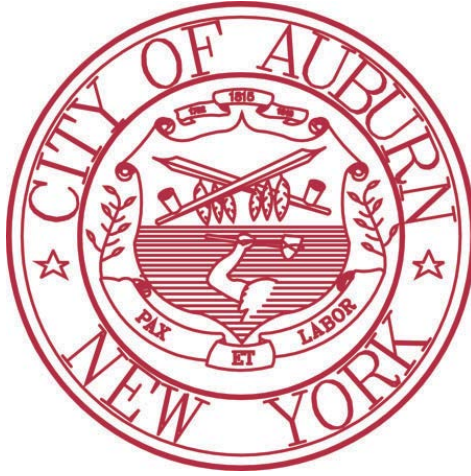


City of Auburn



Community Development Block Grant Annual Action Plan 2019-2020

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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Auburn completed a 5-year Strategic Plan for the 2015-2019 program years that focuses on issues related to housing, homeless, community development (including facilities/public improvement), economic development and non-homeless public services. This Annual Action Plan is the fifth program year of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Strategic Plan and provides the framework for the 2019-2020 CDBG program year funds.

Two types of programming have been identified by the City of Auburn for CDBG funds – programs that will directly benefit low to moderate income residents and targeted neighborhood investments which will focus on particular low to moderate income neighborhoods based on current data provided by the 2010 American Community Survey (ACS).

Community Development Block Grant Funds have greatly impacted our community by rehabilitating houses for low to moderate income residents through the Home Repair Assistance Program, demolishing blighting structures through Clearance activities, improving neighborhood walkability with sidewalk replacement, enhancing low to moderate income area parks, utilizing 15% annually of entitlement funds for the purpose of funding human service agencies, and providing funding opportunities to promote and enhance the local economy.

The City is committed to using these funds to assist and improve the lives of the low to moderate income individual/family living in the City of Auburn. More specifically, the City will continue to utilize CDBG funds to improve and promote homeownership, home repair, public improvements, public services, and economic development.

This Annual Action Plan will further identify programs that will meet the needs of our community. Community needs were identified in the 5-year Strategic Plan but are expanded on annually through community engagement including, but not limited to, meetings and public hearings.

The City of Auburn Office of Planning and Economic Development is the coordinator of the Strategic Plan as well as Annual Action Plans. The Office of Planning and Economic Development will monitor the success of the program and manage the funding of the Community Development Block Grant from the office of Housing and Urban Development.

2. Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

The goals and outcomes identified in the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan are based on the 2015-2019 Strategic Plan, which describes how federal funds and other resources will be deployed and what actions will be taken to address community development over the next five years. This year, the following goals will be addressed. They are prioritized based on the community engagement process for the 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan.

- Public Services
- Homeless Prevention
- Public Infrastructure
- Public Facilities
- Business Lending
- Residential Rehab
- Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers
- Substantial Rehab
- Clearance/Demolition
- Administration

3. Evaluation of past performance

In the 2015, 2016 and 2017 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Reports (CAPER), the City of Auburn has made significant progress in meeting the goals identified in the CDBG five year strategic plan. The only areas identified in the CAPER that have not met projected outcomes are the small business assistance and substantial rehab programs. Substantial Rehabilitation projects are projected to take place in the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 program years. In addition, the small business assistance program has made substantial strides in promoting the small business assistance program and successful in closing two small business loans during the 2018-2019 program year.

To complete Housing Rehabilitation on 30 residential homeowner occupied properties in the 2015, 2016 and 2017 fiscal years.

- The Home Repair Assistance Program rehabilitated 18 homes. One of the homes rehabilitated included a rental unit.
- The Emergency Home Repair program assisted 7 homes.
- The Home Access Program provided accessibility to 13 units.

Remove the blighting influence of dilapidated structures (Consolidated Plan Goal: 1 demolition per year, if necessary)

- Funds removed 3 dilapidated structures.

Encourage 6 new homeowners each year for existing residential buildings

- The Mortgage Assistance Program provided 19 homebuyers with closing cost assistance during program years 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Provide necessary public services to 1,500 low to moderate income city residents each year.

- Over the past three years CDBG funds assisted 11 non-profits to provide services to over 4,600 City of Auburn low to moderate income residents.
- Homeless Prevention Services provided through the Continuum of Care funding assisted 606 individuals.

Support neighborhood revitalization efforts to improve public facilities and infrastructure, especially in targeted areas. Consolidated Plan Goal: assist 1,670 low to moderate income individuals each year with public facility improvements and assist 685 individuals each year with infrastructure improvements

- Improved 5 parks and playgrounds, assisting 2,850 individuals in Census Tract 413, 417, 418 and 421.
- Replaced sidewalks in income-eligible areas assisting 5,260 individuals
 - Arlington, Kensington, Englewood and Dunning Street located within census tract 418 during 2015-2016 PY.
 - Eligible sides of North Division, Pulaski, Washington, Union and Grant streets during 2016-2017 PY.
 - Eligible sections of Perrine Street, Rock Avenue, and State Street within census tract 413, during 2017-2018 PY.
- Replaced sewer laterals on Janet Street and Franklin Street. Eligible Census tracts and block groups 415-4 and 417-1.

Improve program management and administration

The City of Auburn/Cayuga County Continuum of Care NY-502 merged with the Housing and Homeless Coalition Continuum of Care NY-505 during program year 2016. The merger has created more capacity in the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) application and funding availability for homeless programs in Cayuga County. The City of Auburn/Cayuga County Homeless Task Force and Executive Committee continues to meet regularly and is successful in increasing coordination efforts and training among homeless providers in Cayuga County.

The City of Auburn Office of Planning and Economic Development continues to improve program management and administration by staying informed through HUD circulars and bulletin updates and through Technical Assistance trainings (TA Thursdays) provided by the HUD Buffalo team. City staff also attended the HUD CPD Grantee conference held in Ithaca, NY during PY 2016, the Upstate HUD

Conference in September 2017 and HUD's financial responsibility conference at Oneida Shores Park in August 2018.

- NY-505 CoC Merger increased capacity and funding
- Increased coordination among organizations and human services through trainings and information.
- Staff attended HUD trainings including TA Thursdays & HUD Grantee Conferences

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Federal regulations require the City to provide for citizen participation in the preparation of the Annual Action Plan. Although a regulation, the City values this as a tool for understanding the true needs of the community. The City of Auburn hosted one public open house style meeting and two public hearings to solicit comments and participation from the public. These meetings were advertised in The Citizen (local newspaper), posted on the City's webpage, Facebook, and Twitter accounts, and emailed to community organizations.

The public meeting was held on October 29, 2018 from 3pm to 5pm at City Hall, a downtown location with plenty of parking available as well as being handicapped accessible. This public meeting provided residents an open house style atmosphere to encourage residents to participate and let their voices be heard regarding neighborhood needs and priorities for the Annual Action Plan. Included as part of the open house, was an activity designed to not only open up the discussion but also let people who are not comfortable voicing their opinion do so in a non-intimidating manner.

Public hearings were held on November 7, 2018 7:00pm at City Hall and January 24, 2019 at a City Council meeting to discuss the PY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan. A draft of the Annual Action Plan is posted on the City's website, and was presented at a Public Hearing on January 24th 2019. A 30-day public comment period which began on January 8, 2019 and extended to February 6, 2019 also provided citizens, public agencies, or other interested parties the opportunity to comment on the plan.

The public hearings and public meetings were conducted in handicap accessible locations. Times and locations of meetings varied in trying to accommodate work schedules and capture as many members of the public as possible. All meeting notices identified that the meetings were accessible to people with disabilities and that a language interpreter or materials offered in an alternate format could be present if notice was given to the Office of Planning and Economic Development ten days in advance.

A survey was located on the City's webpage and also distributed to varying agencies in the City. A total of 338 surveys were submitted. The data was summarized and used to prepare the plan.

5. Summary of public comments

All comments can be found in Appendix A.

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

All comments relevant to the Community Development Block Grant were taken into consideration in preparing the PY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan. Comments deemed not relevant were passed on to the appropriate departments. All comments can be found in Appendix A.

7. Summary

As noted above all comments from the public meeting, public hearings, and the community survey were taken into consideration. Public participation provides the framework for the goals and projects and ultimately shape the funding decisions provided within this Annual Action Plan. The following list of priorities are CDBG eligible project/program areas that are ranked according to community input- 1 (being the most important) to 5 (being the least important). The list of priorities correlates to the Annual Goals and Objectives chart in AP 20 and the Projects Summary in AP38.

Priority Projects:

1. Childcare Services
2. Youth Programming
3. Homeless Prevention and Assistance
4. Substance Abuse Services
5. Services for the Disabled
6. Senior Services
7. Assistance for the Hungry
8. Affordable Housing
9. Small Business Assistance
10. Domestic Violence Programming
11. Home Repair Assistance
12. First-time Homebuyer Program
13. Fair Housing Activities

Priority Area Wide Benefit Programs:

1. Neighborhood Revitalization
2. Sewer and Water Line Services
3. Sidewalk Improvements
4. Park Improvements
5. Clearance/ Demolition

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	AUBURN	Office of Planning and Economic Development

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Narrative (optional)

Community Development Block Grant agreements are with the City of Auburn. The City of Auburn's Office of Planning and Economic Development (OPED) is responsible for overseeing the development of the Consolidated Plan, subsequent Action Plans and Annual CAPER's. Further, the OPED is also responsible for oversight of the program and monitoring sub- recipients.

Within City government, the OPED is able to draw on the expertise of other departments to help deliver programs and see the delivery of identified outcomes. The Engineering Department assists with the public infrastructure and demolition projects. The Department of Public Works assists with park improvements as well as the City's demolition projects. The Code Enforcement Office oversees the City's building codes and zoning. The Comptroller and Treasurer's office assists with the accounting of the CDBG Program. Further the City works with a variety of community based organizations to assist with the delivery of programs and services.

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

1. Introduction

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

The City of Auburn/ Cayuga County Homeless Task Force (HTF), being part of the tri-county Continuum of Care NY- 505 City of Syracuse/Onondaga County and Oswego County and the Housing and Homeless Coalition of Central New York (HHC CNY) has more opportunity for CoC funding, resources and planning. The Auburn/Cayuga County FY2018 existing CoC projects were fully funded with a slight increase. The City of Auburn/ Cayuga County HTF continues to meet regularly to bring local homeless and housing providers together to discuss and coordinate strategic planning, prevention and services to address homelessness and housing vulnerability in our community. Guest speakers are regularly invited to meetings to provide information about subjects that tend to touch most homeless individuals and families; topics such as: health and mental health, food security, housing assistance, local human service agencies and programs and substance abuse options that are available in our community. The City of Auburn/Cayuga County Homeless Task Force Committee has representation from City government, County government, public housing authority, affordable housing developers, local non-profits that provide housing assistance and services to our homeless population, law enforcement, US Department of Veteran's Affairs, Soldier On (a non-profit veteran's outreach program for homeless/homeless vulnerable veterans), schools, Cayuga/Onondaga BOCES and formerly homeless individuals. All housing projects seeking letters of support (required for most federal and state grants) from the CoC must request approval for this body as well as the HHCCNY and projects must meet a need identified by our local 10-year plan to end homelessness and HUD priorities.

The Department of Social Services convenes weekly with homeless housing providers to review housing cases. This coordination has provided a better means of communication between agencies and works to lower homeless episodes among individuals and families in the City of Auburn and Cayuga County. In addition, the Department of Social Services contracts with homeless service providers Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency and Chapel House to work with homeless individuals and families in obtaining services and housing.

Auburn Housing Authority (AHA) Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher program continues to issue vouchers from their waiting list as vouchers and funding becomes available. When the waiting list closed in April 2016, 292 applications had been approved. The high number of approved applications was due in large part to the housing authority reaching out to community stakeholders so that households in need of safe, affordable housing would have an opportunity to receive a Section 8 voucher. AHA opened the Section 8 list on January 23, 2019 at 8:00am.

In March of 2018, through a collaboration between Unity House of Cayuga County and Two Plus Four Companies, fifty-nine affordable housing units were opened in the City of Auburn. Financing for the project was obtained through a combination of tax-exempt bonds, Low Income Housing Tax Credits and Housing Trust Fund, Supportive Housing Opportunity subsidy via Homes and Community Renewal; capital funds and debt service through Office of Mental Health; annual Federal and State Historic Tax Credits; New York State Energy Research and Development Authority incentive funds; and developer equity. Twenty of the units will be designated for single adults with psychiatric disabilities, who tend to be homeless or homeless vulnerable.

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.

Through the FY 2016 HUD CoC NOFA process the Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency 16-unit Rapid Rehousing program began housing homeless families in August of 2017. Chronically homeless families will take priority, with four of the sixteen units designated for victims of domestic violence. In addition, one reallocated and two renewal projects were funded. The Auburn Housing Authority's five bed shelter plus care program, a permanent supportive housing program for hard to serve chronically homeless individuals was reallocated to the Chapel House Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) program as an expansion to the existing 7-bed project. These PSH programs provide leasing assistance, case management and supportive services. The five beds will be added to the 7 for a total of 12. The ARISE 13 scattered site (up to 22 beds) Supported Housing Program that served disabled head of households and their immediate families was also transferred to Chapel House. The Chapel House Shelter program contracts with the Syracuse VA to shelter homeless veterans. Many of these Vets enter the PSH programs that Chapel House administers.

