



FY 2025-2029 CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND FY 2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM



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Executive Summary

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

1. Introduction

The City of Huntington, West Virginia is an entitlement community under the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) Program. The city has prepared its Five-Year Consolidated Plan (CP) for the period of FY 2025 through FY 2029, beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2029. The Consolidated Plan is a strategic planning process and document necessary required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive these federal funds and advance housing and community development activities principally benefitting low- and moderate-income Huntington residents.

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan establishes the goals the City of Huntington proposes for the next five (5) year period and outlines the specific initiatives the city will undertake to address these goals by encouraging the development of decent housing, promoting a suitable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities. The Consolidated Plan is a collaborative planning process between the city, the community at large, social and human service agencies, housing providers, community development groups, and economic development agencies. The process was implemented through a series of public meetings and hearings, resident surveys, stakeholder interviews and questionnaires, analysis of statistical data, and review of previous community development plans.

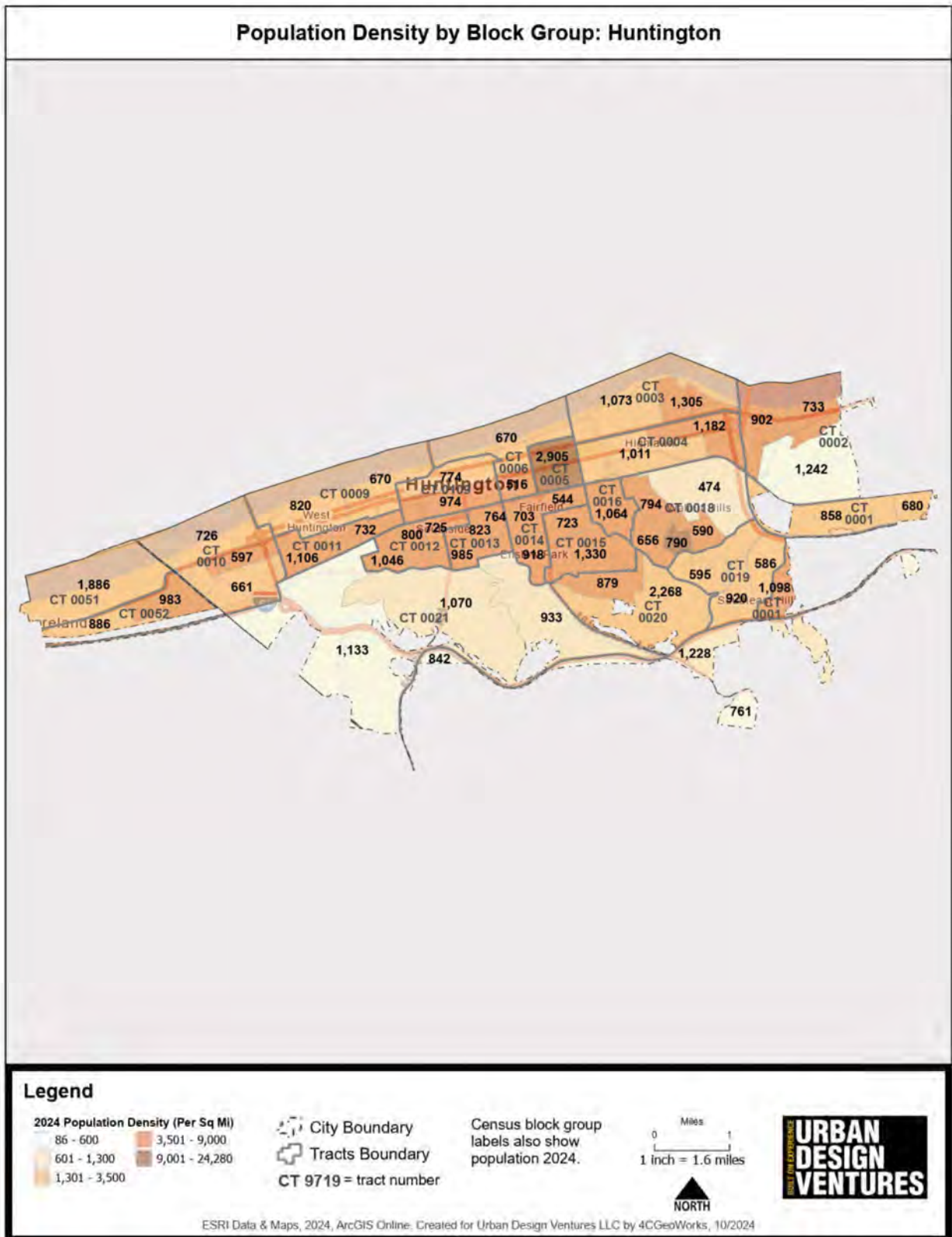
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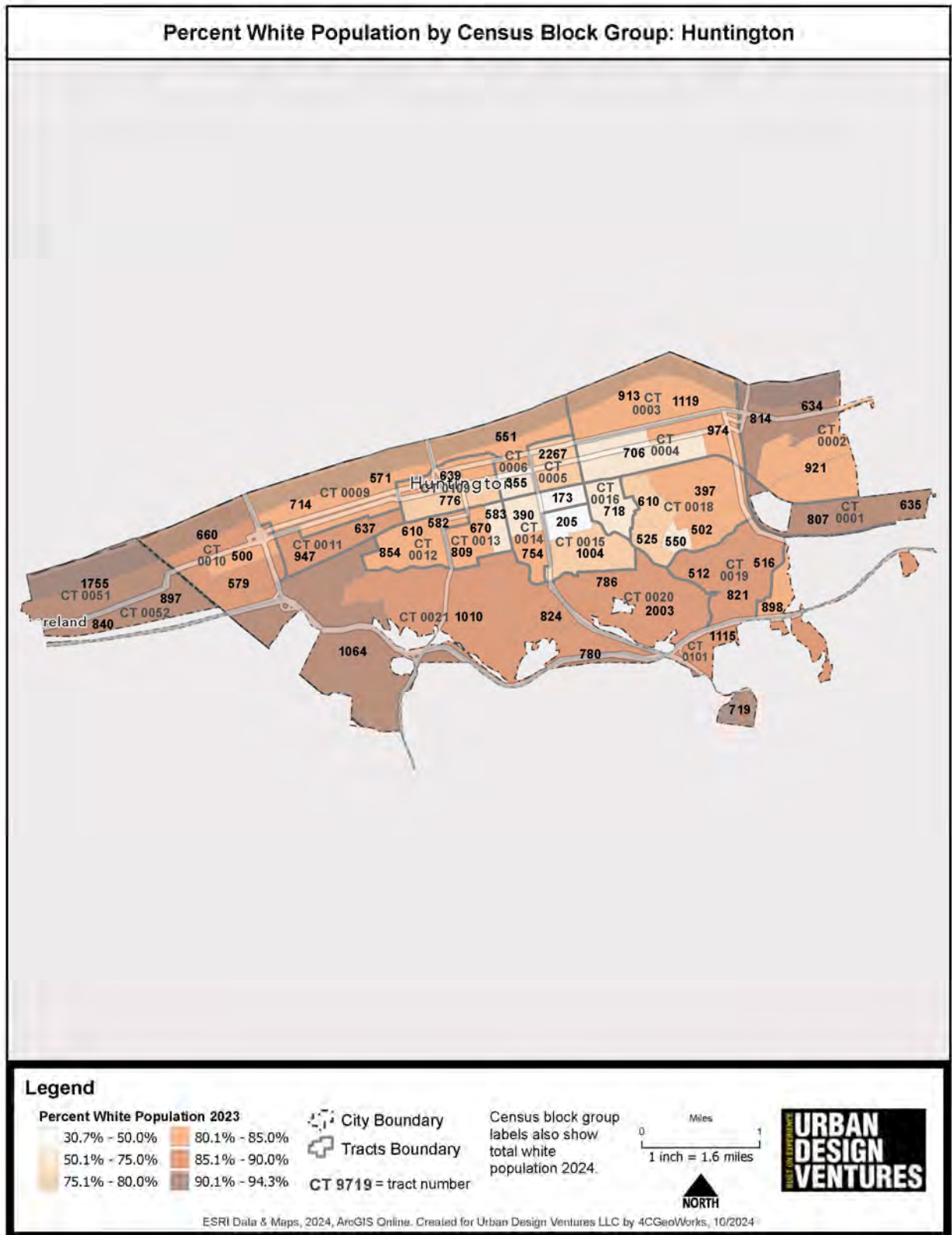
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- Percent White Population by Block Group
- Racial Diversity by Block Group
- Percent Hispanic Population by Block Group

