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CR-00 – Executive Summary

In accordance with the Federal Regulations found in 24 CFR Part 570, the City of Huntington, West Virginia has prepared this Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for the period of July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. The purpose of the CAPER is to describe the activities undertaken during this time period with funding provided from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) under the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG).

The projects, activities, and accomplishments described in this CAPER principally benefited low- and moderate-income persons and funding was targeted to neighborhoods in the City with the highest percentage of low- and moderate-income residents. The following is the overall program narrative based on the City of Huntington's Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans, as amended.

There are three (3) basic purposes of the CAPER:

1. It provides HUD with the necessary information for the Department to meet its statutory requirement to assess each grantee's ability to carry out relevant CPD programs in compliance with all applicable rules and regulations.
2. It provides information necessary for HUD's Annual Report to Congress, also statutorily mandated.
3. It provides grantees with an opportunity to describe to citizens their successes in revitalizing deteriorated neighborhoods and meeting objectives stipulated in the Five Year Consolidated Plan.

This document provides information on how the funds received by the City through the HUD programs were used, including an explanation on the leveraging and matching of funds. HOME funds are disbursed between the three (3) member jurisdictions of the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium: the City of Huntington, Cabell County, and Wayne County.

The City of Huntington continued to work cooperatively with the Huntington Housing Authority and many other community based organizations and neighborhood groups to develop and implement programs that best served the needs of its residents. The Five Year Consolidated Plan served as the blueprint for these efforts and guided the City's activities in its decision-making process when allocating these Federal funds. The following narratives, charts, and statistical reports demonstrate that the City of Huntington is dedicated to serving its residents, particularly those that are low- and moderate-income. A listing of the active projects is found in CR-90 – IDIS Reports of the document.

As a Federal Entitlement Community, the City of Huntington received funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act), Public Law 116-136 that was passed by the U.S. Congress on March 27, 2020. The City received two (2) allocations of the Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) and Emergency Solutions Grant - Coronavirus (ESG-CV) funds. The first allocation of the Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) funds the City received \$1,058,173 and in the first allocation of the Emergency Solutions Grant - Coronavirus (ESG-CV) funds the City received \$538,314. The City then received a notice that the City would receive another allocation of funds. In the third allocation of funds from HUD for the

Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) Program the City received \$264,852 and \$559,361 in Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus (ESG-CV) funds. The City between both allocations received a total of \$1,323,025 in Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) and \$1,097,675 in Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus (ESG-CV). These funds were included as part of the City’s FY 2019 Annual Action Plan, as amended.

The City of Huntington’s FY 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) was made available for public display and comment on the City’s website (www.cityofhuntington.com) and at the following locations:

- **Huntington City Hall - Department of Development and Planning** - 800 Fifth Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701
- **Cabell County Public Library - Guyandotte Branch** - 203 Richmond Street, Huntington, WV 25702
- **Cabell County Public Library - West Huntington Branch** - 901 West 14th Street, Huntington, WV 25704

The “Draft” CAPER was advertised on Thursday, September 7, 2023 to be on public display on Friday, September 8, 2023 for the required 15-day public comment period, which began on Friday, September 8, 2023 and ended on Friday, September 22, 2023.

Grants Received –

The City of Huntington received the following allocation of funds during this CAPER period (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023):

| | CDBG | HOME | ESG | Total |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| FY 2022 Entitlement Grants | \$1,653,453.00 | \$734,208.00 | \$147,304.00 | \$2,609,960.00 |
| Program Income | \$ 23,051.51 | \$ 63,479.27 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 86,530.78 |
| Total Funds Received: | \$1,676,504.51 | \$797,687.27 | \$147,304.00 | \$2,621,495.78 |

The chart above includes only FY 2022 funds. Any previous fiscal year funds that were received or may have been spent during this time are not included.

CARES Act Grants Received –

The City of Huntington received the following allocation of funds during this CAPER period (July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023):

| | CDBG-CV | HOME-ARP | ESG-CV | Total |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| FY 2020 Entitlement Grants | \$1,323,025.00 | \$2,437,837.00 | \$1,097,675.00 | \$4,858,537.00 |
| Program Income | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Total Funds Received: | \$1,323,025.00 | \$2,437,837.00 | \$1,097,675.00 | \$4,858,537.00 |

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress provided funding through the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to communities across the country in 2020. The City of Huntington received CDBG-CV funds in the amount of \$1,323,025.00, ESG-CV funds in the amount of \$1,097,675.00 for FY 2020 and \$165,945 in HOPWA-CV funds. In addition, the city received \$2,437,837.00 in HOME-ARP funds for FY 2021.

Funds Expended –

The following chart details CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds that were expended during the time period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. These expenditures consist of previous year’s funding that were not used until this time period and also include reprogrammed funds from previous years.

| Funding Sources | Total Funds Expended |
|---|------------------------|
| Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) | \$ 928,803.01 |
| HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) | \$ 143,410.31 |
| Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) | \$ 63,980.39 |
| Total: | \$ 1,136,193.71 |

CARES Act Funds Expended –

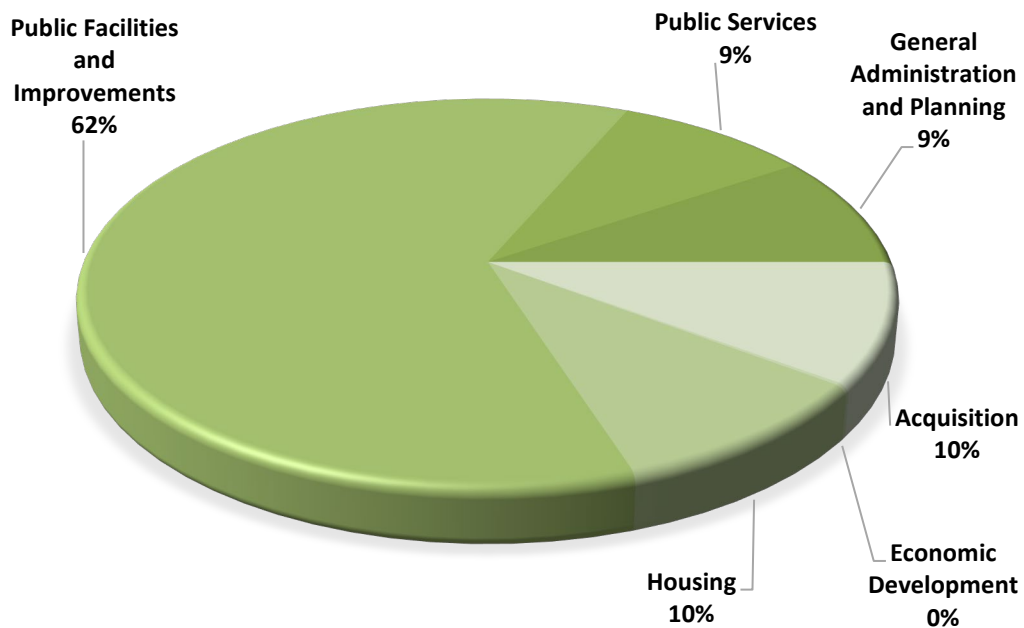
The following chart details CDBG-CV, HOME-ARP, and ESG-CV funds that were expended during the time period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. These expenditures consist of previous year’s funding that were not used until this time period and also include reprogrammed funds from previous years.

| Funding Sources | Total Funds Expended |
|---|----------------------|
| Community Development Block Grant – Coronavirus (CDBG-CV) | \$ 607,072.94 |
| HOME Investment Partnerships Grant (HOME) – ARP (HOME-ARP) | \$ 0.00 |

| | |
|---|----------------------|
| Emergency Solutions Grant – Coronavirus (ESG-CV) | \$ 333,813.39 |
| Total: | \$ 940,886.33 |

Expenditures by Type:

The CDBG expenditures and percentage by type of activity are shown below:



| Type of Activity | Expenditure | Percentage |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------|
| Acquisition | \$ 261,141.96 | 10.03% |
| Economic Development | \$ 4,804.00 | 0.18% |
| Housing | \$ 253,936.73 | 9.76% |
| Public Facilities and Improvements | \$ 1,601,429.26 | 61.53% |
| Public Services | \$ 236,674.30 | 9.09% |
| General Administration and Planning | \$ 244,574.28 | 9.40% |
| Total: | \$ 2,602,560.53 | 100.0% |

Regulatory Caps and Set-Asides –

| | CDBG | CDBG-CV | HOME | ESG | ESG-CV |
|--|----------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|----------------|
| FY 2022 Entitlement Grants | \$1,653,453.00 | \$1,323,025.00 | \$734,203.00 | \$147,304.00 | \$1,097,675.00 |
| FY 2022 Program Income | \$ 23,051.51 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 63,479.27 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Administrative Cap Allowance | 20.0% | 20.0% | 10.0% | 7.5% | 10.0% |
| Maximum Allowable Expenditures | \$ 335,300.90 | \$ 264,605.00 | \$ 79,768.23 | \$ 11,047.80 | \$ 109,767.50 |
| Total Planning and Administration Expenditure and Obligations | \$ 335,300.90 | \$ 264,605.00 | \$ 79,768.23 | \$ 11,047.80 | \$ 109,767.50 |
| Administrative Percentage: | 20.00% | 20.00% | 10.00% | 7.50% | 10.00% |

CDBG Public Service Activity Cap:

| | CDBG |
|--|-----------------|
| FY 2022 Entitlement Grants | \$ 1,653,453.00 |
| Prior Year Program Income | \$ 10,226.66 |
| Public Service Cap Allowance | 15% |
| Maximum Allowable Expenditures | \$ 249,551.95 |
| Total Public Services Funds Expended and Obligation | \$ 245,551.00 |
| Public Service Percentage: | 15% |

The City of Huntington’s Total Expenditure and Obligations was \$245,551.00 in CDBG funds for public service activities. This amount represents 15% of the FY 2022 CDBG Grant and prior years’ program income, and is at the 15% Public Service cap.

CHDO Set-Aside:

| | CHDO Set-Aside |
|---|----------------------|
| FY 2022 Entitlement Grant | \$ 734,208.00 |
| CHDO Set-Aside Minimum Cap | 15% |
| Minimum Allowable Set-Aside | \$ 110,131.20 |
| Actual CHDO Programmed Set-Aside | \$ 110,131.20 |

The City of Huntington programmed \$110,131.20 in funds for CHDO Set-Aside activities, which was 15.0% of the allocation and at the 15% cap. During this CAPER period, the City did not expend any CHDO funds.

Summary of Priority Goals and Expenditures:

The City of Huntington’s FY 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan established six (6) categories of priorities and goals to be addressed using CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. The following goals and strategies were identified for the five-year period of FY 2020 through FY 2024:

Housing Strategy (High Priority) -

There is a need to improve the quality of the housing stock in the City of Huntington by increasing the amount of decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing for homeowners, renters, and homebuyers that is affordable to low- and moderate-income persons and families.

Goals: The following housing goals are:

- **HSG-1 Owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation** - Continue to provide financial assistance to low- and moderate-income homeowners to rehabilitate their homes and provide emergency repairs as necessary.
- **HSG-2 Renter-occupied Rehabilitation** - Provide financial assistance to landlords to rehabilitate housing units that are rented to low- and moderate-income tenants.
- **HSG-3 Housing Construction** - Increase the supply of decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing that is affordable to homebuyers and renters in the community through rehabilitation of vacant buildings and new construction.
- **HSG-4 Homeownership** - Continue to assist low- and moderate-income households to become homeowners by providing down payment assistance, closing cost assistance, housing rehabilitation assistance, and requiring housing counseling training.
- **HSG-5 Fair Housing** - Promote fair housing choice through education, training, and outreach throughout the City of Huntington.

Homeless Strategy (High Priority) -

There is a need for housing and support services for homeless persons and persons at-risk of becoming homeless.

Goals: The following homeless goals are:

- **HMS-1 Continuum of Care** - Support the local Continuum of Care's (CoC) efforts to provide emergency shelter, and permanent supportive housing to persons and families who are homeless or who are at risk of becoming homeless.
- **HMS-2 Operation/Support** - Assist providers in the operation of housing and support services for the homeless and persons at-risk of becoming homeless.
- **HMS-3 Prevention and Housing** - Continue to support the prevention of homelessness through anti-eviction activities and programs for rapid re-housing.
- **HMS-4 Housing** - Support the rehabilitation of and making accessibility improvements to emergency shelters, transitional housing, and permanent housing for the homeless.
- **HMS-5 Permanent Housing** - Support the development of permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals and families.

Other Special Needs Strategy (High Priority) -

There is a continuing need for affordable housing, services, and facilities for the elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, persons with alcohol/drug dependency, and persons with other special needs.

Goals: The following special needs goals are:

- **SNS-1 Housing** - Increase the supply of affordable, decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing for the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, persons with alcohol/drug dependency, and persons with other special needs through rehabilitation of existing buildings and new construction.
- **SNS-2 Social Services** - Support social service programs and facilities for the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, persons with alcohol/drug dependency, and persons with other special needs
- **SNS-3 Accessibility** - Improve the accessibility of owner-occupied housing through rehabilitation and improve renter occupied housing by making reasonable accommodations for the physically disabled and by removing architectural barriers.

Community Development Strategy (High Priority) -

There is a need to improve the public and community facilities, infrastructure, public social/welfare services, food program, public safety, clearance, and the quality of life for all residents throughout the City of Huntington.

Goals: The following community development goals are:

- **CDS-1 Community Facilities** - Improve the parks, recreational centers, trails, libraries, and all public and community facilities in the City.
- **CDS-2 Infrastructure** - Improve the public infrastructure through rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction.
- **CDS-3 Accessibility Improvements** - Improve the physical and visual accessibility of community facilities, infrastructure, and public buildings.
- **CDS-4 Public Services** - Improve and enhance public services including; programs for youth, the elderly, disabled, and other public service programs for low- and moderate-income persons.
- **CDS-5 Public Safety** - Improve the public safety facilities, equipment, and ability to respond to emergency situations.
- **CDS-6 Clearance/Demolition** - Remove and eliminate slum and blighting conditions through the demolition of vacant, abandoned and dilapidated structures on a spot basis and/or area-wide basis.
- **CDS-7 Revitalization** - Promote neighborhood revitalization in strategic areas of the City through acquisition, demolition, rehabilitation, code enforcement, infrastructure improvements, housing construction, public and community facilities improvements, etc.
- **CDS-8 Historic Preservation** - Promote historic preservation and adaptive reuse of existing buildings in the community through financial incentives.

Economic Development Strategy (High Priority) -

There is a need to increase employment, job training, technical assistance, workforce development, infrastructure improvements, and economic empowerment of low- and moderate-income residents in the City.