In addition, Chapel House has a Transitional Assistance Program which supports 16 homeless single men and women and a Rapid Re-housing program funded through the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance consisting of 27 beds. The AHA Development Corporation opened a 28-unit housing complex (14 three bedrooms, 10 two bedrooms and 4 one bedroom) in April 2017 for homeless single women and families with children and a community center where onsite supportive services are provided. The Cayuga County Department of Social Services contracts with the Auburn Rescue Mission for staff and supportive services for the new complex. The Auburn Rescue Mission was also awarded a New York State Supportive Housing Program (NYSSHP) grant in the amount of \$92, 400 for additional staffing purposes. Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency provides transitional supportive housing and supportive services for 9 homeless individuals. This program is also funded through a NYSSHP grant. The Veteran's Administration and Soldier On regularly work with homeless providers in Cayuga County and attend Homeless Task Force meetings. The Veterans Administration in conjunction with HUD provide up to 20 Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers to eligible homeless veteran households in Cayuga County. VASH Vouchers are administered by Auburn Housing Authority and Cayuga County Homsite. Soldier On provides veteran homelessness prevention, emergency and

transitional housing, and supportive services. The Cayuga County RHY Committee meets monthly to work to identify the characteristics and needs of youth, identify the gaps in services and how to better meet the needs of youth, and collaborate in providing supports and services to youth.

The Runaway Homeless Youth Committee (RHYC) also participates on the City of Auburn Cayuga County Homeless Task Force enabling both groups to share information and promote collaboration. The chair of the RHYC is part of the HHCCNY Advisory Board. The RHY Committee continues to grow. Members include, Auburn Schools, Cayuga Counseling Services, Cayuga County Probation Department, Auburn Housing Authority, Cayuga County Sheriff's Office, Cayuga County Youth Bureau, Cayuga Onondaga BOCES, Cayuga Works Career Center, Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency, Chapel House, Cayuga County Child Protective Services, the Auburn Police Department, Cayuga Center and Partnership for Results, Inc. The Runaway Homeless Youth Committee along with the Chapel House has improved collaboration with the Cayuga County Jail on discharge planning for the youth ages 16 to 25. This collaboration provides opportunities to connect with youth prior to discharge and offer services to help them to stabilize, decreasing the risk of homelessness and assist them to return to school, earn an equivalency degree or secure employment.

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

The City contracts with the Auburn Housing Authority to facilitate Homeless Task Force Meetings, be a liaison between the local Homeless Task Force and the Housing and Homeless Coalition (HHC) of CNY Continuum of Care NY- 505 and serve on the HHC Advisory Board. The Housing and Homeless Coalition of CNY provides technical support, grant writing, planning and funding for the Continuum of Care (CoC) as well as administers the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). The CoC is responsible for managing HMIS software licenses, training all users, developing, implementing and enforcing security policies and data quality standards, and providing data reports to the City of Auburn/ Cayuga County Homeless Task Force. All CoC funded agencies are users of the HMIS system and the Cayuga County Department of Social Services entered data back to October 2016 and currently fully utilizes HMIS for documenting the homeless individuals and families they assist.

The City of Auburn does not receive ESG funds.

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

1	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Auburn/Cayuga County Homeless Task Force
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-homeless
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Presented at the Task Force Meeting and the survey link was distributed.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Auburn Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	PHA
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Public Housing Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Discussion took place prior to the public meeting regarding public housing needs. The City also communicates with AHA during the development of the Annual Action Plan.
3	Agency/Group/Organization	HOME HEADQUARTERS
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	A meeting was held to discuss the housing needs of the community and how the City can best meet those needs.
4	Agency/Group/Organization	Homsite Fund, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment

Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	A meeting was held to discuss the housing needs of the community and the City can meet those needs.
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Table 2 – Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

The City consulted a majority of local agencies, and did not deliberately omit any from the process.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	City of Auburn Homeless Task Force	-Homeless
City of Auburn Comprehensive Plan	City of Auburn	-Revitalizing neighborhoods including protecting the quality of existing neighborhoods and protecting neighborhood characteristics. -Shaping business growth across Auburn>Create a walk able community-Re-engage the Owasco River
Owasco Riverfront Plan	City of Auburn	-Re-engage the Owasco River
Brownfield Redevelopment Plan	City of Auburn	-Identifying vacant or underutilized properties for redevelopment
Community Indicators Project	United Way Cayuga County	-Community data
Orchard Street Neighborhood Plan	Home Headquarters	-Neighborhood revitalization in census tract 421 (aka 419)
Cayuga Economic Development Agency Strategic Plan	Cayuga Economic Development Agency	-Economic Development
10 Year Plan to End Homelessness	City of Auburn/Cayuga County Homeless Task Force	-Homelessness-Public Services
Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing	City of Auburn	-Fair Housing

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Cayuga County Employment Plan	Cayuga County Department of Social Services	-Homeless
Cayuga County Local Services Plan	Cayuga County Mental Health	-Special needs and facilities
HealtheCNY	Cayuga Community Health Network	-Data regarding the community
Parks Master Plan	City of Auburn	-Master Plan for the City Parks

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

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

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
1	Public Survey	Non-targeted /broad community	338	See survey attachment for all responses. Summary: -Neighborhood improvements, sidewalks, and parks. - vacant properties - gateways need improvement. -Childcare and youth services -Homeless services	All comments were considered.	

2	Public Meeting	Non-targeted /broad community	15	<p>Please see attached activity sheets for all comments.</p> <p>Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Youth programs - Senior services (transportation) - Drug counseling and rehab - Domestic Violence - housing assistance - home repair - child care services - Sidewalks especially orchard street/Orchard Ave area 	All comments were considered	
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3	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/ broad community	7 commented	<p>Please see attached minutes and letters received for all responses.</p> <p>Summary: - Human Service Activities including transportation for senior and disabled, summer programming for disabled youth, programming for seniors, landlord/tenant trainings, home repair, first time homebuyers programs and rental rehab. Side walk connectivity especially to downtown, and microenterprise trainings.</p>	All comments were considered	
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Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City of Auburn anticipates receiving an allocation of \$808,936.00 in CDBG funding for the 2018-2019 program year with \$126,962.00 in anticipated program income. The City also reprogrammed \$5,000.00 of past entitlement funding for projects and programs in the 2018-2019 program year. The total amount of expected CDBG funds is \$940,898.00. The City of Auburn Continuum of Care merged in June 2016 with the Syracuse Housing and Homeless coalition of Central NY. The City received \$536,182.00 in funding from the CoC NY-505 Syracuse Housing and Homeless Coalition of Central New York. This funding will assist over 58 homeless individuals in the City of Auburn.

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	\$877,610	\$120,361	\$0	\$997,971	\$0	The City has based it's budget on this year's entitlement allocation and expected program income. This is the last year of the Consolidated Plan therefore no funds are expected for the remainder of the consolidated plan. PY 2020 will be the beginning of the next 5 year consolidated plan.
Continuum of Care	public - federal	Other	0	0	0	0	0	

Table 4 - 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 of Auburn will continue to partner with Homsite Fund, Inc. and Home Headquarters. The following resources will be available to leverage the City's Home Repair Assistance Program and Special Development Projects:

- NYS Affordable Housing Corporation – have applied for funding, expecting funding late summer 2019
- NYS Office of Community Renewal – Access to Home (for Medicaid recipients needing in-home accessibility modifications) awarded \$125,000 in January 2017 for modification to 6 units. Average award is anticipated to be \$25,000 in grant funds.
- NYS Office of Community Renewal – RESTORE (for seniors over 60 needing emergency home repair funding) awarded \$150,000 for repair of 20 units. Average award is expected to be \$5,000. Homsite will be applying for this funding again.
- Rental Rehab Program – Contract received in fall of 2017 from NYS HOME funds,. This program will assist tenants under 60% AMI and will target landlords in housing court and those who rent to Section 8. Applications are currently being accepted. Program is expected to finish September 2019.
- NYS Acquisition Rehab Grant - \$280,000 over a two year period starting in 2019 to acquire and rehab 7 properties in the City of Auburn.

In addition, Home Headquarters, as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) has lending capital, through a Revolving Loan Fund, available to lend in Cayuga County (Auburn). At this point, with limited marketing, Home Headquarters typically serves 10 homeowners a year in the City specifically with these funds, with capital of up to \$10,000-15,000 per property. There are no upper income limits; these funds are typically for those who have limited equity in their homes, so qualifying with a traditional lender is challenging. The homeowner needs to have the ability to pay back the loan. The Interest rate is 4.74%, and term is 7 years. HHQ is the only CDFI in Cayuga County.

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

The City of Auburn is committed to providing quality recreational opportunities and greenspaces within neighborhoods. Neighborhood parks are key to quality of life within a City; therefore public park improvements will include an assessment of the park including historical usage and community involvement. Playground and park improvements will be focused in US HUD CDBG designated low to moderate income areas. For the 5 Year Consolidated Plan the following public parks and playgrounds, located in the corresponding Census Tracts, will be improved:

Sherwood Park- Census Tract 418

Miles Lepak Park, also known as the permaculture park- Census Tract 418

Buonocore Park- Census Tract 417

Owasco Riverfront Trail- Census Tract 417

Casey Park- Census Tract 413

Depending on funding, The City of Auburn may begin work on Pomeroy Park and Wall Street Park in the PY2019-2020. Both are located in Eligible Census Tracts. Pomeroy Park is located in Census Tract 418 and Wall Street Park is located in Census Tract 421.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1	Public Services	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development		Non-Housing Community Development	CDBG: \$120,000	Assist 1,500 low to moderate income persons.
2	Homelessness Prevention	2015	2019	Homeless				Assist more than 50 homeless persons with CoC funding
3	Public Infrastructure	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development			CDBG: \$168,110	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 345 Persons Assisted
4	Public Facilities	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development			CDBG: \$230,000	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 455 Persons Assisted
5	Business Lending	2015	2019	Non-Housing Community Development		Economic Development	\$59,287	Businesses assisted: 2 Businesses Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6	Residential Rehab	2015	2019	Affordable Housing		Community Development Affordable Housing	CDBG: \$126,032	Rental units rehabilitated: 5 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 15 Household Housing Unit
7	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers	2015	2019	Affordable Housing			CDBG: \$18,000	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 6 Households Assisted
8	Substantial Rehab	2015	2019	Affordable Housing		Homeowner Housing	\$75,000	Rehabilitated: 3Household Housing Unit
9	Clearance	2015	2019	Community Development		Community Development		Buildings Demolished: 1 Building
10	Administration	2015	2019	Administration			CDBG: \$143,500	Other: 0 Other

Table 5 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Public Services
	Goal Description	Public Services for low to moderate income households in the City of Auburn. Public Services take place City-wide.
2	Goal Name	Homelessness Prevention
	Goal Description	The creation of homeless beds funded through the City of Auburn Continuum of Care and includes permanent housing projects that serve chronically homeless and supportive housing programs to serve individuals and families that are homeless. Programs assist low to moderate income persons City-wide.

3	Goal Name	Public Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Public infrastructure improvements, such as sidewalks, in low to moderate income neighborhoods.
4	Goal Name	Public Facilities
	Goal Description	Includes improvements and new construction of parks, trails and playgrounds as well as the rehabilitation of public facilities that serves low to moderate income persons.
5	Goal Name	Business Lending
	Goal Description	The small business assistance program provides "gap" financing to small businesses in the City of Auburn that will create and/or retain jobs for low to moderate income persons. Funding will be allocated through Revolving Loan Funds and prior entitlement funds. Allocated funds are also for program delivery. This program assists businesses City-wide.
6	Goal Name	Residential Rehab
	Goal Description	Residential Rehab includes the Home Access Program, which serves low to moderate income persons with a disability; Housing Program Delivery; and the Home Repair Assistance Program and Rental Rehab Program, serving low to moderate income individuals. These programs are available city wide for households that meet HUD's low to moderate income guidelines.
7	Goal Name	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers
	Goal Description	Assists first-time homebuyers in the City of Auburn with down payment or closing costs. This program is operated on an individual's or family's income and assists low to moderate income persons City wide.
8	Goal Name	Substantial Rehab
	Goal Description	The substantial rehab of homes through the acquisition rehab grant that the City has partnered with Homsite.
9	Goal Name	Clearance
	Goal Description	The demolition of blighted structures.

10	Goal Name	Administration
	Goal Description	Administration costs for the CDBG program, the Homeless Task Force, the Human Service Coalition, CNY Fair Housing and Community Health Network. A "0" is entered under Other for Goal Outcome Indicator as this is not applicable for Administration. Please note that all target areas are included but is also city-wide as administration also involves overseeing projects that are direct benefit based.

Projects

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City of Auburn allocated its CDBG resources in a manner that addresses its identified housing and community development needs. The projects and programs selected for funding over the upcoming program year are ranked according to project number followed by the project's name and needs that are address. Funding for each program is also identified in the following table.

Projects

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

The Office of Planning and Economic Development considered all public comments submitted during the public hearings, meetings, surveys, and public comment period. The above priorities are a result of the public participation process for the PY 2017 Annual Action Plan and are meant to meet the community's needs. The greatest obstacle to meeting all of the community's underserved needs continues to be limited financial resources with which to finance programs and projects.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Public Services
	Target Area	Census Tract 421 Census Tract 418 Census Tract 413, Block Group 4 Census Tract 413, Block Group 1 Census Tract 417, Block Group 1
	Goals Supported	Public Services Homeless Prevention
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing Community Development Non-Housing
	Funding	\$120,000
	Description	Public Service Agency Programs are designed to serve low to moderate income persons in the City of Auburn. Activities are City-wide.
	Target Date	3/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Low to moderate income families will benefit from the proposed activities. Approximately 1,000 individuals will benefit.
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	AURORA of CNY – Outreach to Seniors with Vision/Hearing Loss \$10,000. Funding was requested to provide 1:1 counseling to seniors with hearing and vision loss so that they can remain independent in their homes. The program will assist 10 persons Boyle Senior Center – Senior Center Programming \$10,000. This funding is used to provide health and social/recreational programming to seniors who live at the Boyle Center and within the community to decrease the rates of isolation and depression. Program will assist 200 persons.