- Percent Minority Population by Block Group
- Percent Population Age 65 and Over by Block Group
- Total Housing Units by Block Points
- Percent Owner-Occupied Housing Units by Block Group
- Percent Renter-Occupied Housing Units by Block Group
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- Low- and Moderate-Income Percentage by Block Group
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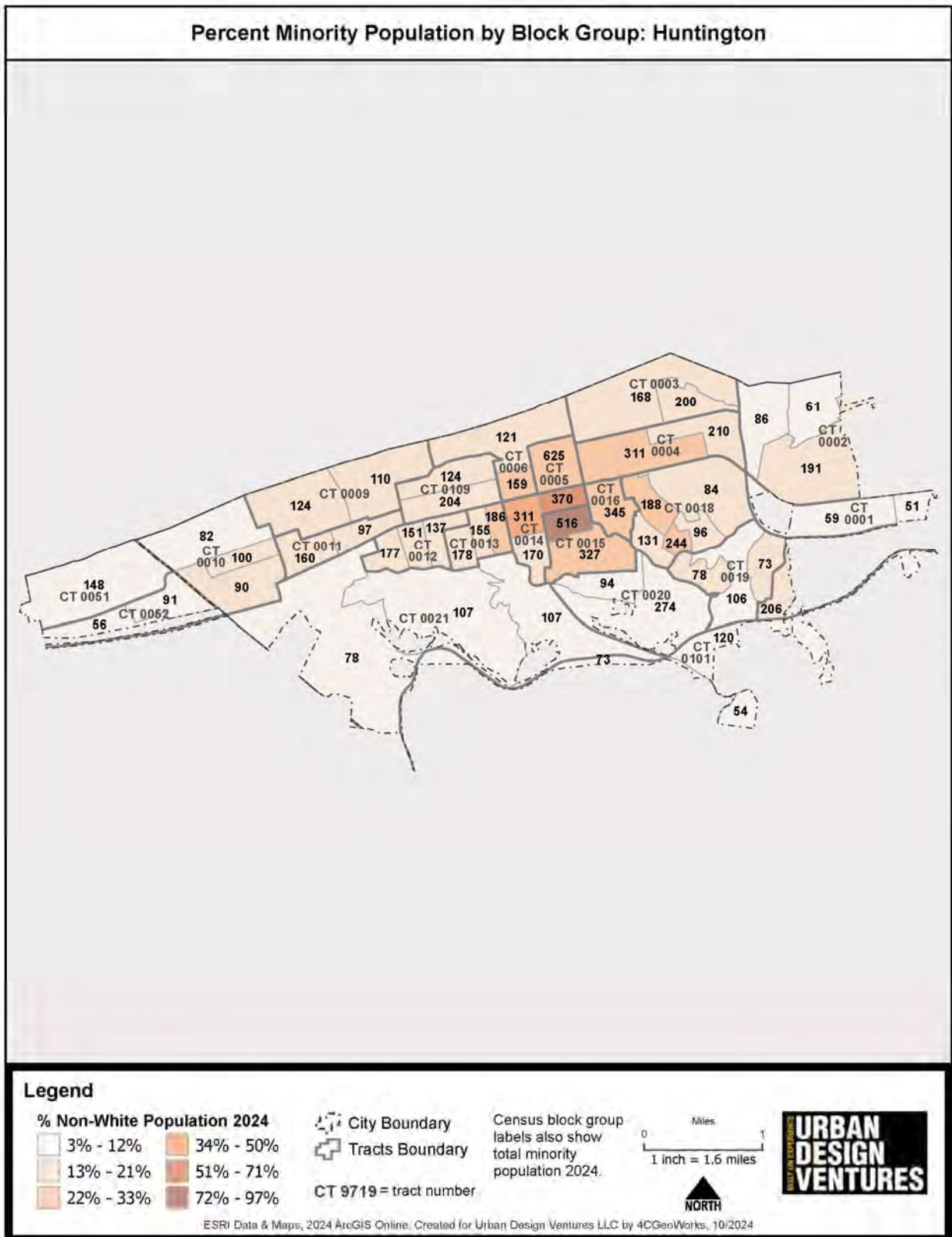
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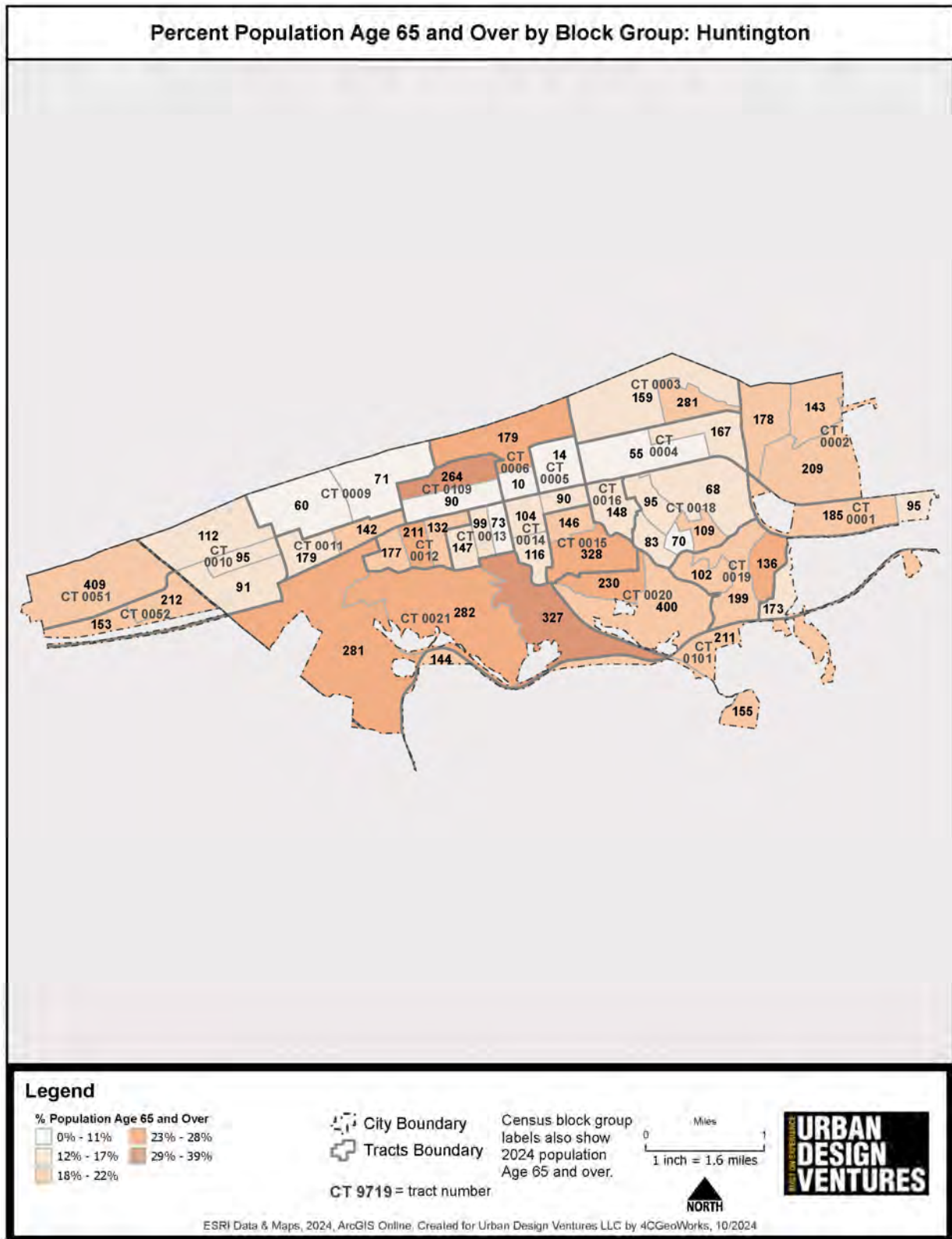
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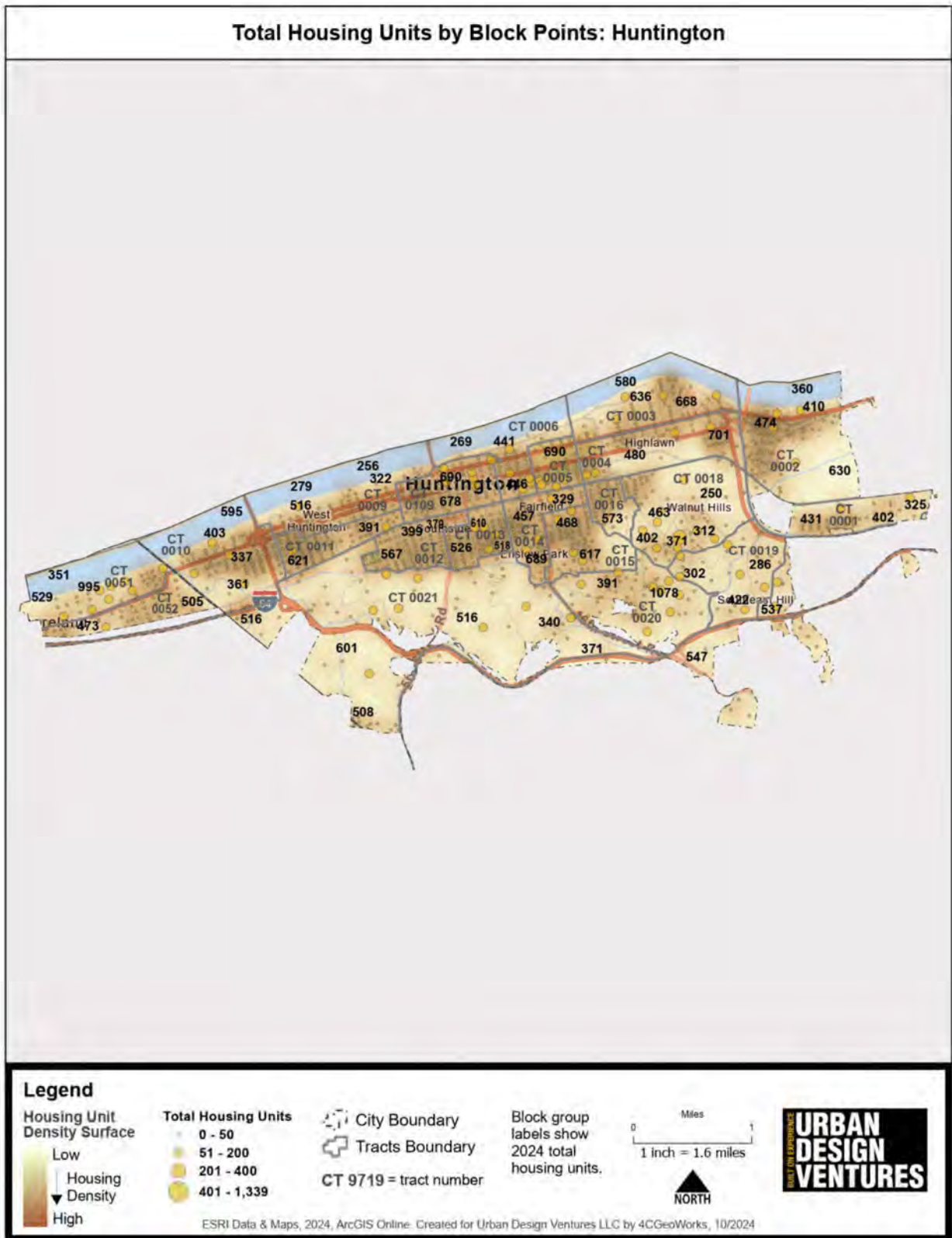