Goals: The following economic development goals are:

- **EDS-1 Employment** - Support and encourage new job creation, job retention, workforce development, employment, and job training services for the unemployed and underemployed persons.
- **EDS-2 Financial Assistance** - Support business and commercial growth through expansion and new development through technical assistance programs and low interest loans.
- **EDS-3 Redevelopment Program** - Plan and promote the development, redevelopment and revitalization of economically distressed areas of the City.
- **EDS-4 Financial Incentives** - Support and encourage new economic development through local, state and Federal tax incentives and programs such as Tax Incremental Financing (TIF), tax abatements (LERTA), Enterprise Zones/Entitlement Communities, Section 108 Loan Guarantees, Economic Development Initiative (EDI) funds, etc.

Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy (High Priority) -

There is a continuing need for planning, administration, management, and oversight of Federal, state, and local funded programs.

Goals: The following administration, planning, and management goals are:

- **AMS-1 Overall Coordination** - Provide program management and oversight for the successful administration of Federal, State, and local funded programs, including planning services for special studies, annual action plans, five year consolidated plans, substantial amendments, consolidated annual performance and evaluation reports, environmental review and clearance, fair housing, Section 106 consultation, and compliance with all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.
- **AMS-2 Special Studies/Management** - Promote new development by providing funds to assist with the preparation of special studies, plans, and management activities related to these activities.
- **AMS-3 Fair Housing** - Provide funds for training, education, outreach, and monitoring to affirmatively further fair housing in the City of Huntington.

FY 2022 CDBG Budget:

The chart below lists the CDBG activities that were funded under the FY 2022 CAPER reporting period:

| Project ID Number | Activity | 2022 CDBG Budget | 2022 CDBG Expenditures |
|-------------------|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| CD-22-01 | CDBG General Administration | \$ 330,690.00 | \$ 156,903.29 |
| CD-22-02 | Information & Referral Services | \$ 5,000.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| CD-22-03 | A.D. Lewis Community Center | \$ 209,000.00 | \$ 201,856.58 |
| CD-22-04 | Fairfield East/YMCA | \$ 34,017.00 | \$ 14,617.87 |
| CD-22-05 | Sidewalks and Accessibility | \$ 82,680.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| CD-22-06 | Huntington Fire Department – New Fire Station | \$ 400,000.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| CD-22-07 | Lily’s Place | \$ 5,400.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| CD-22-08 | Salvation Army | \$ 7,000.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| CD-22-09 | Community Center Facility Improvement Fund | \$ 25,000.00 | \$ 1,931.68 |
| CD-22-10 | Emergency Housing Rehab | \$ 65,013.00 | \$ 74,805.16 |
| CD-22-11 | Rehab Administration | \$ 95,000.00 | \$ 61,429.91 |
| CD-22-12 | Volunteer Rehabilitation Program | \$ 24,987.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| CD-22-13 | Demolition – Citywide | \$ 369,666.00 | \$ 99,177.33 |
| TOTALS: | | \$ 1,653,453.00 | \$ 610,721.82 |

The City of Huntington spent \$610,721.82 of its \$1,653,453.00 FY 2022 CDBG allocation and CDBG Program Income. This amount consists of 36.94% of the allocation. Additionally, during the FY 2022 CAPER period, the City expended \$949,107.53 from previous fiscal years.

FY 2022 HOME Budget:

The chart below lists the HOME activities that were funded under the FY 2022 CAPER reporting period:

| Project ID Number | Activity | 2022 HOME Budget | 2022 HOME Expenditures |
|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| HOME-22-14 | HOME Administration | \$ 73,420.00 | \$ 69,992.08 |
| HOME-22-15 | CHDO Set-Aside Funds | \$ 110,131.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| HOME-22-16 | Affordable Housing Projects | \$ 550,652.00 | \$ 31,470.48 |
| HOME-22-17 | Homebuyer Assistance Program | \$ 75,000.00 | \$ 41,947.75 |
| TOTALS: | | \$ 809,203.00 | \$ 143,410.31 |

The Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium spent \$143,410.31 of its \$797,687.27 FY 2022 HOME allocation and HOME Program Income, which is 17.98% of the allocation.

FY 2022 ESG Budget:

The chart below lists the ESG activities that were funded under the FY 2022 CAPER reporting period:

| Project ID Number | Activities | 2022 ESG Budget | 2022 ESG Expenditures |
|-------------------|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| ESG-22-18 | ESG Program | \$ 147,304.00 | \$ 63,980.39 |
| TOTALS: | | \$ 147,304.00 | \$ 63,980.39 |

The City of Huntington spent \$63,980.39 of its \$147,304.00 FY 2022 ESG allocation, which was 43.43% of the allocation. Additionally, during the FY 2022 CAPER period, the City expended \$57,126.25 from previous fiscal years.

FY 2020 CDBG-CV Budget:

The chart below lists the CDBG-CV activities that were funded under the FY 2022 CAPER reporting period:

| Project ID Number | Activity | 2020 CDBG-CV Budget | Total CDBG-CV Expenditures |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| CDBG-CV-20-01 | CV-CDBG-CV General Administration | \$ 264,605.00 | \$ 158,678.12 |
| CDBG-CV-20-02 | CV-AD Lewis | \$ 65,000.00 | \$ 55,990.68 |
| CDBG-CV-20-03 | CV-Huntington Food Bank | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ 40,000.00 |
| CDBG-CV-20-04 | CV-City Mission | \$ 40,000.00 | \$ 40,000.00 |
| CDBG-CV-20-05 | CV-Public Safety Equipment | \$ 288,859.16 | \$ 288,859.16 |

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|----------------------|--|------------------------|------------------------|
| CDBG-CV-20-06 | CV-Small Business Loan Assistance Program | Cancelled | Cancelled |
| CDBG-CV-20-07 | CV-Keith Albee Performing Arts Center | Cancelled | Cancelled |
| CDBG-CV-20-08 | CV-Rent and/or Utility Assistance | \$ 100,000.00 | \$ 74,393.86 |
| CDBG-CV-20-09 | CV-Huntington Fire Department - New Fire Station | \$ 524,560.84 | \$ 524,560.84 |
| TOTALS: | | \$ 1,323,025.00 | \$ 1,186,318.41 |

The City of Huntington spent \$1,186,318.41 of its \$1,323,025.00 FY 2020 CDBG-CV allocation. This amount consists of 89.67% of the allocation.

FY 2020 ESG-CV Budget:

The chart below lists the ESG-CV activities that were funded under the FY 2020 CAPER reporting period:

| Project ID Number | Activities | 2020 ESG-CV Budget | Total ESG-CV Expenditures |
|--------------------------|---|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ESG-CV-20-01 | CV-ESG-CV Program - funds will be allocated to: The Huntington City Mission (\$76,003.60), Branches Domestic Violence Shelter (\$568,653.80), and Cabell-Huntington Coalition for the Homeless (\$453,017.60) | \$ 1,097,675.00 | \$ 1,077,512.67 |
| TOTALS: | | \$ 1,097,675.00 | \$ 1,077,512.67 |

The City of Huntington spent \$1,077,512.67 of its \$1,097,675.00 FY 2020 ESG-CV allocation, which was 98.16% of the allocation.

Housing Performance Measurements –

The following chart lists the objectives and outcomes that the City accomplished through the CDBG activities during this CAPER period:

| Objectives | Outcomes | | | | | | Total by Objective | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|
| | Availability/Accessibility | | Affordability | | Sustainability | | | |
| | Units | \$ | Units | \$ | Units | \$ | Units | \$ |
| Suitable Living | 0 | \$ 0.00 | 0 | \$ 0.00 | 0 | \$ 0.00 | 0 | \$ 0.00 |

| | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|---------|---|---------|---|---------|---|---------|
| Decent Housing | 0 | \$ 0.00 | 0 | \$ 0.00 | 0 | \$ 0.00 | 0 | \$ 0.00 |
| Economic Opportunity | 0 | \$ 0.00 | 0 | \$ 0.00 | 0 | \$ 0.00 | 0 | \$ 0.00 |
| Total by Outcome | 0 | \$ 0.00 | 0 | \$ 0.00 | 0 | \$ 0.00 | 0 | \$ 0.00 |

Note: The accomplishments can be funded by CDBG funds from previous CDBG program years.

The chart below lists the objectives and outcomes that the City accomplished through the HOME activities during this CAPER period:

| Objectives | Outcomes | | | | | | Total by Objective | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|---------|---------------|---------|----------------|---------|--------------------|---------|
| | Availability/Accessibility | | Affordability | | Sustainability | | | |
| | Units | \$ | Units | \$ | Units | \$ | Units | \$ |
| Suitable Living | 0 | \$ 0.00 | 0 | \$ 0.00 | 0 | \$ 0.00 | 0 | \$ 0.00 |
| Decent Housing | 0 | \$ 0.00 | 0 | \$ 0.00 | 0 | \$ 0.00 | 0 | \$ 0.00 |
| Economic Opportunity | 0 | \$ 0.00 | 0 | \$ 0.00 | 0 | \$ 0.00 | 0 | \$ 0.00 |
| Total by Outcome | 0 | \$ 0.00 | 0 | \$ 0.00 | 0 | \$ 0.00 | 0 | \$ 0.00 |

Note: The accomplishments can be funded by HOME funds from previous HOME program years.

National Objective –

The City of Huntington met its National objective requirements of principally benefiting low- and moderate-income persons. The City expended \$2,602,560.53 in CDBG funds during this CAPER period. Included in this amount was \$244,574.28 for Planning and Administration. This left a balance of \$2,357,986.25 that was expended for projects/activities. \$2,096,844.29 was expended on projects/activities that benefited low- and moderate-income persons. This produced a Low/Mod Benefit Percentage of 88.93%. These funds were expended in the Low/Mod income areas or benefited Low/Mod households for activities identified in the City’s Five Year Consolidated Plan. The three (3) year Low/Mod Benefit percentage is 80.42%.

CR-05 – Goals and Outcomes

Progress the jurisdiction has made in carrying out its strategic plan and its action plan. 91.520(a)

This could be an overview that includes major initiatives and highlights that were proposed and executed throughout the program year.

This CAPER is for the City of Huntington's third year of its FY 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan designed to address the housing and non-housing needs of City residents. This year's CAPER reports on the actions and achievements the City accomplished in Fiscal Year 2022.

This CAPER includes the City's CDBG Program and outlines which activities the City undertook during the program year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023. In addition, the CAPER reports on the HOME and ESG funds that the City received in FY 2022. The City of Huntington Department of Development and Planning is the administrating agency for the City's CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs.

The CDBG Program and activities outlined in this FY 2022 CAPER principally benefited low- and moderate-income persons and funding was targeted to neighborhoods with the highest percentage of low- and moderate-income residents.

The City during this CAPER period budgeted and expended FY 2022 CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds on the following strategies:

- **Housing Strategy - HSG** - Budget \$920,783.00, expended \$209,653.30.
- **Homeless Strategy - HMS** - Budget \$141,257.00, expended \$52,906.39.
- **Other Special Needs Strategy - SNS** - Budgeted \$0.00, expended \$0.00.
- **Community Development Strategy - CDS** - Budgeted \$1,132,763.00, expended \$317,583.46.
- **Economic Development Strategy - EDS** - Budgeted \$0.00 expended \$0.00.
- **Administration and Management Strategy - AMS** - Budgeted \$415,157.00, expended \$237,969.37.

Comparison of the proposed versus actual outcomes for each outcome measure submitted with the consolidated plan and explain, if applicable, why progress was not made toward meeting goals and objectives. 91.520(g)

Categories, priority levels, funding sources and amounts, outcomes/objectives, goal outcome indicators, units of measure, targets, actual outcomes/outputs, and percentage completed for each of the grantee’s program year goals.

| Goal | Category | Indicator | Unit of Measure | Expected Strategic Plan | Actual Strategic Plan | Percent Complete | Expected Program Year | Actual Program Year | Percent Complete |
|---|--|---|---------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| AMS-1 Overall Coordination | Administration, Planning, and Management | Other | Other | 15 | 9 | 60.00% | 3 | 3 | 100.00% |
| AMS-2 Special Studies/Management | Administration, Planning, and Management | Other | Other | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| AMS-3 Fair Housing Provide funds for training, edu | Fair Housing | Other | Other | 5 | 3 | 60.00% | | | |
| CDS-1 Community Facilities | Non-Housing Community Development | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 6000 | 8720 | 145.33% | 325 | 8720 | 2,683.08% |
| CDS-1 Community Facilities | Non-Housing Community Development | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Households Assisted | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| CDS-1 Community Facilities | Non-Housing Community Development | Other | Other | 15 | 0 | 0.00% | 4 | 0 | 0.00% |

| | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|---|---------------------|------|--------|-----------|------|-------|-------|
| CDS-2 Infrastructure | Non-Housing Community Development | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 2500 | 109185 | 4,367.40% | 0 | 72790 | |
| CDS-2 Infrastructure | Non-Housing Community Development | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Households Assisted | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| CDS-2 Infrastructure | Non-Housing Community Development | Other | Other | 100 | 0 | 0.00% | 20 | 0 | 0.00% |
| CDS-3 Accessibility Improvements | Non-Housing Community Development | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| CDS-3 Accessibility Improvements | Non-Housing Community Development | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Households Assisted | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| CDS-3 Accessibility Improvements | Non-Housing Community Development | Other | Other | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| CDS-4 Public Services | Non-Housing Community Development | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 0 | 0 | | 1100 | 0 | 0.00% |

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| CDS-4 Public Services | Non-Housing Community Development | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 4700 | 662 | 14.09% | 0 | 152 | |
| CDS-4 Public Services | Non-Housing Community Development | Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Households Assisted | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| CDS-4 Public Services | Non-Housing Community Development | Homeless Person Overnight Shelter | Persons Assisted | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | |
| CDS-4 Public Services | Non-Housing Community Development | Other | Other | 10 | 0 | 0.00% | 2 | 0 | 0.00% |
| CDS-5 Public Safety | Non-Housing Community Development | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 0 | 14365 | | 8835 | 14365 | 162.59% |
| CDS-5 Public Safety | Non-Housing Community Development | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| CDS-5 Public Safety | Non-Housing Community Development | Other | Other | 5 | 0 | 0.00% | 1 | 0 | 0.00% |
| CDS-6 Clearance/Demolition | Non-Housing Community Development | Buildings Demolished | Buildings | 100 | 63 | 63.00% | 18 | 63 | 350.00% |