		<p>Calvary Food Pantry – General Support for the Purchase of Food \$10,000. Funds were requested for the purchase of nonperishable food items for the Pantry’s regular food basket give away. Program will assist 600 persons.</p> <p>Cayuga Counseling Services – Children’s Crisis Services Initiative \$15,000. Assist families with children between the ages of 5-18 years of age who have risk factors for out of home placement because of their emotional and/or behavioral difficulties. Program will assist 45 youth.</p> <p>Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency – Homeless Intervention Program \$8,000. This program is for the intervention of families and individuals who may find themselves homeless. Funds are used to pay first month’s rent and/or security deposit or motel stay if they are homeless. Program will assist 15 persons.</p> <p>ARISE – Freedom Camp \$7,500. Funding will support a summer day camp experience for special needs youth between the ages of 4-21 years of age who reside in the City of Auburn. Approximately 30 campers.</p> <p>Legal Aid of Mid-NY – Legal Services for Victims of Domestic Violence \$10,000. Funding for this program serves women who are victims of domestic violence and are in need of legal assistance and representation. 10 individuals.</p> <p>Rescue Mission – Merriman Center Youth Program \$17,000. The program will provide educational and recreational activities to youth in the Merriman Neighborhood. The center, which is run by the Auburn Rescue Mission provides supportive services to families residing in the neighborhood. Program will assist about 80 youth.</p> <p>Chapel House Homeless Prevention and Assistance- Program will provide case management for homeless men being placed in permanent housing. Approximately 25 individuals will receive these services. \$14,000</p> <p>Transportation of Cayuga County- SCAT Van \$10,000. Funding is for the SCAT Van which provides transportation to seniors and disabled individuals. Approximately 80 persons.</p>
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		Booker T Washington- Summer Youth Program \$8,500. Funding will support a summer youth program for low to moderate income youth 5 to 12 years old. Approximately 55 youth.
2	Project Name	Homelessness Prevention
	Target Area	Census Tract 421 Census Tract 418 Census Tract 413, Block Group 4 Census Tract 413, Block Group 1 Census Tract 417, Block Group 1
	Goals Supported	Homelessness Prevention
	Needs Addressed	Homeless
	Funding	Continuum of Care: \$536,182
	Description	The creation of homeless beds is funded through the NY 505 Continuum of Care and includes permanent housing projects to serve individuals, families, and youth ages 18-24 that are homeless. This project is reported in HMIS, not IDIS. Although target areas are checked, this project is direct benefit based so it occurs on a city-wide basis.
	Target Date	3/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Approximately more than 50 individuals will benefit from the proposed funding.
	Location Description	City Wide
	Planned Activities	Creation of homeless beds through programs administered by Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency, and Chapel House.
3	Project Name	Park and Playground Improvements:
	Target Area	Census Tract 418, Census Tract 415 Block Group 1, and Census Tract 421
	Goals Supported	Public Facilities

	Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$230,000
	Description	Neighborhood parks are vital to a City's quality of life and the City of Auburn is committed to providing quality green spaces within City neighborhoods. The City completed a Parks Master Plan in June 2016, which provides information and makes recommendations on park improvements. The Office of Planning and Economic Development in coordination with the Department of Public Works and the Department of Engineering Services will work together to complete park and playground improvements or to create a new park specific to the neighborhood needs and priorities. Depending on the park or playground, improvements may include the installation of new playground equipment, replacing broken or unsafe equipment, rehabbing sports courts, and installing lighting, pathways, landscaping, etc. The parks and playgrounds targeted for improvements are located in low to moderate income neighborhoods. The Consolidated Plan established a general priority list based on Census Tracts. The City intends to address the following parks and playgrounds during this Action Plan as funding allows: Sherwood St Park & Playground, Buonocore Park, and Miles-Lepak Park.
	Target Date	3/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Park and Playground improvements will be completed in low to moderate income area neighborhoods and will benefit approximately 525 persons.
	Location Description	City wide
	Planned Activities	Sherwood Playground Miles Lepak Park Buonocore Park (Alternate) Pomeroy Park and Wall Street Park
	Target Date	3/31/2020
4	Project Name	Sidewalk Replacement Program
	Target Area	Census Tract 413, Block Group 4 Census Tract 413, Block Group 1 Census Tract 414, Block Group 3

	Census Tract 418, Block Group 3
Goals Supported	Public Infrastructure
Needs Addressed	Non-Housing Community Development
Funding	CDBG: \$168,110
Description	<p>The City of Auburn will continue to implement a sidewalk replacement program in income eligible neighborhoods. The purpose of this program is to ensure that all residents, regardless of their ability, are provided with a safe and accessible pedestrian network of sidewalks within the City. In consultation with the City's Department of Engineering Services, sidewalks that are in poor condition will be replaced in the areas identified. All sidewalks will be reviewed and replaced on a comprehensive manner to ensure an interconnected network of sidewalks. The Consolidated Plan outlines Census Tract priorities for public infrastructure including sidewalk replacement. As part of 2019 Action Plan, it is the City's intent to continue following those priorities and address areas within Census Tract 413 and 421 in eligible block group areas. It is the City's intent to finish sidewalk improvements on Seymour Street and commence sidewalk improvements on Washington Street from Van Anden Street to the Arterial. Sidewalks will be replaced and curbs will be installed as necessary to protect the sidewalks and the green space as well as for drainage issues. Work will then move to eligible, adjacent and/or nearby streets of this section of Washington Street. All work is as funding allows. Work that is not completed in this program year will be re-evaluated as to the community's priorities and written into future action plans. Street trees will also be planted where appropriate as part of this program. Alternate locations for program year 2019 would be Census Tract 414, Block Group 3. This connection would create a safe, walkable neighborhood to the hospital in Auburn. A second alternate location would be Census Tract 418, Block Group 3 that would create a safe, walkable sidewalk on West Clymer St where none currently exists.</p>
Target Date	12/1/2020

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Sidewalk replacement will take place in low to moderate income area neighborhoods and will benefit a minimum of 590 low to moderate income persons.
	Location Description	Sidewalk replacement will take place in Census Tract 413 & 421. Alternate locations include Census Tract 414, Block Group 3 and Census Tract 418, Block Group 3.
	Planned Activities	Sidewalk replacement to create a walkable community.
5	Project Name	Economic Development
	Target Area	Census Tract 421 Census Tract 418 Census Tract 413, Block Group 4 Census Tract 413, Block Group 1 Census Tract 417, Block Group 1
	Goals Supported	Business Lending
	Needs Addressed	Economic Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$59,287
	Description	The Office of Planning and Economic Development continues to make available the Small Business Assistance Program to support new business development and business retention/expansion. The overall business assistance strategy requires a pool of flexible funding that can be used to meet the needs of larger economic development projects that may develop at any time. This is accomplished through the continuation of the Special Development Projects (described in a later section).The SBAP provides a revolving loan fund that utilizes the revolving loan fund income as an ongoing funding source. This program line capitalizes the program at the anticipated levels required for the coming program year. The funding allocation will utilize revolving loan fund income (as opposed to Entitlement Funding) for the capitalization. Repayments from this loan program will be put back into a revolving loan fund and utilized for economic development activities. The SBAP will continue to offer flexible gap financing to small businesses and developers. The City has

		successfully administered the SBAP for nearly 20 years and the program often plays a catalyst role in the business community. Working cooperatively with local lending institutions, the City supports economic activity that would otherwise not occur without SBAP subordinate lending. SBAP loans are used to create or retain jobs with a required focus on job creation for low and/or moderate income individuals. Loan funds may be used for permanent working capital, inventory, property acquisition, and/or the purchase of machinery and equipment. Cayuga Economic Development Agency (CEDA), the local one-stop economic development agency for Cayuga County, currently delivers the Small Business Assistance Program including the responsibilities outlined above and is working to develop new guidelines for the program to make it more palatable.
	Target Date	3/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This program will result in the retention and creation of new jobs for low to moderate income families. Estimated number of jobs is five during the 2018-2019 Annual Action Plan.
	Location Description	City wide
	Planned Activities	None at this time
6	Project Name	Home Repair Assistance Program
	Target Area	Census Tract 421 Census Tract 418 Census Tract 413, Block Group 4 Census Tract 413, Block Group 1 Census Tract 417, Block Group 1
	Goals Supported	Residential Rehab
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: Entitlement, and RLF: \$108,032
	Description	The HRAP will continue to focus on the rehabilitation of existing housing stock for occupancy by low and moderate income persons. The program will address "urgent" repair

	<p>matters such as roof repair/replacement, furnaces, sewer/water lines, electrical/plumbing, accessibility modifications, and health and safety matters. Other priorities of the program will be exterior improvements for city beautification, energy efficiency (partner with the Weatherization program at Cayuga-Seneca Community Action Agency when possible), and partner with Healthy Neighborhoods and Lead Education at the County Health Department regarding lead abatement in homes with children under 6. The City recently certified Homsite as a CBDO, which allows them to manage the revolving loan fund. Homsite would continue to use the revolving loan fund to make additional loans meeting the same criteria. The loan will be a combination sliding scale for payback at a low interest rate for homeowners with a deferred loan as well.</p> <p>Homsite Fund, Inc. (HFI)'s application to New York State's Office of Community Renewal (OCR) for NYS HOME Program funding was awarded in 2017. The City of Auburn Rental Rehab Program will allow HFI to assist building owners in the City of Auburn who rent to low-income households (below 60% AMI) to repair their rental units to mitigate NYS and local code violations and health and safety concern. Building owners will also make a financial contribution toward the repairs and agree to maintain the units for rent to low-income households at affordable rents (set by HUD) for the durations of the regulatory agreement (ranging from five to fifteen years). The City of Auburn is committed to improving the rental housing stock available to our lower income tenants and will contribute \$100,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to help ensure that the full scope of the improvements needed on these projects can be realized. The matching funds from CDBG will be used as a \$5,000 grant to each unit and benefit 20 units.</p>
Target Date	3/31/2020
Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The program will provide low interest loans to 20 units of low - moderate income occupants.

	Location Description	All target areas are included but this can take place anywhere in the city provided that the applicant meet the low to moderate income guidelines as this is a direct benefit activity.
	Planned Activities	None at this time. Applications are reviewed upon submittal.
7	Project Name	Home Access Program
	Target Area	Census Tract 421 Census Tract 418 Census Tract 413, Block Group 4 Census Tract 413, Block Group 1 Census Tract 417, Block Group 1
	Goals Supported	Residential Rehab
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000
	Description	The Home Access Program provides ramps and/or accessibility modifications for physically disabled low and moderate income persons living in the City of Auburn. The City of Auburn will contract with the local Independent Living Center, ARISE, as a Sub recipient to implement the HAP. This program will benefit 4 units.
	Target Date	3/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Four low to moderate income households will benefit from the activities.
	Location Description	This is a direct benefit activity so it can take place anywhere within the City of Auburn provided that applicants meet the low to moderate income guidelines.
	Planned Activities	None at this time. Access structures are completed on an as need basis for low to moderate income persons.
8	Project Name	Mortgage Assistance Program

	Target Area	Census Tract 421 Census Tract 418 Census Tract 413, Block Group 4 Census Tract 413, Block Group 1 Census Tract 417, Block Group 1
	Goals Supported	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,000
	Description	The MAP will be used to assist first-time homebuyers with a grant of \$3,000 for down payment and closing cost assistance for income qualified, first-time homebuyers of an owner-occupied single-family, two-family, or three-family home. Participants must have participated in a certified homebuyers class or training and provide a certificate of completion. This program will benefit 6 households.
	Target Date	3/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Six low to moderate income households will benefit from the proposed activities.
	Location Description	All target areas are included but this can take place anywhere in the city provided that the applicant meet the low to moderate income guidelines as this is a direct benefit activity.
9	Planned Activities	
	Project Name	Special Development Projects
	Target Area	Census Tract 421 Census Tract 418 Census Tract 413, Block Group 4 Census Tract 413, Block Group 1 Census Tract 417, Block Group 1
	Goals Supported	Business Lending
	Needs Addressed	Affordable Housing

		Community Development
	Funding	CDBG: \$13,042
	Description	Special Development Loan funding is through available Revolving Loan Fund (RLF).
	Target Date	3/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	None at this time.
	Location Description	City Wide
	Planned Activities	
10	Project Name	Distressed Property Program
	Target Area	Census Tract 421 Census Tract 418 Census Tract 417, Block Group 1
	Goals Supported	Clearance Residential Rehab
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Affordable Housing
	Funding	CDBG: \$75,000
	Description	The Office of Planning and Economic Development will provide funding clearance activities. The Distressed Property Program will identify underutilized property in the City of Auburn and will be concentrated in low to mod income areas. If a property is not located in a low to mod area, it will be reviewed to determine if it meets the elimination of slums and blight and if we will still be benefitting 70% low to mod income persons during the program year. Combined with Housing Special Development Project funding and Home Repair Assistance Program funds, this fund will allow for the substantial rehabilitation and/or the demolition of housing that is deteriorating a neighborhood and that if not for this program the neighborhood could be faced with declining assessed values

		<p>and depressed self-image. The City of Auburn has partnered with Homsite on an acquisition rehab grant to acquire and rehab 7 properties and sell them to a new homeowner over the span of two years.</p> <p>When appropriate the City of Auburn will work with Home HeadQuarters, Homsite, and/or the City's Department of Engineering Services to implement this program. The City has identified five sites, approximately 26 acres, in low to moderate income area Census Tracts 421, 413, and 417 that would benefit from Brownfield Cleanup funding. Identified sites were in the EPA Brownfields Program.</p>
	Target Date	3/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	These activities would take place in low to moderate income areas and benefit low to moderate income families in the City of Auburn.
	Location Description	<p>The City has identified five sites, approximately 26 acres, in low to moderate income area Census Tracts 421, 413, and 417 that would benefit from Brownfield Cleanup funding. Identified sites were in the EPA Brownfields Assessment Program and have undergone Phase I and Phase II Environmental Site Assessments. Redevelopment Plans have been prepared for most of these sites. This funding is anticipated to be used from the City's healthy Revolving Loan Fund balance. Sites include City owned properties 55 Washington Street, 144 Clark Street, 1-15 Pulaski Street, 9 Owasco Street. The target areas are where we plan to concentrate our efforts but if there is a neighborhood safety issue, any location is eligible provided it is in a low to moderate income block group.</p> <p>Other sites selected will be deteriorated properties in low to moderate income block groups as well as areas that we deem blighted.</p>
	Planned Activities	
11	Project Name	Housing Program Delivery
	Target Area	

	Goals Supported	Residential Rehab
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Affordable Housing
	Funding	\$45,000
	Description	Housing Program Delivery costs for Home Repair Assistance Program, Rental Rehab, Mortgage Assistance Program. Housing Program Delivery is administered by Homsite Fund, Inc.
	Target Date	
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Families of low to moderate income will benefit across the City of Auburn.
	Location Description	City-wide
	Planned Activities	
12	Project Name	Administration
	Target Area	Census Tract 421 Census Tract 418 Census Tract 413, Block Group 4 Census Tract 413, Block Group 1 Census Tract 417, Block Group 1
	Goals Supported	Administration
	Needs Addressed	Administration/Planning
	Funding	\$143,500
	Description	Administrative functions associated with the delivery of CDBG programs and funds. Administrative funding includes administrative tasks performed by the following agencies: \$8,500 to Auburn Housing Authority for Homeless Task Force Chair; \$8,000 to Human Service Coalition for the training & coordination of services among nonprofit agencies & organizations; \$3,000 to Cayuga Community Health Network for Landlord Tenant Training; and \$4,000 to

		CNY Fair Housing for Fair Housing outreach and education.
	Target Date	3/31/2020
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Not applicable
	Location Description	Not applicable
	Planned Activities	Not applicable

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

Census Tract 421 is located on the western side of the City and is considered a financially distressed area. According to American Community Survey (ACS) Census data there are 1,371 households in Census Tract 421 and of these households 389 own a home while 982 rent. Census Tract block group 421-3 has 75.6% LMI and been the focus of neighborhood revitalization efforts since 2010. Within the past four years improvements including parks and playgrounds took place in the St. Francis park neighborhood of Census Tract 421.

