have many of the members of the Board of Directors. The OHCD staff works on a continuous basis with the Board of Directors and membership of these associations. OHCD staff attends many of the association's monthly meetings throughout the year. When a community development project is undertaken in the neighborhood, a project committee guides OHCD staff and any architectural or engineering consultants in the planning and implementation of the project. These projects are most often based on the master plan. In more general terms, the OHCD relies on the City's overall planning process to define community goals.

The OHCD works with the Warwick Housing Authority and its residents and clients. The City encourages participation of all its citizens, including minorities and non-English speaking minorities as well as persons with disabilities. For instance, the City offers translation services for people who are not English speaking. The OHCD also utilizes the City of Warwick Comprehensive Plan 2033, as guide in the planning and implementation of future neighborhood and community projects.

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	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Publication of the City's PY 2023 CDBG Public Informational Meeting.	No comments received.	No comments not accepted.	

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 Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Meeting to discuss the upcoming PY 2024 CDBG application cycle, and to discuss priorities and goals for the upcoming year. The meeting is designed to allow those representing the general public as well as representatives from non-profit organizations and community based stake holders to ask questions and receive information about the PY 2024 CDBG Program.			
3	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Publication of the City's PY2024 Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board Meeting Notice.	No comments received.	No comments not accepted.	

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	PY2024 3 Community Development Block Grant Advisory Board Public Meetings for activities, projects, and priorities. Attendance at the meeting were non-profit agencies, Advisory Board members, and OHCD staff.	No comments received.	No comments no accepted.	
5	Newspaper Ad	Non-targeted/broad community	Publication of availability of the PY2024 DRAFT Annual Action Plan, outlining priorities and activities, for 30-day public comment.	No comments received.	No comments not accepted.	
6	Public Meeting	Non-targeted/broad community	Public Meeting to discuss various elements of the PY2024 DRAFT Annual Action Plan.	No comments received.	No comments not accepted.	

Table 4 – Citizen Participation Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The 2024 Annual Action Plan utilizes entitlement funds and other financial resources to address the City's community development priority needs and goals. CDBG is the only formula grant received by the City of Warwick. The City's projected allocation for PY 2024 is \$962,839. Over the next two years, the City of Warwick anticipates receiving approximately \$2.9 million in CDBG funds. This estimate is based on the actual amount of CDBG funds received over the previous 5 years as well as an average of the past 10 years of CDBG funding. An additional \$50,000 in program income and \$1,369,905 in prior year funds are estimated to be utilized to address priority needs and goals, for a total 5-year budget of \$5,200,000.

The Warwick Housing Authority receives capital improvement funds that address affordable housing needs in the City. Three Warwick homeless providers: House of Hope CDC, Crossroads RI, and Westbay Community Action receive McKinney-Vento funds through the RI Continuum of Care to address homelessness needs in the City and region. The City does not exercise oversight of this funding so they are not included in the

calculation of anticipated resources or in the Strategic Plan or Annual Action Plan.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Remainder of ConPlan \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	962,839		0	962,839		CDBG funds will be used for a variety of projects, including housing rehabilitation, economic development, public facility and infrastructure improvements and public services. Prior Year Program Income and anticipated PY2023 ⁴ Program Income will be utilized for Residential Rehabilitation Projects.
Other	public - federal	Admin and Planning Public Improvements	318,000	0	0		0	CDBG-DR funds will be used to undertake infrastructure improvements in the City to address flooding and drainage issues.
Other	public - federal	Public Services	144,000	0	0	144,000	0	Funds will be utilized to continue to fund activities that respond to and help recover from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Funds will provide agencies that continue to provide assistance to those struggling to recover.

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 anticipates CDBG funds will leverage additional resources. Non-entitlement funds that may be used to further the goals of the Consolidated Plan include: private lending, Low Income Housing Tax Credits, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, and municipal bond funds.

The WHA continually applies for modernization funds to make facility improvements to maintain the health, safety and the integrity of WHA public housing developments. Between 2018 and 2024 the WHA received capitalization funds in the amount of \$5,038,356, with \$1,261,355 being received in 2022 – the largest amount received in one year ever for the City. Unfortunately, there is no clarity in how much the WHA can expect in modernization funds over the next 5 years as annual allocations are based on the President’s budget and Congressional approval. A very rough estimate of modernization funds over the next 5 years would be approximately \$5.2 million.

The General Assembly and Governor have allocated \$500 million in state revenues as a revenue stream for the creation of housing, both affordable and market rate housing in Rhode Island. This availability of additional resources at the state level can be leverage with CDBG funds for the development of new affordable housing units through rehabilitation and acquisition.

House of Hope CDC, Crossroads RI, and Westbay Community Action receive McKinney-Vento funds through the RI Continuum of Care. The services of these agencies are supported by additional CDBG funds.

Finally, applicants submitting a proposed project for CDBG funding are required to show federal, state and local resources that will be used to support the activity. Public service sub-recipients funded in 2023 document they are providing leveraged funds totaling of \$8,978,046 from the following agencies and sources: the United Way, Administration for Children & Families (Office of Community Services), U.S. Department of Justice (Office on Violence Against Women), U.S. Department of Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency, RI Department of Elder Affairs, RI Department of Human Services, RI Department of Education, RI Department of Corrections, RI Department of Children, Youth and Families; RI Housing, RI Legislature, municipal grants, private foundations and donations. Westbay Community Action Inc.'s Home Repair Program leverages over \$2.5 million in funds from National Grid and the U.S. Department of Human Services. In total, Public Facility & Housing projecting to leverage over \$2.6 million in funds from state and private sources.

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

Warwick does not own any public property that will be used to address the community development needs identified in the plan over the next five years.

Discussion

Not Applicable

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-2024 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	Residential Rehabilitation	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Public Housing	Citywide	High Quality Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$170,000	Rental units rehabilitated: 4 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 96 Household Housing Unit
2	Public Infrastructure Improvements	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Public Facility Improvements	CDBG: \$271,193	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 3010 Persons Assisted
3	Public Facility Improvement	2020	2024	Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Public Facility Improvements	CDBG: \$98,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 550 Persons Assisted
4	Basic Needs and Services	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Enhanced Social and Human Services	CDBG: \$87,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 485 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5	Services for Special Needs Populations	2020	2024	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Enhanced Social and Human Services	CDBG: \$43,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 330 Persons Assisted
6	CDBG-CV	2020	2024	Affordable Housing Homeless Non-Homeless Special Needs Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	CDBG-CV	CDBG-CV: \$45,000	Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 194 Persons Assisted
7	CDBG - Disaster Recovery	2020	2024	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Public Infrastructure Improvements	CDBD - DR: \$339,816	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 320 Persons Assisted

Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Residential Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	
2	Goal Name	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Goal Description	

3	Goal Name	Public Facility Improvement
	Goal Description	
4	Goal Name	Basic Needs and Services
	Goal Description	
5	Goal Name	Services for Special Needs Populations
	Goal Description	
6	Goal Name	CDBG-CV
	Goal Description	
7	Goal Name	CDBG - Disaster Recovery
	Goal Description	CDBG-DR funds will be utilized to complete the Buckeye Brook Restoration Project.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City of Warwick is an entitlement jurisdiction that receives federal funds from U.S. Housing & Urban Development to invest in local communities through the CDBG program. All funds must primarily assist low-to moderate-income individuals, families, and households. The primary objectives of the projects listed below are to develop viable communities through the provision of decent housing, a suitable living environment, and expanded economic opportunities. The City of Warwick will utilize its PY 2024³ entitlement of \$962,839 along with additional Program Income, from its revolving loan fund, to fund and implement to proposed projects.

In addition, The City of Warwick will continue to utilize the remaining CDBG-CV funds allocated to the City under the CARES Act to prepare, respond, and recover from the COVID-19 as agencies continue to expand operations and deal with the lingering impacts of the Pandemic. The City will continue to support local non-profit agencies with Public Service & Public Facility funded activities.