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| CDS-7 Revitalization | Non-Housing Community Development | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| CDS-7 Revitalization | Non-Housing Community Development | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Households Assisted | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| CDS-7 Revitalization | Non-Housing Community Development | Rental units constructed | Household Housing Unit | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| CDS-7 Revitalization | Non-Housing Community Development | Rental units rehabilitated | Household Housing Unit | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| CDS-7 Revitalization | Non-Housing Community Development | Homeowner Housing Added | Household Housing Unit | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| CDS-7 Revitalization | Non-Housing Community Development | Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated | Household Housing Unit | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| CDS-7 Revitalization | Non-Housing Community Development | Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers | Households Assisted | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| CDS-7 Revitalization | Non-Housing Community Development | Buildings Demolished | Buildings | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| CDS-7 Revitalization | Non-Housing Community Development | Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care | Household Housing Unit | 0 | 0 | | | | |

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| CDS-7 Revitalization | Non-Housing Community Development | Other | Other | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| CDS-8 Historic Preservation | Non-Housing Community Development | Other | Other | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| EDS-1 Employment | Non-Housing Community Development | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| EDS-1 Employment | Non-Housing Community Development | Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation | Business | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | |
| EDS-1 Employment | Non-Housing Community Development | Jobs created/retained | Jobs | 0 | 11 | | 0 | 11 | |
| EDS-1 Employment | Non-Housing Community Development | Businesses assisted | Businesses Assisted | 0 | 11 | | 0 | 11 | |
| EDS-1 Employment | Non-Housing Community Development | Other | Other | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| EDS-2 Financial Assistance | Non-Housing Community Development | Jobs created/retained | Jobs | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| EDS-2 Financial Assistance | Non-Housing Community Development | Businesses assisted | Businesses Assisted | 0 | 0 | | | | |

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| EDS-2 Financial Assistance | Non-Housing Community Development | Other | Other | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| EDS-3 Redevelopment Program | Non-Housing Community Development | Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation | Business | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| EDS-3 Redevelopment Program | Non-Housing Community Development | Brownfield acres remediated | Acre | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| EDS-3 Redevelopment Program | Non-Housing Community Development | Jobs created/retained | Jobs | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| EDS-3 Redevelopment Program | Non-Housing Community Development | Businesses assisted | Businesses Assisted | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| EDS-3 Redevelopment Program | Non-Housing Community Development | Other | Other | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| EDS-4 Financial Incentives | Non-Housing Community Development | Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| EDS-4 Financial Incentives | Non-Housing Community Development | Facade treatment/business building rehabilitation | Business | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| EDS-4 Financial Incentives | Non-Housing Community Development | Brownfield acres remediated | Acre | 0 | 0 | | | | |

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| EDS-4 Financial Incentives | Non-Housing Community Development | Jobs created/retained | Jobs | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| EDS-4 Financial Incentives | Non-Housing Community Development | Businesses assisted | Businesses Assisted | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| EDS-4 Financial Incentives | Non-Housing Community Development | Other | Other | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| HMS-1 Continuum of Care | Homeless | Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing | Households Assisted | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| HMS-1 Continuum of Care | Homeless | Homeless Person Overnight Shelter | Persons Assisted | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| HMS-1 Continuum of Care | Homeless | Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added | Beds | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| HMS-1 Continuum of Care | Homeless | Homelessness Prevention | Persons Assisted | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| HMS-1 Continuum of Care | Homeless | Other | Other | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| HMS-2 Operation/Support | Homeless | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 16025 | 3493 | 21.80% | 3025 | 2040 | 67.44% |
| HMS-2 Operation/Support | Homeless | Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing | Households Assisted | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| HMS-2 Operation/Support | Homeless | Homeless Person Overnight Shelter | Persons Assisted | 0 | 0 | | 0 | 0 | |

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| HMS-2 Operation/Support | Homeless | Overnight/Emergency Shelter/Transitional Housing Beds added | Beds | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| HMS-2 Operation/Support | Homeless | Homelessness Prevention | Persons Assisted | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| HMS-2 Operation/Support | Homeless | Other | Other | 15 | 0 | 0.00% | 2 | 0 | 0.00% |
| HMS-3 Prevention and Housing | Homeless | Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing | Households Assisted | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| HMS-3 Prevention and Housing | Homeless | Homelessness Prevention | Persons Assisted | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| HMS-3 Prevention and Housing | Homeless | Other | Other | 5 | 0 | 0.00% | 1 | 0 | 0.00% |
| HMS-4 Housing | Homeless | Other | Other | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| HMS-5 Permanent Housing | Homeless | Rental units constructed | Household Housing Unit | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| HMS-5 Permanent Housing | Homeless | Other | Other | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| HSG-1 Owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation | Affordable Housing | Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated | Household Housing Unit | 160 | 265 | 165.63% | 21 | 167 | 795.24% |
| HSG-1 Owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation | Affordable Housing | Other | Other | 0 | 0 | | 1 | 0 | 0.00% |
| HSG-2 Renter-occupied Rehabilitation | Affordable Housing | Rental units rehabilitated | Household Housing Unit | 0 | 0 | | | | |

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| HSG-2 Renter-occupied Rehabilitation | Affordable Housing | Other | Other | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| HSG-3 Housing Construction | Affordable Housing | Rental units constructed | Household Housing Unit | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| HSG-3 Housing Construction | Affordable Housing | Rental units rehabilitated | Household Housing Unit | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| HSG-3 Housing Construction | Affordable Housing | Homeowner Housing Added | Household Housing Unit | 0 | 2 | | | | |
| HSG-3 Housing Construction | Affordable Housing | Other | Other | 25 | 0 | 0.00% | 5 | 0 | 0.00% |
| HSG-4 Homeownership | Affordable Housing | Homeowner Housing Added | Household Housing Unit | 0 | 6 | | 5 | 4 | 80.00% |
| HSG-4 Homeownership | Affordable Housing | Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers | Households Assisted | 4 | 0 | 0.00% | | | |
| HSG-4 Homeownership | Affordable Housing | Other | Other | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| HSG-5 Fair Housing | Affordable Housing | Other | Other | 5 | 3 | 60.00% | | | |
| SNS-1 Housing | Non-Homeless Special Needs | Rental units constructed | Household Housing Unit | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| SNS-1 Housing | Non-Homeless Special Needs | Rental units rehabilitated | Household Housing Unit | 0 | 0 | | | | |

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| SNS-1 Housing | Non-Homeless Special Needs | Homeowner Housing Added | Household Housing Unit | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| SNS-1 Housing | Non-Homeless Special Needs | Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated | Household Housing Unit | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| SNS-1 Housing | Non-Homeless Special Needs | Other | Other | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| SNS-2 Social Services | Non-Homeless Special Needs | Public service activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Persons Assisted | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| SNS-2 Social Services | Non-Homeless Special Needs | Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit | Households Assisted | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| SNS-2 Social Services | Non-Homeless Special Needs | Other | Other | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| SNS-3 Accessibility | Non-Homeless Special Needs | Rental units rehabilitated | Household Housing Unit | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| SNS-3 Accessibility | Non-Homeless Special Needs | Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated | Household Housing Unit | 0 | 0 | | | | |
| SNS-3 Accessibility | Non-Homeless Special Needs | Other | Other | 0 | 0 | | | | |

Table 1 - Accomplishments – Program Year & Strategic Plan to Date

Assess how the jurisdiction's use of funds, particularly CDBG, addresses the priorities and specific objectives identified in the plan, giving special attention to the highest priority activities identified.

During the FY 2022 CDBG and HOME Program Year, the City of Huntington proposed to address the following strategies and specific objectives from its Five Year Strategic Initiatives:

Housing Strategy –

There is a need to improve the quality of the housing stock in the City of Huntington by increasing the amount of decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing for homeowners, renters, and homebuyers that is affordable to low- and moderate-income persons and families.

FY 2022 Accomplishments:

HSG-1 Owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation - Continue to provide financial assistance to low- and moderate-income homeowners to rehabilitate their homes and provide emergency repairs as necessary.

- **CD-22-10 Emergency Housing Rehab:** The City provided assistance for the Emergency Housing Rehab program, which is a 0% interest loan program to qualifying homeowners for installation of roofs, soffit, gutters, electrical upgrades, plumbing, etc.
- **CD-22-11 Rehabilitation Administration:** Administration of all housing rehabilitation programs.
- **CD-22-12 Volunteer Rehabilitation Program:** The City provided assistance in cooperation with World Changers and other volunteer groups to provide materials and disposal services to aid in repairing income eligible homeowners who qualify per HUD guidelines. Labor was provided by the World Changers organization and was completed to city code and inspected by the City Building Inspector.

The City proposed to rehabilitate twenty-one (21) housing units this CAPER period and exceeded that goal by rehabilitating a total of 167 units.

HSG-3 Housing Construction - Increase the supply of decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing that is affordable to homebuyers and renters in the community through rehabilitation of vacant buildings and new construction.

- **HOME-22-15 CHDO Set-Aside:** HOME funds were provided to be used to assist a CHDO to increase the number of affordable housing units in the HOME Consortium for owners and renters by assisting with acquisition, soft costs, construction, and rehabilitation.

The City of Huntington proposed to assist one (1) organization and met that goal by providing funds to the CHDO.

- **HOME-22-16 Affordable Housing Projects:** HOME funds were provided to assist in the development of affordable housing in the HOME Consortium for owners and renters by assisting with acquisition, soft costs, construction, and rehabilitation.

The Consortia proposed to assist five (5) housing units, but none were completed during this CAPER period. This activity is ongoing and will be completed during the FY 2023 CAPER period.

HSG-4 Homeownership - Continue to assist low- and moderate-income households to become homeowners by providing down payment assistance, closing cost assistance, housing rehabilitation assistance, and requiring housing counseling training.

- **HOME-22-17 Homebuyer Assistance Program:** Funds were provided for a first-time homebuyer program in the City of Huntington and Cabell and Wayne Counties.

During this CAPER period, the HOME Consortium proposed to assist five (5) housing units, but the Consortium only assisted four (4) first-time homebuyers. This activity is ongoing and will be completed during the FY 2023 CAPER period.

Homeless Strategy –

There is a need for housing and support services for homeless persons and persons at-risk of becoming homeless.

FY 2022 Accomplishments:

HMS-2 Operation/Support - Assist providers in the operation of housing and support services for the homeless and persons at-risk of becoming homeless.

- **CD-22-02 Information and Referral Services:** Linked City residents with resource needs to community agencies with resources. Assisted with case management and data collection services regarding the homeless and HPRP administration. Funds were used to provide emergency assistance to homeless and near homeless persons to provide them with referral and information regarding facilities and services.
- **ESG-22-21 ESG Program - Street Outreach/Emergency Shelter:** Funds were used for operating expenses and essential services for shelters.

The City proposed to assist one (1) organization and met the goal by assisting one (1) organization.

In addition, the ESG funds were used to assist 2,040 persons with the FY 2022 ESG funds.

The City of Huntington proposed to assist 3,025 persons during the FY 2022 Program Year. The City assisted 2,040 persons during this CAPER period. This activity is ongoing and will be completed during the FY 2023 CAPER period.

HMS-3 Prevention and Housing - Continue to support the prevention of homelessness through anti-eviction activities and programs for rapid re-housing.

- **ESG-22-22 ESG Program - Rapid RE-Housing/Homeless Prevention/HMIS:** Funds were used for homeless prevention program, rapid re-housing program, and the HMIS system.

The City proposed to assist one (1) organization and met the goal by assisting one (1) organization. In addition, the ESG funds were used to assist 2,040 persons with the FY 2021 ESG funds.

Other Special Needs Strategy –

There is a continuing need for affordable housing, services, and facilities for the elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, victims of domestic violence, persons with alcohol/drug dependency, and persons with other special needs.

FY 2022 Accomplishments:

The City of Huntington did not fund any other special needs activities during this CAPER period.

Community Development Strategy -

There is a need to improve the public and community facilities, infrastructure, public social/welfare services, food program, public safety, clearance, and the quality of life for all residents throughout the City of Huntington.

FY 2022 Accomplishments:

CDS-1 Community Facilities - Improve the parks, recreational centers, trails, libraries, and all public and community facilities in the City.

- **CD-22-07 Lily's Place:** CDBG funds were provided to reconstruct the parking lot that serves Lily's Place NAS Center and the Lily's Place Family Center.
- **CD-22-08 Salvation Army:** CDBG funds were provided to replace all existing florescent lighting with energy efficient LED lighting at the Salvation Army.
- **CD-22-09 Community Center Facility Improvement** Funds were used for facility improvements to the A.D. Lewis Community Center and the Fairfield East Community Center. Improvements include security upgrades and improvements to fencing, HVAC, roofs, and playground equipment.

The City of Huntington proposed to assist 325 persons and 4 public facilities through these activities. The City during this CAPER period assisted 8,720 persons but did not assist 4 public facilities. These activities are ongoing and will be completed during the FY 2023 CAPER period.

CDS-2 Infrastructure - Improve the public infrastructure through rehabilitation, reconstruction, and new construction.

- **CD-22-05 Sidewalks and Accessibility:** The City provided assistance to construct or reconstruct handicap accessibility ramps and replace limited numbers of sidewalks to remove mobility barriers.

The City of Huntington proposed to assist 0 persons and assisted 72,790 persons. The City proposed to reconstruct twenty (20) public sidewalks and handicap ramps but did not complete all twenty (20) during this CAPER period. These activities are ongoing and will be completed during the FY 2023 CAPER period.

CDS-4 Public Services - Improve and enhance public services including programs for youth, the elderly, disabled, and other public service programs for low- and moderate-income persons.

- **CD-22-03 A.D. Lewis Community Center:** Funds were used to operate the AD Lewis Community Center in the Fairfield West community of Huntington. The center offers a variety of programs for residents including adult exercise, a fitness center, basketball, assistance with educational needs, and community meetings. After school programs include tutoring, sports and mentoring along with meals. In addition, the center is the home to the only remaining public pool in the city.
- **CDBG-22-04 Fairfield East/YMCA:** Provided operating expenses for the Fairfield East Community Center. The Fairfield East Community Center is operated by YMCA for residents of public housing throughout the neighborhood. The center will serve as a hub for various community activities.

The City of Huntington proposed to assist zero (0) persons and during this CAPER period, the City exceeded this goal by assisting 152 persons.

CDS-5 Public Safety - Improve the public safety facilities, equipment, and ability to respond to emergency situations.

- **CD-22-07 Huntington Fire Department – New Fire Station:** Funds will be used to build a new Fire Station. (Multi-year project)

The City of Huntington proposed to assist 8,835 persons and met this goal by assisting 14,365 persons.

CDS-6 Clearance/Demolition - Remove and eliminate slum and blighting conditions through the demolition of vacant, abandoned and dilapidated structures on a spot basis and/or area-wide basis.

- **CD-22-12 Demolition – Citywide:** The City provided assistance in cooperation with the Unsafe Building Commission of the City of Huntington to demolish vacant substandard structures inspected by the Building Inspector, Fire Marshall, and Health Department and found to be a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the City.