Census Tract 418 is located in the western side of the City and extends from Route 34 south to Clymer Street and west to the edge of the City (before Bluefield Road). According to 2010 ACS data Census Tract Block groups 418-2, 418-4 and 418-5 range from 60%-88% LMI and encompass Genesee Elementary school, a free and reduced lunch school. Improvements in this census tract have focused on completing Columbian Park and playground project. Last year, improvements to Sherwood Park began and will be completed under this year's Annual Action Plan. Improvements to Miles Lepak Park, also known as the Auburn Permaculture Park, will begin in PY 2019-2020. Sidewalk improvements took place in Census Tract 418 during the 2015-2016 PY, which was the first year of the five year consolidated plan.

Census Tract 413 is located in the City's North West quadrant including North Street and west to North Division Street. The Census Tract includes Auburn Housing Authority's public housing complex Olympia Terrace and Auburn Housing Development Corporation's Brogan Manor. Casey Park school, a free and reduced lunch school, as well as Casey Park are included in this Census Tract. According to 2010 ACS data Census Tract Block group 413-4 is 66% LMI. For the past three program years, sidewalk improvements have been completed in this area and will continue in this census tract block group for PY 2019-2020. In program year 2018-2019 park and playground improvements took place at Casey Park.

Census Tract 414 spans along North Street, east to North Fulton Street and south to Franklin Street. Included in this Census Tract is Seminary Park, which is in need of improvements for neighborhood residents. There are not any plans for park improvements in this census tract for PY 2019-2020.

Census Tract 417 is located in the City's downtown and includes portions of the South Street Historic District, the Osborne Street neighborhood, downtown businesses, vacant and underutilized sites including identified brownfield sites and the Owasco Riverfront Trail. During the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019PY improvements were made to the Owasco River Trail and Buonocore Park. Also Brownfields remediation was completed on a downtown historic building, 16 South Street , and Brownfield Assessment and design completed for 1-7 State Street.

Census Tract 415-4 connects the arterial in the City to City's downtown region. It has a high poverty rate of 85.8% LMI. Blighted structures in need of clearance have been identified in this census block group.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds

Table 6 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The investment in Census Tract 421, 418, 413, 414, 417, and 415 are based on the LMI or Low to Moderate Income percentage in a given census tract. However, the activities proposed for funding in this Annual Action Plan have not been specifically distributed on a geographic percentage basis.

The annual planning process gathered input from community members regarding housing, neighborhood improvements, including public facility and infrastructure improvements needed in specific neighborhoods. All comments were considered when prioritizing activities and improvements.

Discussion

As noted above, the activities proposed for funding in this Annual Action Plan have not been specifically distributed on a geographic percentage basis.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	91
Non-Homeless	56
Special-Needs	
Total	120

Table 7 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	115
The Production of New Units	
Rehab of Existing Units	20
Acquisition of Existing Units	3
Total	92

Table 8 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

Our community receives funding from New York State Solutions to End Homelessness, NY-505 Continuum of Care and the Community Development Block Grant for Homeless prevention and intervention services. Chapel House receives \$73,275 per year in New York State Solutions to End Homelessness funds. Funding is provided for five years, with October 2018 marking the 5th year of the grant. With this funding Chapel House has the ability to rapidly rehouse single men and women and provide rental assistance to individuals in the program. At least 27 homeless individuals per year are served through this program. The goals of the program are to obtain/maintain housing, increase income, and increase money management/budgeting skills.

Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency and the Auburn Rescue Mission assisted 56 families with rental assistance through Community Development Block Grant Funding. In addition, Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency Transitional Assistance Program provides rental assistance to households that have experienced domestic violence.

The City of Auburn is part of the NY-505 Continuum of Care (CoC). Funding through the CoC supports permanent housing and rapid rehousing programs that serve Cayuga County. Chapel House has 32 permanent supportive beds for single men and women. Ten of the thirty-two are chronically homeless beds. Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency has 16 units or 32 beds in the Rapid Rehousing program for individuals and families. In addition, Chapel House applied for a rapid rehousing program for youth through NY-505 CoC funding. If funded, this program will provide 16 beds to runaway homeless youth.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The Auburn Housing Authority is the primary provider of housing for low to moderate income households in the City of Auburn. However, the City will continue to work with Auburn Housing Authority in collaboration and leverage funding for improvements.

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

Auburn Housing Authority has undertaken a comprehensive physical needs assessment of the 188-unit Melone Village apartment complex. Melone Village consists of 188 units that were constructed in 1955 and 1961, and the interiors of all of the units are in need of substantial rehabilitation. At the end of 2016, the Housing Authority secured Public Housing Modernization Funding, HOME funding and Low Income Housing Tax Credits to complete a gut-rehab of 70 of the units. The redevelopment deal is valued at \$20 million. Construction began on May 1, 2017 and will continue through July 1, 2019. Renovations to the Melone Village complex will include the full abatement of asbestos in all units, improvements to site drainage, the addition of an access road through the complex with improved parking/access for emergency vehicles, the addition of playgrounds and security cameras, sidewalk replacements, door and window replacements, kitchen and bath replacements, and lighting improvements. Improvements will be made to the building facades, which will enhance the overall appeal of the neighborhood. A community building with computer lab, on-site laundry room, and office space will also be created. 9 handicapped-accessible units will be added, and 4 audio/visual-equipped units will be added.

The Housing Authority was recently notified that it has received funding through the 2018 Unified Funding Round to complete the redevelopment of 62 more units at the Melone Village complex. The Housing Authority secured \$4,583,315 in Housing Trust Fund funding, up to \$1,364,000 of 9% Low-Income Housing Credits (valued at approximately \$12.5 million) and will provide 8 project-based housing choice vouchers to the property. The City has already approved the site plan and has negotiated a Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement for the property. Renovations will be similar to those that are underway at present and are expected to begin in May 2019 and be completed by July 1, 2021. A maintenance storage garage will be created along with 4 handicapped-accessible units, 3 audio/visual-equipped units, and additional off-street parking.

The Housing Authority will apply in October of 2020 for funding through the Unified Funding Round to complete the redevelopment of the remaining 56 units at Melone Village.

The Housing Authority will continue to make improvements at the 50-unit Olympia Terrace apartment complex. The Housing Authority recently used Capital Fund Program funding to replace roofs on all buildings. Future rounds of capital funding will be used to replace half bathrooms and flooring as well as deteriorated water lines.

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

Two of the seven seats on the Auburn Housing Authority's Board are reserved for tenants residing in the Housing Authority's public housing complexes. Tenants are elected every 2 years, and one seat is currently occupied. The Housing Authority is working to find another tenant who is willing to run for the vacant seat. Tenant commissioners play an integral role in policy formulation. Auburn Housing Authority has surveyed tenants regarding needed improvements at both public housing complexes, and the improvements that the Housing Authority plan to make directly reflect the priorities noted in the surveys. While developing the Auburn Housing Authority's Five-Year Plan, tenants are consulted for feedback, comments and/or concerns.

Auburn Housing Authority works closely with Cayuga County Homsite and Home Headquarters to ensure that tenants are aware of their homeownership programs. Auburn Housing Authority frequently distributes marketing materials to their tenants, and has allowed Cayuga County Homsite and Home Headquarters to hold informational sessions/trainings on site.

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

Auburn Housing Authority is currently rated as a High Performer.

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

Introduction

The City of Auburn/Cayuga Homeless Task Force (HTF) continues to focus on goals identified by the Housing and Homeless Coalition of CNY's Program Planning and Advocacy Committee for the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. The tri-county CoC and the utilization of the Coordinated Entry Process helps with the many individuals and families experiencing homelessness or at-risk of homelessness that have been transient across the Onondaga/Cayuga border for several years. The City of Auburn/ Cayuga County maintains its local Homeless Task Force (HTF) and meets bi-monthly to address, prevent and end homelessness in our community.

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

The Auburn/Cayuga County Homeless Task Force assesses the needs and gaps in services for homeless services annually to establish goals. The jurisdictions one-year goals are as follows:

1. Identify and obtain funding to conduct structured Street Outreach for those experiencing homelessness in Auburn and Cayuga County.
2. Create and implement a comprehensive Homeless Service Plan (the Cayuga County Department of Social Services will be the lead on this).
3. Maximize the use of our Coordinated Entry (CE) process (a method to ensure that all people experiencing homelessness have fair and equal access and are quickly identified, assessed for, referred, and connected to housing and assistance based on their strengths and needs)
4. Improve and expand the overall tracking of those who present as being homeless, to include those contacts made by street outreach and those being diverted or self-resolving
5. Expand assessment and case management services to single homeless individuals who are temporarily placed in hotels.

The City of Auburn/Cayuga Homeless Task Force (HTF) continues to focus on goals identified by the Housing and Homeless Coalition of CNY's Program Planning and Advocacy Committee for the 10-Year Plan to End Homelessness. Below are goals that incorporate Auburn/Cayuga County HTF prior goals:

1. Increase Leadership Collaboration and Civic Engagement
 - Recruit homeless and formerly homeless individuals to be on the Advisory Board and attend local Auburn/Cayuga County HTF meetings
 - Encourage additional healthcare providers, law enforcement, political representatives, school liaisons and private citizens to become members of the HHC/HTF
 - Educate the general community on the needs of homeless persons and the services

available.

2. Increase Access to Permanent and Stable Housing
 - Improve transportation options
 - Focus efforts on ending chronic homelessness
 - Create or identify funding sources for such things as, “eviction-prevention grants”
 - Provide low-cost or no-cost legal services for housing evictions
3. Increase Economic Security
 - Educate employers and engage those willing to hire homeless/housing vulnerable populations
 - Engage employment services providers for better collaboration
 - Collaborate to access funding opportunities
4. Improve Health and Stability
 - Explore alternative/additional options available for populations that may not be shelter appropriate
 - Engage with and recruit more health and mental health professionals to become members of the HHC/HTF
5. Retool Homeless Crisis Response System
 - Update Operational guidelines annually to meet HUD and community needs and priorities
 - Update Coordinated Entry Policy annually to meet HUD and community needs and priorities
 - Coordinate local resources to avoid duplication of services and unnecessary gaps in the service system
 - Providing a forum for communication between service recipients and service providers to discuss current issues and work on solutions
 - Create and distribute after-hours emergency contact information to the community via pamphlets, information sheet and postings

Steps being taken to meet these goals include:

- The Cayuga County Department of Social Services (DSS) will develop and submit a Homeless Service Plan to the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance. HHC of CNY and the Auburn/Cayuga County HTF will provide input for the plan.
- Cayuga County DSS will explore possible options to increase contract funding for additional assessment, case management and street outreach staff and services.
- Chapel House will meet with non-profit foundations that provide grants, to request funding for a one-year pilot for street outreach services.
- Chapel House Transitional Apartment Program will request additional funding for street outreach services during the DSS contract renewal process.