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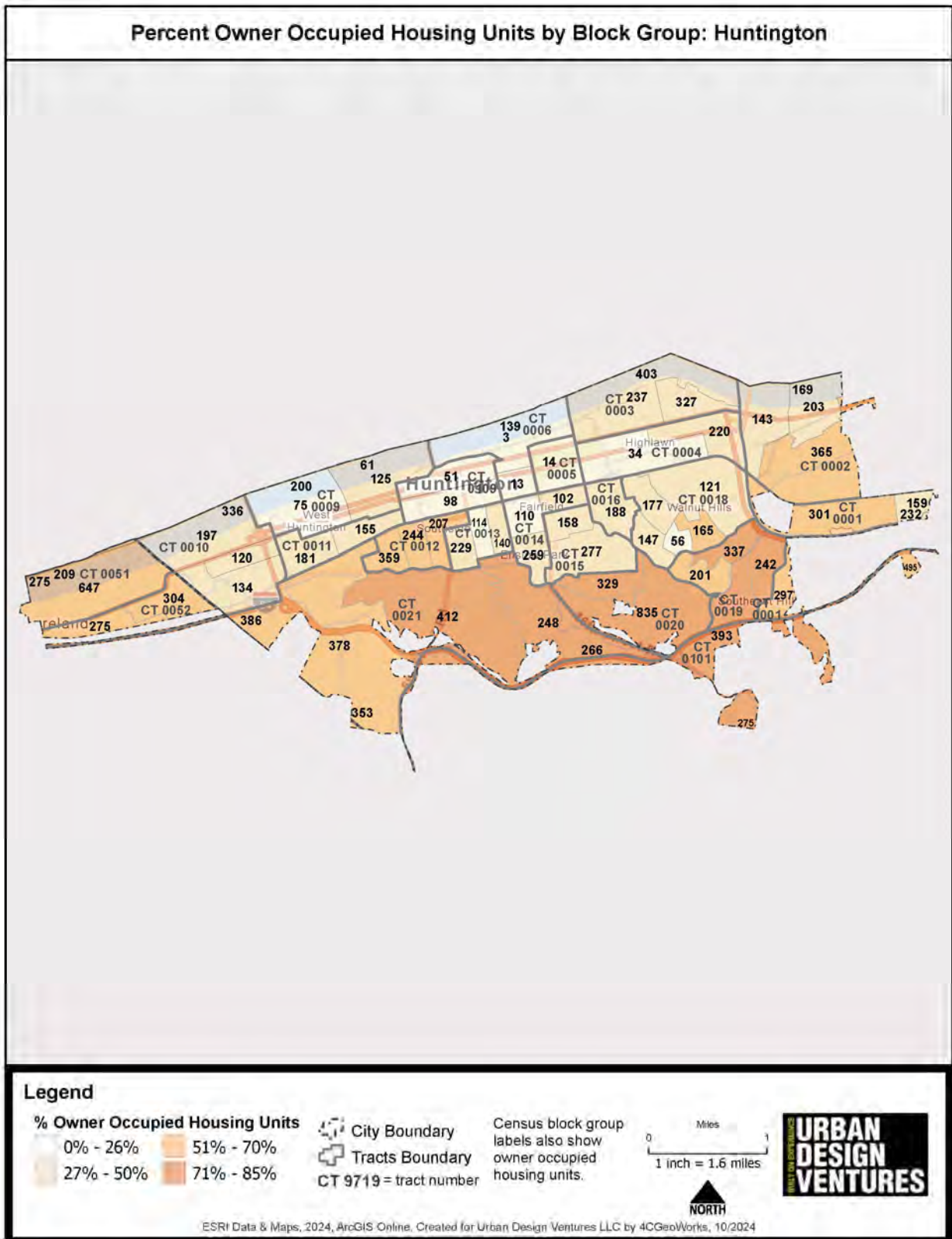
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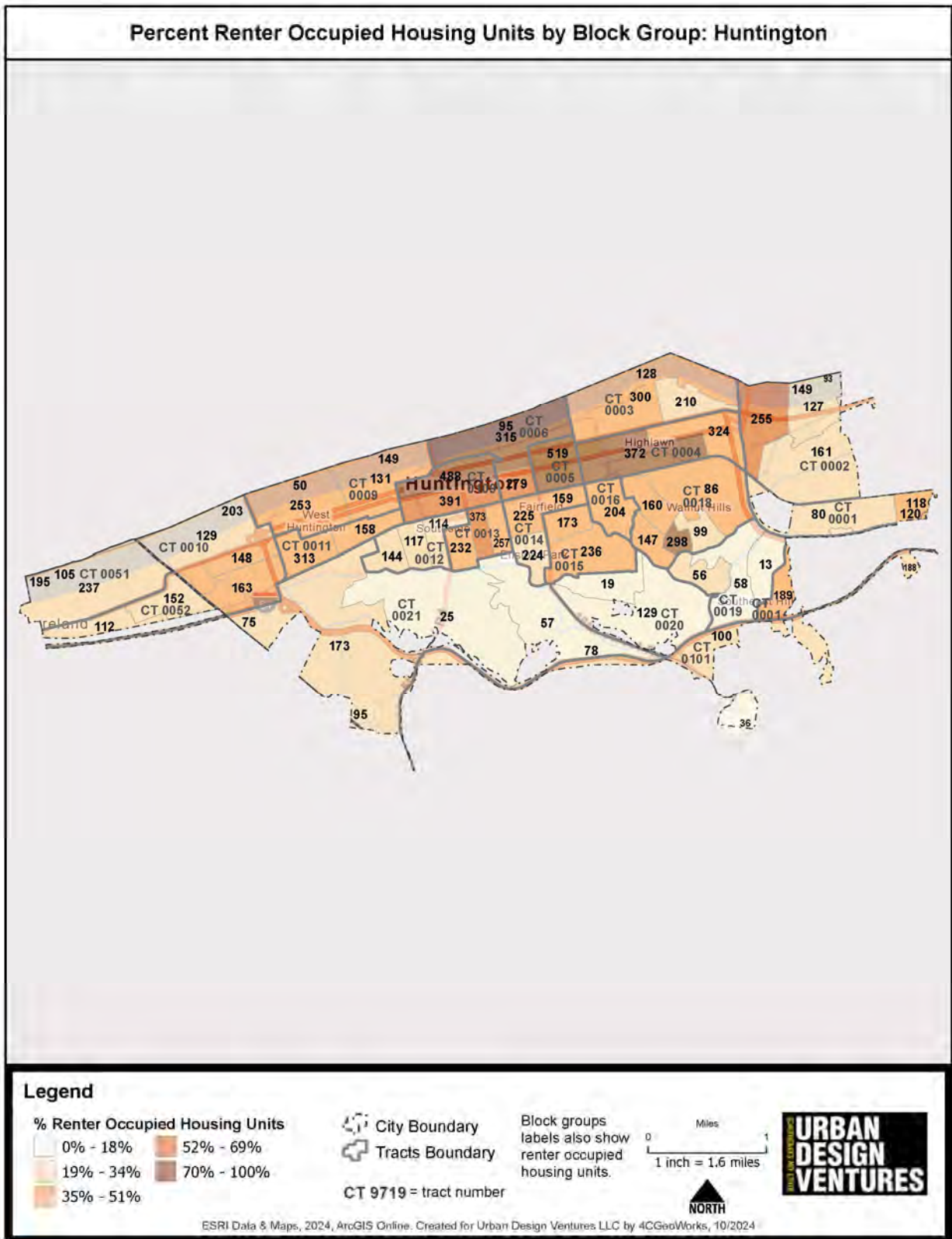
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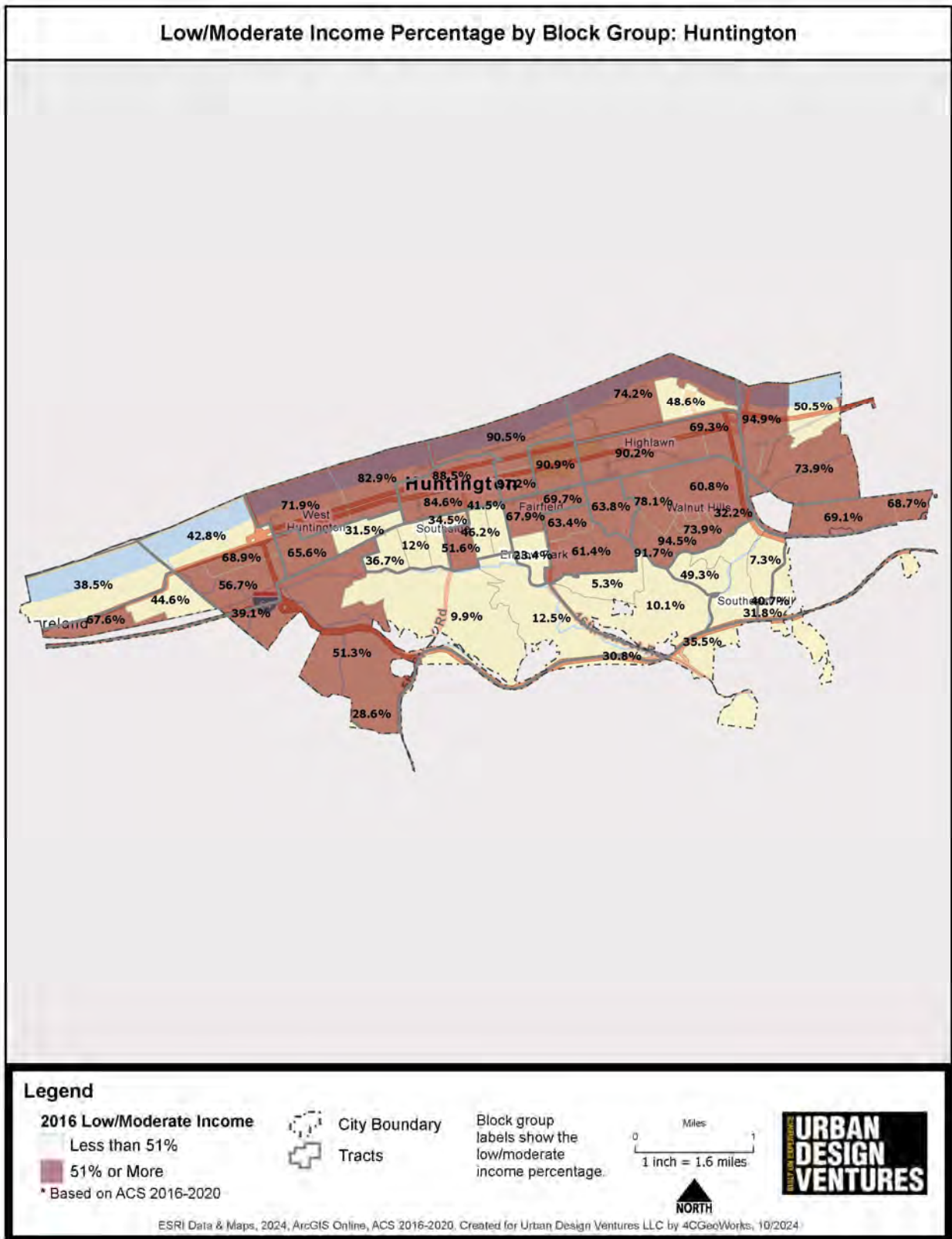
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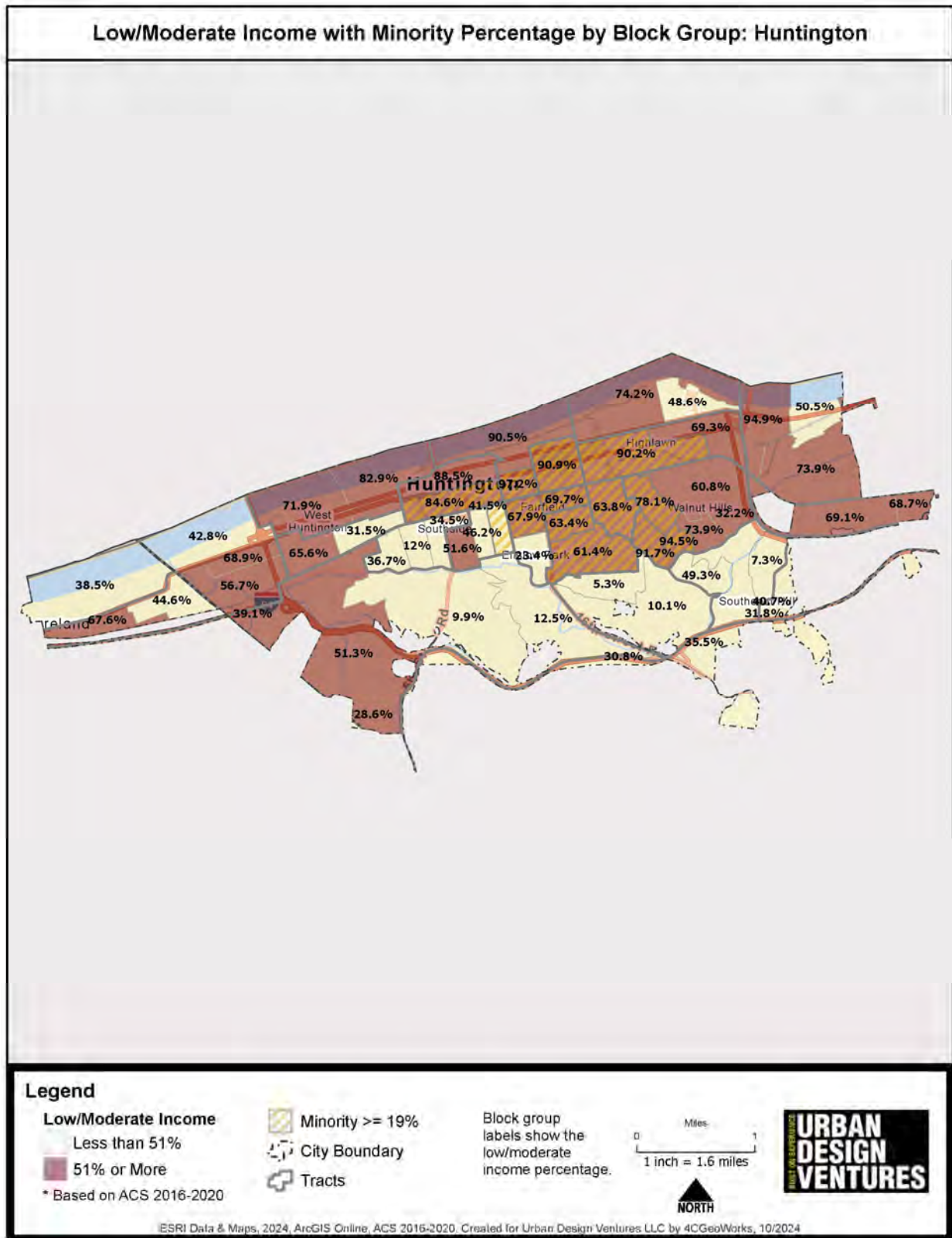
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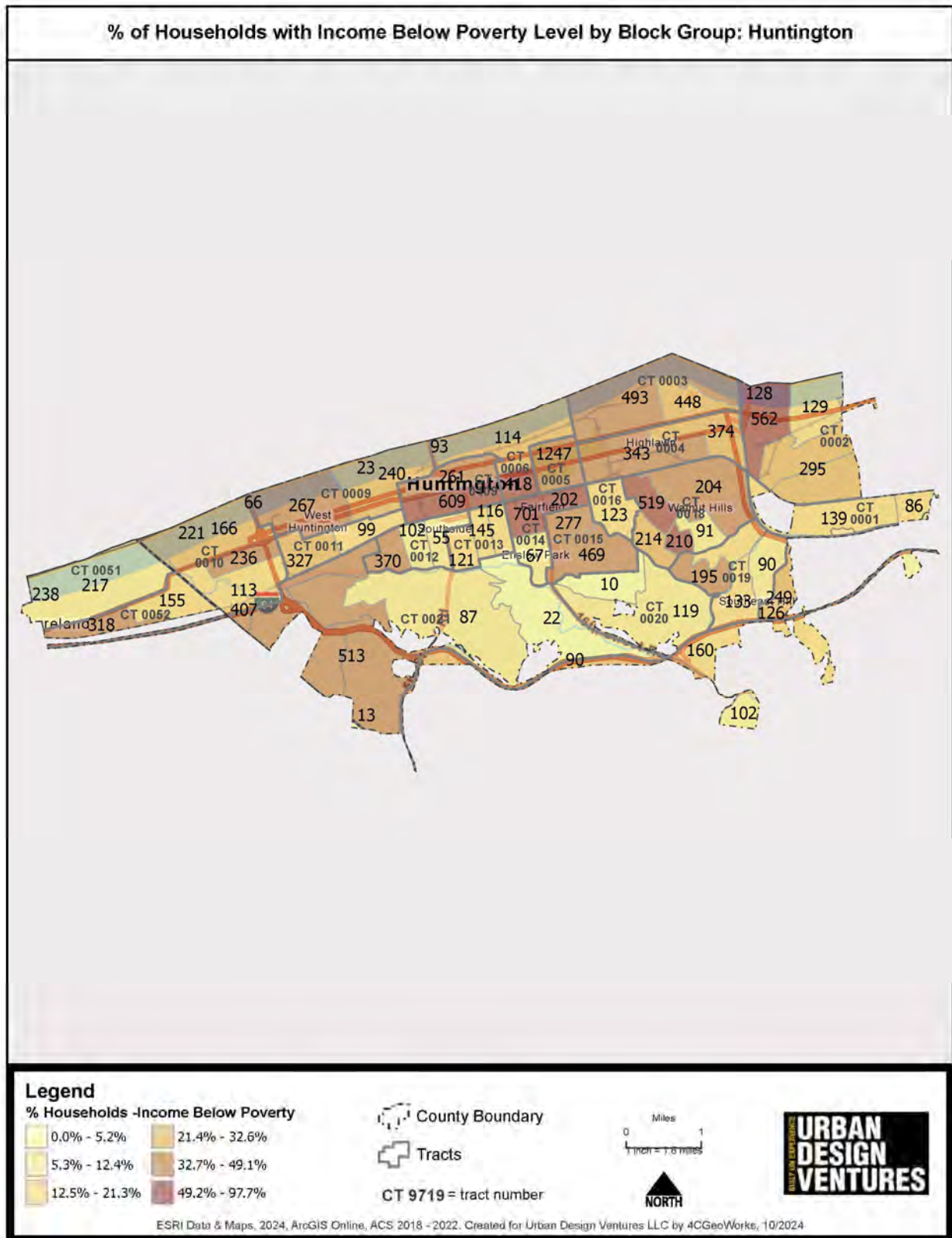
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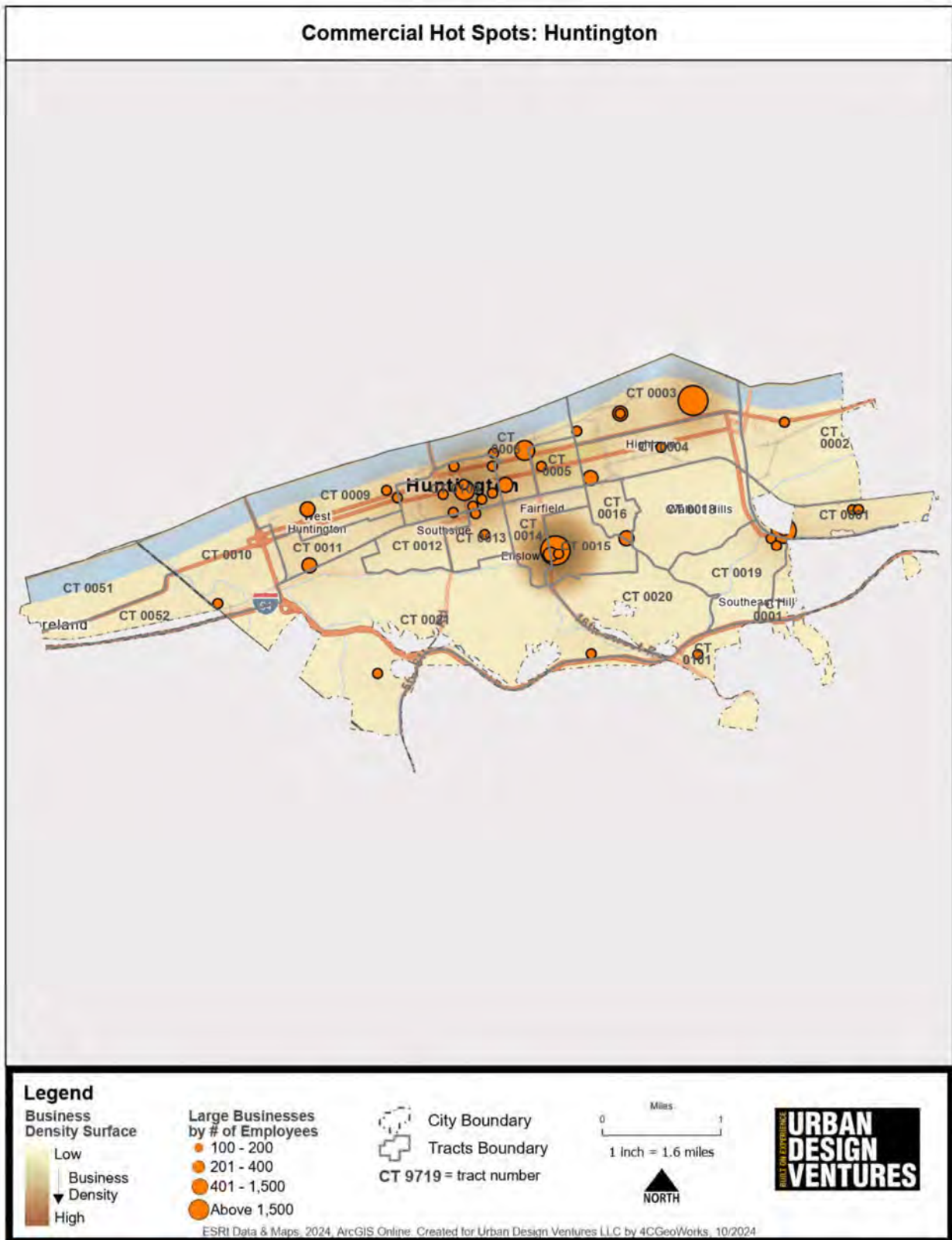
Low/Moderate Income Percentage with Minority Percentage by Block Group