The City of Huntington proposed to demolish 18 structures during the FY 2022 program year. The City met this goal and demolished sixty-three (63) housing units.

Economic Development Strategy –

There is a need to increase employment, job training, technical assistance, workforce development, infrastructure improvements, and economic empowerment of low- and moderate-income residents in the City.

FY 2022 Accomplishments:

The City of Huntington did not fund any other special needs activities during this CAPER period.

Administration, Planning, and Management Strategy –

There is a continuing need for planning, administration, management, and oversight of Federal, state, and local funded programs.

FY 2022 Accomplishments:

AMS-1 Overall Coordination - Provide program management and oversight for the successful administration of Federal, State, and local funded programs, including planning services for special studies, annual action plans, five-year consolidated plans, substantial amendments, consolidated annual performance and evaluation reports, environmental review and clearance, fair housing, Section 106 consultation, and compliance with all Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.

- **CD-22-01 CDBG General Administration:** The City provided assistance to administer the Community Development Block Grant in the form of staff salaries and benefits, office expenses, planning services, and other facets of program management.

The City proposed to assist one (1) organization and met that goal by assisting one (1) organization.

- **HOME-22-14 HOME Administration:** The City provided assistance to administer the Home Investment Partnership Program in the form of staff salaries and benefits, office expenses, planning services, and other facets of program management.

The City proposed to assist one (1) organization and met that goal by assisting one (1) organization.

- **ESG-22-18 ESG Program General Administration:** The City provided assistance to administer the ESG program in the form of staff salaries and benefits, office expenses, planning services, and other facets of program management.

The City proposed to assist one (1) organization and met that goal by assisting one (1) organization.

CR-10 – Racial and Ethnic Composition of Families Assisted

Describe the families assisted (including the racial and ethnic status of families assisted).

91.520(a)

| Race/Ethnic Status | CDBG | HOME |
|---|--------------|-----------|
| White | 1,865 | 10 |
| Black or African American | 377 | 3 |
| Asian | 7 | 0 |
| American Indian or American Native | 13 | 0 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 1 | 0 |
| Total: | 2,263 | 13 |
| Hispanic | 5 | 0 |
| Not Hispanic | 2,256 | 13 |

Table 2 – Table of assistance to racial and ethnic populations by source of funds

Narrative

The City of Huntington’s CDBG program benefitted 1,865 (82.41%) White families, 377 (16.66%) Black or African American families, 7 (0.31%) Asian families, 13 (0.57%) American Indian or American Native families, and 1 (0.04%) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander families. The CDBG program benefitted 5 (0.22%) Hispanic families versus 2,256 (99.69%) persons who were not Hispanic.

The City of Huntington’s HOME program benefitted 10 (76.92%) White families and 3 (23.08%) Black or African American families. The HOME program benefitted 0 (0.0%) Hispanic families versus 13 (100.0%) persons who were not Hispanic.

CR-15 – Resources and Investments 91.520(a)

Identify the resources made available

| Source of Funds | Source | Resources Made Available | Amount Expended During Program Year |
|-----------------|---------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| CDBG | FY 2022 | \$ 1,653,453.00 | \$ 2,602,560.53 |
| HOME | FY 2022 | \$ 734,203.00 | \$ 143,410.31 |
| ESG | FY 2022 | \$ 147,304.00 | \$ 63,980.39 |

Table 3 - Resources Made Available

Narrative

The City of Huntington received the following funds during the time period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023:

- **CDBG Allocation:** \$1,653,453.00
- **CDBG Program Income:** \$23,051.51
- **CDBG-CV Allocation:** \$1,323,025.00
- **HOME Allocation:** \$734,203.00
- **HOME Program Income:** \$63,479.27
- **HOME-ARP:** \$2,437,837.00
- **ESG Allocation:** \$147,304.00
- **ESG-CV Allocation:** \$1,097,675.00
- **Total Funds Received:** \$7,480,027.78

Under the FY 2022 Program Year, the City of Huntington received the above amounts of Federal Entitlement Grants.

Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

| Target Area | Planned Percentage of Allocation | Actual Percentage of Allocation | Narrative Description |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Citywide | 44% | 44% | The City funded ten (10) projects during this CAPER period in this Target Area with CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. |
| Consortia Wide | 31% | 31% | The City funded four (4) projects during this CAPER period in this Target Area with HOME funds. |
| Fairfield Redevelopment | 0% | 0% | Not Applicable. |
| Huntington Empowerment NRSA | 0% | 0% | Not Applicable. |

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| <p>Low/Mod Area</p> | <p>25%</p> | <p>25%</p> | <p>The City funded four (4) projects during this CAPER period in this Target Area with CDBG funds.</p> |
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Table 4 – Identify the geographic distribution and location of investments

Narrative

The City of Huntington allocated its CDBG funds to principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons. The City had a public benefit ratio over 70% of its funds, which principally benefitted low- and moderate-income persons. In selecting projects for funding, the following criteria were used:

- Community and Public facilities improvements will either be located in a low- and moderate-income census tract/block group or the City will prepare surveys which show a low- and moderate-income population over 51%.
- The infrastructure improvement activities are either located in a low- and moderate-income census tract/block group or have a low- and moderate-income service area benefit or clientele over 51% low- and moderate-income.
- Funding for public services will be based on the clientele’s income or in certain cases a limited type of clientele with a presumed low- and moderate-income status.
- The homeless projects/activities are for homeless agencies/organization that serve a specific type of clientele with a presumed low- and moderate-income status.
- The other special needs projects/activities are limited to a clientele with a presumed low- and moderate-income status.
- Demolition of structures will either be located in low- and moderate-income areas or in areas that have been designated as slum and blighted areas.
- The housing activities have income eligibility criteria; therefore, the income requirement directs funds to low- and moderate-income households throughout the City.

The Activities/Projects under the FY 2022 CDBG Program Year were located in areas with the highest percentage of low- to moderate-income persons and those block groups with a percentage of minority persons above the average for the City of Huntington.

Leveraging

Explain how federal funds leveraged additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements were satisfied, as well as how any publicly owned land or property located within the jurisdiction that were used to address the needs identified in the plan.

In addition to CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds, the City of Huntington and HOME Consortium members were successful in leveraging additional resources to carry out projects in FY 2022.

These sources include the following grants:

ESG Matching Requirement –

The ESG Match was from other Federal funds in the amount of \$147,304.00.

The City of Huntington did not have any publicly owned land or property within the jurisdiction that were funded with CDBG funds.

| Minority Business Enterprises and Women Business Enterprises – Indicate the number and dollar value of contracts for HOME projects completed during the reporting period | | | | | | |
|--|--------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|
| | Total | Minority Business Enterprises | | | | White Non-Hispanic |
| | | Alaskan Native or American Indian | Asian or Pacific Islander | Black Non-Hispanic | Hispanic | |
| Contracts | | | | | | |
| Number | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dollar Amount | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| Sub-Contracts | | | | | | |
| Number | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dollar Amount | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| | Total | Women Business Enterprises | Male | | | |
| Contracts | | | | | | |
| Number | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Dollar Amount | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | |
| Sub-Contracts | | | | | | |
| Number | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Dollar Amount | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | | | |

Table 5 – Minority Business and Women Business Enterprises

| Minority Owners of Rental Property – Indicate the number of HOME assisted rental property owners and the total amount of HOME funds in these rental properties assisted | | | | | | |
|--|--------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|
| | Total | Minority Property Owners | | | | White Non-Hispanic |
| | | Alaskan Native or American Indian | Asian or Pacific Islander | Black Non-Hispanic | Hispanic | |
| Number | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dollar Amount | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

Table 6 – Minority Owners of Rental Property

| Relocation and Real Property Acquisition – Indicate the number of persons displaced, the cost of relocation payments, the number of parcels acquired, and the cost of acquisition | | | | | | |
|--|--------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Parcels Acquired | 0 | \$0.00 | | | | |
| Businesses Displaced | 0 | \$0.00 | | | | |
| Nonprofit Organizations Displaced | 0 | \$0.00 | | | | |
| Households Temporarily Relocated, not Displaced | 0 | \$0.00 | | | | |
| Households Displaced | Total | Minority Property Enterprises | | | | White Non-Hispanic |
| | | Alaskan Native or American Indian | Asian or Pacific Islander | Black Non-Hispanic | Hispanic | |
| Number | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cost | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |

Table 7 – Relocation and Real Property Acquisition

CR-20 – Affordable Housing 91.520(b)

Evaluation of the jurisdiction's progress in providing affordable housing, including the number and types of families served, the number of extremely low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and middle-income persons served.

| | One-Year Goal | Actual |
|--|---------------|------------|
| Number of Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units | 5 | 0 |
| Number of Non-Homeless households to be provided affordable housing units | 30 | 130 |
| Number of Special-Needs households to be provided affordable housing units | 0 | 0 |
| Total: | 35 | 130 |

Table 8 – Number of Households

| | One-Year Goal | Actual |
|--|---------------|------------|
| Number of households supported through Rental Assistance | 5 | 0 |
| Number of households supported through The Production of New Units | 4 | 0 |
| Number of households supported through Rehab of Existing Units | 21 | 126 |
| Number of households supported through Acquisition of Existing Units | 5 | 4 |
| Total: | 35 | 130 |

Table 9 – Number of Households Supported

Discuss the difference between goals and outcomes and problems encountered in meeting these goals.

The City of Huntington and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium helped to foster and maintain the quality of affordable housing during this CAPER period, which included:

- 126 housings units were rehabilitated with CDBG funds
- 4 individual received First Time Homeowner Assistance.

Discuss how these outcomes will impact future annual action plans.

The City of Huntington is working toward achieving its goal of providing decent, safe, sound, and affordable housing for its low- and moderate-income residents. The City of Huntington will continue to partner with housing service providers, landlords, and housing developers such as: Huntington Development Corporation; Habitat for Humanity; and World Changers.

Include the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income persons served by each activity where information on income by family size is required to determine the eligibility of the activity.

| Number of Persons Served | CDBG Actual | HOME Actual |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Extremely Low-income | 51 | 0 |
| Low-income | 42 | 2 |
| Moderate-income | 74 | 2 |
| Total: | 167 | 4 |

Table 10 – Number of Persons Served

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Narrative Information

Based off the PR-23 for the CDBG and HOME Programs, the following accomplishment data is noted:

- CDBG funds were used to assist one hundred and sixty-seven (167) households, of which 30.54% were extremely low-income, 25.15% were Low-Income, and 44.31% were moderate income.
- HOME funds were used to assist four (4) households, of which 0% were Extremely Low-Income, 50% were Low-Income, and 50% were Moderate-Income.

The City of Huntington has been working to address the City’s affordable housing needs through the use of CDBG and HOME funds.

In FY 2022, the City of Huntington provided CDBG, HOME, ESG, program income, and other funds to develop or rehabilitate housing in the City. The results of the activities funded during the FY 2022 CAPER period as required in HUD Table 2-A:

- **Production of new rental units** - FY 2022 = 0 new units; and Five-Year Total = 2 new units
- **Rehabilitation of existing rental units** - FY 2022 = 0 existing units; and Five Year Total = 0 existing units
- **Rental Assistance** - FY 2022 = 0 households; and Five-Year Total = 0 households
- **Production of new owner-occupied units** - FY 2022 = 1 new units; and Five- Year Total = 3 new units

- **Rehabilitation of existing owner-occupied units** - FY 2022 = 98 existing units; and Five-Year Total = 250 existing units
- **Homebuyer Training/Counseling** - FY 2022 = 5 households; and Five-Year Total = 14 households
- **First-Time Homebuyers Assisted** - FY 2022 = 4 households; and Five-Year Total = 9 households
- **Handicapped Accessible Rehabilitations** - FY 2022 = 11 households; and Five-Year Total = 19 households
- **Housing Units Remediated or Abated for Lead Based Paint** - FY 2022 = 0 housing units; and Five-Year Total = 0 housing units

CR-25 – Homeless and Other Special Needs 91.220(d, e); 91.320(d, e); 91.520(c)

Evaluate the jurisdiction's progress in meeting its specific objectives for reducing and ending homelessness through:

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

Under its Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the City of Huntington developed its Strategic Plan in cooperation with the CoC to address homelessness for FY 2020 through 2024. These goals are set forth in the following priorities:

- **HMS-1 Continuum of Care** - Support the local Continuum of Care's (CoC) efforts to provide emergency shelter, and permanent supportive housing to persons and families who are homeless or who are at risk of becoming homeless.
- **HMS-2 Operation/Support** - Assist providers in the operation of housing and support services for the homeless and persons at-risk of becoming homeless.
- **HMS-3 Prevention and Housing** - Continue to support the prevention of homelessness through anti-eviction activities and programs for rapid re-housing.
- **HMS-4 Housing** - Support the rehabilitation of and making accessibility improvements to emergency shelters, transitional housing, and permanent housing for the homeless.
- **HMS-5 Permanent Housing** - Support the development of permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals and families.

To engage homeless individuals, especially the unsheltered homeless in Huntington, the PATH Outreach Program was established to link those in need to the appropriate agencies. Weekly PATH meetings have provided guidance to homeless individuals and families who do not know where to go.

The City of Huntington continued to support the Coalition for the Homeless and other agencies of the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Continuum of Care who wished to seek funds for supportive services needed for housing stabilization of families at-risk of homelessness. The City provided \$5,000.00 in CDBG funds to both Coalition for the Homeless and Information & Referral Services for homeless outreach activities.

The Cabell-Huntington-Wayne CoC's Housing First Committee continued to identify, assess, and place homeless individuals in housing through supportive services. The Committee, which is comprised of direct service staff from various homeless services provider agencies, continued to encourage self-sufficiency and provided supportive services to keep homeless individuals in their homes and prevent further homelessness.

Point In Time Count

The list below illustrates the Point-In-Time Survey taken of the homeless population by the Huntington-Cabell-Wayne Continuum of Care on February 22, 2022. The Point-In-Time Survey was performed at the

following locations: hospitals, soup kitchens, day programs, street outreach, shelters, transitional housing of various types, and permanent housing which addresses the needs of the homeless.

Point In Time Statistics:

- **Sheltered Emergency Shelter Total Persons – 155**
- **Sheltered Transitional Housing Total Persons – 0**
- **Shelter Safe Haven Total Persons – 7**
- **Unsheltered Total Persons – 73**
- **Total Persons – 235**
- **Gender:**
 - **Male – 155**
 - **Female – 80**
- **Race:**
 - **White – 200**
 - **Black/African American – 19**
 - **American Indian or Alaska Native – 1**
 - **Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander – 1**
 - **Multi-racial – 14**

During this CAPER period, the City of Huntington and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne CoC provided the following to prevent homelessness for individuals and families with children who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless:

- Sustained Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) concept; worked to access HPRP prevention funding.
- Worked with community organizations that provided basic needs for individuals facing unforeseen hardships.
- Utilized prevention dollars to decrease evictions and provide more opportunity for evicted for foreclosed family housing.
- Utilized rapid re-housing to prevent homelessness.
- Provided home repair programs for individuals that couldn't afford to make them; simple renovations to be done on already approved HUD housing for permanent residences; and emergency repairs low-interest loans.
- Included teaching clients how to conservatively maintain their homes (heat, lights, air condition) and how to keep them clean and in good repair in Supportive Services component.
- Continued to utilize rapid re-housing to prevent homelessness.