The City will also begin the process of closing out its CDBG-DR grant with the completion of the Buckeye Brook Watershed Improvement Project. The project included the excavation of a large blockage of sediment and vegetation that was restricting the natural flow of water into Buckeye Brook from Warwick Pond causing an elevated water level in the pond resulting in flooding of private property and of City infrastructure and roads.

Projects

#	Project Name
1	CDBG Planning & Administration
2	Residential & Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Administration
3	2024 Non-Profit Public Service Program (CDBG)
4	PY 2024 Non-Profit Public Facility/Site Improvements
5	PY 2024 Residential & Affordable Housing Rehabilitation
6	Playground & Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements
7	PY 2024 CDBG-CV Public Service
8	CDBG-DR Buckeye Brook Watershed Improvements

Table 7 - Project Information

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

AP-38 Project Summary
Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	CDBG Planning & Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Residential Rehabilitation Public Facility Improvement Public Infrastructure Improvements Basic Needs and Services Services for Special Needs Populations CDBG-CV
	Needs Addressed	High Quality Affordable Housing Enhanced Economic Opportunities Public Infrastructure Improvements Public Facility Improvements Enhanced Social and Human Services Disaster Recovery CDBG-DR CDBG-CV
	Funding	CDBG: \$193,000
	Description	General management, oversight and coordination of the City's Community Development Block Grant Program.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will not directly benefit low/moderate income residents but is necessary for the effective management of the CDBG program.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	Program Administration of the City of Warwick's CDBG Programs including CDBG-CV & CDBG-DR.
2	Project Name	Residential & Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Residential Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	High Quality Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$131,000
	Description	General administration of the City of Warwick's Residential Rehabilitation & Affordable Housing Programs.

	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will not directly benefit low/moderate income residents but is necessary for the effective management of the CDBG program.
	Location Description	
	Planned Activities	This project will provide administrative support to the City's Residential Rehabilitation & Affordable Housing Programs.
3	Project Name	2024 Non-Profit Public Service Program (CDBG)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Basic Needs and Services Services for Special Needs Populations
	Needs Addressed	Enhanced Economic Opportunities Enhanced Social and Human Services
	Funding	CDBG: \$131,000
	Description	CDBG funds to non-profit organizations that provide assistance and support to low/moderate individuals & families of Warwick with meeting their basic needs.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	An estimated 815 low/moderate income beneficiaries are expected to be served by the public service activities described.

<p>Location Description</p>	<p>Boys & Girls Clubs of Warwick, 340 Oakland Beach Avenue, Warwick, RI 02889</p> <p>Bridgemark Addiction Recovery Services, 2020 & 2030 Elmwood Avenue, Warwick, RI 02888</p> <p>Cornerstone Adult Services (St. Elizabeth Adult Day Center), 140 Warwick Neck Avenue, Warwick, RI 02889</p> <p>Day One, 2756 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886</p> <p>Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center, 821 West Shore Road, Warwick, RI 02889 & other EBC Center properties</p> <p>FRIENDS Way, 765 West Shore Road, Warwick, RI 02889</p> <p>House of Hope CDC, 3192 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886 & other HoH properties</p> <p>Westbay Community Action, Inc., 487 Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02888</p>										
<p>Planned Activities</p>	<p>Boys & Girls Clubs of Warwick, support of Oakland Beach Branch Operations (\$14,000)</p> <p>Cornerstone Adult Services (St. Elizabeth Adult Day Center), support of Activities for Individuals with Alzheimer’s Program (\$18,000)</p> <p>Day One, support of the Children’s Advocacy Center (\$5,000)</p> <p>Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center, support of the Victim Safety & Self Sufficiency Program (\$15,000)</p> <p>FRIENDS Way, support of the Children’s Bereavement Program (\$7,000)</p> <p>House of Hope CDC, support of Case Management for the Chronically Homeless (\$13,000)</p> <p>Westbay Community Action, Inc., support of the Children’s Center Case Management (\$23,000) and support of Social Services Case Manager (\$30,000)</p>										
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<p>Goals Supported</p>	<p>Public Facility Improvement</p>										
<p>Needs Addressed</p>	<p>Enhanced Economic Opportunities</p> <p>Public Facility Improvements</p> <p>Enhanced Social and Human Services</p>										
<p>Funding</p>	<p>CDBG: \$98,000</p>										

	Description	CDBG funds to make improvements to public facilities (ie community & child care centers and other facilities that provide services to low/moderate income persons).
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is estimated that 510 individuals will be beneficiaries of the activities funded.
	Location Description	<div>Bridgemark Addiction Services, Inc., 1990 Elmwood Avenue, Warwick, RI 02888</div><div></div><div></div><div>Cornerstone Adult Services (St. Elizabeth's Adult Day Center), 140 Warwick Neck Avenue, Warwick, RI 02889</div><div></div><div></div><div>House of Hope Community Development Corporation, 3192 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886</div>
	Planned Activities	Cornerstone Adult Services (St. Elizabeth's Adult Day Center) - to provide funds to support the agency in making ADA improvements to client restrooms in the memory care center (\$50,000).
5	Project Name	PY 2023 Residential & Affordable Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Residential Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	High Quality Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$ 170,000
	Description	CDBG funds to non-profits to make renovations/improvements to permanent supportive affordable housing and to low/mod income property owners to make necessary repairs to primary and affordable rental properties.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is anticipated that 100 units of low/moderate income housing will benefit from the activities undertaken.

	Location Description	Crossroads Rhode Island, 165 Beach Avenue, Warwick, RI 02889 Westbay Community Action, various locations in Warwick, RI City of Warwick Home Improvement Program, various locations in Warwick, RI
	Planned Activities	Crossroads Rhode Island, improvements to affordable apartments (\$75,000) Westbay Community Action, small home repairs to owner occupied housing units (\$60,000) City of Warwick Home Improvement Program, repairs and improvements to residential housing units (\$85,000)
6	Project Name	Playground & Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements
	Target Area	East Natick Village Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Public Infrastructure Improvements Public Facility Improvements
	Funding	CDBG: \$271,193
	Description	CDBG funds to be utilized to make playground safety & accessibility improvements, neighborhood infrastructure improvements in low/moderate income areas of the City. Funds could also allocated to activities that improve ADA accessibility (removal of architectural barriers) to public buildings.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is anticipated that 3,010 low/moderate income individuals will benefit from the activities undertaken.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	The Office of Housing & Community Development plans to continue the rehabilitation/replacement of non-code compliant and non-accessible playground equipment and various other infrastructure projects that serve low/moderate income households/residents and improvements that remove architectural barriers to access of public buildings.

7	Project Name	PY 2023 CDBG-CV Public Service
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CDBG-CV
	Needs Addressed	CDBG-CV
	Funding	CDBG-CV: \$ 45,000
	Description	Public Service Activities that respond to, prevent the spread of and recover from the COVID-19 Pandemic.
	Target Date	6/30/2024
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	It is anticipated that 103 low/moderate income persons will be beneficiaries of the proposed activities.
	Location Description	Boys & Girls Clubs of Warwick, 340 Oakland Beach Avenue, Warwick, RI 02889 Cornerstone Adult Services (St. Elizabeth Adult Day Center), 140 Warwick Neck Avenue, Warwick, RI 02889 & 3270 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886
Planned Activities	Boys & Girls Clubs of Warwick, support of Childcare Scholarships (\$ 25,000) Cornerstone Adult Services (St. Elizabeth Adult Day Center), support of expanded Adult Day Program (\$ 20,000)	
8	Project Name	CDBG-DR Buckeye Brook Watershed Improvements
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure Improvements
	Needs Addressed	Disaster Recovery CDBG-DR
	Funding	CDBD - DR: \$ 339,816