Poverty Rate by Block Group



Commercial Hot Spots



2. **Summary of the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan Needs Assessment Overview**

The City of Huntington's Five-Year Consolidated Plan serves as a strategic planning process, a detailed course of action, and an application for the city's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME). The following six (6) priorities and related goals have been identified for the period of FY 2025 through FY 2029:

Housing Priority (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.

Strategies: The housing goals are as follows:

- **HSS-1 Homeownership.** Increase the supply of affordable owner-occupied housing units through housing counseling and eligible direct assistance to homebuyers including mortgage principal reductions, interest rate reductions, downpayment and closing cost assistance, etc.
- **HSS-2 Housing Rehabilitation.** Conserve and rehabilitate existing affordable housing units for owners and renters in the city by addressing maintenance issues, code violations, emergency repairs, and the removal of architectural accessibility barriers to persons with disabilities.
- **HSS-3 Housing Construction.** Increase the supply and range of new affordable and accessible housing units in the city for owners and renters through the new construction, rehabilitation, and adaptive reuse of existing buildings.
- **HSS-4 Rent and Utility Assistance.** Provide rental assistance for low- and moderate-income renters through utility payments, security deposits, and rental payments including Tenant Based Rental Assistance for low-income households who may be faced with the threat of eviction and who are at-risk of becoming homeless.

Homeless Priority (High Priority)

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

Strategies: The homeless goals are as follows:

- **HMS-1 Housing.** Support the Continuum of Care's (CoC) efforts to provide emergency shelter and transitional housing and to develop permanent supportive housing and other permanent housing opportunities for unsheltered individuals and families.
- **HMS-2 Operation/Support.** Assist homeless providers in the operation of housing and support services for those who are unsheltered and persons who are at-risk of becoming homeless.

- **HMS-3 Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing.** Assist in the prevention of homelessness through anti-eviction and other programs for rapid re-housing.

Other Special Needs Priority (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.

Strategies: The special needs goals are as follows:

- **SNS-1 Housing.** Increase the supply of affordable, accessible, decent, safe, sound, and sanitary 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 the rehabilitation of existing buildings and new construction.
- **SNS-2 Services/Facilities.** Support supportive 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.

Community Development Priority (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.

Strategies: The community development goals are as follows:

- **CDS-1 Public Safety.** Improve and enhance public safety facilities, equipment, programming, and emergency response and preparedness within the City of Huntington.
- **CDS-2 Infrastructure.** Improve and enhance the city's public infrastructure and spaces through rehabilitation, restoration, reconstruction, and new construction of streets, sidewalks, bridges, curbs, walkways, waterlines, sanitary sewers, stormwater management, hillside stabilization, etc. and the removal of architectural accessibility barriers to persons with disabilities.
- **CDS-3 Community Facilities.** Improve and enhance the quality, location, and accessibility of the city's parks, recreational facilities, libraries, public spaces, trails, bikeways, and all public and community facilities.
- **CDS-4 Clearance/Demolition.** Remove and eliminate slum and blighting conditions throughout the City of Huntington.
- **CDS-5 Public Services.** Improve and enhance social and human services and programming for the youth, the elderly, persons with disabilities and low- and moderate-income persons and households within the City of Huntington.

Economic Development Priority (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.

Strategies: The economic development goals are as follows:

- **EDS-1 Employment.** Support and encourage new and varied job creation, job retention, workforce development, employment, and job training opportunities for unemployed and underemployed persons.
- **EDS-2 Development.** Support and encourage the planning and promotion of business and commercial enterprise growth, diversification, and expansion through new development, revitalization, and redevelopment.

Administration, Planning, and Management Priority (High Priority)

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

Strategies: The administration, planning, and management goals are as follows:

- **AMS-1 Overall Coordination.** Provide program management and oversight for the successful administration of Federal, State, and local funded programs and compliance with related laws and regulations, including planning services for special studies, the five-year consolidated plan, annual action plans, substantial amendments, consolidated annual performance and evaluation reports, environmental reviews and clearance, etc.
- **AMS-2 Fair Housing.** Provide funds for training, education, outreach, and monitoring to affirmatively further fair housing in the City of Huntington.

3. Evaluation of past performance

The City of Huntington has a good performance record with and regularly meets performance standards established by HUD. Each year the city prepares its Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) that is required to be submitted to HUD within ninety (90) days after the start of a new program year. Copies of previous CAPERs are available for review at the city's Development Department.