- CoC funded homeless housing and service providers serving Auburn and Cayuga County will meet with HHC staff to work on improving the Coordinated Entry Process and overall tracking of those who present as homeless (examine ways to enter street outreach and diversion data into the Housing Management Information System (HMIS)).
- The HHC Advisory Board, HHC general body and Auburn/Cayuga County HTF have appointed or recruited additional members from healthcare, law enforcement, local governments, educational institutions and the private sector of our communities.
- Auburn/Cayuga county HTF member & CoC funded program staff attend HHC committee meetings throughout the year and contribute to updating the operational Guidelines and Coordinated Entry Policy.
- Local homeless housing and service providers will expand connections and continue to build relationships with landlords who understand and work with our homeless housing programs.
- HHC will implement and oversee a Client Advisory Board made up of formerly homeless individuals who have utilized homeless program services in our communities. Board members will be from Onondaga, Cayuga and Oswego Counties. They will meet to discuss their experiences with homeless housing and services and suggest ways they can be improved.
- Continue to make Governor Cuomo's Executive Order 151 which began on January 5, 2016 a priority during cold weather months. The order ensures that no homeless individual/household will have to sleep outside in inclement weather (at or below 32 degrees; including wind chill). Annually, DSS reviews and updates their policy and procedures concerning the Executive Order and distributes a county-wide informational memo to human service agencies, housing providers, law enforcement, villages and towns and any other necessary entity. Since the implementation of this order, the Auburn/Cayuga County HTF has not received any reports of homeless persons seeking emergency shelter and being denied.
- The Auburn Housing Authority Development Corporation's (AHADC) 28-unit housing complex (14 three-bedroom units, 10 two-bedroom units and 4 one-bedroom units) houses homeless single women and families. The Auburn Rescue Mission is the on-site collaborative partner which provides Supportive Services for those residing in the complex. The Auburn Rescue Mission has added an additional staff member and has increased services offered to their clients.
- Cayuga County Department of Social Services contracts with the emergency shelter, Chapel House, the Auburn Rescue Mission and Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency (CSCAA) to provide housing and supportive services funding for homeless men, women and families. DSS staff meets with programs on a regular basis to monitor the progress of each household. Progress includes finding permanent housing, obtaining income/benefits, employment and healthcare, and making proper linkages between households and supportive service providers in the community
- NYS OTDA (Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance) Solutions to End

Homelessness Program (STHP) administered by the Chapel House began January 1, 2015 and has started year five of the five-year grant. The program rapidly rehouses homeless men and women including women from Domestic Violence shelters, homeless shelters, motels and places unfit for human habitation. The monies are used for rental assistance and security deposits. Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency (C/SCAA) houses families in their CoC funded 16-unit Rapid Re-Housing Program. Families being admitted come from emergency shelters, hotels/motels and Domestic Violence Shelters. Through the FY 2018 CoC Program Competition NOFA, C/SCAA has applied for funding in the amount of \$261,548 to expand the current program and add 24 beds.

- C/SCAA's New York State Supportive Housing Program (NYSSHP) funded through OTDA has 9 beds and continues to provide housing to homeless single males and females
- Auburn/Cayuga County homeless providers utilize the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), which is due to receive a major upgrade. All users will receive training to understand and learn how to utilize and maximize the new enhancements of the software. The software uses Internet-based technology to assist homeless and public service organizations across the three counties to capture information about the clients that they serve. Information that is gathered through intakes, conducted by service providers with participants, is analyzed for an unduplicated count, totaled and made available to policy makers, service providers, advocates, and consumer representatives. The system allows for improved tracking of our overall annual homeless data, homeless beds available, demographics that can help identify gaps in services and in turn will provide for more data driven decisions and future funding opportunities for homeless programming.

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

The Auburn/Cayuga County HTF homeless outreach plan seeks to:

- Identify and assist those who are homeless;
- Build relationships with those who are homeless to better understand and meet the specific needs of this population;
- Meet people's basic needs such as food, clothing and shelter;
- Not only conduct street outreach when called upon, but to have a dedicated paid person who on a regular basis will search known as well as new areas in the city and county where our homeless population be found.
- Be flexible and creative not only in terms of where, when and how outreach is conducted but also in connecting households with needed services;
- Educate the community about homelessness and how we are working toward ending

homelessness;

- Make connections with community members who encounter those experiencing homelessness and provide information on available services and contacts for help
- Serve those having difficulty accessing services, which includes, chronically homeless persons, individuals struggling with unmanaged mental health and/or substance abuse issues;
- End homelessness one person at a time and integrate people back into the community.

Currently, Chapel House, Auburn Rescue Mission, Veteran's Administration social workers and community volunteers conduct street outreach throughout the City of Auburn and County of Cayuga when reports of people living outside are received. Efforts are currently underway to obtain funding for a pilot program to hire a street outreach worker to search for homeless weekly, create relationships and gain trust with the people that are living in a place not meant for human habitation, and work with to house them. The street outreach worker would be employed by one of our homeless housing providers and would possess the knowledge of mental health and substance abuse issues and barriers to housing.

The Community Services Directory (containing an abundance of human services agency information and services) are available throughout the community and provide listings for housing resources and many additional services. The new Community Resource Liaison employed by Goodwill of the Finger Lakes is conducting community presentations and promoting the 2-1-1/ LIFE LINE Program and call center many services. The 24-hour Veteran's Call Center phone number is widely distributed to agencies and community members by Department of Veteran's Affairs caseworkers for homeless veteran's. Assistance is generally received within 24 hours of the call. DSS has an after-hours emergency phone number where emergency housing and services are provided or coordinated for homeless individuals and families. The Auburn Police Department works closely with the local emergency shelter and homeless task force when homeless individuals or families are identified to secure emergency housing and services. School social workers, School Liaisons along with the Runaway Homeless Youth Program, administered through Cayuga Counseling coordinate efforts with homeless providers to identify homeless youth, provide housing and services to enable young people to continue with their education.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

In the past few years, HUD has adjusted its priorities for CoC funding and continues to place an emphasis on Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) programs. These programs rapidly (usually six months or less) connect families and individuals experiencing homelessness to permanent housing through a customized array of assistance that may include the use of time-limited financial assistance and targeted supportive services. The FY 2018 HUD Appropriations Act provides up to \$50 million for rapid re-housing projects and supportive service projects for eligible activities that have been determined to be critical to assist survivors of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. In response to this, locally, C/SCAA has applied for bonus funding to expand the current RRH program for homeless families by 24 beds. Within the CoC, Catholic Charities of Onondaga County has also applied for bonus funding for a new RRH to serve victims of domestic violence.

Auburn has two emergency shelters, a homeless men's shelter and a Domestic Violence shelter for households with children fleeing domestic violence. Both shelters can be accessed 24 hours a day. Veterans from an 18-county area may access the Chapel House men's emergency shelter, as the U.S. Department of Veteran's Affairs contracts and works very closely with Chapel House to house homeless veterans.

The Cayuga County Department of Social Services (DSS) motels and/or provides emergency housing to individuals and families who cannot find shelter when they become homeless because they do not have friends or family they can stay with and do not have the resources to house themselves. These services can be accessed through the after-hours emergency phone number where those seeking housing can call for assistance. DSS also contracts with Catholic Charities to assist individuals that are unable to work apply for SSI/SSDI assistance to increase their income and housing options.

Chapel House administers an 8-unit 16 bed transitional housing (TH) program for hard to serve individuals (i.e. high barrier parolees, chronically homeless, substance abuse, mental health) that provides supportive housing and aftercare along with a pathway to permanent housing. The Auburn Rescue Mission operates eight transitional housing units. Clients are referred to the Rescue Mission TH program from DSS. Cayuga/Seneca Community Action Agency (CSCAA) has a Transitional Housing Assistance Program that provides case management and rental assistance that supports seven households for an average of six to seven months; but up to 24 months. All three transitional housing programs utilize trauma informed care principles.

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

Our community has placed great emphasis on ending an episode of homelessness as quickly as possible. The Cayuga County Department of Social Services (DSS) currently contracts with Catholic Charities of the Finger Lakes to provide a Homeless Coordinator to track and assist all homeless households that present to the county. The homeless coordinator collaborates with local homeless programs to help households find a passage to permanent housing as quickly as possible. The position is presently being re-evaluated and may be redefined to allow the person(s) in the position(s) to oversee and assist CoC funded programs with the Coordinated Entry process and HMIS data entry.

DSS contracts with Chapel House to fund a rapid re-housing case manager who assists homeless single adults with housing search and placement and follow up case management to increase housing stability. Although RRH and TH programs generally allow up to 24 months for participants to transition to

permanent housing, Chapel House typically moves individuals through their program and into permanent housing much quicker; several are placed in permanent housing in less than 3 months.

DSS also contracts with the Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency to fund a rapid re-housing case manager that assists households with children with housing search and placement and follow up case management. DSS often provides needed security deposits and starter furnishings. Homeless emergency motel length of stays has been reduced by weeks since DSS started its rapid re-housing initiatives. CSCAA also provides transitional supportive housing for individuals.

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.

Every effort should be made to keep individuals and families in their existing housing. The Coordinated Entry process standardized method for connecting people experiencing homelessness to the resources available. CE assesses people's housing-related needs, prioritizes them for resources, and links those in need to a range of types of assistance, including immediate shelter and longer-term housing. The Coordinated Entry process also streamlines managerial and duplication of efforts. DSS assists eligible households with diversion assistance to prevent eviction if the household has the income to sustain such housing. The CSCAA, Catholic Charities, Auburn Rescue Mission and Salvation Army have limited resources which they often pool together to help prevent homelessness. Soldier On, a private nonprofit organization committed to ending veteran homelessness, operates a homeless prevention rapid re-housing program for veterans and their families that have money for rental arrears and rental assistance.

One of the key components of our community's strategy to end homelessness is to preserve and expand more affordable housing. The number of people who rent in the City of Auburn is considerably higher than the national average and as a result rents are higher. The City of Auburn/Cayuga County Homeless Task Force and member agencies explore and apply for available affordable housing opportunities and build relationships with landlords who provide housing for homeless households. In general, landlords who work with homeless housing programs understand the need for housing units for homeless households and the way homeless programming functions, want to help house the community's homeless households and are willing to keep rents affordable.

The 28-unit supportive housing project (8 Transitional Housing units and 20 Permanent Supportive Housing units), managed by Auburn Housing Authority, with supportive services provided by the Auburn Rescue Mission, houses homeless women and families with children. Unity House and Two Plus Construction have completed construction on the rehabilitation and conversion of the West Middle

School in Auburn to 59 one and two-bedroom affordable housing units and office space. The project contains 20 Supportive Service units that are housing homeless households. Unity House and Two Plus Four Construction have also applied for and received multi-layer funding to build a cluster of tiny homes for homeless individuals with substance abuse issues. The project has been delayed but it is expected to begin construction soon. In December 2018, AHADC received funding to completely renovate 62 additional units at Melone Village, a public housing complex. They will apply to redevelop the remainder of units (56) in 2020. The redevelopment of these units will ensure that they are available for low-income families in our community for the next 30 years.

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

Introduction:

The City of Auburn will continue to work towards removing barriers to Affordable Housing. We will not implementing all listed strategies in PY 2019. We will be prioritizing and concentrating on implementing the top priorities.

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

Strategies to remove barriers to affordable housing recommended in the 2014 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing include:

- Commission the City Manager and/or City Office of Planning and Economic Development (OPED) to study a City Land Bank. On June 29, 2011 New York Governor Andrew Cuomo signed historic land bank legislation, allowing municipalities to take control of problem properties and then redevelop or dispose of them in a manner consistent with the public interest. By commissioning the City Manager and/or OPED to sustain the viability, sustainability and impact of a City Land Bank, the City of Auburn may gain a powerful tool to create or rehab the City's housing stock and potentially increase fair housing choice as well as foster economic development.
- Discrimination against people in protected classes by real estate and other housing professionals may go undetected and unaddressed if not adequately monitored and enforced. Considering the growing number of residents in protected classes, there is a greater need for fair housing awareness, education and enforcement opportunities.
- Track zoning variance and local permit applications as well as substantially adjusted residential permit applications to monitor any potential impediments to fair housing. According to the OPED within the next 24 months the City will have the capacity to be able to track zoning variance and local permit applications through computer software. An analysis of these factors may identify patterns, potential impediments to fair housing choice or a lack thereof to be included in the 2019 AI.
- Apply for New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance Solutions to End Homelessness Program (STEPH) funding in August 2014 to assist protected classes end homelessness and increase fair housing choice.
- Create City of Auburn Affordable Housing Fair by encouraging financial institutions to partner with realtors and public and private housing professionals to educate, prepare and equip renters for home ownership. This will help address the high renter rate in the City and increase minority and low income household home ownership.

- Create Centralized Intake and Assessment System for all Housing Vulnerable and Homeless Persons. Currently Housing Vulnerable and Homeless Persons go agency to agency in search of assistance. This process is very timing consuming and frustrating for those seeking help and too often they are given a “referral” instead of housing assistance. The current system also promotes organization waste among agencies who ask similar questions to those seeking assistance. It is not uncommon for multiple agencies to be duplicating efforts to assist this population. A Central Intake and Assessment System will be more user friendly for consumers, streamline operations and prioritize those most at-risk.
- Track housing discrimination complaints in more detailed systematic manner. Complaints should be tracked not only by number but outcome and basis and an annual report should be provided to the Auburn City government executive branch.
- Establish Bi-Annual Fair Housing Work Group. The work group can review progress to plan action steps that remove impediments to fair housing choice as well as identify new or potential impediments.

Discussion:

In 2015 the City received funding through the New York State Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA). The program has identified potential land uses of strategic sites along the Owasco River and in our downtown. One of the key components of advancing the redevelopment strategies in the BOA study area and area wide will be implementing the City’s Zoning Code Revisions. The Zoning Code has been analyzed thoroughly for deficiencies, reviewed by Corporation Counsel, and presented to the public. It is expected that the Revised Zoning Code will be adopted by City Council on February 15, 2018.

During program year 2019, the City is funding CNY Fair Housing, Inc for Fair Housing enforcement and education in the City of Auburn. CNY Fair Housing, Inc. will provide counseling, advocacy, and investigate complaints as well as conduct two training sessions for human service providers who work with protected classes to educate them on how to recognize when their client’s may be experiencing discrimination. These services will also provide undercover testing to ensure discrimination is not occurring. The City also plans on completing an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing during program year 2019.

The City has also developed a system to track Fair Housing complaints with a standardized form for all departments to use as well as local commissions and agencies. The forms will then be tracked in an excel spreadsheet for analysis. We are waiting for Corporation Counsel to approve the form and will begin using this tracking system in program year 2019.

The Community Health Network, in partnership with the Human Services Coalition Adult Task Force Group, has successfully organized a Renters Rights and Landlord Resource Workshop in Cayuga County over the past two years. The workshops cover a range of topics including fair housing, legal counseling, Section 8, public assistance, law enforcement, code enforcement, smoke-free housing, energy improvements, lead-based paint, and household pests such as bedbugs and mice. The workshops have

been well attended and appreciated by landlords and human service agencies. The City supported the 2017 and 2018 workshops and will be supporting the 2019 workshops with CDBG funding.