Description	Buckeye Brook channel widths downstream of Warwick Pond have decreased due to the significant expansion of stands of the invasive reed Phragmites australis. A hydrological study pinpointed an area of Phragmitae that is greatly restricting the natural flow of water and travel of fish species. Excavators will be used to remove the Phragmitae, the plant root system, and any sediment attached to the root system from within the Buckeye Brook channel to alleviate flooding of Warwick Pond and upstream. This Project is a priority of the City as the low and moderate income residents in the area have been dealing with elevated water levels in the pond and nearby brook discharge point for many years. The regulatory & project scope have been hurdles that at times caused the project to stall and be delayed for an additional year. The flooding of private property and City infrastructure, specifically a roadway that was the only access into and out of an area prone to flooding, elevated the importance of this project. For additional information the City of Warwick's CDBG-DR Action Plan and its various amendments can be found at https://www.warwickri.gov/community-development/pages/disaster-recovery .
Target Date	6/30/2024
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Estimated that 400 residents will benefit.
Location Description	The work area is on RI Airport Corporation leased land in the vicinity of Census Tract 214.01 Block Group.
Planned Activities	Buckeye Brook channel widths downstream of Warwick Pond have decreased due to significant expansion of stands of the invasive reed Phragmites australis. A Hydrological study pinpointed an area of Phragmitae that is greatly restricting the natural flow of water and travel of fish species. Excavators will be used to remove the Phragmitae, the plant root system, and any sediment attached to the root system from within the Buckeye Brook channel to alleviate the flooding of Warwick Pond and upstream.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed

The City currently has three target neighborhoods at the time of the Consolidated Plan; Oakland Beach, East Natick Village, and Apponaug Village, which include high percentages of low- and moderate-income individuals. In addition, the City also has areas of high concentration of low/moderate income individuals that are not represented by or geographically associated with the three current target neighborhoods. For the 2023~~3~~⁴ Program Year, funds will be expended in areas throughout the City that meet the criteria for CDBG Assistance and have an infrastructure need, focusing on recreation opportunities and improvements and the general delivery of public service programs.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Oakland Beach	
East Natick Village	
Apponaug Village	
Citywide	80

Table 8 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City currently has three target neighborhoods at the time of the Consolidated Plan: Oakland Beach, East Natick Village, and Apponaug Village. These neighborhoods have high percentages of low- and moderate-income individuals. Each neighborhood has an active neighborhood association which meets periodically. Planning consultants are retained by the OHCD to assist these neighborhood associations with the development of a neighborhood master plan which details community development needs, goals and outcomes. The master plans, updated periodically, are the product of neighborhood meetings where neighborhood residents participate in shaping their community. Staff works closely with each neighborhood association during project implementation. In addition, the City also has areas of high concentration of low/moderate income individuals that are not represented by or geographically associated with the three current target neighborhoods.

In addition to supporting activities in the targeted neighborhoods, the City has also been focusing neighborhood infrastructure investment on passive recreation opportunities and playgrounds in areas of the City with high concentrations of low/moderate income individuals.

Public service activities are eligible for all low- and moderate-income persons throughout the City and are delivered in partnership with non-profit organizations serving Warwick based on their submission and approval of programming through a competitive solicitation process. Housing rehabilitation funds

are expended throughout the City based on the eligibility of low- and moderate-income applicants. In a similar manner, funds support the development/rehabilitation of affordable housing that will serve low- and moderate-income persons throughout the City based on real estate opportunities and partnership agreements with non-profit housing developers.

Discussionfordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Homelessness is a statewide and national issue of great concern which has been exasperated as a result of the residual effects of COVID-19 and its variants, inflation and the rising cost and shrinking inventory of both homeownership and rental units. Due to the transient nature of the homeless population, it is difficult to discuss homelessness from the context of the City of Warwick. The City of Warwick is not a direct recipient of Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) or Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds. The primary hot spots for the homeless in the City of Warwick are Rocky Point, Oakland Beach, the Community College of Rhode Island campus, the Warwick and Rhode Island Malls, TF Green Airport, and in river beds and embankments, highway overpasses, and park and rides. The City’s Office of Housing & Community Development (OHCD) works closely with social service providers throughout the City and has awarded grants in support of efforts to prevent and end homelessness and meet the needs of non-homeless people with special needs. The OHCD will continue to support social service providers in the City, financially and as a collaborative partner, in the upcoming program year.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	50
Special-Needs	11
Total	61

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

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	0
Rehab of Existing Units	61
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	61

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

Discussion

With the current volatility in the residential housing market the OHCD, along with its partner

organizations, has struggled in acquiring properties that can be converted into long-term supportive housing. With new federal funds targeting affordable housing production, legislation at the RI General Assembly favorable to the production and funding of affordable housing, and a continued public focus on the necessity will hopefully allow for the OHCD to acquire properties that can lead to the production of new units.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Warwick Housing Authority (WHA) is the primary agency in the City tasked with the administration of public housing in the City. The most recent data provided by WHA show that it manages six developments of elderly/disabled housing comprising 481 units in low-rise and garden style buildings (Warwick Terrace, West Shore Terrace, Meadowbrook Terrace, Charles Ford Terrace, Warwick Terrace Annex and Shawomet Terrace), and an additional 36 units of scattered-site family housing throughout the City. The primary occupants of WHA developments are extremely low-income elderly individuals living alone.

There are a total of 517 public housing units in Warwick and another 187 vouchers being used to subsidize market rate housing units for low-income residents. The occupancy rates as of 2022 for the elderly/disabled housing is almost 100%, while the family units are at 99%. The average number of months on the waiting lists for these developments ranged from 12 and 28 months, and the average number of months for occupancy ranges from 84 to 120 months.

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

The most immediate need for public housing and tenant-based housing is for increased units with improved accessibility. Most accessibility issues are related to mobility. For WHA public housing tenants, the WHA addresses those in place when possible and then transfers those residents to accessible units when they become available. Unit accessibility is related to tenants no longer able to live on second floor due to mobility issues.

More generally, voucher holders face intense market pressures that make it difficult to find a housing unit within the fair market rent. In response, WHA has increased the Payment Standard for all units equal to 110% of FMR. However, as explained previously, the average cost for a two-bedroom apartment in Warwick is \$1,800. It is expected that rental costs will continue to increase over the next several years, and even if they were to stabilize, the average rental cost prices out voucher holders from the average Warwick rental market.

The WHA continually applies for modernization funds to make facility improvements to maintain the health, safety and the integrity of WHA public housing developments. Between 2018 and 2022 the WHA received capitalization funds in the amount of \$5,038,356, with \$1,261,355 being received in 2022 – the largest amount received in one year ever for the City. Unfortunately, there is no clarity in how much the WHA can expect in modernization funds over the next 5 years as annual allocations are based on the President’s budget and Congressional approval. A very rough estimate of modernization funds over the next 5 years would be approximately \$5.2 million.

The WHA partners with non-profits to serve its residents. As an example, the WHA supports housing

units owned and managed by the House of Hope CDC and Women’s Development Corporation. The House of Hope CDC provides intensive case management services, both directly and through referral, for the residents who are transitioning from homelessness. Warwick’s Family Self-Sufficiency program provides a path to building financial assets. The WHA has 22 accessible units available to families with disabilities who may want to transfer from another WHA unit, or to families with accessibility issues on the waiting list. The WHA will also assist residents with home renovations for accessibility, including stability devices in the bathroom. One unit in the project based Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher units is fully accessible. The WHA will also make accessibility improvements to units to assist families aging in place.

WHA will receive \$1,261,355 in funding for the modernization of public housing and ongoing maintenance needs to include addressing safety code compliance needs, replacing obsolete utility systems and dwelling equipment, providing additional accessibility upgrades, and investing in resident programs that help improve economic empowerment.

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

The WHA has a Resident Advisory Board (RAB) that meets once a year or when important issues arise. WHA staff present a full agenda to the RAB with an update on operational policies and modernization projects. When issues are raised by residents, WHA staff addresses them immediately and responds to board members on the resolution. Additionally, there is one WHA resident who sits on the Board of Commissioners of the WHA. The level of activity for the tenant associations depends on the interest of the tenants and sensitivity of issues that may arise. This may lead to the activation of an association that may have been dormant. WHA staff is always supportive of tenant associations and will attend meetings when invited.