The most recent CAPER submitted to and approved by HUD was for FY 2023. The FY 2024 CAPER will be prepared and submitted to HUD in September 2025. The following information was reported in the FY 2023 CAPER for the types of activities funded under the city's CDBG Program:

- Acquisition - \$295,800.28 (16.64%)
- Economic Development - \$0.00 (0.00%)
- Housing - \$314,580.94 (17.70%)

- Public Facilities and Improvements - \$598,756.02 (33.69%)
- Public Services - \$259,941.55 (14.63%)
- General Administration and Planning - \$308,211.53 (17.34%)

The city expended \$1,777,290.32 in CDBG funds during the FY 2023 CAPER period. Included in this amount was \$295,800.00 for Planning and Administration. This left a balance of \$1,481,490.04 that was expended for projects/activities, of which \$1,183,117.95 was expended on projects/activities that benefited low- and moderate-income persons. This produced a Low/Mod Benefit Percentage of 79.86%. These funds were expended in the Low/Mod income areas or benefited Low/Mod households for activities identified in the city's FY 2020-2024 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The four (4) year Low/Mod Benefit percentage reported was 80.26%.

The Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium reported an excess of HOME Match funds from the previous fiscal year in the amount of \$1,813,898.65. The HOME Match received during the 2023 CAPER period was \$28,400.23. The excess match carried over to FY 2024 was \$1,842,298.88. FY 2023 HOME Program expenditures were reported for FY 2023 as follows:

- HOME Administration - \$81,107.25
- CHDO Set-Aside Funds - \$0.00
- Affordable Housing Projects - \$970,419.00
- Homebuyer Assistance Program - \$0.00

The ESG Match was reported from other Federal funds in the amount of \$145,321. No ESG Program funds were expended in FY 2023.

4. Summary of citizen participation process and consultation process

The City of Huntington, in compliance with the city's Citizen Participation Plan, advertised and held a public needs meeting and a public hearing to solicit resident and stakeholder input concerning the unmet needs, areas of opportunity, and strategic priorities for the city to focus CDBG and HOME resources over the FY 2025-2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan period. The public meeting and hearing were advertised in *The Herald-Dispatch*.

The city maintains a list of housing, social and human services, community development, economic development, education, and faith-based stakeholders. All stakeholders received emails and phone calls notifying them of the public meeting, hearing, and invitation to participate in a stakeholder questionnaire.

Additionally, the city conducted an online resident survey that was made available at the following address: www.surveymonkey.com/r/HuntingtonResidents2025-2029.

The city published the "Draft Plan" 30-day public review/comment period and public hearing notice in the *Herald Dispatch* on Tuesday, June 24, 2025. The "Draft Plan" was on display from Wednesday, June 25, 2025 until Friday, July 25, 2025, through the city's website at <https://www.cityofhuntington.com/city-government/city-departments/planning-development/> and hard copies placed at the following locations:

- **Huntington City Hall** - Development Department, 800 Fifth Avenue, Huntington WV 25701
- **Cabell County Courthouse** - 750 5th Ave, Huntington, WV 25701
- **Wayne County Courthouse** - 700 Hendricks St, Wayne, WV 25570
- **Cabell County Public Library** - Guyandotte Branch, 203 Richmond Street, Huntington, WV 25704
- **Cabell County Public Library** - West Huntington Branch, 901 West 14th Street, Huntington, WV 25704

Additionally, the city conducted an online resident survey that was made available at the following address: www.surveymonkey.com/r/HuntingtonResidents2025-2029.

The city developed the Consolidated Plan based on the input received from residents and stakeholders through a public needs meeting, a resident survey, group and one-on-one interviews with stakeholders, a stakeholder questionnaire, draft plan review comments, and a public hearing.

5. Summary of public comments

The City of Huntington held a public needs meeting on April 30, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. in the Huntington City Council Chambers, 800 Fifth Avenue, Huntington, WV. The minutes of the public needs meeting are in the attachment section.

The resident survey was made available from April 8, 2025 through May 16, 2025. There were 152 responses. The results of the resident surveys are in the attachment section.

The summaries of the stakeholder interviews and questionnaire responses are in the attachment section.

The draft Five-Year Consolidated Plan and FY 2025 Annual Action Plan were placed on public display for review and comment from Tuesday, June 25, 2025, until Friday, July 25, 2025, and a public hearing was held on Thursday, July 10, 2025. Sign-in sheets and comments are included in the attachment section.

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

All comments and suggestions that were received to date have been accepted and incorporated into the planning documents.

7. Summary

The main goals of the City of Huntington's Five-Year Consolidated Plan are to improve the living conditions of all residents, advance a suitable and viable living environment, and address the city's housing and community development needs.

The five-year consolidated planning process requires the city to state in a single document its priorities to pursue goals and allocate CDBG and HOME resources as well as provide direction for other partners in addressing the housing and community development needs of the city's low- and moderate-income residents. HUD will evaluate the city's performance under the Five-Year Consolidated Plan against these priorities and goals.

8. FY 2025 CDBG, HOME, and ESG Budget

During the FY 2025 Program Year, the City of Huntington, WV has been awarded the following entitlement grant funds.

• CDBG:	\$	1,596,831.00
• HOME:	\$	549,855.31
• <u>ESG:</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>0.00</u>
• Total:	\$	2,146,686.31

The City of Huntington proposes undertaking the following activities with the FY 2025 CDBG funds:

• General Administration (20% cap):	\$	319,360.00
• A.D. Lewis Community Center:	\$	234,525.00
• Information & Referral (CCPL):	\$	5,000.00
• HFD Emergency Backup Generators:	\$	279,049.00
• HFD Station No. 1 Improvements:	\$	265,000.00
• Kiwanis Child Care Center Improvements:	\$	10,000.00
• Emergency Housing Rehabilitation:	\$	38,891.00
• Rehabilitation Administration:	\$	95,000.00
• Volunteer Rehabilitation:	\$	50,000.00
• <u>Clearance/Demolition:</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>300,000.00</u>
• Sub-Total:	\$	1,596,831.00

The City of Huntington proposes undertaking the following activities with the FY 2025 HOME funds:

• HOME Administration (10% cap):	\$	54,855.00
• CHDO Set-Aside Funds (15% min.):	\$	82,478.31
• Affordable Housing Projects:	\$	362,392.01
• <u>Homebuyer Assistance Program:</u>	\$	50,000.00
• Sub-Total:	\$	549,855.31

Following several years of funding, HUD did not award the City of Huntington an ESG entitlement grant for FY 2025. However, the city may choose to apply for FY 2025 ESG funding through the State of West Virginia.

The Process

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

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

The following are the agencies/entities responsible for preparing the Consolidated Plan and those responsible for administration of each grant program and funding source.

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
CDBG Administrator	Huntington	Development Department
HOME Administrator	Huntington	Development Department

Table 1 - Responsible Agencies

Narrative

The lead agency is the City of Huntington and the city's administrator is the Department of Development for the CDBG and HOME Programs. The Development Department is responsible for preparing the Five-Year Consolidated Plan, Annual Action Plans, Environmental Review Records (ERRs), the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Reports (CAPERs), project monitoring, pay requests, contracting, and oversight of the programs on a day-to-day basis. In addition, the City of Huntington has a private planning consulting firm available to assist when needed.

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PR-10 Consultation - 91.100, 91.110, 91.200(b), 91.300(b), 91.215(I) and 91.315(I)**1. Introduction**

The City of Huntington held a series of public needs meetings, group stakeholder meetings, one-on-one interviews with the Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority (HWVHA), local housing developers, social and human services providers, community development organizations, economic development agencies, Continuum of Care members, and city department representatives. The city also conducted an online resident survey and received 152 responses. The primary purpose of the city's community engagement efforts was to identify unmet needs, gaps in the system, and areas of opportunity. Input received was used to develop the Consolidated Plan's priorities and programmatic goals for the FY 2025-2029 planning period. The city also invited applicants to submit FY 2025 CDBG funding proposals for eligible activities.

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

The City of Huntington continues to work with the following agencies to enhance regular coordination, and held a series of group meetings and one-on-one interviews with representatives of these critical sectors throughout the consolidated planning process:

- **Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority**, which is the largest affordable housing provider in the city and administers the Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers.
- **Social Services Agencies**, which provides critical social and human services for Huntington's low- and moderate-income residents.
- **Housing Developers**, which provides affordable market rate, subsidized, and Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher housing opportunities for Huntington's low- and moderate-income residents.

The city solicited CDBG funding proposals from local agencies and organizations for eligible activities that primarily serve Huntington's low- to moderate-income residents.

Describe coordination with the Continuum of Care and efforts to address the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans, and unaccompanied youth) and persons at risk of homelessness

The City of Huntington supports the efforts of the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Continuum of Care (CHWCoC) to address the needs of unsheltered persons in the community. The CHWCoC is currently working to become a 501(c)3 and continues to work with its partners including, but are not limited to Branches Domestic Violence Shelter, Cabell County Library Information and Referral

Services, the Cabell-Huntington Health Department, Huntington City Mission, Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority (HWWHA), Prestera Health Services, and Southwestern Community Action Council. The city also supports the annual HUD Continuum of Care application that addresses housing needs for chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, and veterans, and supports events that draw attention to the needs of the unsheltered and those at risk of homelessness. The city collaborates with the CHWCoC, the West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance, and the US Veterans Administration on ending chronic homelessness and homelessness for veterans. When the City of Huntington received a direct Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) Program award from HUD, the city and the CHWCoC worked closely to identify appropriate outcome targets, funding allocations, and project applications for ESG funding. The City of Huntington and the CHWCoC are currently exploring how best to fulfill its obligations following the loss of direct ESG funding from HUD, including making application for funding through the State of West Virginia's ESG award.

Huntington City Mission (HCM) provides the bulk of emergency shelter beds within the CHWCoC, with facilities for men, women and families, a Safe Haven shelter, and a low-barrier shelter. Branches Domestic Violence Shelter provides emergency shelter and victim services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and trafficking and their families. Harmony House provides emergency housing for veterans through Project 214. Most Rapid Re-Housing beds in the CHWCoC are provided by Harmony House. Veterans Rapid Re-Housing is provided by the Southwestern Community Action Council, and Branches provides shelter to adult victims and the families of domestic violence and related conditions. Permanent Supportive Housing in the CHWCoC is managed by HWWHA, which administers Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH) vouchers and any Shelter Plus Care grant-funded shelter beds. HWWHA offers Other Permanent Housing programs for chronically homeless individuals in need of transitional housing. Additionally, Prestera intends to expand its portfolio of supportive and transitional housing in the Huntington area during the upcoming FY 2025-2029 Five-Year period.

For non-housing needs, Southwestern Community Action Council and Cabell County Public Library Information and Referral both operate Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF) Programs. Prestera Health Services in collaboration with Harmony House operates a supportive service only program for those who are chronic or high acuity. Prestera Center also 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 HWWHA operates a Community Engagement Specialist Program focused on housing high acuity persons and keeping them housed long-term. Harmony House runs a program named First Steps Wellness & Recovery Center, a peer-run drop-in center for homeless adults with a substance use disorder that provides a safe recovery environment for individuals. First Steps provides peer support, educational classes, evidence-based curriculum, weekly AA meetings, and activities for individuals who are experiencing homelessness or have mental health issues and/or a co-occurring substance use disorder. Harmony House's The Center - Youth Opportunity Hub is a low-

barrier drop-in space for at-risk and homeless youth ages 16 to 24 years. The Center operates a rapid rehousing program that includes housing location and stabilization services. These programs enable the city and CoC to house people more quickly, serve different subpopulations, and more effectively assist with the housing process and aid clients overcome barriers.

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

After receiving Emergency Solution Grant (ESG) Program entitlement funds for several years, HUD did not award ESG funds to the City of Huntington for FY 2025. The Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Continuum of Care (CHWCoC) Board of Directors serves and acts as the oversight and planning body for preventing and ending homelessness for the CoC general membership body. The Board sets policies based on the knowledge and experience of its members and determines priorities and funding decisions on the homeless applications for funds. The City of Huntington and the CHWCoC are currently exploring how best to fulfill its obligations following the loss of direct ESG funding from HUD, including making application for funding through the State of West Virginia's ESG award.