During this CAPER period, the City funded the following activities to address the needs of individuals and families with children who are homeless or at imminent at risk of becoming homeless.

CDBG Funded Activities –

- **CDBG-22-02 Information & Referral Services** - Helped low-income households from becoming homeless, provided programs to reach out to the homeless, addressed emergency shelter and transitional housing needs, and helped the homeless make the transition to permanent housing. Use of funds to provide emergency assistance to homeless and near homeless persons provided them with referral and information regarding facilities and services.

ESG Funded Activities –

- **ESG-22-20 Emergency Solutions Grant:**
 - **General Administration:** Funds were used for staff salaries, staff benefits, office expenses, planning services, and program management.
 - **Street Outreach/Emergency Shelter:** Funds were used for operating expenses and essential services for shelters.
 - **Rapid Re-Housing/Homeless Prevention/HMIS:** Funds were used for homeless prevention program, rapid re-housing program, and the HMIS system.

CDBG-CV Funded Activities –

- **CDBG-CV-20-04 CV-City Mission** - Provided funding for the City Mission to cover costs related to the COVID-19 epidemic.
- **CDBG-CV-20-09 CV-Rent and/or Utility Assistance** – Fund was provided to be used to pay up to six (6) months of past-due rent and utility payments because of a temporary job loss, reduction in work hours or other income hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

ESG-CV Funded Activities –

- **ESG-CV-20-01 CV-ESG-CV Program:**
 - **Huntington City Mission** – provided funds for food/supplies, overtime salary for staff, hazard pay, rental for a handwashing station, client transportation, utilities, and administrative costs for a total allocation of \$76,003.60.
 - **Branches Domestic Violence Shelter** – provided funds for hazard pay, expenses for non-congregate shelter, rapid rehousing, homelessness prevention, and administrative costs for a total allocation of \$568,653.80.
 - **Cabell-Hunting Coalition for the Homeless** – provided funds for hazard pay, expenses for non-congregate shelter, rapid rehousing, homelessness prevention, and administrative costs for a total allocation of \$453,017.60.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

Emergency housing needs were met through the Huntington City Mission (HCM), which is the area's emergency shelter. Upon entering the HCM, each adult goes through an admission and intake process so

that the services they utilize are tracked through the CHWCoC HMIS system. Individuals were encouraged to get out into the community and connect with the services that they need; they were provided with a tracking card which verifies the agencies to which the individuals have visited. The goal was to move individuals out of the Mission and into a housing situation that best fits their needs as quickly as possible.

While the Continuum of Care does not fund transitional housing programs, the CoC is prioritizing permanent housing solutions with supports. The CoC has expanded and will continue to increase rapid rehousing with housing location and stabilization. The CoC launched a Targeted Rapid Rehousing team that focuses on persons 55+. The CoC includes the Huntington City Mission and two (2) safe havens for overnight emergency shelter. The day shelter, Harmony House, has both United Way and FEMA funding to cover the costs of shelter in a local motel temporarily, when the Mission is full and the household includes children or when there are threats to safety.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: likely to become homeless after 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); and, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs

Information and Referral (I&R) is the local 211 organization. This is the clearing house agency for linking people with needs to the appropriate community resources to meet their needs. The agency provides connections to basic needs which may defer individuals and families from becoming homeless. Agency representation is also part of the weekly Housing First subcommittee meetings during which time agency representatives gather to discuss individuals that have been identified with needs and connect those individuals with services that are available through the various agencies being represented. I&R recently launched a privately funded homeless prevention program that provides supportive services to persons who have not yet become homeless. Additionally, they will expand this program through CoC funding that will be available 8/1.

Members of the Housing First subcommittee also assist individuals with applications for mainstream resources to assist them in addressing their particular need. The revamped Care Coordination to Community Engagement Specialist movement focuses on assisting individuals in remaining in their housing by providing support services, maintaining intensity of services that are needed and reducing intensity as the need reduces but continuing to provide support as long as necessary to keep individuals housed. Individuals being discharged from psychiatric hospitals are particularly targeted for these services; however, these services are also available for other homeless, chronic homeless, or those who are near homelessness.

Once an individual is on the CES roster, or on another supportive services team roster, their needs are individually reviewed, and they are connected with the services that they need in order to be permanently housed in their community. This also includes mainstream resources needed, employment programs, primary care, mental health, or other specific needs identified by the team. The CHWCoC utilizes a centralized assessment to identify needs and to also rank individuals so that those with the most needs are prioritized for immediate assistance.

The CoC created a subcommittee to address issues with the discharge planning processes at hospitals, jails, and mental health institutions. The subcommittee has also been successful in reducing inappropriate discharges and educating social workers and discharge planners on community resources. The youth program described above has a strong prevention component and conducts outreach in local schools.

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

Utilizing the Housing First Model, homeless individuals and families are housed as soon as they are eligible for housing, based on a centralized assessment, as well as housing availability. Prior to housing, homeless individuals/families are assigned to a supportive services team which continues to provide support to them once they obtain their housing. This model has been effective in housing retention.

The CoC is focused on maximizing support for those transitioning to permanent housing. Nine (9) programs provide support to those moving into permanent housing. Southwestern Community Action Council and Volunteers of America both operate SSVF programs. Prester Center, in collaboration with Harmony House, operates a supportive service only program for those who are chronic or high acuity. Prester Center operates a Community Engagement Specialist program to support those with a serious mental illness and reduce the likelihood that they will return to mental health hospitalizations and lose housing. The Huntington Housing Authority operates a Community Engagement Specialist program focused on housing high acuity persons and keeping them housed long-term. Harmony House operates a SAMHSA-funded CABHI program, which consists of a multi-disciplinary, peer-driven team that serves those who are chronic and high acuity. Individuals are housed and provided with intensive support. Information and Referral recently launched a privately funded program that provides community engagement and housing support to prevent homelessness. Lastly, Harmony House operates a rapid rehousing program that includes housing location and stabilization services. The programs are funded by three different grants (2 CoC and one ESG). Harmony House has partnered with United Way, Prester Center, and Marshall University to launch a resource center for homeless and at-risk youth that opens next week. These programs enable the CoC to house people quickly and serve all different subpopulations.

CR-30 – Public Housing 91.220(h); 91.320(j)

Actions taken to address the needs of public housing

The City of Huntington has its own public housing authority to provide public housing for its low-income City residents. The mission of the Huntington Housing Authority (HHA) is to provide affordable, accessible, quality housing and support services through community partnerships.

The Huntington Housing Authority is responsible for its own hiring, contracting, and procurement. The Housing Authority provides the City with a copy of its Five-Year Capital Fund Program and Annual Plan for review each year. The City certifies that the Capital Fund Program and Annual Plan are consistent with the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan. Should the Housing Authority propose any demolition or disposition of public housing units, it will consult with the local neighborhoods where the development is located, as well as with the City staff.

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

The Huntington Housing Authority's public housing communities have Resident Councils that meet regularly. Marcum Terrace Development's Resident Council continued to meet on the first and third Mondays of each month to discuss ways of improving the community and to plan activities. The Housing Authority also held Annual Meetings to give residents an opportunity to express what improvements are needed in each community, and what issues they may have. The Housing Authority continued to employ an Elderly Services Coordinator and a Community Services Coordinator for ongoing activities, such as blood pressure clinics, exercise, trips for holidays, senior fun day, and flower boxes for residents to plant gardens. Additionally, the Housing Authority's Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program Coordinator planned events such as bicycle rodeos, homeownership counseling, and more. In addition, the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners continued to have one (1) public housing resident as a member to help with the decision and planning process of the Housing Authority.

The Huntington Housing Authority has a homeownership program that encouraged Section 8 Voucher participants to convert their vouchers from rental units to homeownership. Additionally, the HHA continued to operate a program to assist public housing residents save money for down payment assistance for homeownership. Residents were encouraged to save and were assisted by the City of Huntington's HOME staff to purchase a home in the HOME Consortium Area. Homebuyer counseling programs were provided to program participants.

The Huntington Housing Authority also offered homeownership counseling assistance, which included providing personalized services and walked residents through the necessary steps towards becoming a homeowner.

Eligibility Requirements were the following:

- Current participants or ROSS program graduate
- In good standing with the Housing Authority

- Had an annual income of at least \$13,100
- Had satisfactory credit or were willing to work on improving credit standing
- Saved at least \$500 for down payment/closing costs
- Attended homeownership classes

Homeownership Counseling Class Agenda were the following:

- Home mortgage application process
- Buying on credit
- Basic home repair & maintenance
- Household budgeting
- Role of the realtor/home insurance agent
- Property taxes & home inspections
- Rights & responsibilities of homeownership
- Mortgage loan default prevention

The R.O.S.S. Homeownership Program helped potential homebuyers create partnerships and network to support participants gain the necessary skills for achieving homeownership. The HHA assists Section 8 and Public Housing participants become better consumers, savvy homeowners, and achieve economic independence.

The R.O.S.S. Homeownership program helped to expand homeownership opportunities and supportive services. Although the Housing Authority did not provide loans, it helped in providing referrals services to assist potential homeowners in furthering the journey to becoming a homeowner. The Huntington Housing Authority's R.O.S.S Homeownership program was available for those who wanted to become homeowners with the assistance of the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. The Housing Authority offered the opportunities for services to all persons regardless of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, creed, or familial status.

During this CAPER period, the Housing Authority offered its Steps to Homeownership series, which included an entire session on Fair Housing and consumer protection laws. The Housing Authority's ownership education programs are open to the public with no income limits, agency affiliation, or minimum credit score requirements. The eight (8) week series guides individuals through the home buying process, while preparing them for home purchase and regular maintenance.

Along with the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (WVDHHR), the Housing Authority continued to sponsor the Family Resource Center (FRC). Located at the Marvin Gray Family Center at Marcum Terrace, the Family Resource Center and partnering community organizations offer a variety of services and resources to the entire family, including parent education sessions; health and wellness sessions; literacy education; child development activities; consumer workshops; computer access; community board with job postings; and life skills sessions.

Actions taken to provide assistance to troubled PHAs

The Huntington Housing Authority was not classified as “troubled” by HUD and has performed satisfactorily according to HUD guidelines and standards. Therefore, no assistance is needed to improve operations of the Public Housing Authority.

CR-35 – Other Actions 91.220(j)-(k); 91.320(i)-(j)

Actions taken 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. 91.220 (j); 91.320 (i)

The City of Huntington is committed to removing or reducing barriers to the development of affordable housing whenever possible throughout the City. A variety of actions included, among others, to reduce the cost of housing to make it affordable. To achieve this goal, the City of Huntington did the following:

- Provide developers and non-profits with incentives for the construction or rehabilitation of affordable housing to keep rents affordable.
- Provide assistance to first time homebuyer to purchase a home.
- Assist in acquiring sites for development of affordable housing.
- Promote Federal and State financial assistance for affordable housing.

Actions taken to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Despite efforts made by the City of Huntington and social service providers, a number of significant obstacles to meeting underserved needs remain. Because resources are scarce, funding becomes the greatest obstacle. Insufficient funds limit the availability of many worthy public service programs, activities, and agencies. Planning and effective use of these limited resources is critical in addressing Huntington's needs and improving the quality of life of its residents. The follow obstacles need to be overcome in order to meet underserved needs:

- Higher unemployment rate compared to the State and national average, loss of household income due to the economic decline nationally.
- Lack of supply of decent, sound, and affordable rental housing for low-income families.
- The larger amount of foreclosed and abandoned housing that affects certain residential neighborhoods.
- Aging population in place and the increased need for removal of architectural barriers in the City's older housing stock.
- Growing homeless population and lack of resources.
- Decrease in the amount of Federal financial assistance for CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds.
- An older existing housing stock that is in need of major rehabilitation work to bring units up to current code standards.

During the FY 2022 Annual Action Plan, the City of Huntington funded the following projects:

- **CD-22-02 Information and Referral Services** – Linking City residents with resource needs to community agencies with resources. Assist with case management and data collection services regarding the homeless and HPRP administration. Use of funds to provide emergency assistance

to homeless and near homeless persons providing them with referral and information regarding facilities and services.

- **CD-22-10 Emergency Housing Rehab** -The Emergency Housing Rehab program is a 0% interest loan program to income eligible homeowners for installation of roofs, soffit, gutters, electrical upgrades, plumbing, etc.
- **CD-22-12 Volunteer Rehabilitation Program** – In cooperation with World Changers and other volunteer groups, repairs are made to income eligible homeowners who meet the HUD Household Income Guidelines. The CDBG Program provides materials and disposal services, while the labor is provided by the World Changers organization. All repairs are completed to city code and inspected by the City building inspector.
- **CD-22-13 Demolition – City wide:** Demolition of vacant substandard structures to remove slums and blight. In cooperation with the Unsafe Building Commission of the City of Huntington, the Development and Planning staff will oversee the demolition of buildings inspected by the Building Inspector, Fire Marshall, and Health Department that are found to be a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the City residents.
- **HOME-22-15 CHDO Set-A-Side:** HOME funds will be used to assist a CHDO to increase the number of affordable housing units in the HOME Consortium for owners and renters by assisting with acquisition, soft costs, construction, and rehabilitation.
- **HOME-22-16 Affordable Housing Projects:** HOME funds will be used to assist in the development of affordable housing in the HOME Consortium for owners and renters by assisting with acquisition, soft costs, construction, and rehabilitation.
- **HOME-22-17 Homebuyer Assistance Program:** Funds will be used for a first-time homebuyer program in the City of Huntington and Wayne and Cabell Counties.
- **ESG-22-18 ESG Program:** Funds will be used for General Administration \$11,047.00 (staff salaries, staff benefits, office expenses, planning services, and program management); Rapid Re-Housing/Homeless Prevention/HMIS Cabell County Public Library \$54,502.00 (homeless prevention program, rapid re-housing program, and the HMIS system); and Street Outreach/Emergency Shelter (Harmony House) \$81,755.00 (operating expenses and essential services for shelters).

Actions taken to reduce lead-based paint hazards. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

In order to meet the requirements of the lead-based paint regulations, the City of Huntington took the following actions regarding rehabilitation, tenant based rental assistance, homeownership, and homeless/special needs housing:

Rehabilitation Programs:

The City of Huntington continued to ensure that:

- Applicants for rehabilitation funding received the required lead-based paint information and understood their responsibilities.