The WHA encourages residents to consider homeownership, when appropriate. The WHA received an additional \$43,296 in Family Self Sufficiency (FSS) program funds in 2023. The FSS program works with residents to implement strategies and help them find work, access job training resources, and achieve financial independence. The ultimate goal is to support residents in increasing their earned income and reduce their dependency on welfare assistance and rental subsidies. Presently, the WHA has 18 families in the FSS program, which may lead to homeownership in some instances.

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

The Warwick Housing Authority has not been designated as troubled.

Discussion

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

Introduction

Homelessness is a statewide and national issue of great concern. Due to the transient nature of the homeless population, it is difficult to discuss homelessness from the context of the City of Warwick. The City of Warwick is not a direct recipient of Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) or Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funds. The primary hot spots for the homeless in the City of Warwick are Rocky Point, Oakland Beach, the Community College of Rhode Island campus, the Warwick and Rhode Island Malls, TF Green Airport, and in river beds and embankments, highway overpasses, and park and rides. The City's Office of Housing & Community Development (OHCD) works closely with social service providers throughout the City and has awarded grants in support of efforts to prevent and end homelessness and meet the needs of non-homeless people with special needs. The OHCD will continue to support social service providers in the City, financially and as a collaborative partner, in the upcoming program year.

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 House of Hope CDC is the primary agency that conducts street outreach to find, identify, assess, and connect homeless individuals and families to services. Through the street-based outreach team, House of Hope CDC's outreach case managers engages men and women who experience chronic or long-term homelessness, where they are and become a constant, consistent and predictable presence, allowing them an opportunity to rebuild trust and willingness to participate in services and access housing. Outreach and engagement are supported by two Federal grant programs: Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH).

Under the requirements of the Homeless Emergency Assistance and Rapid Transition to Housing Act (HEARTH Act), over the past several years the system of programs and services for homeless individuals and families in RI has been organized around a more cohesive statewide Coordinated Entry System that has helped better target the most vulnerable population with the highest need for services. Crossroad RI, the state's largest provider of homelessness services, operates the Coordinated Entry Hotline and all diversion/entry to the shelter system. Individuals and families identified by House of Hope CDC's street outreach activities are aligned with the Coordinated Entry System.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

In the City of Warwick there are five primary organizations that provide housing and services to the homeless population: House of Hope CDC, Crossroads RI, Westbay Community Action, Thrive Behavioral

Health, and Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center. Housing options for homeless individuals and families and victims of domestic violence include transitional housing and permanent supportive housing. All of these organizations provide case management services appropriate to the needs of the clients.

The Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center (EBCC), an organization that provides comprehensive supportive service for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, operates a 7 bed shelter, two confidential transitional housing units serving adult women and households with children, and recently completed renovation of 7-units of permanent supportive housing to further support their clients in becoming fully independent.

House of Hope CDC currently serves 1,300 individuals experiencing homelessness each year statewide, focusing its work on the most vulnerable members of the homeless community. The agency specifically targets individuals experiencing chronic homelessness with significant barriers to housing. Much of this work begins in outreach settings or as part of larger statewide programming. While House of Hope CDC maintains fifteen shelter beds for men and six shelter beds for women, their core service delivery model is a portfolio of permanent supportive housing units utilizing the Housing First model. House of Hope CDC currently owns and/or operates 14 housing properties throughout Warwick serving a total of fifty-three formerly homeless individuals and families. Through housing voucher programs, House of Hope CDC is able to provide housing for sixty-five individuals in apartments statewide.

Thrive Behavioral Health operates two permanent supportive housing projects with 41 beds serving the target populations of adult men and women and families with children, of those 41 beds, five are targeted for chronically homeless people. A division of Thrive Behavioral Health, Kent County Housing Services, assists individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, rent burdened clients of Thrive, and Rhode Island residents who are disabled. This program provides services to extremely low-income disabled individuals and families throughout Rhode Island. Approximately 120 individuals and families receive housing assistance from Kent County Housing Services, which serves as a Public Housing Authority for the Mainstream Voucher program. This program provides 75 vouchers for disabled, extremely low-income individuals and families living in Kent County. In addition, Thrive maintains a number of properties owned by its subsidiaries. The properties are managed by Kent Co Housing Services and include apartment buildings, single family homes, and HUD multifamily housing. Many of Thrive's units are located in Warwick.

Crossroads RI's facility in Warwick (former RI Family Shelter) is being converted to a facility for four additional permanent supportive housing units to supplement the 7 existing units. As part of Crossroads' Housing First philosophy, they decided to redevelop the Warwick Family Shelter, which used to provide emergency shelter for up to ten families experiencing homelessness into four, permanent supportive apartments for families. The conversion project completed in the beginning of PY 2022 and the Agency is working to fill the units.

Westbay Community Action's Supportive Housing Program operates 4 subsidized rental units in Warwick and West Warwick. A case manager connects tenants to services at Westbay and at other agencies in

Warwick. The case manager meets with tenants regularly to help with basic skills and support in order to help tenants achieve independence and self-sufficiency.

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 majority of homeless housing resources in Warwick are in permanent supportive housing. These homeless housing providers provide a range of supportive services from full- and part-time in-house social workers to referrals to assist clients' progression into independent living. Providers throughout Warwick agree that the rapid rehousing program through Crossroads Rhode Island was highly effective at shortening periods of homelessness. In addition, there is also consensus that effective case management shortens periods of homelessness. To facilitate homeless individuals' and families' access to affordable housing, homeless housing providers assist clients in identifying, completing and following up on applications for subsidized housing. Providers take extreme care to transition clients into sustainable situations. When clients transition to affordable housing, providers strive to encourage self-sufficiency while keeping a line of communication open should a crisis arise.

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.

Community-based organization, and service and housing providers in Warwick collaborate effectively through localized efforts, and through larger scale state-led efforts to integrate homelessness and prevention services through the RICoC and the RI Coalition for the Homeless. Full implementation of the Coordinated Entry System in the State has led to homeless service providers being more thoughtful and proactive at diversion strategies to prevent homelessness. Diversion is a frequently used tool to prevent homelessness by helping at-risk individuals and families identify immediate alternate housing arrangements and, if necessary, connecting them with services and financial assistance to help them return to permanent housing. The State's diversion programs help reduce the number of families becoming homeless, the demand for shelter beds, and the size of program wait lists.

Discussion

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

Introduction:

Affordable housing is in desperate need in Warwick. As discussed in Section NA-10 (2020-2024 Consolidate Plan), the most pronounced housing problems are Cost Burden and Severe Cost Burden. Housing cost burden, as either greater than 30% or 50% of total income spent on housing, is the most significant housing problem in Warwick as with most other municipalities throughout Rhode Island. In Warwick, according to *HousingWorks RI 2022 Housing Fact Book*, over 28% of all owner households are cost burdened while 50% of all renter households are cost burdened, spending more than 30% of their income on housing. The median single family home cost rose 44% over the last 5-years, while the cost of an average two-bedroom rental rose just 3% over the same 5-year period. The after effects on households of the COVID-19 Pandemic, the corresponding economic downturn, and extremely volatile housing market in Warwick will undoubtedly increase the cost burden for both owners and renters.

The following actions address public policies that create barriers to affordable housing. Nonetheless, the City recognizes that market conditions create the most significant barrier to affordability. As the economy has recovered from the previous housing market collapse, the price of homeownership and rentals have increased dramatically. To overcome this barrier, the City operates a Housing Rehabilitation Program and provides development assistance to non-profits for affordable housing targeted to low- and moderate-income households.

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 OHCD is cognizant of the barriers to developing new affordable housing units in the City and will continue to work with other City Departments and Divisions to identify ways in which those barriers, both perceived and real, can be removed.

The zoning and permitting process in the City was identified as major barriers to creating new units of affordable housing. The City will review its policies regarding zoning and permitting process to reduce not only the time for review but also reduce the regulatory burden placed on developers.

Another barrier identified above is the City's tax policy. The City will continue to allow owners of affordable housing developments to have the real estate tax the developer pays be based upon 8% of the previous year's gross scheduled rents in accordance with *RIGL 44-5-13.11*.