The City of Auburn received funding from the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) for the Zombie and Vacant Property Remediation and Prevention Program. LISC program funds are a result of the February 11, 2016 settlement agreement between Morgan Stanley and the NY Attorney General and support Housing and Quality Improvement and Enforcement Programs in municipalities.

The City of Auburn's application proposed a number of activities to tackle the 236 vacant/zombie properties within the City including:

- Connecting homeowners at risk of foreclosure to services such as the HOPP program and foreclosure counseling through marketing materials and outreach. The City is partnering with the Homeownership Center at Home Headquarters for this activity.
- Develop a relationship with banks by hosting a bank summit. Information and resources regarding local foreclosure prevention programs will be provided to the banks and in turn can be provided to their clients. The city is partnering with Home Headquarters Homeownership Center for this activity.
- Increase capacity within the City's Code Enforcement Office with the addition of a part-time Code Enforcement Officer. The part time position will focus on enforcement issues related to vacant properties in the City of Auburn.
- Increase capacity within the City's Corporation Counsel Office by contracting with an attorney for court cases specific to vacant properties.

The City has had great success with having code violations addressed on vacant houses as well as obtaining settlements in court. The efforts on vacant/zombie properties in the City of Auburn have led to recent discussions on establishing a land bank in Auburn which our most recent Analysis of Impediments also supports.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction:

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

The greatest obstacle that the City faces to address all needs is the limited community development dollars available from federal, state, local, and private sources. To address this, the City is proactive seeking leveraging dollars and combining funds from various sources in order to achieve project goals and address community needs. Furthermore, the City collaborates with local organizations and human service agencies to address the priority needs of our community's underserved population and effectively deliver programs that serve those needs.

The City of Auburn is currently addressing a recent obstacle that impacts the City's Community Development Block Grant Revolving Loan Fund, current Entitlement funding and may impact future Entitlement funding available to the City. On March 9, 2017, the City of Auburn received notification from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) outlining a change in procedure in the timeliness standard 24 CFR 570.902. Unfortunately the change in procedure was implemented retroactively. Therefore City staff had less than a year to address the timeliness issue and meet the timeliness standard by February 1, 2018. The City put forth a tremendous effort to meeting the timeliness test but with the test being retroactive and having 9 months to prepare a workout plan, an amendment to the 2016 Annual Action Plan, and complete construction projects, the City feels that funding could be at risk. Community Development Block Grant funds greatly impact the most underserved populations in our City through neighborhood improvements, housing programs, human service Agency programing and infrastructure upgrades. A loss of funding to the City of Auburn would be detrimental and result in a loss of funding for our community's low to moderate income areas and individuals. The City did not meet the timeliness test of February 1, 2018 but thankfully funding was not compromised. The City has been very diligent to ensure that timeliness can be met for February 1, 2019.

The federal Government has been shut down for a record breaking amount of time. This has created a situation where our reps are not available for assistance. The City continues to be diligent regarding CDBG and looks forward to our reps once again being available.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City will continue to collaborate with local housing and community development agencies to foster and maintain affordable housing. The City has taken a comprehensive approach in revitalizing neighborhoods with existing housing through the CDBG Home Repair program, Rental Rehab Program, and Mortgage Assistance Program, as well as by partnering with local Housing Corporation, Homsite, and the Syracuse based housing corporation Home Headquarters.

Zoning is a critical component of affordable housing and neighborhood revitalization. The City, as part of its Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) grant, has begun updating its zoning code in the downtown district as well as some of the City's most vulnerable neighborhoods. The zoning revision was approved by City Council on February 15, 2018.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

The City will continue to fund the Home Repair Assistance Program and the Rental Rehab Program and will test each property for lead-based paint hazards to comply with lead based paint regulations issued under Sections 1012 and 1013 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, which is Title X of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992. The City will continue to work with the Cayuga County Health Department on lead based paint hazards in homes. The Health Department has recently launched a Lead Advisory Task Force, which includes a City Councilor and a representative from the Office of Planning and Economic Development, to work on partnerships and collaboration around lead-based paint issues. The Health Department has expressed concern over recent data that shows increased instances of lead poisoning in children, which has resulted in required chelation in a couple of cases. The City is committed to providing assistance to this task force as members look for ways to combine resources and experience to address this issue. The Lead Advisory Task Force continues to explore funding sources for the abatement of lead. The City has also funded the Community Health Network tenant/landlord workshops which will be addressing lead based paint as one of the topics.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

The City will continue to pursue an improvement in the local economy and employment opportunities. This includes brownfields remediation, workforce development and business development for the creation of low to moderate income jobs. In addition the City will continue to work with human service agencies that provide case management services and programming to poverty level families.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City has added the position of a Planning Assistant to the Office of Planning and Economic Development. This position will assist with all aspects of the office including assisting with the Community Development Block Grant. The position will also free up time of our senior level staff who can then dedicate more time to community development.

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

The City will continue to be involved in the Housing and Homeless Coalition of CNY NY-505 Continuum of Care as well as the City of Auburn/Cayuga County Homeless Task Force and Executive Committee. The City will continue to assist in the coordination of public and private housing and social service agencies.

The City supports, with CDBG funds, the Human Services Coalition of Cayuga County to bring together human service providers, public and private organizations, and individuals to address the needs of the community through inter-agency coordination, information sharing and collaboration. In addition the City attends and participates in Community Network Meetings. The Community Network meetings are held every other month for about one hour and provide Cayuga County social service agencies and public housing agencies an opportunity to network, share information and coordinate on programs.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction:

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

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	\$120,361
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	
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	
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.	
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	
Total Program Income	\$120,361

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	0
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CITY OF AUBURN						
Community Development Block Grant Program						
2019 Annual Action Plan - Proposed Budget						
		Anticipated 2019 PY Ent.	Prior Entitlement Funds	2019 Revolving Loan Fund	Available RLF	Total
Housing & Neighborhood Programming						
H1	Mortgage Assistance Program (MAP)	\$ 18,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,000
H2	Home Repair Assistance Program (HRAP)	\$ 60,000	\$ 61,645	\$ 48,032	\$ 77,322	\$ 246,999
H3	Home Access Program (HAP)	\$ 18,000		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,000
H4	Distressed Property Program	\$ 75,000		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000
H5	Housing Programs Delivery	\$ 45,000		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,000
H6	Sidewalks Replacement Program	\$ 168,110	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 168,110
H7	Public Facilities/Park and Playground Improvements	\$ 230,000		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 230,000
Total Housing & Neighborhood Improvement		\$ 614,110	\$ 61,645	\$ 48,032	\$ 77,322	\$ 801,109
Public Services						
P1	Aurora of CNY	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
P2	Boyle Senior Center	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
P3	Cayuga Counseling	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000
P4	Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000
P5	Rescue Mission	\$ 17,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,000
P6	Booker T. Washington	\$ 8,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,500
P7	ARISE	\$ 7,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,500
P8	Legal Aid	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
P9	Calvary Food Pantry	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
P10	Scat Van	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
P11	Chapel House	\$ 14,000		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,000
Total CD Support Services		\$ 120,000		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120,000
Business Assistance						
E1	Small Business Assistance Program	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 59,287	\$ 288,885	\$ 348,172
E2	Economic Development Program Delivery	\$ -	\$ 31,043	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 31,043
Total Economic Development		\$ -	\$ 31,043	\$ 59,287	\$ 288,885	\$ 379,215
S2	Special Development Loans	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,042	\$ 14,931	\$ 27,973
Total Special Development Projects		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,042	\$ 14,931	\$ 27,973
Administration						
A1	Planning and Administration	\$ 120,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 120,000
A2	Homeless Task Force Administration	\$ 8,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,500
A3	Human Services Coalition	\$ 8,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 8,000
A4	Community Health - Tenant/Landlord	\$ 3,000				\$ 3,000
A5	CNY Fair Housing	\$ 4,000				\$ 4,000
Total Planning and Administration		\$ 143,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 143,500
TOTAL ALL PROGRAMS		\$ 877,610	\$ 92,688	\$ 120,361	\$ 381,138	\$ 1,471,797

Community MEETING

CDBG 2019



PUBLIC MEETING

October 29, 2018, 3-5 PM

PUBLIC HEARING

November 7, 2018, 6:30 PM

Both Will Be Held in the Council Chambers Located at

MEMORIAL CITY HALL

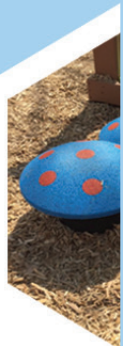
24 SOUTH STREET
AUBURN, NY 13021



The City of Auburn is looking for community input on distributing federal **Community Development Block Grant** funds to help low to moderate income city residents and areas. Please stop in anytime to share your **thoughts and ideas**. A little bit of your time will influence our community a lifetime.

For more information: Office of Planning & Economic Development
24 South Street, Auburn, NY 13021 | Phone: 315-255-4115 | E-Mail: rjensen@auburnny.gov

All meeting locations are accessible. If you need a sign language interpreter or materials in an alternate format, please contact the Planning Office 10 days in advance.



Community MEETING

Public Hearing - November 7, 2018 at 6:30pm

City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn, NY 13021

Held in the City Council Chambers

Community members will have the opportunity to discuss the Community Development Block Grant program and funding priorities with the City Office of Planning and Economic Development Staff. This Public Hearing is being held in conjunction with the City of Auburn Planning Board meeting.



This meeting location is accessible. If you need an interpreter or materials in an alternate format, please contact the City of Auburn Planning Office in advance.

City of Auburn
Community Development Block Grant Program
October 29, 2018

Name	Address/Affiliation	How did you hear about tonight's meeting?
Jessica Soule	38 Jarvis St. Auburn / Cayuga Com. Health Network.	Newspaper / Email
Tom Schuster	17 Nelson St / SCAT van	SCAT Van Director
Gilean McHugh	6 Brister Ave / Cayuga Museum	f.b.
Don DellaSantia	6175 TOWN HALL RD	Friend via Deb M. email
Robert Olmstead	6 Maple St. / Octane Social House	Facebook
Laurel Ulyette	97 Franklin St. / Harriet Tubman Center for Justice & Peace	Facebook
Chris Enlers	89 York St. / Cayuga Seneca Community Action Agency	Facebook / email
Debra Brillant	2009 W. Genesee St. Auburn / Auburn Diverse Auburn	Facebook
Erica Ryan	60 Clark St - Cay Co. HomeSite	Person thru All Auburn churches
TIMOTHY DOWNARD	23 CREWELL PLACE APT. 107 / IMMORTAL A. ROBERT	CONZER.

City of Auburn
Community Development Block Grant Program
October 29, 2018

Name

Address/Affiliation

How did you hear about tonight's meeting?

Sara Douglass

121 Osborne St / ARISE

Facebook

Kate Buehler

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Email Facebook

Debby McCormick

City

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José Compañón

12504 St Nick's Rd + 4 Friends

Face Book.

Maggie Wells

149 Genesee St. / Boyle Center

email

CDBG Community Meeting 2018-2019 Funding Year Meeting Minutes

10/29/2018

City Hall Council Chambers, 24 South Street

3:00- 5:00pm

Staff: Renee Jensen, Senior Planner; Tiffany Beebee, Senior Planner; Holly Glor, Planning Assistant

Attendees: See attached.

Meeting:

This meeting was an open house style meeting where participants could meet one on one with Staff, community surveys were available on iPads and information regarding area-wide benefit as well as the Community Development Block Grant programs were on posters throughout the room.

Renee Jensen opened with a brief opening and description of the Community Development Block Grant program.

Questions from the audience asked during and immediate after the presentation included:

Gary Mann, Auburn Rescue Mission, mentioned a need for childcare on the West end of Auburn.

Jessica Soule, Cayuga Community Health Network, expressed a need for improved walkability within the City. She suggested there be dedicated pathways such as along the Owasco River. She suggested that sidewalk conditions be improved as well as connectivity be improved. Areas around the Farmer's Market and Curley's, Genesee Elementary, West Middle, and Wegmans need sidewalks rehabilitation. She also felt that more bike lanes should be added around the City streets.

Sara Douglas, ARISE, mentioned an increase in walkability through Downtown Auburn, such as easy access to Monday Mile. She expressed that Osborne Street need sidewalk improvement.

Debra Brillati stated that the Rescue Mission and All Auburn Churches are holding a workshop to train community members on how to advocate for others (she submitted a sheet of agencies). She emphasized the importance of childcare services and the lack of these services in Auburn. She suggests that the daycare center located at Auburn High School should train students to provide daycare at low costs. Debra also made the suggestion to work with Cayuga Seneca to do poverty simulation for churches and government officials.

Maggie Wells spoke on the Boyle Center. She mentioned that senior citizens who are not residents at the Boyle Center come for their activities, however, transportation has been an issue. She states that the SCAT Van does not meet all needs and could be expanded. There is an issue transporting residents to appointments in Syracuse.

Someone representing Cayuga/Seneca Action Agency called attention to the need of childcare in the City. They questioned how to apply for funding through the City.

Comments received during the open house:

Childcare services was mentioned as a priority project. Acquisition for building development and location assistance was expressed as a need for this project.

Grover Street was mentioned as an area in need of neighborhood improvements keeping affordable housing in mind. Concerns were raised regarding how often police officers were called to the neighborhood, loitering, and traffic nuisances.

Brownfield redevelopment.

Scat Van (Tom Schuster) raised concern about an increase in their insurance, and a need of support for the program.

Cayuga Museum of History and Art- & Case Research Lab applied for funding through DRI for an arts district to include the Cayuga Museum as well as the Schweinfurth Art Center.

Streets, sidewalks, and curb work were raised as in need of improvement. Washington and Orchard Street is in need of sidewalks and curbing.

A suggestion was made to use CDBG funds for more positions in the Code Enforcement Department. These positions would help to increase identification of violations in neighborhoods to clean up the City.

13 Chapel Street was brought up in discussion regarding its potential use as a rehab center/ drug counseling. Funds were requested for building acquisition and/or rehabilitation.