In prior years, the City of Huntington and CHWCoC used the following consultation process:

- **Allocation of ESG funds:** Funding availability was announced by the City of Huntington Development Department. Funding proposals were reviewed and approved based on past performance and how likely the proposal would meet performance indicators. The CHWCoC Steering Committee evaluated performance and status of outcomes for the ESG project funding through HMIS generated data at least quarterly during the year. The domestic violence shelter participated in this review by providing aggregate data (in a separate system) to the HMIS Lead. The CHWCoC Steering Committee determined funding based on CoC priorities and past performance and outcomes.
- **Performance standards and outcomes:** Performance standards were established by the CHWCoC Steering Committee. Outcomes were based on the required performance measures of the ESG funding and the HUD Continuum of Care funding, in addition to meeting specific needs identified in the community.
- **Policies and procedures for HMIS:** Policies have been established and are in written format. These policies and procedures are in keeping with the requirements set forth by HUD and have been approved by the CHWCoC membership. These policies and procedures are reviewed annually.

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

1.	Agency/Group/Organization	City of Huntington, West Virginia
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Fair Housing Services - Victims Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Child Welfare Agency Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Agency - Emergency Management Other government - Local Planning organization Civic Leaders Grantee Department
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development Lead-based Paint Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City of Huntington is a Federal CDBG and ESG entitlement grantee, and is the participating jurisdiction (PJ) for the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium. The City's Department of

		Development administers the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs for the City and Consortium. The following departments and officials were consulted through surveys and virtual interviews for their input on community needs and opportunities: Mayor Patrick Farrell; the Department of Development and Planning; the Public Works Department; the Police Department; and the A.D. Lewis Community Center.
2.	Agency/Group/Organization	Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Market Analysis Lead-based Paint Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority is the Public Housing Authority (PHA) for the City of Huntington. It was consulted through surveys and virtual interviews for its input on community needs and opportunities.
3.	Agency/Group/Organization	Harmony House (WV-501 Continuum of Care)

	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services - Victims Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Regional organization Continuum of Care
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development Lead-based Paint Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Harmony House manages the WV-501 Huntington-Cabell-Wayne Continuum of Care. It was consulted through surveys and virtual interviews for its input on community needs and opportunities.
	4. Agency/Group/Organization	Cabell-Huntington Health Department
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence

		Services-homeless Services-Health Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Other government - Local Other government - County Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Cabell-Huntington Health Department was consulted through a survey and virtual interview for its input on community needs and opportunities.
	5. Agency/Group/Organization	Cabell County, WV
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Employment Services - Victims Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Agency - Emergency Management Other government - County Planning organization Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority

	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Cabell County website was examined to determine citizen needs and priorities.
6.	Agency/Group/Organization	Wayne County, WV
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Agency - Emergency Management Other government - County Planning organization Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Wayne County website was examined to determine citizen needs and priorities.
7.	Agency/Group/Organization	Huntington Veterans Administration Medical Center
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Health Agency Other government - Federal Regional organization

		Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Huntington VA Medical Center was consulted through a survey and virtual interview for its input on community needs and opportunities.
	8. Agency/Group/Organization	Huntington City Mission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Education Services - Victims Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Huntington City Mission was consulted through a virtual interview for its input on community needs and opportunities.
	9. Agency/Group/Organization	Religious Coalition for Community Renewal (RCCR)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing

		Service-Fair Housing Regional organization Civic Leaders Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO)
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RCCR was consulted through a virtual interview for its input on community needs and opportunities.
	10. Agency/Group/Organization	West Virginia Housing Development Fund (WVHDF)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing Other government - State Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	WVHDF was consulted through a survey and virtual interview for its input on community needs and opportunities.
	11. Agency/Group/Organization	Ebenezer Medical Outreach
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Health Agency Civic Leaders

		Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Ebenezer Medical Outreach was consulted through a survey and virtual interview for its input on community needs and opportunities.
	12. Agency/Group/Organization	FaithHealth Appalachia
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Health Regional organization Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	FaithHealth Appalachia was consulted through a virtual interview for its input on community needs and opportunities.
	13. Agency/Group/Organization	Recovery Point West Virginia
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health

		Services-Education Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Recovery Point West Virginia was consulted through a virtual interview and a public meeting for its input on community needs and opportunities.
14.	Agency/Group/Organization	United Way of the River Cities
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Education Services-Employment Services - Victims Regional organization Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the	The United Way of the River Cities was consulted through a virtual interview for its input on community needs and opportunities.

	anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	
15.	Agency/Group/Organization	Mountain State Centers for Independent Living
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Regional organization Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	MSCIL was consulted through a virtual interview and a public meeting for its input on community needs and opportunities.
16.	Agency/Group/Organization	Lily's Place
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services-Health Services - Victims
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs

		HOPWA Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Lily's Place was consulted through a virtual interview for its input on community needs and opportunities.
17.	Agency/Group/Organization	Catholic Charities of West Virginia
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Services - Victims Regional organization Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Catholic Charities was consulted through a virtual interview for its input on community needs and opportunities.
18.	Agency/Group/Organization	Region 2 Planning & Development Council
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy

		Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Region 2 Planning & Development Council was consulted through a virtual interview for its input on community needs and opportunities.
19.	Agency/Group/Organization	KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission was consulted through a virtual interview for its input on community needs and opportunities.
20.	Agency/Group/Organization	Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce was consulted through a virtual interview for its input on community needs and opportunities.
21.	Agency/Group/Organization	Advantage Valley, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization

		Planning organization Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Advantage Valley, Inc. was consulted through a virtual interview for its input on community needs and opportunities.
	22. Agency/Group/Organization	Huntington Area Development Council (HADCO)
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Planning organization Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	HADCO was consulted through a virtual interview for its input on community needs and opportunities.
	23. Agency/Group/Organization	Mission Tri-State
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Regional organization Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority

	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Mission Tri-State was consulted through a survey and virtual interview for its input on community needs and opportunities.
24.	Agency/Group/Organization	Jobhub 180
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Employment Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Jobhub 180 was consulted through a virtual interview for its input on community needs and opportunities.
25.	Agency/Group/Organization	Black Bear Development
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Business Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Black Bear Development was consulted through a virtual interview for its input on community needs and opportunities.
26.	Agency/Group/Organization	Redemption Church
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Civic Leaders Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy

		Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Redemption Church was consulted through a virtual interview for its input on community needs and opportunities.
27.	Agency/Group/Organization	Huntington Human Rights Commission
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Huntington Human Rights Commission was consulted through a virtual interview for its input on community needs and opportunities.
28.	Agency/Group/Organization	Legal Aid of West Virginia
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Legal Aid of West Virginia was consulted through a virtual interview for its input on community needs and opportunities.
29.	Agency/Group/Organization	RenewAll Huntington
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Planning organization Neighborhood Organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	RenewAll Huntington was consulted through a survey, virtual interview, and public meeting for its input on community needs and opportunities.
30.	Agency/Group/Organization	Cabell County Public Library Information & Referral
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Services - Victims Other government - County Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Strategy
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Cabell County Public Library Information & Referral was consulted through a public meeting for its input on community needs and opportunities.
31.	Agency/Group/Organization	Southside Enhancement and Preservation Alliance
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Planning organization Civic Leaders Neighborhood Organization

	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Strategy
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Southside Alliance was consulted through a public meeting for its input on community needs and opportunities.
32.	Agency/Group/Organization	Huntington Water Quality Board
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Other government - Local Planning organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Community Development Strategy
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Huntington Water Quality Board (including the Huntington Sanitary Board and the Huntington Stormwater Utility) was consulted through a public meeting for its input on community needs and opportunities.
33.	Agency/Group/Organization	Branches Domestic Violence Shelter
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-homeless Service-Fair Housing Services - Victims Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homelessness Strategy Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth

		Non-Homeless Special Needs HOPWA Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Strategy
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Branches Domestic Violence Shelter was consulted through a virtual interview for its input on community needs and opportunities.
34.	Agency/Group/Organization	Coalfield Development Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Education Services-Employment Regional organization Business and Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Housing Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Strategy
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Coalfield Development Corporation was consulted through a survey for its input on community needs and opportunities.
35.	Agency/Group/Organization	Covenant School
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Education Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Child Welfare Agency Civic Leaders
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Strategy

	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Covenant School was consulted through a survey for its input on community needs and opportunities.
36.	Agency/Group/Organization	Cabell County Schools
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Education Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Child Welfare Agency Other government - County Civic Leaders Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Strategy
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Cabell County School website was consulted to ascertain the extent of homelessness and the availability of services to children and youth in the greater Huntington area.
37.	Agency/Group/Organization	Pretera Center for Mental Health Services
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Health Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children

		Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Strategy
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Presteria Health Services was consulted through a virtual interview and survey for its input on community needs and opportunities.
38.	Agency/Group/Organization	Greater Huntington Park & Recreation District
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Education Agency - Managing Flood Prone Areas Agency - Management of Public Land or Water Resources Other government - County Regional organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Strategy
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The Greater Huntington Park & Recreation District was consulted through a virtual interview for its input on community needs and opportunities.
39.	Agency/Group/Organization	Full Gospel Assembly
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Education Civic Leaders Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homelessness Strategy

		Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Strategy
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Full Gospel Assembly was consulted through a survey for its input on community needs and opportunities.
40.	Agency/Group/Organization	WV Department of Health, Bureau for Public Health
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Children Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-Persons with HIV/AIDS Services-Victims of Domestic Violence Services-Health Services - Victims Health Agency Child Welfare Agency Publicly Funded Institution/System of Care Other government - State
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homeless Needs - Families with children Homelessness Needs - Veterans Homelessness Needs - Unaccompanied youth Homelessness Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs Lead-based Paint Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The following state resources were reviewed to ascertain health conditions in greater Huntington: -2022 WV Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System -WV Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Project -Office of Epidemiology and Prevention Services HIV/AIDS Statistics
41.	Agency/Group/Organization	Verizon
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide

		Business Leaders Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Verizon internet plans and coverage were examined to ascertain if they meet the needs of Huntington residents.
42.	Agency/Group/Organization	Comcast Xfinity
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Broadband Internet Service Providers Services - Narrowing the Digital Divide Business Leaders Major Employer
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy Community Development Priority
	How was the Agency / Group / Organization consulted and what are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	Comcast Xfinity internet plans and coverage were examined to ascertain if they meet the needs of Huntington residents.

Table 2 - Agencies, groups, organizations who participated

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

All agency types were contacted for consultation during the consolidated planning process. See attachment section for meeting notes. The city could not identify any agency types it may have overlooked to involve in the consolidated planning process or obtain information. The consultation included agencies with regional or statewide footprints that serve Huntington residents.

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

Name of Plan	Lead Organization	How do the goals of your Strategic Plan overlap with the goals of each plan?
Continuum of Care	Cabell-Huntington-Wayne CoC	They are incorporated into the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
PHA Five-Year Plan and Annual Plan	Huntington Housing Authority	They are incorporated into the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
City of Huntington Comprehensive Plan	City of Huntington	It is incorporated into the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
City of Huntington Zoning Ordinance	City of Huntington	It is incorporated into the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
Cabell County Emergency Operations Plan	Cabell County	It is incorporated into the Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plans.
Blood Lead Level Screening Plan	West Virginia Department of Health, Bureau for Public Health	It is incorporated into the Five-Year Coordinated Plan and the Annual Action Plan.

Table 3 - Other local / regional / federal planning efforts**Describe cooperation and coordination with other public entities, including the State and any adjacent units of general local government, in the implementation of the Consolidated Plan (91.215(I))**

The City's Development Department coordinates with the Mayor's office as development policies are promoted by the Mayor with approval and oversight by the City Council. The city works closely with the Cabell County and Wayne County Commissions and county staff to address projects and activities that extend beyond the city limits.