Availability of land and scarcity of funds was also identified above. The City will continue its long relationship with RI Housing and area non-profits in identifying parcels of land and clusters of lots that could be developed or redeveloped into affordable units of both homeownership and rental. The City is

investigating utilizing the State Court System through the receivership process to compel compliance with properties that are in considered abandoned and a blight/nuisance on a neighborhood. The Receivership Program could be utilized to move nuisance REO properties into compliance as affordable housing units.

Discussion: *AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)*

Introduction:

The City of Warwick continually seeks to increase the beneficial impact to low- and moderate-income individuals of all programs and activities that are funded with CDBG funds. In addition to the specific activities detailed below, the City’s OHCD will continue to be pro-active in responding to any and all programmatic challenges experienced by sub-recipients as they may arise throughout the program year in order to ensure that any problems that may diminish the intended benefit of grants is corrected or reduced as soon as possible. The City is actively working to ensure that CDBG-CV funds allocated to the city under the CARES Act are committed to agencies and programs that service the greatest number of low to moderate income persons and households negatively impacted by the after effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

Limited funding is the primary barrier to addressing underserved needs in the City of Warwick. In Warwick, nearly one-third of all households are considered to be low-income households; 31.4% of all households earn between 0% to 80% of area median income. Housing and community development funds are targeted to programs and services that directly reach low-moderate income populations, but the growing need, exacerbated by the on-going COVID-19 Pandemic, combined with restrictive state, federal and local resources continues to present a significant challenge.

The City of Warwick will continue to utilize local and federal funds, including CDBG funds to support programs for the homeless, near homeless and non-homeless with special needs. In 2024, the City remains committed to allocate the maximum allowable percentage of CDBG funds to public services. In order to address transportation needs of lower income residents, Transwick, the City's free transportation service for seniors and persons with disabilities, will remain in operation and the City will continue to advocate for the enhancement of public transportation on the local level in collaboration with the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

Section AP-55 reflects the City of Warwick's one-year goals to address affordable housing needs in the City. In 2024, the City of Warwick will partner with Crossroads RI, House of Hope CDC, and Westbay Community Action to work towards increasing the number of affordable housing units in the City as well

as make critically needed repairs to existing affordable housing units.

Crossroads is currently under construction on converting the previous RI Family Shelter into four units of Permanent Supportive Housing. The City assisted Crossroads with permitting for this project. It is currently open and accepting tenants. Further CDBG funds will be used to repair the aging kitchens of the existing permanent supportive housing units at Beach Avenue Apartments. House of Hope CDC is utilizing funds to replace aging heating systems at some of their scattered site permanent supportive housing units. Westbay Community Action and the City's Home Repair Program will continue to assist lower income homeowners with safety, energy efficiency and accessibility improvements that enable them to live in their homes, preserving affordable housing units for homeowners and renters throughout the City of Warwick.

The City of Warwick also promulgates several policies which aim to remove barriers to affordable housing. The City expects to offer favorable renovation financing to owners of housing units who can qualify as Housing Choice Vouchers (HCV) landlords, to address the limited stock of rental units in the City that meet the required Fair Market Rent level. The City will provide a density bonus for multi-family developments that include 15% of the units for low-income or elderly households. The City's tax policy recognizes the special status of the elderly and persons with disabilities, assisting them to lower the costs of maintaining their residence in Warwick. A tax exemption is provided in valuation for seniors and those with disabilities.

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The volatility of the housing market along with limited inventory of properties and vacant land and add to the challenge facing development of affordable housing. The City will continue its long relationship with RI Housing and area non-profits in identifying parcels of land and clusters of lots that could be developed or redeveloped into affordable units of both homeownership and rental. The City is investigating utilizing the State Court System through the receivership process to compel compliance with properties that are in considered abandoned and a blight/nuisance on a neighborhood. The Receivership Program could be utilized to move nuisance REO properties into compliance as affordable

housing units.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City works to identify lead based paint hazards (LBPH) and increase access to housing safe from LBPH in four ways. First, the City works with non-profit agencies and developers of affordable housing in Warwick to remediate homes with LBPH for eligible households. Whether new or rehabilitated, this newly developed housing is safe from LBPH.

Second, the OHCD administers a Housing Rehabilitation Program which offers below-market rate loans to homeowners for completion of critical renovations to the house. The Housing Rehabilitation Program is funded through the CDBG revolving loan fund. Homeowners use these funds to complete renovations that result in lead-safe environments.

Third, OHCD has an effective relationship for housing rehabilitation with the LeadSafe & Healthy Homes Program at Rhode Island Housing. This Program offers forgivable loans for qualified participants to make homes lead safe. Upon remediation, these homes receive a lead safe certificate. Often, OHCD makes an immediate referral to the LeadSafe & Healthy Homes Program when lead-based paint is discovered in a home.

Fourth, OHCD and RI Housing collaborate to educate the public about lead-based paint hazard. This education is effective in several ways. The individual household is educated, when a housing rehabilitation job is considered. The staff of any non-profit working on housing issues in Warwick is well aware of LBPH and passes the information on to their clients, whether they are clients receiving housing services or not. For instance, Westbay Community Action serves over 7,000 households each year and regularly distributes information on LBPH. Further, Westbay targets this information to certain clients, such as those receiving benefits through the Woman, Infants and Children program. Finally, OHCD, RI Housing and the Rhode Island Department of Health collectively educate the general public on LBPH through the Healthy Homes and Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City's Rehabilitation Program, funded with CDBG monies, assists low- and moderate-income homeowners with safety, energy efficiency and accessibility improvements that enable them to reduce utility payments, afford critical repairs, and home modifications so they can live in their homes affordably and for a longer period of time. CDBG funds also support Westbay Community Action's home repair program that assist approximately 35 lower-income households each year. OHCD partners with House of Hope CDC in the organization's capacity as a Community Housing Development Organization to create rental and homeowner housing for lower income households. House of Hope CDC's multi-faceted role as a homeless provider and housing developer enables it to help formerly homeless individuals and

families access stable and quality affordable housing to begin the transition out of poverty.

The City uses CDBG monies to support anti-poverty programs. A total of 15 % of Warwick's CDBG allocation supports public services, including childcare, transportation, senior care and other services that help ease the burden of important supportive services that are necessary for individuals and families to access and maintain employment.

OHCD partners with Westbay Community Action, one of the seven Community Action Agencies in Rhode Island. They have nearly forty programs and services available to help Warwick residents of all ages, from newborn nutrition to senior safety. Many of these programs assist low-income individuals, including Low-Income Heating Assistance, enrollment in to SNAP and emergency food assistance, weatherization program, education and workforce development programs, and volunteer tax preparation assistance. These programs help get households on the road toward financial security, and avoiding homelessness.

CDBG funds also support services for homeless individuals through the work of the House of Hope CDC and to the Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center for families and victims of domestic violence. These agencies assist individuals that are in crisis become stabilized in order to move into independence and self-sufficiency.

Transwick is the City's low-cost transportation service for low-income seniors and persons with disabilities that connect these populations with programs and services, job training, and employment. The City also supports the provisions of Section 3 by encouraging contractors working on large contracts to train, hire and subcontract with low- and moderate-income residents in Warwick.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City's Senior Services Division interacts with the State Office of Healthy Aging and the RI Statewide Independent Living Council. Family Support Services and the Warwick School Department interact with the state's Truancy Court to address issues of chronic absenteeism. There is also interaction with the state court system, DCYF and DCYF-funded agencies, and the state Department of Behavioral Health, Developmental Disabilities, and Hospitals.

The City consults on a regular basis with the Warwick Housing Authority to discuss long range planning and specific development and rehabilitation issues. The Planning Department regularly interacts with public and private entities to provide guidance and regulatory review on developments involving housing development and rehabilitation, general zoning and land use issues, and economic development projects.

The City maintains close relationships with state agencies through the normal course of business. Development projects get reviewed by the state Department of Environmental Management and the Department of Transportation. This inherent synergy between the City and State helps improve

efficiencies in the development review process. The City and State coordinated on an e-permitting system that helps facilitate the permitting process for City projects.