- Staff properly determined whether proposed projects were exempt from some or all lead-based paint requirements.
- The level of federal rehabilitation assistance was properly calculated and the applicable lead-based paint requirements determined.
- Properly qualified personnel performed risk management, paint testing, lead hazard reduction, and clearance services when required.
- Required lead hazard reduction work and protective measures were incorporated into project rehabilitation specifications.
- Risk assessment, paint testing, lead hazard reduction, and clearance work were performed in accordance with the applicable standards established in 24 CFR Part 35, Subpart R.
- Required notices regarding lead-based paint evaluation, presumption, and hazard reduction were provided to occupants and documented.
- Program documents established the rental property owner's responsibility to perform and document ongoing lead-based paint maintenance activities, when applicable.
- Program staff monitored owner compliance with ongoing lead-based paint maintenance activities, when applicable.

Homeownership Programs:

The City of Huntington continued to ensure that:

- Applicants for homeownership assistance received adequate information about lead-based paint requirements.
- Staff properly determined whether proposed projects were exempt from some or all lead based paint requirements.
- A proper visual assessment was performed to identify deteriorated paint in the dwelling unit, any common areas servicing the unit, and exterior surfaces of the building or soil.
- Prior to occupancy, properly qualified personnel performed paint stabilization and the dwelling passed a clearance exam in accordance with the standards established in 24 CFR Part 35, Subpart R.
- The home purchaser received the required lead-based paint pamphlet and notices.

Lead reduction involved the implementation of a lead-based paint treatment program which was carried out in conjunction with the City of Huntington's CDBG and HOME funded housing activities.

Actions taken to reduce the number of poverty-level families. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

Approximately 30.2% of Huntington residents live in poverty, with 58.1% of all female-headed households with children living below the poverty level. The City's goal is to reduce the extent of poverty by 5%, based on actions the City has control over, or actions in which the City will cooperate with outside agencies.

The City's anti-poverty strategy is based on attracting a range of businesses and supporting workforce development including job-training services for low-income residents. In addition, the City's strategy is to provide supportive services for target income residents.

Planned economic development and anti-poverty programs include:

- Workforce development, including job training services
- Support services for new employees
- Assist in job creation and retention
- Assistance for food, shelter, and training programs
- Assistance to small businesses to start-up or expand
- Revitalize areas for economic development
- Development of new commercial/industrial facilities
- Slum and blight removal
- Commercial/industrial infrastructure development
- Rehabilitation of commercial/industrial facilities
- Promote small business and micro-enterprises

During this CAPER period, the City of Huntington funded the following projects to help reduce the number of poverty level families:

- **CD-22-02 Information and Referral Services:** Linking City residents with resource needs to community agencies with resources. Assist with case management and data collection services regarding the homeless and HPRP administration. Use of funds to provide emergency assistance to homeless and near homeless persons providing them with referral and information regarding facilities and services.
- **CD-22-13 Demolition:** Demolition of vacant substandard structures to remove slums and blight. In cooperation with the Unsafe Building Commission of the City of Huntington, the Development and Planning staff will oversee the demolition of buildings inspected by the Building Inspector, Fire Marshall, and Health Department that are found to be a serious and immediate threat to the health and welfare of the City residents.

Actions taken to develop institutional structure. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

The City of Huntington's CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs were administered by the City of Huntington's Department of Development and Planning. The Department ensured compliance through monitoring of its sub-recipients. The City coordinated with these agencies to ensure that they perform in the time frame that was stated in their agreement. The Development and Planning Department staff meet regularly with these agencies to help coordinate activities among these agencies.

Historically, the largest gap in the institutional structure was the lack of communication. This has been overcome through regular meetings and involvement and support by the City's staff in the Continuum of

Care Organization. This has proven to be a forum for the exchange of ideas and for problem solving. The City's staff also coordinated its activities and programs with the Huntington Housing Authority. The Huntington Housing Authority, through its Housing Development Corporation, and the City of Huntington have a strong cooperative partnership by building houses for sale and new rental housing units for low- and moderate-income families.

The key agencies that are involved in coordination of the City's resources are described below.

Public Sector:

City of Huntington - The City's Department of Development and Planning was responsible for the administration of the City's community development programs, including some of the local programs that assisted target income residents. The staff's responsibilities included managing and implementation of the City's affordable housing policies, including the Five Year Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plan, and related documents.

The Huntington Housing Authority - The Huntington Housing Authority has been one of the primary owners of affordable housing within the community. The Housing Authority administered the Housing Choice (Section 8) Voucher Program. The City continued to work in close consultation with the Housing Authority regarding affordable housing issues in Huntington.

Other Housing & Development Agencies - The City continued to partner with the following government-related agencies in meeting the needs of the City:

- The Huntington Development Corporation (HDC)
- Coalfield Development
- Huntington Urban Renewal Authority (HURA)
- KYOVA – Region II Planning and Development Council
- Huntington Municipal Development Authority (HMDA)
- Workforce Investment Board

Non-Profit & Community Agencies:

There were several non-profit and community agencies that served target income households in the Huntington area. The City collaborated with these essential service providers. Some of them included:

- Information and Referral Services
- Coalition for the Homeless
- Huntington City Mission
- Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Continuum of Care
- Tri-State Literacy Council
- Unlimited Future, Inc.
- Goodwill Industries

Private Sector:

The private sector brings additional resources to the City, as well as expertise that can be used to supplement existing services or fill gaps in the system. Lenders, affordable housing developers, business and economic development organizations, and private service providers offered a variety of assistance to residents, such as health care, small business assistance, home loan programs, and assisted housing, among others.

Actions taken to enhance coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies. 91.220(k); 91.320(j)

During this CAPER period, the City continued its participation and coordination with social service agencies, housing agencies, community and economic development agencies, County, Federal, and State agencies, as well as with the private and non-profit sectors, to serve the needs of target income individuals and families in the City. The City solicited applications for CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. In addition, the City sent out applications to its list of agencies, organizations, and housing providers that had previously submitted applications or had expressed an interest in submitting an application. The applications were reviewed by the staff of the Department of Development and Planning. The City discussed with the applicants any questions that arose during the review of their applications.

Identify actions taken to overcome the effects of any impediments identified in the jurisdictions analysis of impediments to fair housing choice. 91.520(a)

During FY 2022, the City of Huntington addressed the following impediments to fair housing choice, based off of the City's 2020-2024 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

Impediment 1: Fair Housing Education and Outreach - There is a need to educate members of the community concerning their rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act and to raise awareness, especially for low-income households, that all residents of the City have a right under federal law to fair housing choice.

Goal: Improve the public's knowledge and awareness of the Federal Fair Housing Act, and related laws, regulations, and requirements to affirmatively further fair housing in the City.

Strategies: In order to meet this goal, the following activities and strategies should be undertaken:

- **1-A:** Continue to promote Fair Housing awareness through the media and with assistance from local/regional social service agencies, by providing educational awareness/opportunities for all persons to learn more about their rights and requirements under the Fair Housing Act and Americans with Disabilities Act.
- **1-B:** Continue to make available and distribute literature and informational material concerning fair housing issues and an individual's rights.
- **1-C:** Educate landlords on their responsibilities to make reasonable accommodations for disabled tenants.
- **1-D:** Update the information on the City's website about whom to contact and how to file a fair housing complaint, as well as general Fair Housing information for homeowners and renters.

- **1-E:** Strive for better intergovernmental cooperation between Federal, State, County, and local partners, as well as community groups and developers, to effectively identify and address potential barriers to affordable housing choice.

FY 2022 Accomplishments:

During the fiscal year of 2022-23, the Huntington Human Relations Commission (hereinafter the Commission or Agency) contributed to the City's "affirmatively furthering fair housing" (hereinafter AFFH) activities as part of its overall mission of eliminating illegal discrimination in housing within the city's limits. The agency's efforts continue to be two-fold: 1) enforcing the city's ordinance prohibiting illegal housing discrimination via receiving and handling jurisdictional housing complaints or referring other housing complaints to the appropriate entities who might assist the citizen; 2) reaching out to the public in order to educate them about their housing rights.

In regards to the enforcement efforts, the agency staff handles any and all inquiries concerning housing discrimination. During the reporting period, the Agency's tracking system revealed nearly 100 inquiries and about 43% of these inquiries concerned housing issues but only resulted in 1 new housing discrimination complaint (currently under investigation). However, each of the afore-mentioned inquiries -- mostly by telephone but also by email and in person visits -- provides opportunity to explain its fair housing service to the inquirers.

The Commission's education and outreach efforts provide opportunities to promote the fair housing message on multiple platforms. During the reporting period, a Fair Housing message (42" x 114" partial wrap) was designed and displayed on the exterior of a public bus that will travel different routes throughout the City (for at least 12 months) and a similar Fair Housing message (11"x28" interior Syrene card) was developed for display inside a different public bus for at least 6 months. Additionally, a 3'x8' sign -- advertising the Agency's contact information for any person who feels they have "been *treated unfairly in Employment...or Housing*" -- is being displayed on the outfield fence of a local Little League field in the City for at least 3 years.

In addition to the afore-mentioned signage referencing fair housing information, the Commission continued to revise/update and distribute our Fair Housing brochures and magnets, etc. at public events in the City. For example, the Agency's exhibits during the *Annual Military and Veterans Appreciation Picnic*, the *Annual Juneteenth Celebration* and the *Open To All Picnic* presented the opportunities to spread the fair housing and anti-discrimination message to thousands of these visitors.

Additionally, the City provided funding for the following activities under FY 2022 to address the above impediment:

- **CD-22-01 CDBG General Administration:** The City provided assistance to administer the Community Development Block Grant in the form of staff salaries and benefits, office expenses, planning services, and other facets of program management.
- **CD-22-02 Information & Referral Services:** The City provided assistance to provide emergency assistance to homeless and near homeless persons providing them with referral and information regarding facilities and services.

Impediment 2: Public Policies and Regulations - The City's Zoning Code needs additional definitions, provisions, and revisions to be compliant with the Federal Fair Housing Act, Section 504, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, to affirmatively further fair housing.

Goal: The City's Zoning Code and land development policies will promote and affirmatively further fair housing.

Strategies: In order to meet this goal, the following activities and strategies should be undertaken:

- **2-A:** The City should review the City's Zoning Ordinance and Building Codes for compliance with the Fair Housing Act, as amended.
- **2-B:** Continue to revise and update definitions and add new definitions for the words: "Family," "Handicap (Disabled)," "Fair Housing Act," "Accessibility," "Visitability," etc.
- **2-C:** Annually review the City's zoning ordinance and land development controls to be consistent with the City's goal to affirmatively further fair housing.

FY 2022 Accomplishments:

Additionally, the City provided funding for the following activities under FY 2022 to address the above impediment:

- **CD-22-01 CDBG General Administration** - Expenses were paid to administer the Community Development Block Grant. This covered staff salaries and benefits, office expenses, planning services, and other facets of program management.
- **CD-22-12 Volunteer Rehabilitation Program** - The City provided assistance in cooperation with World Changers and other volunteer groups to make repairs for homeowners who qualified according to income limits set by the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. The CDBG Program provides materials and disposal services, while the labor is provided by the World Changers and other organizations. All repairs are completed to city code and inspected by the City building inspector.

Impediment 3: Continuing Need for Affordable and Accessible Housing Units - There is a lack of affordable and accessible housing units in the City of Huntington as the supply of affordable and accessible housing has not kept pace with the demand of individuals desiring to live independently.

Goal: Construction rehabilitation, and development of additional affordable rental and owner occupied housing units in the area, especially for households whose income is less than 80% of the median income will increase annually to meet the demand for housing.

Strategies: In order to meet this goal, the following activities and strategies should be undertaken:

- **3-A:** Support and encourage both private and non-profit housing developers to undertake plans for the construction of new affordable and accessible renter and owner occupied housing that would be located in areas that provide access to employment opportunities, transportation, amenities, and services throughout the City.
- **3-B:** Support and encourage the rehabilitation of existing housing units in the City to become decent, safe, and sound renter and owner occupied housing that is affordable and accessible to lower income households.

- **3-C:** Continue to enforce the ADA and Fair Housing requirements for landlords to make “reasonable accommodations” to their rental properties so units become accessible to tenants who are disabled, as well as educating the disabled how to request special accommodations.

FY 2022 Accomplishments:

The City of Huntington worked extensively with the Huntington Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity, and a consortium of local lending institutions to create affordable rental housing and opportunities for affordable homeownership. During the CAPER period, the city rehabilitated one hundred and sixty-seven (167) single family households with CDBG and non-CDBG funds. Lastly, four (4) income-qualified homebuyers were provided down payment assistance in the form of no-interest loans during this CAPER period. Four (4) single family housing units were developed during this CAPER period.

Additionally, the City provided funding for the following activities under FY 2022 to address the above impediment:

- **CD-22-01 CDBG General Administration** - Expenses were paid to administer the Community Development Block Grant. This covered staff salaries and benefits, office expenses, planning services, and other facets of program management.
- **CD-22-12 Volunteer Rehabilitation Program** - The City provided assistance in cooperation with World Changers and other volunteer groups to make repairs for homeowners who qualified according to income limits set by the US Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. The CDBG Program provides materials and disposal services, while the labor is provided by the World Changers and other organizations. All repairs are completed to city code and inspected by the City building inspector.
- **CD-22-10 Emergency Housing Rehab:** The City provided assistance for the Emergency Housing Rehab program, which is a 0% interest loan program to qualifying homeowners for installation of roofs, soffit, gutters, electrical upgrades, plumbing, etc.

Impediment 4: Private Lending and Insurance Practices - The Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) data suggests that there is a disparity between the approval rates of home mortgage loans originated from White and those originated from Minority applicants.

Goal: Approval rates for all originated home mortgage loans and insurance coverage should be fair, risk based, unbiased, and impartial, regardless of race, familial status and location.

Strategies: In order to meet this goal, the following activities and strategies should be undertaken:

- **4-A:** Federal, state, local, and private funding should be used to provide a higher rate of public financial assistance to potential homebuyers in lower income neighborhoods to improve loan to value ratios, so that private lenders will increase the number of loans made in these areas.
- **4-B:** Monitoring of the HMDA data should be accomplished periodically for compliance with the Fair Housing Act by an outside independent agency.

FY 2022 Accomplishments:

The City of Huntington has limited CDBG funds, but it continues to fund its community improvement and housing programs in targeted low-income neighborhoods and increase public safety protection in these areas, which may reduce the insurance risk factors for homeowner insurance underwriting. The City continued to help fund the development of a new fire station for the City's Fire Department to serve the area around Marshall University and the Fairfield Neighborhoods, continuing the City's efforts of funding activities serving low- and moderate-income persons. This funding in lower income neighborhoods may improve the loan-to-value ratio so that private lenders may increase the number of loans made in these areas.