Narrative

In developing the FY 2025-2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, the City of Huntington consulted and coordinated with various local, county, regional, and state public, nonprofit, and private entities. As the administering agency for the CDBG and HOME Programs, the city's Development Department maintains coordination with other city departments and agencies to address public safety, infrastructure, and code enforcement needs.

PR-15 Citizen Participation - 91.105, 91.115, 91.200(c) and 91.300(c)**1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation**

The FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and FY 2025 Annual Action Plan community engagement process included several methods of soliciting and collecting citizen and stakeholder input. These included a public needs meeting, resident survey (152 responses), group and one-on-one interviews with and a questionnaire instrument for various stakeholders, a 30-day public display of and comment period for the draft planning document, and a public hearing. Summaries, minutes, sign-in sheet, and comments are included in the attachment section. Input was used by the city to develop the Consolidated Plan's priorities and strategies to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income residents over the FY 2025-2029 planning period.

Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal setting

The city followed its Citizen Participation Plan by advertising and holding a public needs meeting to solicit input on the city's unmet needs and areas of opportunity over the five-year planning period. The city also held a public hearing to receive comments on the draft FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan and 2025 Annual Action Plan. Both opportunities were advertised on the city's website, through its social media platforms, and in the *Herald-Dispatch*. A draft of the consolidated plan was available on the City's website at <https://www.cityofhuntington.com/city-government/city-departments/planning-development> and hard copies of the plan were available at City Hall, the Cabell County Courthouse, the Wayne County Courthouse, and the Guyandotte Branch and West Huntington Branch of the Cabell County Public Library. An online resident survey instrument was also used to solicit community participation and was available online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HuntingtonResidents2025-2029>. Input was used by the city to develop the Consolidated Plan's priorities and strategies to primarily benefit low- and moderate-income residents over the FY 2025-2029 planning period.

Citizen Participation Outreach

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (if applicable)
1.	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted / broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing Agencies / Organizations	The city published a legal advertisement on 11 APR 2025 announcing a public needs meeting to solicit community participation in the consolidated planning process.	Not Applicable.	Not Applicable.	Not Applicable.
2.	Public Meeting	Non-targeted / broad community	The city held a public needs meeting on 30 APR 2025 concerning the development of the FY 2025-2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. There were twelve (12) persons in attendance.	Comments from meeting participants are in the attachments section.	All comments were accepted.	Not Applicable.
3.	Funding Application	Agencies / Organizations	The city received seven (7) applications requesting FY 2025 CDBG funding.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not Applicable.
4.	Internet Outreach	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted / broad community	The city facilitated an online resident survey to solicit community input on unmet needs and areas of opportunity over the	Surveys responses were received from 152 participants. A summary of the survey responses in included	All comments were accepted.	www.surveymonkey.com/r/huntingtonresidents2025-2029

Sort Order	Mode of Outreach	Target of Outreach	Summary of response/attendance	Summary of comments received	Summary of comments not accepted and reasons	URL (If applicable)
		Residents of Public and Assisted Housing Agencies / Organizations	five-year planning period.	in the attachments section.		
5.	Newspaper Ad	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted / broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing Agencies / Organizations	The city published a legal advertisement on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, announcing the 30-day public review and comment period and the public hearing.	Not Applicable.	Not Applicable.	Not Applicable.
6.	Public Hearing	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted / broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing Agencies / Organizations	The city held a public hearing on Thursday, July 10, 2025, to solicit public comments concerning the draft FY 2025-2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and FY 2025 Annual Action Plan. There was one (1) person in attendance.	Comments from meeting participants are in the attachments section.	All comments were accepted.	Not Applicable

Table 4 - Citizen Participation Outreach

Needs Assessment

NA-05 Overview

Needs Assessment Overview

The City of Huntington used 2016-2020 HUD's Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data as required by HUD, which provides information on housing needs, to prepare its estimates and projects. The tables in this section are based on the 2016-2020 CHAS data as well as 2018-2022 American Community Survey (ACS) Five-Year estimates and data from the 2020 U.S. Census as required by HUD. This data is the most current HUD information on which to base the Five-Year Consolidated Plan housing, homeless, special needs, social service, community development, and economic development needs.

Huntington is a participant in the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Continuum of Care (CHWCoC) that serves the City of Huntington and Cabell and Wayne Counties. Needs for the homeless population were obtained through consultation with the CHWCoC.

Additional needs for the city were obtained from residents and stakeholders through the following methods:

- a public needs meeting
- a resident survey with 152 responses
- a stakeholder survey with 14 responses
- group and one-on-one interviews with stakeholders representing City staff, housing developers, social and human services agencies, community development organizations, economic development agencies, educational institutions, and faith-based organizations
- a 30-day public display and comment period
- a public hearing

NA-10 Housing Needs Assessment - 24 CFR 91.405, 24 CFR 91.205 (a, b, c)**Summary of Housing Needs**

Demographics	Base Year: 2009	Most Recent Year: 2020	% Change
Population	138,305	133,255	-4%
Households	56,640	54,505	-4%
Median Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	

Table 5 - Housing Needs Assessment Demographics**Data Source:** 2000 Census (Base Year), 2016-2020 ACS (Most Recent Year)**Number of Households Table**

	0-30% HAMFI	>30-50% HAMFI	>50-80% HAMFI	>80-100% HAMFI	>100% HAMFI
Total Households	10,030	6,740	8,945	5,085	23,700
Small Family Households	2,705	1,674	2,205	1,800	11,550
Large Family Households	270	204	563	268	1,663
Household contains at least one person 62-74 years of age	1,740	1,754	2,309	1,436	6,418
Household contains at least one person age 75 or older	736	1,327	1,891	797	2,494
Households with one or more children 6 years old or younger	940	681	913	503	2,059

Table 6 - Total Households Table**Data Source:** 2016-2020 CHAS

Housing Needs Summary Tables**1. Housing Problems (Households with one of the listed needs)**

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Substandard Housing - Lacking complete plumbing or kitchen facilities	105	49	4	0	158	69	10	0	25	104
Severely Overcrowded - With >1.51 people per room (and complete kitchen and plumbing)	50	35	24	184	293	0	0	4	0	4
Overcrowded - With 1.01-1.5 people per room (and none of the above problems)	85	4	15	0	104	0	15	79	29	123
Housing cost burden greater than 50% of income (and none of the above problems)	3,490	1,103	200	15	4,808	1,275	444	173	19	1,911
Housing cost burden greater than 30% of income (and none of the above problems)	588	1,208	1,444	189	3,429	717	889	1,059	214	2,879
Zero/negative Income (and none of the above problems)	1,275	0	0	0	1,275	658	0	0	0	658

Table 7 - Housing Problems Table

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

2. Housing Problems 2 (Households with one or more Severe Housing Problems: Lacks kitchen or complete plumbing, severe overcrowding, severe cost burden)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Having 1 or more of four housing problems	3,725	1,189	243	200	5,357	1,335	469	258	69	2,131
Having none of four housing problems OR household has negative income, but none of the other housing problems	2,944	2,118	2,770	1,769	9,601	2,000	2,975	5,675	3,050	13,700

Table 8 - Housing Problems 2

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

3. Cost Burden > 30%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	1,213	724	468	2,405	478	318	308	1,104
Large Related	125	94	90	309	59	53	175	287
Elderly	429	528	202	1,159	892	682	511	2,085
Other	2,439	1,023	886	4,348	612	284	244	1,140

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
Total need by income	4,206	2,369	1,646	8,221	2,041	1,337	1,238	4,616

Table 9 - Cost Burden > 30%

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

4. Cost Burden > 50%

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS								
Small Related	0	0	295	295	423	89	0	512
Large Related	0	0	20	20	14	0	0	14
Elderly	252	166	4	422	356	169	79	604
Other	0	2,197	638	2,835	492	0	0	492
Total need by income	252	2,363	957	3,572	1,285	258	79	1,622

Table 10 - Cost Burden > 50%

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

5. Crowding (More than one person per room)

	Renter					Owner				
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	>80-100% AMI	Total
NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS										
Single family households	94	39	29	0	162	0	0	83	29	112
Multiple, unrelated family households	20	0	0	0	20	0	15	0	0	15
Other, non-family households	25	0	10	184	219	0	0	0	0	0
Total need by income	139	39	39	184	401	0	15	83	29	127

Table 11 - Crowding Information - 1/2

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

	Renter				Owner			
	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total	0-30% AMI	>30-50% AMI	>50-80% AMI	Total
Households with Children Present	775	495	405	2,370	155	189	530	3,804

Table 12 - Crowding Information - 2/2

Describe the number and type of single-person households in need of housing assistance.

According to the 2018-2022 American Community Survey (ACS), there were an estimated 19,411 households in the City of Huntington. Single-person households (those living alone) comprised 3,774 (19.4%) of all households, and single-person households aged 65 and over comprised 840 (4.3%) of all households in the city. Based on these estimates, 22.25% of all persons living alone are seniors. Based on data and citizen participation input, additional accommodations and supportive services is needed to allow this portion of the city's population to age in place. The city will need to assist its elderly population by obtaining funding and collaborating with housing providers and elderly support agencies to provide programs, activities, and accommodations.

Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance who are disabled or victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.

Disabled Population. According to the 2018-2022 ACS data, 9,116 persons (19.9%) of the city's population live with a disability. A breakdown of the types of disability as a percent of the entire population of the City of Huntington is as follows:

- Hearing difficulty: 2,260 persons (4.9% of the total City population)
- Vision difficulty: 1,814 persons (4.0%)
- Cognitive difficulty: 4,137 persons (9.5%)
- Ambulatory difficulty: 4,854 persons (12.4%)
- Self-care difficulty: 2,195 persons (5.0%)
- Independent living difficulty: 3,548 persons (9.4%)

Some individuals may have more than one disability, such as ambulatory difficulty and self-care difficulty.

Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault and Stalking. While domestic violence statistics for the City of Huntington are not readily available, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence provides statistics for the State of West Virginia. Nearly 40% (39.4%) of women and 36.3% of men in the West Virginia experience intimate partner physical violence, intimate partner sexual violence, and/or intimate partner stalking in their lifetimes. Forty-eight percent (47.5%) of women in West Virginia will experience rape or attempted rape by a current or intimate partner in their lifetimes.

What are the most common housing problems?

In the city, the greatest number of housing problems are associated with affordability. There are 9,540 occupied rental units in the city. For renters, 34.64% of all renter households experienced a housing cost burden greater than 50% income. Of the renters within the 0-30% AMI income range, 30.18% of households were cost burdened by $\geq 30\%$ and 25.73% were cost burdened by $\geq 50\%$.

There were 9,980 owner-occupied units in the city. For homeowners, 4.85% of all homeowner households experienced a housing cost burden greater than 50% income. Of the homeowners within the 0-30% AMI income range, 3.61% of households experienced a housing cost burden greater than 50%. Of the 30-50% AMI income range, 5.76% experienced a housing cost burden greater than 30%.

The following housing needs were repeated throughout the citizen participation process:

- An aging housing stock that requires significant resources for maintenance, rehabilitation, and modernization, which is often beyond the capacity of seniors, persons with disabilities, and low- and moderate-income residents.
- The lack of decent, safe, and accessible housing for seniors and persons with disabilities. Much of the city's older housing stock is multi-level and not easily accommodated for older residents and residents requiring accessible living spaces.
- New housing production is needed to improve housing quality and safety, increase housing supply and options, reduce housing scarcity, stabilize or lower housing costs, relieve pressure on older homes, encourage neighborhood revitalization, and boost the local economy.
- There is a need for more permanent supportive housing for residents transitioning from homelessness.

Are any populations/household types more affected than others by these problems?