The City's on-line economic development website provides information to individuals and entities seeking to start or grow a business in Warwick. In a small state like Rhode Island, economic development is supported in different ways by the City and Commerce RI. Working with Commerce RI, the City leverages state incentives to drive development in Warwick. Also, as the home city to the state's only International Airport, the City of Warwick has a close relationship with the Rhode Island Airport Corporation. Tourism activities are supported through both the Office of Tourism, Culture & Development and the Providence-Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau which promotes Providence, Warwick and the Rhode Island Convention Center Complex as meeting and visitor destinations.

The City also has a very good partnership with the Central RI Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber acts as a broker between the City and its existing members and potential new businesses that are interested in opening in Warwick. The Chamber communicates with the City on licensing and building permits to help facilitate new business development.

Finally, Warwick is also a member of the RI League of Cities and Towns which represents municipal government interests before the state legislature, executive and state administrative agencies, as well as provides technical assistance, information sharing, and training to assist municipal officials in fulfilling their responsibilities. Through this membership, Warwick is kept informed and has relationships with the other municipal leaders in the state in a structured and formalized manner.

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

The City's Planning Department and Office of Housing and Community Development (OHCD) has regular contact with community residents, business owners, nonprofit organizations, service providers, as well as the beneficiaries of the programs administered by OHCD. This direct contact with developers, business owners, the public, and providers and agencies results in regular input regarding the needs of the community, allows for alignment and coordination with the City's goals, and assists in program development and implementation.

Discussion:

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

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

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	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. <u>Overall Benefit</u> - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	80.00%

Attachments

Citizen Participation Comments

City of Warwick
Consolidated Plan
2024 Action Plan

Appendix
Citizen Participation Outreach & Comments

Comments received during the 30-day public comment period for the 2024 Action Plan:

Advertisement – First Public Hearing Information Meeting

Advertisement – Program year 50 Community Development Advisory Committee Meeting

Minutes – CDBG Advisory Committee Hearings

Advertisement – Public Notice Community Development Consolidated Plan 2024-2025 Draft Action Plan
Public Availability

Minutes – Community Development Block Grant 2024-2025 Action Plan Public Meeting.



City of Warwick
Mayor Frank J. Picozzi

Announces

First Public Information Meeting
Community Development Block Grant
Program Year 2024

Community Meeting Room
65 Centerville Road
Warwick, RI 02886

Monday, November 13, 2023
3-4 p.m.

All Warwick residents are invited to attend.
If interpreters are needed, please notify the Office of Housing &
Community Development at least 48 hours prior to the meeting
at 738-2009 or com-dev@warwickri.com

Meeting Notice

**City of Warwick
Mayor Frank J. Picozzi**

**Program Year 2024
Community Development
Block Grant
Advisory Committee Meeting**

City Hall Annex
Meeting Room 3
65 Centerville Road
Warwick, RI 02886

**Wednesday, February 7, 2024
at 9:00 a.m.**

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
2. Review of CDBG applications
3. Interview applicants
4. Score applications and determine funding allocation recommendations
5. Adjourn

All Warwick residents are invited to attend. If interpreters are needed, please notify the Office of Housing & Community Development at least 48 hours prior to the meeting at 738-2009 or com-dev@warwickri.com

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF WARWICK
2020-2024 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CONSOLIDATED PLAN
2024-2025 ACTION PLAN
April 9, 2024 * 3:00 P.M. * CITY OF WARWICK
CITY OF WARWICK MUNICIPAL ANNEX BUILDING
65 CENTERVILLE ROAD, COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM
PUBLIC MEETING
AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT PLAN

The City of Warwick will hold a public hearing to give interested citizens an opportunity to comment on its proposed Consolidated Community Development Plan for Program Year 2024 (Fiscal Year 2025). The meeting will be held April 9, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at City of Warwick Municipal Annex Building, 65 Centerville Road, Community Meeting Room, Warwick. Facilities are accessible for people with disabilities. If you are in need of interpreter services for the hearing impaired, please contact the Office of Housing & Community Development at 738-2009 or com-dev@warwickri.com not less than 48 hours in advance of the hearing date.

The Consolidated Community Development Plan is required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the City to receive Community Development Block Grant Funds. For the fiscal year starting July 1, 2024, and running to June 30, 2025, Warwick expects to receive \$962,839 *estimated* CDBG funds. This money can be used for the following types of activities: Housing Rehabilitation, Public Works and Facilities, Economic Development, Social Services, Assistance to Non-Profit Organizations, Planning and Administration. If there is either an increase/decrease in funding, funds will be allocated in accordance to the contingencies outlined in the AAP. The City expects that in excess of 70% of the funds will be expended on activities that benefit primarily low and moderate-income people.

The Consolidated Community Development Plan includes the following information:

- I. A description of the process by which the Plan was developed, including the organizations consulted during the planning process.
- II. A description of the process for citizen participation in the development of the Plan.
- III. Identification of the City's housing and community development needs, including the needs of low and moderate income people for housing assistance; the needs of the homeless and of sub-groups of the community (elderly, disabled and so on) with special needs for supportive housing; public housing needs; lead-based paint needs and non-housing community development needs. The Plan also discusses housing market conditions and resources available to assist those with special housing needs. Finally, the Plan notes impediments to affordable housing.
- IV. The City's Strategic Plan for Housing and Community Development for the next five (5) years, including the resources available to address housing and community development needs and the City's housing and community development objectives in the areas of affordable housing, homelessness, other special needs and non-housing community development. This section also discusses the City's strategy for dealing with barriers to affordable housing and lead-based paint and its anti-poverty strategy. Finally, it describes the institutional structure for carrying out the strategy and means for coordinating among the various parties involved.
- V. The City's One-Year Action Plan, including the proposed use of *estimated* CDBG funds & Program Income. The following activities are proposed for funding:

1. Program Year 2024 Non-Profit Public Service Grant Program (CDBG) Awards:	\$144,000
Boys & Girls Club Oakland Beach Operations (14,000)	
CCAP – Comprehensive Community Action Program (10,000)	
Cornerstone Adult Services – Alzheimer's Activities Program (18,000)	
Day One – Children's Advocacy (5,000)	
Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center (15,000)	
FRIENDS Way – Children's Bereavement Center (7,000)	
House of Hope – Supportive Services Program (13,000)	
Meals on Wheels (0.00)	
Thrive Behavioral Health - Victims of Trauma (9,000)	
Westbay Community Action - Children's Center Case Manager (23,000)	
Westbay Community Action - Social Services Case Manager (30,000)	
2. Site/Public Facility Improvement, Housing Grant Awards & Playground/Neighborhood Improvement	
A. Proposed Site/Public Facility Improvements:	\$125,000
Thrive (0.00)	
Cornerstone Adult Services – Memory Care Center Capital Items (50,000)	
Westbay Community Action (75,000)	
B. Proposed Housing Related Projects	\$257,145
Crossroads Rhode Island – 165 Beach Avenue Apartments (75,000)	
House of Hope – 69 Fair Street Improvements (45,000)	
Office of Housing and Community Development Residential Rehab Program (30,000)	
Ocean State Center for Independent Living (OSCIL) (7,500)	
J. Arthur Trudeau Memorial Center (39,495)	
Westbay Community Action – Home Repair Program (60,000)	
C. Playground/Neighborhood Improvement	\$112,694
3. Residential & Affordable Housing Rehabilitation Administration	\$131,000
4. CDBG Planning & Administration	\$193,000
5. Prior Year CDBG Funds	
PY 2020	\$90,162.74
(CDBG-CV)	\$22,418.16
PY 2021	\$50,000.00
PY 2022	\$473,382.50
PY 2023	\$621,677.49

Draft copies of the proposed Action Plan will be available, for inspection and public comment for 30 days, on the Office of Housing & Community Development's webpage at www.warwickri.com/community-development beginning on April 4, 2024. Comments on the Plan may be made at the public hearing or may be submitted in writing to the Office of Housing & Community Development, 3275 Post Road, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886-7191, Attention: Thomas J. Kravitz or emailed to Thomas.j.kravitz@warwickri.gov. All comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on May 6, 2024 (30 days after the Plan is available). For more information, contact Thomas J. Kravitz at 401-921-9683. Frank J. Picozzi, Mayor