Additionally, the City provided funding for the following activities under FY 2022 to address the above impediment:

- **CD-22-01 CDBG General Administration:** The City provided assistance to administer the Community Development Block Grant in the form of staff salaries and benefits, office expenses, planning services, and other facets of program management.
- **CD-22-07 Huntington Fire Department – New Fire Station:** Funds will be used to build a new Fire Station. (Multi-year project)
- **HOME-22-17 Homebuyer Assistance Program:** Funds were provided for a first-time homebuyer program in the City of Huntington and Cabell and Wayne Counties.

Section 215 Affordable Housing

During this CAPER period, the city helped fund the development of four (4) HOME single family housing units. The City also assisted four (4) low/mod household with down payment assistance.

Worst-Case Housing

The City of Huntington provided funds for Worst-Case housing during this CAPER period. During this CAPER period, the City rehabilitated one hundred and sixty-seven (167) housing units with CDBG and non-CDBG funds. During this CAPER period, the City demolished sixty-three (63) housing units with CDBG funds.

CR-40 – Monitoring 91.220 and 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures used to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and used to ensure long-term compliance with requirements of the programs involved, including minority business outreach and the comprehensive planning requirements

The City of Huntington's Department of Development and Planning had the primary responsibility for monitoring the City's Annual Action Plan. The Department of Development and Planning maintained records on the progress toward meeting the goals and on the statutory and regulatory compliance of each activity. The Department of Development and Planning was responsible for the ongoing monitoring of sub-recipients.

For each activity authorized under the National Affordable Housing Act, the City had established fiscal and management procedures that ensured program compliance and fund accountability. Additionally, the Department ensured that the reports to the U.S. Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) were complete and accurate. The programs were subject to the Single Audit Act.

For projects, other than CDBG funded activities, a similar reporting format was used to monitor the Annual Action Plan progress for HOME and ESG activities.

The City of Huntington provided residents with reasonable notice of, and the opportunity to comment on its Annual Action Plan in its performance under previously funded CDBG Program Years, and substantial amendments to the Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans.

The City of Huntington responded within fifteen (15) days in writing to any written complaints or inquiries from citizens in regard to the CDBG Program, HOME Program, and ESG Program, its housing strategy, or its CAPER. This is enumerated in its Citizen Participation Plan.

The City of Huntington and its sub-recipients complied with the requirements and standards of 24 CFR Part 225, which is the cost principles for state and local governments and their subrecipients. In addition, the City had written agreements with each of its sub-recipients.

The City monitored its performance with meeting its goals and objectives with its Five Year Consolidated Plan. It reviewed its goals on an annual basis in the preparation of its CAPER and made adjustments to its goals as needed.

The City did not have a timeliness of expenditures problem. The City abides by the Federal cost principals and expenditures. In the expenditures of the CDBG and HOME funds for housing construction or project improvements, the City's inspectors made periodic on-site inspections to ensure compliance with the local housing codes. The City also required submittal of architectural drawings, site plans, and work specifications for those projects. Those were reviewed prior to issuance of building permits and the distribution of CDBG funds and/or HOME funds.

During this CAPER period, the Department of Development and Planning performed desk monitoring of its CDBG sub-recipients, on-site inspection of the HOME construction projects, and ESG subrecipient monitoring.

The City includes MBE/WBE requirements as part of the City's bid process. It requests bidder to include MBE/WBE participation outreach as part of the bid package. The City monitors its City policies and procedure on a regular basis to make sure it is in compliance with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

Citizen Participation Plan 91.105(d); 91.115(d)**Describe the efforts to provide citizens with reasonable notice and an opportunity to comment on performance reports.**

The City of Huntington placed the FY 2022 CAPER document on public display for a period of 15 days beginning on Friday, September 8, 2023 through Friday, September 22, 2023. A copy of the Public Notice is attached.

The “draft” CAPER was available on the City’s website: www.cityofhuntington.com and at the following locations:

- **Huntington City Hall - Department of Development and Planning** - 800 Fifth Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701
- **Cabell County Public Library – Guyandotte Branch** - 203 Richmond Street, Huntington, WV 25702
- **Cabell County Public Library – West Huntington Branch** - 901 West 14th Street, Huntington, WV 25704

A Public Hearing was held on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 1:00 PM. Attached is the Public Hearing Notice that appeared in the “Herald-Dispatch”, newspapers of general circulation in the City, on Thursday, September 7, 2023.

CR-45 – CDBG 91.520(c)

Specify the nature of, and reasons for, any changes in the jurisdiction’s program objectives and indications of how the jurisdiction would change its programs as a result of its experiences.

The City of Huntington has not made any changes to the FY 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan and its program objectives during this reporting period.

Describe accomplishments and program outcomes during the last year.

During this CAPER period, the City of Huntington expended CDBG funds on the following activities:

- **Acquisition** - \$261,141.96, which is 10.03% of the total expenditures.
- **Economic Development** - \$4,804.00, which is 0.18% of the total expenditures.
- **Housing** - \$253,936.73, which is 9.76% of the total expenditures.
- **Public Facilities and Improvements** - \$1,601,429.26, which is 61.53% of the total expenditures.
- **Public Services** - \$236,674.30, which is 9.09% of the total expenditures.
- **General Administration and Planning** - \$244,574.28, which is 9.40% of the total expenditures.
- **Total: \$2,602,560.53**

The City of Huntington’s Timeliness Ratio of unexpended funds as a percentage of the FY 2022 CDBG allocation was 0.74, which was under the maximum 1.5 ratio.

During this CAPER period, the CDBG program targeted the following with its funds:

- **Percentage of Expenditures Assisting Low- and Moderate-Income Persons and Households Either Directly or On an Area Basis** – 88.93%
- **Percentage of Expenditures that Benefit Low- and Moderate-Income Areas** – 66.15%
- **Percentage of Expenditures that Aid in the Prevention or Elimination of Slum or Blight** – 11.07%
- **Funds Expended in Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas and by Community Development Financial Institution** - \$0.00
- **Percentage of Funds Expended in Neighborhood Revitalization Strategy Areas and by Community Development Financial Institution** – 0.0%

During this CAPER period, the income level beneficiaries’ data are the following:

- **Extremely Low Income (<=30%)** – 75.00%
- **Low Income (30-50%)** – 18.42%
- **Moderate Income (50-80%)** – 5.30%
- **Total Low- and Moderate-Income (<=80%)** – 98.73%
- **Non Low- and Moderate-Income (>80%)** – 1.27%

During this CAPER period, the City had the following CDBG accomplishments:

- **Actual Jobs Created or Retained - 11**
- **Households Receiving Housing Assistance - 230**
- **Persons Assisted Directly, Primarily by Public Services and Public Facilities – 2,254**
- **Persons for Whom Services and Facilities were Available – 7,555**
- **Units Rehabilitated - Single Units - 167**
- **Units Rehabilitated - Multi Units Housing - 0**

During this CAPER period, the City leveraged \$750,000 for CDBG Activities based off the PR54 CDBG Community Development Block Grant Performance Profile Report.

The City of Huntington did not make any prior year adjustments, no lump sum agreements, and no relocation, during this CAPER period. None of the CDBG Funds were allocated to activities that did not meet the National Objective requirements.

Does this Jurisdiction have any open Brownfields Economic Development Initiative (BEDI) grants?

No

CR-50 – HOME 91.520(d)**Provide an assessment of the jurisdiction's affirmative marketing actions for HOME units. 92.351(b)**

The City of Huntington continues to follow its Affirmative Marketing Policies and Procedures. The Affirmative Marketing Policy is in all of the HOME Sub-Recipient Agreements and is applicable to projects that contained five (5) or more units. The City during this CAPER period did not have any developments that had 5 or more units. Most of the City's HOME projects that have been developed do not meet this threshold. The City of Huntington provided all HOME funded projects and all sub-recipients with the Affirmative Marketing Policy. The marketing of units is the responsibility of the housing provider to undertake in accordance with the Affirmative Marketing Policy.

Refer to IDIS reports to describe the amount and use of program income for projects, including the number of projects and owner and tenant characteristics

During this CAPER period, the City received \$63,479.27 in HOME Program Income.

Describe other actions taken to foster and maintain affordable housing. 91.220(k) (STATES ONLY: Including the coordination of LIHTC with the development of affordable housing). 91.320(j)

The City of Huntington helped to foster and maintain the quality of affordable housing through:

HSG-1 Owner-occupied Housing Rehabilitation - Continue to provide financial assistance to low- and moderate-income homeowners to rehabilitate their homes and provide emergency repairs as necessary.

- **CD-22-10 Emergency Housing Rehab:** The City provided assistance for the Emergency Housing Rehab program, which is a 0% interest loan program to qualifying homeowners for installation of roofs, soffit, gutters, electrical upgrades, plumbing, etc.
- **CD-22-11 Rehabilitation Administration:** Administration of all housing rehabilitation programs.
- **CD-22-12 Volunteer Rehabilitation Program:** The City provided assistance in cooperation with World Changers and other volunteer groups to provide materials and disposal services to aid in repairing income eligible homeowners who qualify per HUD guidelines. Labor was provided by the World Changers organization and was completed to city code and inspected by the City Building Inspector.

HSG-3 Housing Construction - Increase the supply of decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing that is affordable to homebuyers and renters in the community through rehabilitation of vacant buildings and new construction.

- **HOME-22-15 CHDO Set-Aside:** HOME funds were provided to be used to assist a CHDO to increase the number of affordable housing units in the HOME Consortium for owners and renters by assisting with acquisition, soft costs, construction, and rehabilitation.
- **HOME-22-16 Affordable Housing Projects:** HOME funds were provided to assist in the development of affordable housing in the HOME Consortium for owners and renters by assisting with acquisition, soft costs, construction, and rehabilitation.

HSG-4 Homeownership - Continue to assist low- and moderate-income households to become homeowners by providing down payment assistance, closing cost assistance, housing rehabilitation assistance, and requiring housing counseling training.

- **HOME-22-17 Homebuyer Assistance Program:** Funds were provided for a first-time homebuyer program in the City of Huntington and Cabell and Wayne Counties.

The City provided CDBG and HOME funds that were used to develop or rehabilitate affordable housing in the City. The results were of from the activities funded in FY 2022 included:

- **Production of new rental-occupied units** – 0 units
- **Housing Rehabilitation** – 167 households
- **Production of new Single Family occupied units** – 4 units
- **Homebuyer Training/Counseling** – 4 households
- **First-Time Homebuyers Assisted** – 4 households

Assessments of the HOME Program

The City of Huntington, as the lead member for the HOME Program, provided monitoring for the HOME Program. All funds were monitored for each of the member jurisdictions of the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium. All requests for funds from the member jurisdictions were reviewed for compliance and completeness prior to the City of Huntington drawing-down the funds. The City staff met periodically with each of the program coordinators for the member jurisdictions to monitor progress and to provide technical assistance. The CHDOs receiving HOME set-aside funds were monitored to ensure contract and program compliance. Financial reports were provided to the PJ from the CHDO. The City staff provided on-site monitoring of CHDO projects that were in progress. As funding applications for HOME funds are received requesting use of CHDO funds, the City's HOME Program Staff and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Consortium Board review updated documentation to recertify the CHDO. The Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Consortium has the following CHDOs:

- Housing Development Corporation (HDC)
- Coalfield Development Corporation

CR-58 – Section 3

Identify the number of individuals assisted and the types of assistance provided

| Total Labor Hours | CDBG | HOME | ESG |
|---------------------------------------|------|------|-----|
| Total Number of Activities | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Labor Hours | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Section 3 Worker Hours | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Targeted Section 3 Worker Hours | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 11 – Total Labor Hours

| Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program | CDBG | HOME | ESG |
|--|------|------|-----|
| Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Public Housing Targeted Workers | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Outreach efforts to generate job applicants who are Other Funding Targeted Workers. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Direct, on-the job training (including apprenticeships). | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Indirect training such as arranging for, contracting for, or paying tuition for, off-site training. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Technical assistance to help Section 3 workers compete for jobs (e.g., resume assistance, coaching). | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Outreach efforts to identify and secure bids from Section 3 business concerns. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Technical assistance to help Section 3 business concerns understand and bid on contracts. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Division of contracts into smaller jobs to facilitate participation by Section 3 business concerns. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Provided or connected residents with assistance in seeking employment including: drafting resumes,preparing for interviews, finding job opportunities, connecting residents to job placement services. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Held one or more job fairs. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Provided or connected residents with supportive services that can provide direct services or referrals. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Provided or connected residents with supportive services that provide one or more of the following: work readiness health screenings, interview clothing, uniforms, test fees, transportation. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Assisted residents with finding child care. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Assisted residents to apply for, or attend community college or a four year educational institution. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Assisted residents to apply for, or attend vocational/technical training. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Assisted residents to obtain financial literacy training and/or coaching. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Bonding assistance, guaranties, or other efforts to support viable bids from Section 3 business concerns. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Provided or connected residents with training on computer use or online technologies. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Promoting the use of a business registry designed to create opportunities for disadvantaged and small businesses. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Outreach, engagement, or referrals with the state one-stop system, as designed in Section 121(e)(2) of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other. | 0 | 0 | 0 |

Table 12 – Qualitative Efforts - Number of Activities by Program

Narrative

During this CAPER period, the City did fund one (1) project that triggered Section 3.

CR-60 – ESG 91.520(g) (ESG Recipients only)**ESG Supplement to the CAPER in *e-snaps*****For Paperwork Reduction Act****1. Recipient Information—All Recipients Complete****Basic Grant Information**

| | |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| Recipient Name | HUNTINGTON |
| Organizational DUNS Number | 0768125100000 |
| EIN/TIN Number | 556000187 |
| Identify the Field Office | PITTSBURGH |
| Identify CoC(s) in which the recipient or subrecipient(s) will provide ESG assistance | Huntington/Cabell, Wayne Counties CoC |

ESG Contact Name

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Prefix | Ms. |
| First Name | Melinda |
| Middle Name | K. |
| Last Name | Midkiff |
| Suffix | 0 |
| Title | Financial Analyst |

ESG Contact Address

| | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Street Address 1 | 800 5th Avenue |
| Street Address 2 | PO Box 1659 |
| City | Huntington |
| State | WV |
| ZIP Code | 25717- |
| Phone Number | 3046964486 |
| Extension | 2050 |
| Fax Number | N/A |
| Email Address | mmidkiff@cityofhuntington.com |

ESG Secondary Contact

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|----------------------|
| Prefix |
| First Name |
| Last Name |
| Suffix |
| Title |
| Phone Number |
| Extension |
| Email Address |

2. Reporting Period—All Recipients Complete

Program Year Start Date 07/01/2022
Program Year End Date 06/30/2023

3a. Subrecipient Form – Complete one form for each subrecipient

Subrecipient or Contractor Name: HUNTINGTON
City: Huntington
State: WV
Zip Code: 25701, 2002
DUNS Number: 0768125100000
Is subrecipient a victim services provider: N
Subrecipient Organization Type: Unit of Government

Subrecipient or Contractor Name: Cabell-Huntington Coalition for the Homeless
City: Huntington
State: WV
Zip Code: 25701, 1320
DUNS Number: 011540684
Is subrecipient a victim services provider: N
Subrecipient Organization Type: Other Non-Profit Organization

CR-65 – Persons Assisted

Submitted under separate cover in the Sage HMIS Reporting Repository system.