Additional comments:

My main concern is that we include the minority (racially) communities in our planning. We have wonderful things happening downtown but little or nothing that appeals to the needs and interests of our African-American community. African Americans being the largest of our minority community- we should be going out of our way to reach out and ask them specifically what they see a need for. Ex: housing, activities, places to eat, maybe this isn't all what CDBG can do, but it should be kept in mind.

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More resources for landlords to ultimately improve housing stock.

**CITY OF AUBURN PLANNING BOARD
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 2018 6:30 PM
MEMORIAL CITY HALL**

Present: Andy Tehan, Theresa Walsh, Tina Tomasso, Crystal Cosentino, Sam Giangreco

Excused: Elizabeth Koenig

Staff: Nate Garland, Corporation Counsel; Stephen Selvek, Office of Planning and Economic Development; Greg Gilfus, Traffic Officer; Brian Hicks, Code Enforcement

Agenda Items:

1. Application for Site Plan Review to Construct a 2,300 SF office building and 6,000 SF maintenance garage together with site improvement for parking, equipment staging, and storm water management at 2 & 4 Commerce Way. Applicant: F. Rizzo Construction, Co.

Items Approved:

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Applications Denied: None

Applications Tabled: None

Sam Giangreco is acting Chair for the meeting.

Chair calls the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance is recited. Roll is called.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of October 2nd, 2018 Planning Board Meeting Minutes.

Chair asks for any corrections on the October 2nd, 2018 meeting minutes. There being none, Chair asks for a motion to approve the September meeting minutes. Motion made by Theresa Walsh, second by Andy Tehan. All in favor. No members opposed. Motion carried.

Agenda Item 2: Application for Site Plan Review to Construct a 2,300 SF office building and 6,000 SF maintenance garage together with site improvement for parking, equipment staging, and storm water management at 2 & 4 Commerce Way. Applicant: F. Rizzo Construction, Co.

Steve – Provides updates to the plans. The applicant came before the board in September and October. The applicant resubmitted new plans, including: access to the property from N. Division Street. The storage yard will be fenced off with vinyl chain link fence with privacy slats. The driveway entrance permits a right-in only maneuver and will be gated. Storm water management has been addressed. The applicant provided detailed traffic analysis which shows the driveway is safe for turning movements. He had prepared a site plan resolution and review of environmental. Environmental review showed no or little to no impact. Storm water pollution prevention plan was submitted. Steve reviews it. Staff recommends approval of SEQRA negative declaration resolution. An application for a lot line adjustment will be submitted to combine them to 1 lot for storm water management. The water line will then be moved. City staff recommends approval of the plan.

Chair asks for questions from the board. There being none, he asks for a motion to approve the SEQRA. Motion made by Crystal Cosentino. Seconded by Theresa Walsh.

Secretary calls the roll: Andy Tehan: yes. Elizabeth Koenig: Absent. Tina Tomasso: yes. Theresa Walsh: yes. Crystal Cosentino: yes. Sam Giangreco: yes. Motion carried and adopted.

Chair asks for a motion to approve the site plan. Motion made by Andy Tehan. Seconded by Crystal Cosentino.

Secretary calls the roll: Andy Tehan: yes. Elizabeth Koenig: Absent. Tina Tomasso: yes. Theresa Walsh: yes. Crystal Cosentino: yes. Sam Giangreco: yes. Motion carried and adopted.

Other Items

Agenda Item 3: Public Hearing: Community Development Block Grant 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan. This public hearing will provide the opportunity to comment on the plan and priorities of the 2019-2020 Community Development Block Grant. Tiffany Beebee, Senior Planner & Renee Jensen, Senior Planner.

Renee – Explains CDBG Program administration and funding of it by HUD. They have to decide what to fund and are asking the public for input in order to write the annual action plan which will be passed by council then given to HUD. Plays video on Casey Playground Community Build, funded by CDBG.

Tiffany – Moves onto slideshow about benefits of CDBG funding, including: Area-wide benefits and Direct Benefit Activities. Tiffany explains both. Asks public to provide input.

Chair opens the public to be heard portion of the presentation.

Jessica Soule, 38 Jarvis Street – Gives input for need of more affordable housing and sidewalk connectivity, especially to downtown and around the arterial, as well as State Street.

David Scott, 63 South Street – Gives input for ideas for specific direct benefits, including, small business loan. Also speaks of benefits for women, veterans, and minorities. Talks about his background in community planning.

Dave DeFrancis, Director of Outreach, Aurora of CNY – Talks about the difficulty in being able to keep people in their homes for as long as they can. It gets harder as they get older and the CDBG program helps them do it.

Geoff Peppel, Camp Director, ARISE – Shows his thanks for CDBG funding. Had over 40 campers served at the last summer camp through CDBG. Gives feedback on areas in need of accessibility improvements. Including, the Casey Park arena, an accessible pool lift, and wider parking spots at the park.

Sam (Chair) – Member of the Auburn School Board. Gives feedback on what they're trying to achieve in the school district. Talks about ARC and need of affordable programs besides SCAT Van to go to appointments outside of Auburn/Cayuga County.

Crystal – Talks about the benefits of the CDBG funding for Home Headquarters, whom she works for.

Steve – Reads email from Maggie Wells at Boyle Senior Center.

Chair – Asks for any more comments from the public or board. There being none, Chair closes public to be heard.

Date for next Board meeting is Tuesday, December 4th, 2018 at 6:30 P.M.

Motion to adjourn today's meeting made by Crystal Cosentino, seconded by Andy Tehan. All in Favor.
None Opposed. Motion Carried.

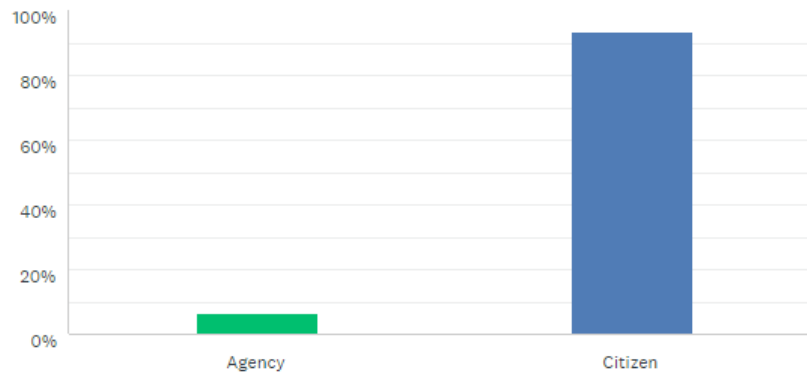
Respectively submitted by Holly Glor

Survey 2019 Comments

Question 1:

Are you completing this survey on behalf of an agency or as a citizen?

Answered: 332 Skipped: 6

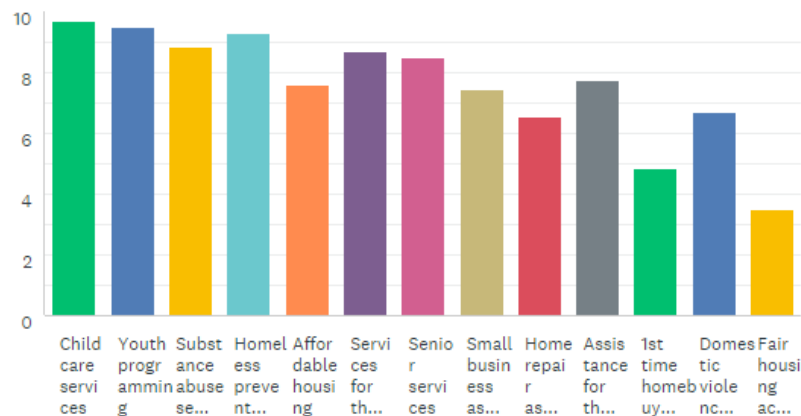


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
▼ Agency	6.33% 21
▼ Citizen	93.67% 311
TOTAL	332

Question 2:

Please choose five (5) of the following program activities that you feel are most important for City of Auburn residents of low to moderate income. Please rank by numbering 1-5, number 1 being highest priority:

Answered: 336 Skipped: 2

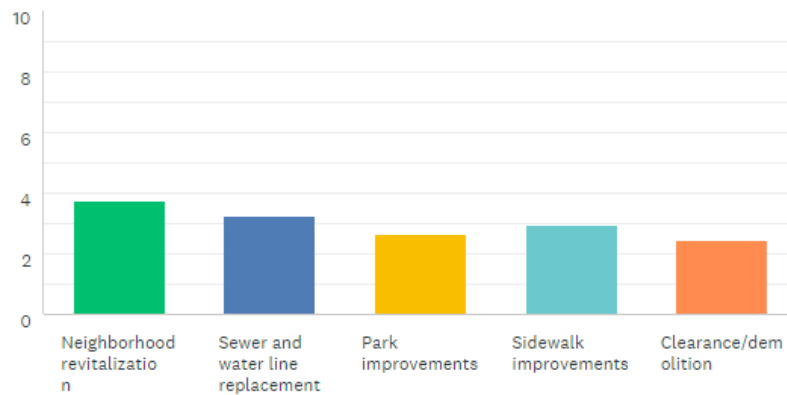


1. Childcare services
2. Youth programming
3. Homeless prevention
4. Substance abuse services
5. Services for the disabled

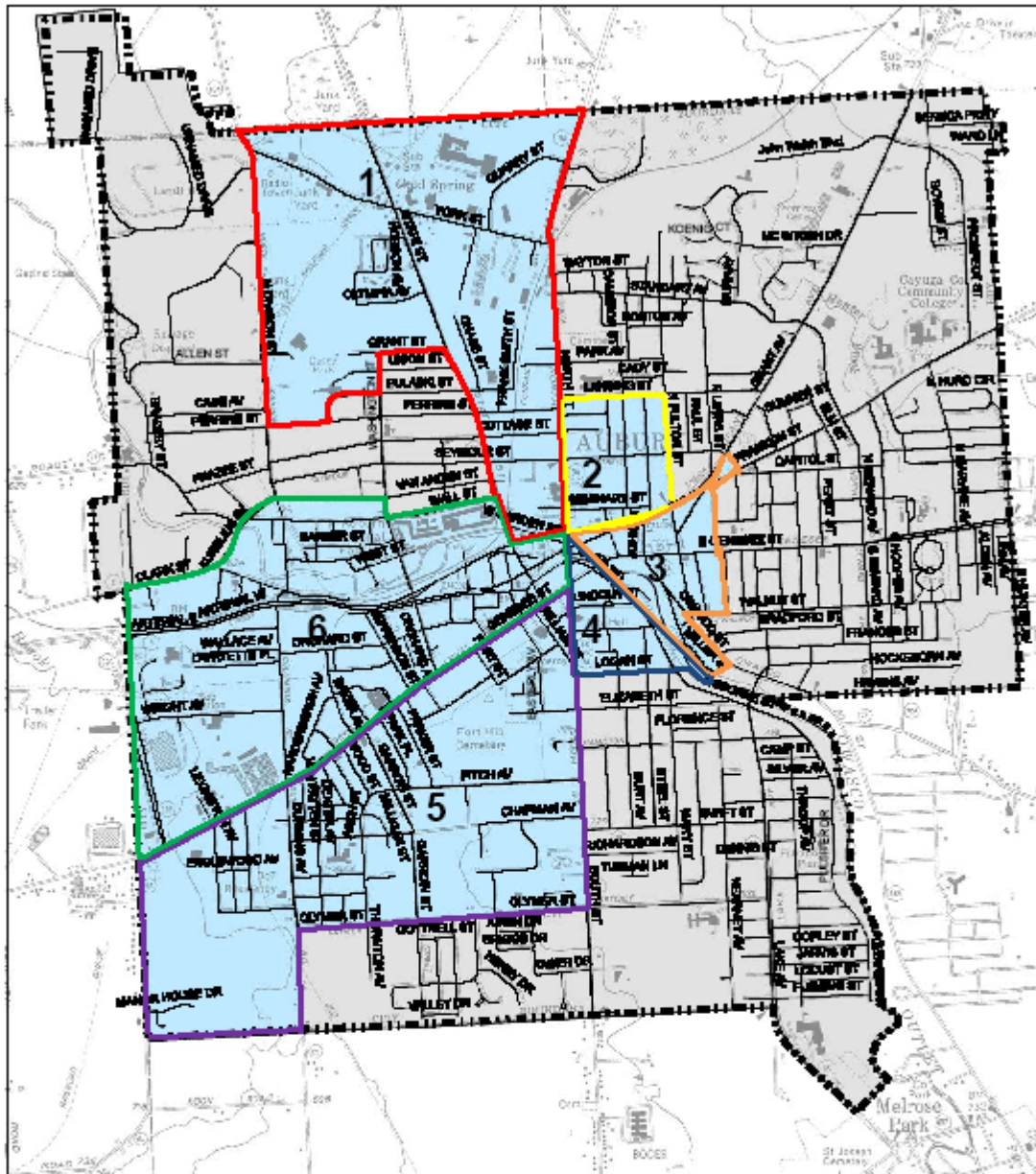
Question 3:

Please rank the following activities (1 being highest priority)

Answered: 333 Skipped: 5



1. Neighborhood revitalization
2. Sewer and water lines
3. Sidewalk improvements
4. Park improvements
5. Clearance/ demolition



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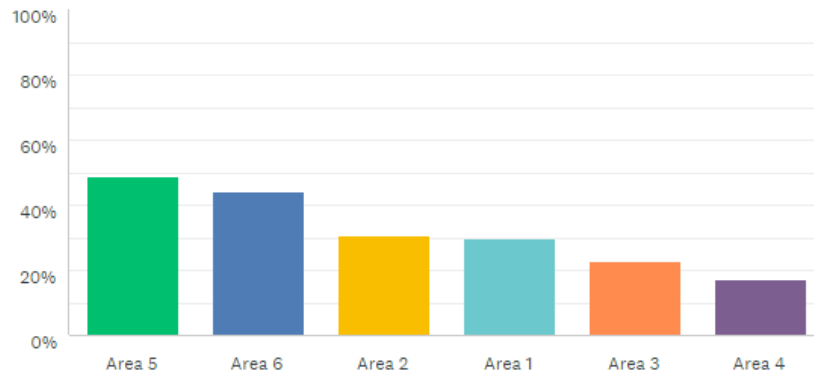
Based on 2010 ACS DATA