Grantee Unique Appendices

City of Warwick
Consolidated Plan
2023 Action Plan

Appendix
Grantee Unique Appendices

Data: HUD income Limits, Housing Sale & Rental Data, Map of Eligible Areas, Newspaper
Articles Regarding Housing Issues and Legislation



FY 2023 INCOME LIMITS DOCUMENTATION SYSTEM

[HUD.gov](https://www.hud.gov) [HUD User Home](#) [Data Sets](#) [Fair Market Rents](#) [Section 8 Income Limits](#) [MTSP Income Limits](#) [HUD LIHTC Database](#)

FY 2023 Income Limits Summary

FY 2023 Income Limit Area	Median Family Income Click for More Detail	FY 2023 Income Limit Category	Persons in Family							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Providence- Fall River, RI-MA HUD Metro FMR Area	\$106,000	Very Low (50%) Income Limits (\$) Click for More Detail	35,850	41,000	46,100	51,200	55,300	59,400	63,500	67,600
		Extremely Low Income Limits (\$)* Click for More Detail	21,500	24,600	27,650	30,700	35,140	40,280	45,420	50,560
		Low (80%) Income Limits (\$) Click for More Detail	57,350	65,550	73,750	81,900	88,500	95,050	101,600	108,150

WARWICK

POPULATION 82,666	HOUSEHOLDS 35,662	MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME \$77,110	72% OWN	28% RENT
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HOUSING COSTS

► **MEDIAN SINGLE FAMILY**

Home price **\$348,000**

Monthly housing payment **\$2,829**

\$113,158 ← Income needed to afford this

► **AVERAGE 2-BEDROOM RENT**

Rental payment **\$1,966**

\$78,622 ← Income needed to afford this

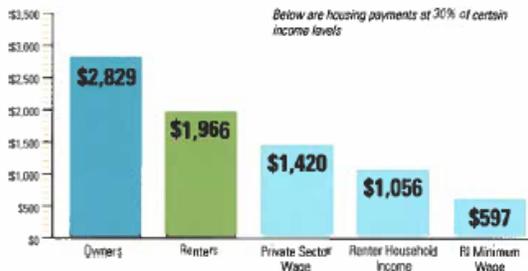
5 YEAR COMPARISON

2017	↑	2022
\$257,487		\$35% INCREASE

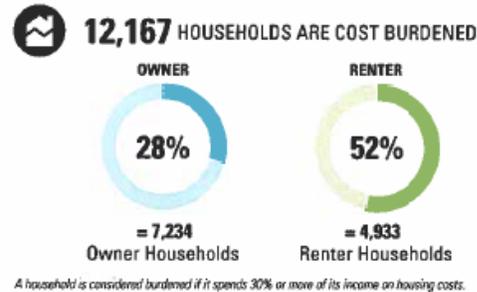
2017	↑	2022
\$1,842		\$7% INCREASE

AFFORDABILITY GAP

MONTHLY COSTS: OWNERS & RENTERS



COST BURDENED HOUSEHOLDS



CURRENT HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT

HOUSING STOCK



INFRASTRUCTURE

- REGION: Central
- Public Water
- Full Partial None
- Public Sewer
- Nearly Full Partial None

MULTIFAMILY BY RIGHT

- Permitted right in one or more zones
- Yes No

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT ORDINANCES

- ADU AHTF AR CP FZ
- G/VC ID IZ MU TOD

► **2022 BUILDING PERMITS:** Total **72** Single family **62** Two or more **10**

LONG-TERM AFFORDABLE HOMES RI General Law: 45-53-3(b) Low or Moderate Income Housing

Number of households below HUD 80% area median income: **13,645**

CURRENT **5.35%** % of year-round housing stock **2,039** # of long-term affordable homes

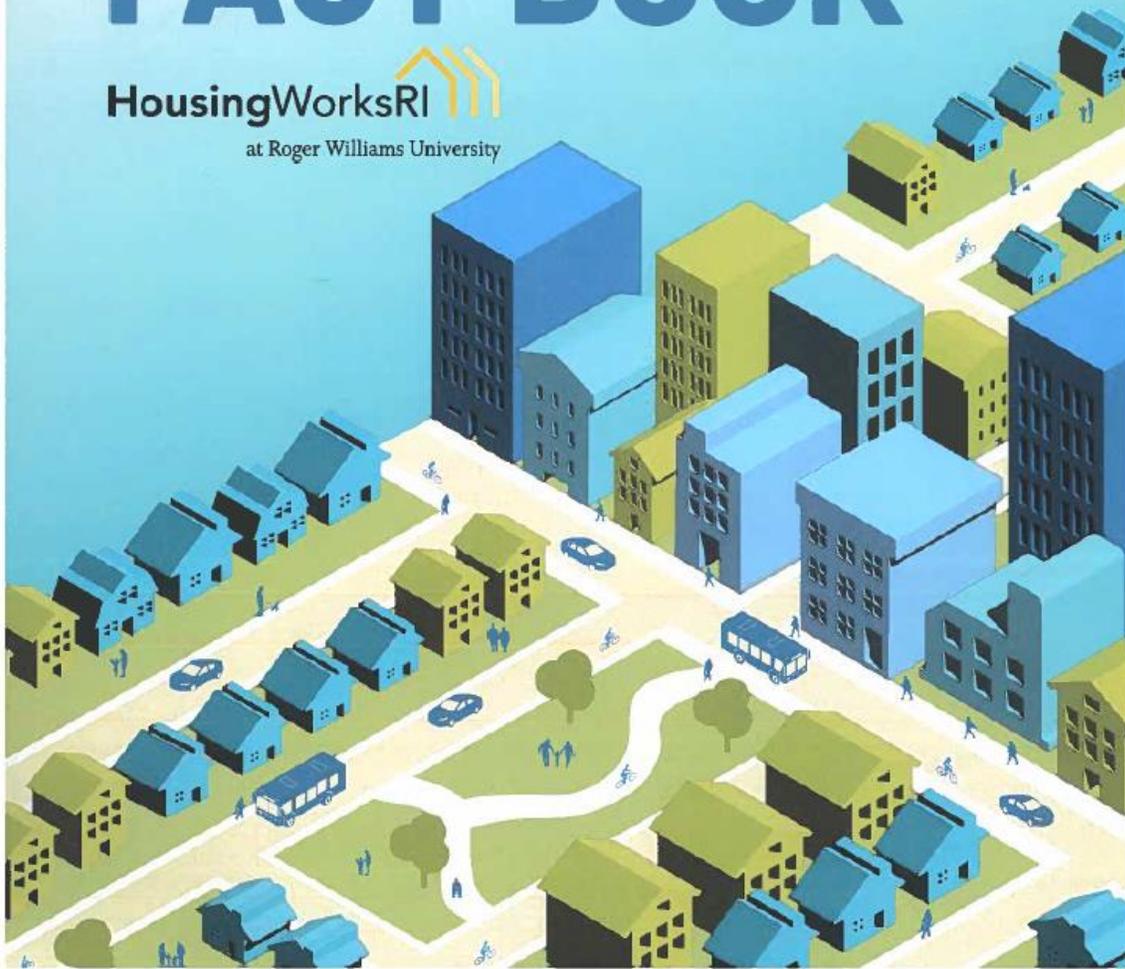
Elderly **81%** Family **7%** Special Needs **11%**