CR-70 – ESG 91.520(g) - Assistance Provided and Outcomes

10. Shelter Utilization

| | |
|---|--------|
| Number of New Units - Rehabbed | 0 |
| Number of New Units - Conversion | 0 |
| Total Number of bed-nights available | 84,830 |
| Total Number of bed-nights provided | 58,635 |
| Capacity Utilization | 76.7% |

Table 13 – Shelter Capacity

11. Project Outcomes Data measured under the performance standards developed in consultation with the CoC(s)

The City of Huntington and Cabell-Huntington-Wayne CoC adopted the following strategies to prevent homeless for individuals and families with children who are at imminent risk of becoming homeless:

- Sustain Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) concept; work to access HPRP prevention funding.
- Work with community organizations that provide basic needs for individuals facing unforeseen hardships.
- Utilize prevention dollars to decrease evictions and provide more opportunity for evicted for foreclosed family housing.
- Utilize rapid re-housing to prevent homelessness.
- Provide home repair programs for individuals that cannot afford to make them; simple renovations to be done on already approved HUD housing for permanent residences.
- Include teaching clients how to conservatively maintain their homes (heat, lights, air condition) and how to keep them clean and in good repair in Supportive Services component.

CR-75 – Expenditures

11. Expenditures

11a. ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention

| | Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year | | |
|---|---|----------------|----------------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| Expenditures for Rental Assistance | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Expenditures for Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Expenditures for Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services - Services | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Expenditures for Homeless Prevention under Emergency Shelter Grants Program | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Subtotal Homelessness Prevention: | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |

Table 14 – ESG Expenditures for Homelessness Prevention

11b. ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing

| | Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year | | |
|---|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| Expenditures for Rental Assistance | \$ 0.00 | \$ 45,621.25 | \$ 52,906.39 |
| Expenditures for Housing Relocation and Stabilization Services - Financial Assistance | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Expenditures for Housing Relocation & Stabilization Services – Services | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Expenditures for Homeless Assistance under Emergency Shelter Grants Program | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Subtotal Rapid Re-Housing: | \$ 0.00 | \$ 45,621.25 | \$ 52,906.39 |

Table 15 – ESG Expenditures for Rapid Re-Housing

11c. ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter

| | Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year | | |
|--------------------|---|----------------|----------------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| Essential Services | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Operations | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Renovation | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Major Rehab | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Conversion | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Subtotal: | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |

Table 16 – ESG Expenditures for Emergency Shelter

11d. Other Grant Expenditures

| | Dollar Amount of Expenditures in Program Year | | |
|-----------------|---|--------------|--------------|
| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
| Street Outreach | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| HMIS | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Administration | \$ 0.00 | \$ 11,505.00 | \$ 11,074.00 |

Table 17 - Other Grant Expenditures

11e. Total ESG Grant Funds

| Total ESG Funds Expended | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------|--------------|
| | \$ 0.00 | \$ 57,126.25 | \$ 63,980.39 |

Table 18 - Total ESG Funds Expended

11f. Match Source

| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Other Non-ESG HUD Funds | \$ 0.00 | \$ 11,505.00 | \$ 11,074.00 |
| Other Federal Funds | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| State Government | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Local Government | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Private Funds | \$ 0.00 | \$ 45,621.25 | \$ 52,906.39 |
| Other | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Fees | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Program Income | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |
| Total Match Amount: | \$ 0.00 | \$ 57,126.25 | \$ 63,980.39 |

Table 19 - Other Funds Expended on Eligible ESG Activities

11g. Total

| Total Amount of Funds Expended on ESG Activities | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|--|---------|---------------|---------------|
| | \$ 0.00 | \$ 114,252.50 | \$ 127,960.78 |

Table 20 - Total Amount of Funds Expended on ESG Activities

CR-80 – ESG-CAPER Annual Reporting

Attached is in the Sage HMIS Annual Report.

CR-85 – IDIS Reports

Attached are the following U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Reports from IDIS for the period from July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.

Attached is the following IDIS reports:

- IDIS Report PR26 – CDBG Financial Summary
- IDIS Report PR26 – CDBG-CV Financial Summary

CR-90 – Fair Housing

Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Overview:

The City has monitored and reviewed public policies for discriminatory practices and/or impacts on housing availability.

During this CAPER period, the City had the following affordable housing accomplishments:

- Rehabilitation of one hundred and sixty-seven (167) owner-occupied housing units
- Four (4) First-Time Homebuyers assisted

During FY 2022, the City of Huntington addressed the following impediments to fair housing choice, based off of the City's 2020-2024 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

Impediment 1: Fair Housing Education and Outreach - There is a need to educate members of the community concerning their rights and responsibilities under the Fair Housing Act and to raise awareness, especially for low-income households, that all residents of the City have a right under federal law to fair housing choice.

Goal: Improve the public's knowledge and awareness of the Federal Fair Housing Act, and related laws, regulations, and requirements to affirmatively further fair housing in the City.

Strategies: In order to meet this goal, the following activities and strategies should be undertaken:

- **1-A:** Continue to promote Fair Housing awareness through the media and with assistance from local/regional social service agencies, by providing educational awareness/opportunities for all persons to learn more about their rights and requirements under the Fair Housing Act and Americans with Disabilities Act.
- **1-B:** Continue to make available and distribute literature and informational material concerning fair housing issues and an individual's rights.
- **1-C:** Educate landlords on their responsibilities to make reasonable accommodations for disabled tenants.
- **1-D:** Update the information on the City's website about whom to contact and how to file a fair housing complaint, as well as general Fair Housing information for homeowners and renters.
- **1-E:** Strive for better intergovernmental cooperation between Federal, State, County, and local partners, as well as community groups and developers, to effectively identify and address potential barriers to affordable housing choice.

FY 2022 Accomplishments:

During the fiscal year of 2022-23, the Huntington Human Relations Commission (hereinafter the Commission or Agency) contributed to the City's "affirmatively furthering fair housing" (hereinafter AFFH) activities as part of its overall mission of eliminating illegal discrimination in housing within the city's limits. The agency's efforts continue to be two-fold: 1) enforcing the city's ordinance prohibiting illegal housing discrimination via receiving and handling jurisdictional housing complaints or referring other housing

complaints to the appropriate entities who might assist the citizen; 2) reaching out to the public in order to educate them about their housing rights.

In regards to the enforcement efforts, the agency staff handles any and all inquiries concerning housing discrimination. During the reporting period, the Agency's tracking system revealed nearly 100 inquiries and about 43% of these inquiries concerned housing issues but only resulted in 1 new housing discrimination complaint (currently under investigation). However, each of the afore-mentioned inquiries - mostly by telephone but also by email and in person visits – provides opportunity to explain its fair housing service to the inquirers.

The Commission's education and outreach efforts provide opportunities to promote the fair housing message on multiple platforms. During the reporting period, a Fair Housing message (42" x 114" partial wrap) was designed and displayed on the exterior of a public bus that will travel different routes throughout the City (for least 12 months) and a similar Fair Housing message (11"x28" interior Syrene card) was developed for display inside a different public bus for at least 6 months. Additionally, a 3'x8' sign – advertising the Agency's contact information for any person who feels they have "been *treated unfairly in Employment...or Housing*" – is being displayed on the outfield fence of a local Little League field in the City for at least 3 years.

In addition to the afore-mentioned signage referencing fair housing information, the Commission continued to revise/update and distribute our Fair Housing brochures and magnets, etc. at public events in the City. For example, the Agency's exhibits during the *Annual Military and Veterans Appreciation Picnic*, the *Annual Juneteenth Celebration* and the *Open To All Picnic* presented the opportunities to spread the fair housing and anti-discrimination message to thousands of these visitors.

Additionally, the City provided funding for the following activities under FY 2022 to address the above impediment:

- **CD-22-01 CDBG General Administration:** The City provided assistance to administer the Community Development Block Grant in the form of staff salaries and benefits, office expenses, planning services, and other facets of program management.
- **CD-22-02 Information and Referral Services:** The City provided funds to link City residents with resource needs to community agencies with resources. Assisted with case management and data collection services regarding the homeless and HPRP administration. Funds were used to provide emergency assistance to homeless and near homeless persons to provide them with referral and information regarding facilities and services.

Impediment 2: Public Policies and Regulations - The City's Zoning Code needs additional definitions, provisions, and revisions to be compliant with the Federal Fair Housing Act, Section 504, and the Americans with Disabilities Act, to affirmatively further fair housing.

Goal: The City's Zoning Code and land development policies will promote and affirmatively further fair housing.

Strategies: In order to meet this goal, the following activities and strategies should be undertaken:

- **2-A:** The City should review the City's Zoning Ordinance and Building Codes for compliance with the Fair Housing Act, as amended.

- **2-B:** Continue to revise and update definitions and add new definitions for the words: “Family,” “Handicap (Disabled),” “Fair Housing Act,” “Accessibility,” “Visitability,” etc.
- **2-C:** Annually review the City’s zoning ordinance and land development controls to be consistent with the City’s goal to affirmatively further fair housing.

FY 2022 Accomplishments:

During this CAPER period, the City continued working on updating its Zoning Ordinance by updating definitions identified in the most recent Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice.

Additionally, the City provided funding for the following activities under FY 2022 to address the above impediment:

- **CD-22-01 CDBG General Administration:** The City provided assistance to administer the Community Development Block Grant in the form of staff salaries and benefits, office expenses, planning services, and other facets of program management.
- **CD-22-12 Volunteer Rehabilitation Program:** The City provided assistance in cooperation with World Changers and other volunteer groups to provide materials and disposal services to aid in repairing income eligible homeowners who qualify per HUD guidelines. Labor was provided by the World Changers organization and was completed to city code and inspected by the City Building Inspector.

Impediment 3: Continuing Need for Affordable and Accessible Housing Units - There is a lack of affordable and accessible housing units in the City of Huntington as the supply of affordable and accessible housing has not kept pace with the demand of individuals desiring to live independently.

Goal: Construction rehabilitation, and development of additional affordable rental and owner occupied housing units in the area, especially for households whose income is less than 80% of the median income will increase annually to meet the demand for housing.

Strategies: In order to meet this goal, the following activities and strategies should be undertaken:

- **3-A:** Support and encourage both private and non-profit housing developers to undertake plans for the construction of new affordable and accessible renter and owner occupied housing that would be located in areas that provide access to employment opportunities, transportation, amenities, and services throughout the City.
- **3-B:** Support and encourage the rehabilitation of existing housing units in the City to become decent, safe, and sound renter and owner occupied housing that is affordable and accessible to lower income households.
- **3-C:** Continue to enforce the ADA and Fair Housing requirements for landlords to make “reasonable accommodations” to their rental properties so units become accessible to tenants who are disabled, as well as educating the disabled how to request special accommodations.

FY 2022 Accomplishments:

The City of Huntington worked extensively with the Huntington Housing Authority, Habitat for Humanity, and a consortium of local lending institutions to create affordable rental housing and opportunities for

affordable homeownership. During the CAPER period, the city rehabilitated one hundred and sixty-seven (167) single family households. Lastly, four (4) income-qualified homebuyers were provided down payment assistance in the form of no-interest loans during this CAPER period. Four (4) single family housing units were developed during this CAPER period.

Additionally, the City provided funding for the following activities under FY 2022 to address the above impediment:

- **CD-22-02 Information and Referral Services:** The City provided funds to link City residents with resource needs to community agencies with resources. Assisted with case management and data collection services regarding the homeless and HPRP administration. Funds were used to provide emergency assistance to homeless and near homeless persons to provide them with referral and information regarding facilities and services.
- **CD-22-12 Volunteer Rehabilitation Program:** The City provided assistance in cooperation with World Changers and other volunteer groups to provide materials and disposal services to aid in repairing income eligible homeowners who qualify per HUD guidelines. Labor was provided by the World Changers organization and was completed to city code and inspected by the City Building Inspector.
- **CD-22-10 Emergency Housing Rehab:** The City provided assistance for the Emergency Housing Rehab program, which is a 0% interest loan program to qualifying homeowners for installation of roofs, soffit, gutters, electrical upgrades, plumbing, etc.

Impediment 4: Private Lending and Insurance Practices - The Home Mortgage Disclosure Act (HMDA) data suggests that there is a disparity between the approval rates of home mortgage loans originated from White and those originated from Minority applicants.

Goal: Approval rates for all originated home mortgage loans and insurance coverage should be fair, risk based, unbiased, and impartial, regardless of race, familial status and location.

Strategies: In order to meet this goal, the following activities and strategies should be undertaken:

- **4-A:** Federal, state, local, and private funding should be used to provide a higher rate of public financial assistance to potential homebuyers in lower income neighborhoods to improve loan to value ratios, so that private lenders will increase the number of loans made in these areas.
- **4-B:** Monitoring of the HMDA data should be accomplished periodically for compliance with the Fair Housing Act by an outside independent agency.

FY 2022 Accomplishments:

The City of Huntington has limited CDBG funds, but it continues to fund its community improvement and housing programs in targeted low-income neighborhoods and increase public safety protection in these areas, which may reduce the insurance risk factors for homeowner insurance underwriting. The City continued to help fund the development of a new fire station for the City's Fire Department to serve the area around Marshall University and the Fairfield Neighborhoods, continuing the City's efforts of funding activities serving low- and moderate-income persons. This funding in lower income neighborhoods may

improve the loan-to-value ratio so that private lenders may increase the number of loans made in these areas.

Additionally, the City provided funding for the following activities under FY 2022 to address the above impediment:

- **CD-22-01 CDBG General Administration:** The City provided assistance to administer the Community Development Block Grant in the form of staff salaries and benefits, office expenses, planning services, and other facets of program management.
- **CD-22-07 Huntington Fire Department – New Fire Station:** Funds will be used to build a new Fire Station. (Multi-year project)
- **HOME-22-17 Homebuyer Assistance Program:** Funds were provided for a first-time homebuyer program in the City of Huntington and Cabell and Wayne Counties.

CR-95 – Citizen Participation

The following pages include the public display notices, public meeting sign-in sheets, and public meeting minutes.