- Eligible Block Groups >51% LMI
- Ineligible Block Groups <51 % LMI

Question 4:

Using the map above, which areas do you feel are a priority for park improvements

Answered: 301 Skipped: 37



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Area 5	48.84%	147
▼ Area 6	44.19%	133
▼ Area 2	30.56%	92
▼ Area 1	29.90%	90
▼ Area 3	22.92%	69
▼ Area 4	17.28%	52
Total Respondents: 301		

1. Area 5
2. Area 6
3. Area 2
4. Area 1
5. Area 3
6. Area 4

Park improvements

Eligible:

- Casey Park (7)
 - Youth programs
 - Casey wasn't finished
- Pomeroy Park (9)
- Wall St Park (9)
- Sherwood Park (7)

- West St Park (5)
 - There is nothing between Barber/West St but a manicured field
- Benton St Park (2)
- Seymour St Park (2)
- Osborne Park (2)
 - More fencing
- Owasco river trail (2)
- Booker T Washington (2)
 - playground is a disgrace for the city of Auburn to own
 - Playground needs significant improvements
- Miles-Lepak Permaculture Park- Arch St (5)
- Loop Rd- for farmer's market relocation
- All of North St
- St. Francis Playground
- The old Dunn and McCarthy area
- Any park in area 6
- Seminary St Park
- Area 5- there is no available park in this area for children

Not Eligible:

- Casey Park (2)
 - Ice rink
 - Clubhouse bathrooms
- Bradford St Park (6)
- Y Field- Clifford Park (3)
- Hoopes Park (2)
- Emerson Park (2)
- Genesee Elementary (2)
- Harmon Field (*The City is unable to determine which park is being reference*)
- Logan St Park (*The City is unable to determine which park is being referenced*)

Additional Comments:

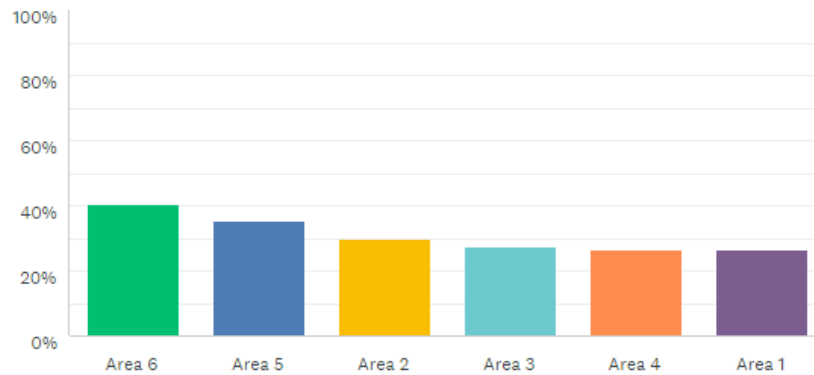
- We need to invest more in making Auburn great not the parks
- Parks are the least of the problem
- I think it's important to keep up the parks we already have
- The kids near Orchard St don't really have a park nearby. Nothing that is actually useable and calling, anyways.

- No! Don't waste our tax money on parks! Sell off some of the ones we have that are being wasted!
- The park connected to West Lake Ave

Question 5:

Using the map above, which areas do you feel are a priority for sidewalk improvements

Answered: 270 Skipped: 68



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
▼ Area 6	40.37%	109
▼ Area 5	35.56%	96
▼ Area 2	29.63%	80
▼ Area 3	27.41%	74
▼ Area 4	26.67%	72
▼ Area 1	26.30%	71
Total Respondents: 270		

1. Area 6
2. Area 5
3. Area 2
4. Area 3
5. Area 4
6. Area 1

Sidewalk improvements

Eligible:

- Washington St (6)
- Fitch Ave (6)

- Corner of South St and Fitch Ave
- North Division St (6)
- Orchard Ave/St (5)
- State St (4)
- Chapman Ave (4)
 - Chapman Ave beyond Booker T Washington center
- South St (4)
 - Corner of South St and Fitch Ave
- Downtown (3)
 - Easier access to downtown businesses
 - All of downtown needs to be wheelchair accessible... and comfortable. Those cobbles are a nightmare in a wheelchair
- Perrine Ave/St (3)
- Seymour St (3)
- North St (3)
- Franklin St (3)
- Fulton St (2)
- Genesee St (2)
- Barber St (2)
 - 29 Barber St
- Arch St (2)
- Lansing St (2)
- Osborne St (2)
- Logan St (2)
- Baker St (2)
- Cottage St (3)
 - Side roads like Cottage and such don't have sidewalks or good sidewalks
- Owasco River trail
- John Street
- Parker St
- Curtis Pl
- York St
- Van Patten St
- Garrow St
- Owasco St is a main access road, and leads to the lake/high school... should be better for public to utilize
- 25 Kensington Ave
- The left side of James St
- School streets

- 43 Mattie St
- Lincoln St
- Main street such as the Arterial, far too many street walkers
- Missing sidewalks on Hardenburg Ave
- Wall St
- Over by Tops, the whole area
- Van Anden St

Not Eligible:

- South of Area 8
- Case Ave
- 30 Anderson Circle
- O-177 Standart Woods
- 212 North Seward Ave
- Town of Owasco needs sidewalks
- Burt Ave

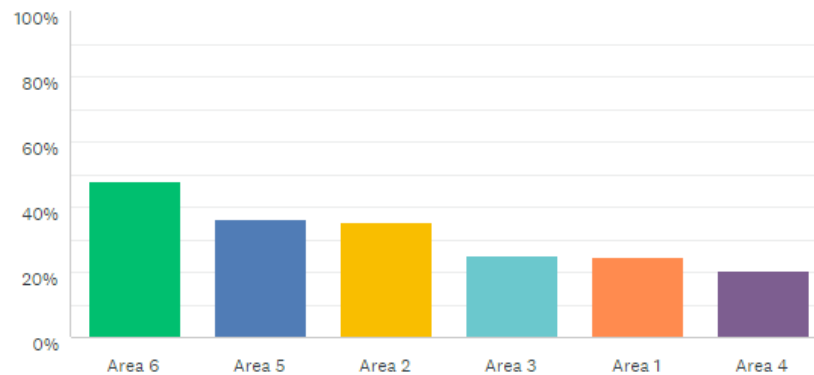
Additional Comments:

- All of them except Logan St
- All areas of the City need walkable sidewalks
- Enforcement of snow removal
- Every street in Low to Mod income areas
- Mary St needs a nice water fountain and running track
- Anywhere where there is low income
- Areas that connect residential to commercial
- All Street sidewalks need attention
- More access for wheelchairs
- Anywhere you see an increase in pedestrian vs. car accidents. It would be great if we could guarantee those areas (2,3,6) will be clear of snow as needed
- The entire city, the taxpayers shouldn't have to pay for sidewalk repairs
- Grant Ave in front of Staples
- Homeowners should be responsible for sidewalk maintenance and repair

Question 6:

Using the map above, which area do you feel are a priority for neighborhood revitalization

Answered: 301 Skipped: 37



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Area 6	47.84%	144
Area 5	36.21%	109
Area 2	35.55%	107
Area 3	25.25%	76
Area 1	24.58%	74
Area 4	20.27%	61
Total Respondents: 301		

1. Area 6
2. Area 5
3. Area 2
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5. Area 1
6. Area 4

Neighborhood Improvements \

Eligible:

- Orchard Ave/ St (17)
- Barber St (11)

- Seminary St (8)
- State St (7)
 - East Side of State St
 - State St, and all of the streets directly off of it- Cottage, Perrine, etc. It's starting to look like a Scooby Doo ghost town over there.
- Nelson St (6)
 - will probably happen within two years through private investors though
- Fitch Ave (5)
- Fulton St (4)
- Washington St (4)
- Van Anden St (4)
- Wall St (4)
- West St (4)
 - Will probably happen within two years through private investors though
- Derby Ave (3)
- Logan St (3)
- Osborne St (3)
- Owasco St (3)
- Janet St (2)
- Woodlawn Ave (2)
- Spring St (2)
- Chapman Ave (2)
- West end (2)
- Chedell St
- John St
- Near Save-A-Lot
- Ross Pl
- Case Ave
- Area 1 has deteriorated considerably over the years and should be monitored and attended to
- Lincoln St
- N Arterial St
- Lafayette Pl
- Rock Ave area
- Area around Casey Elementary/Park
- Holley St
- Malone Village
- Park Pl, Parker St area
- Court St

Not Eligible:

- Mary St (2)
 - Lower end of Mary St
 - 82 Mary St
- Franklin St (2)
 - 236 Franklin St
- Elizabeth St
- All of North St
- Cross St

Additional Comments:

- Increase affordable downtown living
- Keep up improvements in Area 6
- Renewal/rehabilitation of zombie/vacant properties
- Again not the nicest looking neighborhood to drive through as a visitor heading to the lake/ Merry-Go-Round/kids travel baseball etc. Nicer houses along the way is an improvement also may help put more families closer to the bike trail (Talking about Area 3)
- People need to be screened before renting and buying
- AME Zion
- NONE! Homeowners should be responsible for revitalizing. I would like to see all the vacant buildings around the city demolished and the land sold

Question 7: Have you or your agency been impacted by the Community Development Block Grant Program?

- Helped build Casey Park Playground
- Casey Park bring renewed (??)
- Orchard St
- West Lake Ave
- New sidewalks
- I wasn't aware of this specific grant before, but I'm sure I have! My area of town has low cost of living and is beautiful!
- The community playgrounds have been a tremendous community improvement
- I qualified for CDBG funding for repairs to my home. The staff was professional, knowledgeable, and helpful through the process. Thank you.
- I feel the city has by the revitalization of Downtown
- We appreciate the playground improvements!
- Not individually, but I work for and have volunteered with groups that have.
- Yes, small business loan

- Yes, both on a personal and professional level
- Yes. We have received funding over the last several years, and it has been beneficial because of escalating insurance costs. Funding for the future would be greatly appreciated.
- Yes, we provide homeless prevention and assistance.

Additional Comments

- Yes, I believe the OFA has been impacted and our seniors are always in need of more. It's not about the parks for them, it's about getting Homecare in their neighborhoods. I wish that in all of the 55+ and high rise apartment buildings there could be an aid or some kind of aid service able on site. Maybe it's a payment in the rent but if the aid would be available all day or set days and could do housekeeping and personal care then these people could sustain in their own places and we could use our time and move on to other people that are still in the more rural areas.
- I think it's important to access the needs of each area. Rebuilding parks/playgrounds in an area that have no children is not economical. Changing its structure might be a consideration, such as walkability, or new benches with flowers, trees, walking paths for exercise. Thank you.
- Chapman Ave needs to have abandoned homes torn down!
- The discussion about using funds to create a new firehouse in "neighborhood 2" is deeply disturbing to me and a number of other residents in the area. We are all very concerned that this will create a thoroughfare if noisy day and night traffic near an area we struggled to improve for over 10 years. The feelings become even more severe when discussions began about any type of criminal justice occurring on the Seminary St. site.
- Casey Park is ten houses from mine. We received a beautiful new playground! Unfortunately, our youth have taken it for granted. Youth initiative is necessary.
- I have lived in Auburn for 28 years. I am its future. I work for a local agency and am raising a 4 year old in its school system. Auburn should invest in my vision as I am population that is going to stay here.
- I am a daycare on Sheridan. Would be nice to have a nice park in walking distance.
- Keep up the good work!!!
- I live outside of the eligible neighborhoods, but still feel as a taxpayer that improvements should be made to my sidewalks and sewer systems without taxing me more.
- Yes we had sidewalks put in but no curbs. Why isn't Union to Wall Street included? York & orchard are done enough. Wall St church please save it.
- Several parks in my neighborhood(s) have been improved and I have seen the positive effects from funding for neighborhood revitalization
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City of Auburn Community Development Block Grant Program Proposed PY 2019 Annual Action Plan

Date: January 8, 2019

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24 South Street
Auburn, New York 13021

Jeff Dygert
City Manager
315-255-4146

TO ALL INTERESTED AGEN- CIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

The City of Auburn Office of Planning and Economic Development is preparing the proposed Fifth Annual Action Plan (PY 2019) for the use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for the period of April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020. The Office of Planning and Economic Development will accept comments on the Proposed Plan for a 30 day period beginning January 8, 2019 and ending on February 6, 2019.

Based on prior year funding, the City is anticipating an allocation of approximately \$877,610.00 in Entitlement funding for PY 2019. In accordance with the City of Auburn's Citizen Participation Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program, the following is a summary of programming for the 2019-2020 Proposed Action Plan:

Housing & Neighborhood Programming including but not limited to the Mortgage Assistance Program, Home Repair Assistance Program (HRAP), Home Access Program (HAP), Distressed Property Program, Housing Programs Delivery, Public Infrastructure including Sidewalk Replacement Program, and Neighborhood Park, Playground & Public Facilities Improvements

Public Services: Funding to not-for-profit housing and human service agencies to provide needed services to low- and moderate-income residents of the City.

Business Assistance including loans through the Small Business Assistance Program and Business Assistance Program Delivery.

Special Development Projects including Special Development Projects and Loans

Administration and Planning: Funding for delivery of the CDBG program including administration and reporting, coordination of homeless services, community outreach and agency coordination, and planning activities.

Copies of the Proposed Plan are available at the Office of Planning and Economic Development, Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street, Auburn, NY or by calling the Office of Planning and Economic Development at 315-255-4115.

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing on the Proposed Plan will be held before the Auburn City Council on Thursday, January 24th, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of Memorial City Hall, 24 South Street. Comments on the plan are welcomed at the public hearing.

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