ADDED UNITS Ownership **0** Rental **1** **PRESERVED RENTALS** **100**

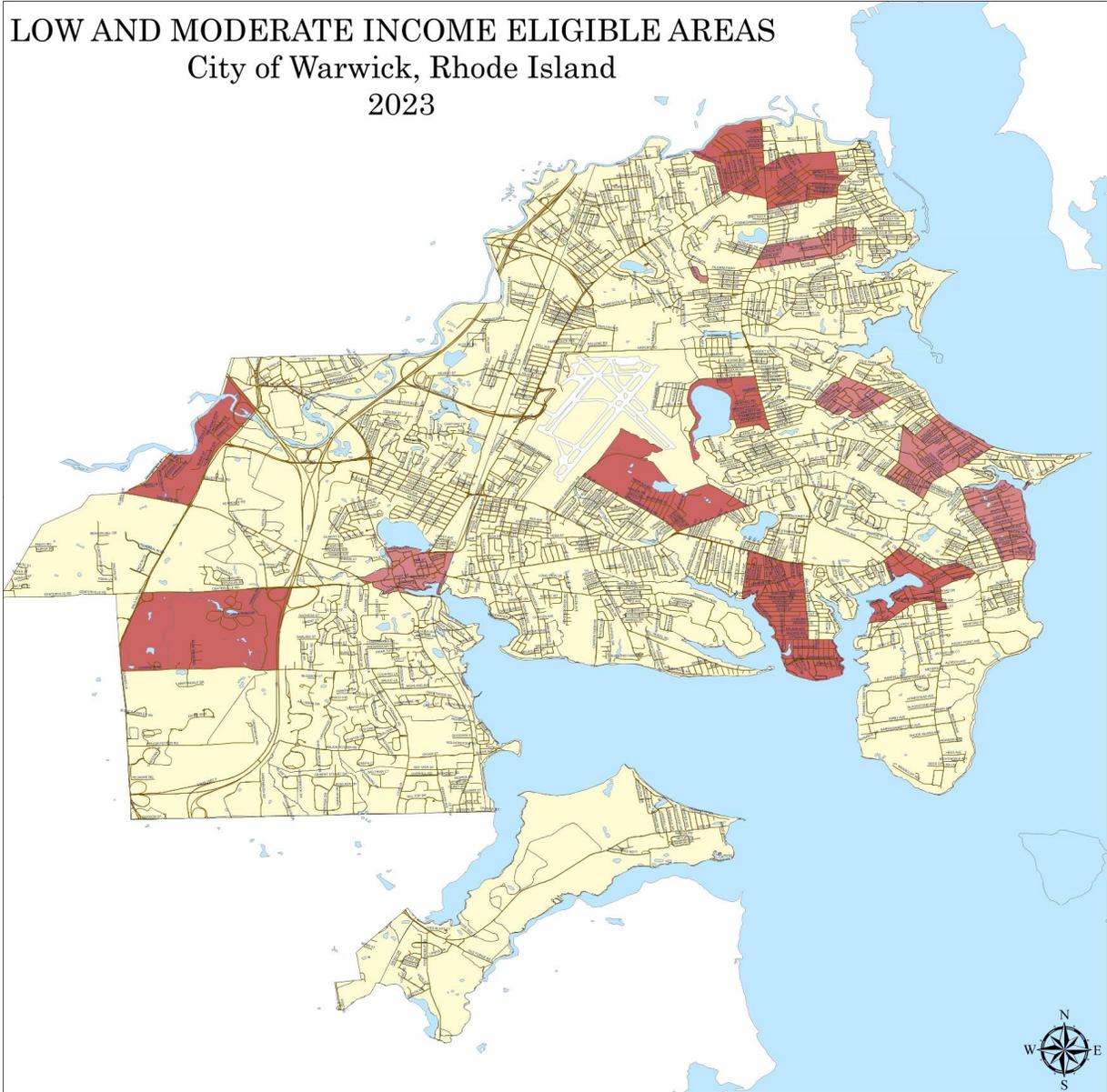
State-Funded Homes **BUILDING HOMES RHODE ISLAND (I - IV): 41**

2023 HOUSING FACT BOOK

HousingWorksRI 
at Roger Williams University



LOW AND MODERATE INCOME ELIGIBLE AREAS
City of Warwick, Rhode Island
2023



Note: The Data reflected in the above map is the most up to date data available to the City of Warwick at the time of submission of the 2023 AAP. The map will be updated once new census data is released to the City.

Grantee SF-424's and Certification(s) -REVISED 2024 SF-424 TO BE EXECUTED UPON APPLICATION SUBMISSION

OMB Number: 4040-0004
Expiration Date: 11/30/2025

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424		
* 1. Type of Submission: <input type="checkbox"/> Preapplication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application <input type="checkbox"/> Changed/Corrected Application	* 2. Type of Application: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision	* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s): <input type="text"/> * Other (Specify): <input type="text"/>
* 3. Date Received: 05/16/2023	4. Applicant Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
5a. Federal Entity Identifier: <input type="text"/>	5b. Federal Award Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
State Use Only:		
6. Date Received by State: <input type="text"/>	7. State Application Identifier: <input type="text"/>	
8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:		
* a. Legal Name: City of Warwick, Rhode Island		
* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN): 05-6900562	* c. UEI: LQCHSD083U03	
d. Address:		
* Street1: 3275 Post Road	<input type="text"/>	
Street2: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* City: Warwick	<input type="text"/>	
County/Parish: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* State: RI: Rhode Island	<input type="text"/>	
Province: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* Country: USA: UNITED STATES	<input type="text"/>	
* Zip / Postal Code: 02885-7145	<input type="text"/>	
e. Organizational Unit:		
Department Name: Planning Department	Division Name: Housing/Community Development	
f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:		
Prefix: Mr.	* First Name: William	
Middle Name: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
* Last Name: Facente	<input type="text"/>	
Suffix: <input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Title: Housing & Community Development Manager		
Organizational Affiliation: <input type="text"/>		
* Telephone Number: 401-921-9688	Fax Number: <input type="text"/>	
* Email: william.e.facente@warwickri.gov		

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424	
* 8. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type: <input type="checkbox"/> City or Township Government Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type <input type="checkbox"/> Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type <input type="checkbox"/> * Other (specify) <input type="text"/>	
* 10. Name of Federal Agency: <input type="text" value="Department of Housing & Urban Development"/>	
11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number: <input type="text" value="14.218"/> CFDA Title: <input type="text" value="Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants"/>	
* 12. Funding Opportunity Number: <input type="text"/> * Title: <input type="text"/>	
13. Competition Identification Number: <input type="text"/> Title: <input type="text"/>	
14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): <input type="text"/> <input type="button" value="Add Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachment"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachments"/>	
* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project: <input type="text"/>	
Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions. <input type="button" value="Add Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="Delete Attachments"/> <input type="button" value="View Attachments"/>	

Application for Federal Assistance 5F-424

16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant: * b. Program/Project:

Attach an additional set 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="382,839.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text" value="92,000.00"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="1,016,435.00"/>

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

a. The 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 remaining terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 18, Section 1001)

** I AGREE

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

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:  * Date Signed:

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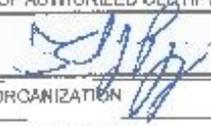
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As the duly authorized representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant:

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 cost) to ensure proper planning, management and completion of the project described in this application.
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SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED CERTIFYING OFFICIAL	TITLE
	Mayor
APPLICANT ORGANIZATION	DATE SUBMITTED
City of Hartford, Rhode Island	05/16/2023

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4. Will comply with the requirements of the assistance awarding agency with regard to the drafting, review and approval of construction plans and specifications.
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APPLICANT ORGANIZATION City of Pawtucket, Rhode Island	DATE SUBMITTED 05/18/2023

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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;

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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

5/9/2023
Date

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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:

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).

Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2023 [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.

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. 20004) 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

5/16/2023
Date

Mayor

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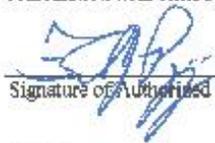
Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

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

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

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



Signature of Authorized Official

5/09/2023

Date

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OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

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

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



Signature of Authorized Official

5/09/2023
Date

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Emergency Solutions Grants Certifications

The Emergency Solutions Grants Program recipient certifies that:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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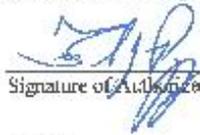
Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS Certifications

The HOPWA grantee certifies that:

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

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

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



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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.