Although the data shows that portions of Huntington are the most affordable housing market in Cabell and Wayne Counties, elderly and persons with disabilities generally are most affected by the relatively high cost of housing as compared to prior years. Many elderly and disabled households struggle with fixed or limited incomes (Social Security or Social Security Disability payments) and others are living on retirement income or pensions. Their low income coupled with the lack of affordable, decent, safe, and accessible housing often forces them into substandard housing. Particularly vulnerable are those elderly who wish to age in place and cannot afford the high cost of home repairs, which can result in deteriorating homes, unpaid bills, and eventual homelessness.

Another group adversely affected by the lack of affordable housing are the homeless and persons at risk of becoming homeless as well as victims of domestic violence. In general, regardless of their other demographic indicators, low-income renters are heavily constrained by housing cost and ability to find suitable affordable housing.

Describe the characteristics and needs of Low-income individuals and families with children (especially extremely low-income) who are currently housed but are at imminent risk of either residing in shelters or becoming unsheltered 91.205(c)/91.305(c)). Also discuss the needs of formerly homeless families and individuals who are receiving rapid re-housing assistance and are nearing the termination of that assistance

Very low-income households facing cost burdens struggle to meet their housing needs. In prior years, the City of Huntington received an ESG entitlement grant for the local shelter activities. HUD did not award ESG funds to the city for FY 2025. The City of Huntington and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Continuum of Care (CHWCoC) are currently exploring how best to fulfill its obligations following the loss of direct ESG funding from HUD, including making application for funding through the State of West Virginia's ESG award.

Specific needs of the extremely low-income who are housed but are at imminent risk of becoming unsheltered or living in shelters are access to healthy food, clothing, transportation, and job training. The local social service agencies provide food and clothing through food pantries, food kitchens, and thrift stores. Transportation and job training opportunities are limited, and funds are needed to address those needs.

The local providers maintain records in HMIS to monitor and track assisted households. The HMIS reports indicate that only a small percentage of assisted clients return to homelessness after twelve (12) months of service.

The city and the CHWCoC use 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.
- Utilize rapid re-housing to prevent homelessness.
- Provide home repair programs for individuals that cannot afford to make them; simple renovations to be made on already approved HUD housing for permanent residences.
- Include teaching clients how to conservatively maintain their homes (heat, lights, air conditioning) and how to keep them clean and in good repair in Supportive Services component.
- Report effectiveness of HPRP in five (5) years - Determine recidivism rate; determine how many individuals were maintained in permanent housing six (6) months or more.

- Modify residency requirements for Veteran's home.
- Continue to utilize rapid re-housing to prevent homelessness.

If a jurisdiction provides estimates of the at-risk population(s), it should also include a description of the operational definition of the at-risk group and the methodology used to generate the estimates:

HUD defines “at-risk of homelessness” as those who are at risk of losing their housing within 21 days. This criterion does not qualify persons for most homeless housing assistance. Those who are considered at-risk of homelessness are only eligible for Homeless Prevention Assistance, and not Rapid Re-Housing, Emergency Shelter, or Street Outreach projects. Additionally, to qualify for Homeless Prevention, an individual or family must also have an annual income of below 30% AMI.

There are four broad categories of homelessness:

- People who are living in a place not meant for human habitation, in emergency shelter, in transitional housing, or are exiting an institution where they temporarily resided if they were in shelter or a place not meant for human habitation before entering the institution. The only significant change from existing practice is that people will be considered homeless if they are exiting an institution where they resided for up to 90 days (it was previously 30 days) and were homeless immediately prior to entering that institution.
- People who are losing their primary night-time residence, which may include a motel or hotel or a doubled-up situation, within 14 days and lack resources or support networks to remain in housing. HUD had previously allowed people who were being displaced within 7 days to be considered homeless. The regulation also describes specific documentation requirements for this category.
- Families with children or unaccompanied youth who are unstably housed and likely to continue in that state. This is a new category of homelessness, and it applies to families with children or unaccompanied youth (up to age 24) who have not had a lease or ownership interest in a housing unit in the last 60 or more days, have had two or more moves in the last 60 days, and who are likely to continue to be unstably housed because of disability or multiple barriers to employment.
- People who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening situations related to violence; have no other residence; and lack the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing. This category is similar to the current practice regarding people who are fleeing domestic violence.

The “Chronically Homeless” are defined as an individual or family who is homeless and lives or resides in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven, or in an emergency shelter; has been homeless and living there continually for at least one year or on at least four separate occasions in the last three years; and has an adult head of household (or a minor head of household if no adult is present in the household)

with a diagnosable substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability (as defined in Section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 15002)), post-traumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairments resulting from brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability, including the co-occurrence of two or more of those conditions.

Specify particular housing characteristics that have been linked with instability and an increased risk of homelessness

Reasons homelessness can occur can fall within one or more of the following risk factors:

- Eviction within two weeks from a private dwelling
- Sudden loss of income
- Extremely low income (30% below income limits)
- Overcrowding (doubling up)
- Experienced three or more moves in the past year
- Have children under the age of two
- Single parent
- Young head of household (under 25)
- Have an eviction notice from public or assisted housing
- Experienced domestic violence within the past 12 months
- History of non-compliance (missed appointments with case workers, etc.)
- Released from jail, or prison within the past 18 months
- Mental health and or substance abuse issues
- Involvement with child welfare, including foster care
- Severe housing burden (greater than 50% of income for housing costs)

The limited housing availability and higher costs associated with the purchase and/or rehabilitation of decent, safe, and sanitary housing in the city creates housing instability for lower income residents. Many households are living from paycheck to paycheck and are cost burdened, paying over 30% of their income for housing.

Other populations experiencing unique housing instability challenges and an increased risk of homelessness include young adults aging out of foster care and individuals being discharged from health care facilities, mental health treatment facilities, correctional facilities, and substance abuse treatment when they do not have proper after housing and care plans in place. Individuals and families fleeing domestic violence are at-risk of homelessness or are unsheltered as they seek safety. Individuals and

families with special needs, including the elderly, frail elderly, those with a disability, those who are in treatment for substance abuse, and those living with HIV/AIDS are also at risk.

Discussion

The City of Huntington's population as well as incomes has remained constant over the past ten years and the number of households has decreased slightly. This means that there are fewer households moving into the city. The number of households that have one or more housing problems is also growing, and the number of households at risk of becoming homeless is growing.

NA-15 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Problems - 91.405, 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

During the preparation of the city's Five-Year Consolidated Plan, an evaluation and comparison was made to determine the housing problems of any racial/ethnic groups in comparison to the overall need in the city. Data detailing information by racial group and Hispanic origin was compiled from the 2016-2020 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) Data.

A household is considered to have a housing problem if the household is cost burdened by more than 30% of income, is experiencing overcrowding (more than one person per room), or has incomplete kitchen or plumbing facilities. Disproportionate need is defined as a racial or ethnic group within an income bracket having a housing problem at least 10 percentage points more often than the percentage of persons in that income bracket.

According to the 2016-2020 ACS Data (from which the 2016-2020 CHAS Data was derived), the total city population was 46,139 persons. There were 39,229 White persons (85.0% of the population); 3,725 Black/African American persons (8.1%); 819 Asian persons (1.8%); 113 American Indian/Alaskan Native persons (0.2%); 17 Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander persons (0.0%); 456 persons of Some Other Race (1.0%); and 7,780 persons of Two or More Races (3.9%). The Hispanic population of any race was 850 persons (1.8%).

0%-30% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems OR household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	6,348	3,649
White	5,723	3,229
Black / African American	425	243
Asian	105	100
American Indian, Alaska Native	4	15
Pacific Islander	0	0
Hispanic	34	14

Table 13 - Disproportionally Greater Need 0 - 30% AMI

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

**The four housing problems are: 1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%.*

30%-50% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems OR household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	3,760	2,972
White	3,319	2,797
Black / African American	248	125
Asian	68	30
American Indian, Alaska Native	4	0
Pacific Islander	0	0
Hispanic	40	4

Table 14 - Disproportionally Greater Need 30 - 50% AMI

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

**The four housing problems are: 1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%.*

50%-80% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems OR household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	3,007	5,940
White	2,696	5,650
Black / African American	138	120
Asian	12	24
American Indian, Alaska Native	20	35
Pacific Islander	0	0
Hispanic	110	15

Table 15 - Disproportionally Greater Need 50 - 80% AMI

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

**The four housing problems are: 1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%.*

80%-100% of Area Median Income

Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems OR household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	673	4,404
White	583	4,074
Black / African American	10	140
Asian	0	34
American Indian, Alaska Native	19	0
Pacific Islander	0	0
Hispanic	0	57

Table 16 - Disproportionally Greater Need 80 - 100% AMI

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

**The four housing problems are: 1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than one person per room, 4. Cost Burden greater than 30%*

Discussion

The 2016-2020 CHAS data indicates that there were no disproportionately affected populations in the City of Huntington in terms of housing problems, though the Black/African American population has a somewhat higher percentage rate of problems than other population groups. All the racial/ethnic groups had a share of housing problems within 10% of their respective proportions of the population.

NA-20 Disproportionately Greater Need: Severe Housing Problems - 91.405, 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

During the preparation of the city's Five-Year Consolidated Plan, an evaluation and comparison was made to determine the housing problems of any racial/ethnic groups in comparison to the overall need in the city. Data detailing information by racial group and Hispanic origin has been compiled from the 2016-2020 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) Data.

A household is considered to have a severe housing problem if the household is cost burdened by more than 50% of income, is experiencing severe overcrowding (more than 1.5 persons per room) or has incomplete kitchen or plumbing facilities. Disproportionate need is defined as a racial or ethnic group within an income bracket having a housing problem at least 10 percentage points more often than the percentage of persons in that income bracket.

According to the 2016-2020 ACS Data (from which the 2016-2020 CHAS Data was derived) the total City population was 46,139 persons. There were 39,229 White persons (85.0% of the population); 3,725 Black/African American persons (8.1%); 819 Asian persons (1.8%); 113 American Indian/Alaskan Native persons (0.2%); 17 Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander persons (0.0%); 456 persons of Some Other Race (1.0%); and 7,780 persons of Two or More Races (3.9%). The Hispanic population of any race was 850 persons (1.8%).

0%-30% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems OR household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	5,060	4,944
White	4,494	4,449
Black / African American	375	293
Asian	105	100
American Indian, Alaska Native	4	15
Pacific Islander	0	0
Hispanic	34	14

Table 17 - Severe Housing Problems 0 - 30% AMI

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

**The four severe housing problems are: 1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%.*

30%-50% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems OR household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	1,658	5,093
White	1,468	4,668
Black / African American	128	249
Asian	14	84
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	4
Pacific Islander	0	0
Hispanic	20	25

Table 18 - Severe Housing Problems 30 - 50% AMI

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

**The four severe housing problems are: 1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%.*

50%-80% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems OR household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	501	8,445
White	415	7,940
Black / African American	50	209
Asian	4	28
American Indian, Alaska Native	0	55
Pacific Islander	0	0
Hispanic	35	90

Table 19 - Severe Housing Problems 50 - 80% AMI

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

**The four severe housing problems are: 1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%.*

80%-100% of Area Median Income

Severe Housing Problems	Has one or more of four housing problems	Has none of the four housing problems OR household has no/negative income, but none of the other housing problems
Jurisdiction as a whole	269	4,819
White	239	4,424
Black / African American	0	150
Asian	0	34
American Indian, Alaska Native	15	4
Pacific Islander	0	0
Hispanic	0	57

Table 20 - Severe Housing Problems 80 - 100% AMI

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

**The four severe housing problems are: 1. Lacks complete kitchen facilities, 2. Lacks complete plumbing facilities, 3. More than 1.5 persons per room, 4. Cost Burden over 50%.*

Discussion

The 2016-2020 CHAS data indicates that there were no disproportionately affected populations in the City of Huntington in terms of severe housing problems, though the Black/African American population has a somewhat higher percentage rate of problems than other population groups. All the racial/ethnic groups had a share of housing problems within 10% of their respective proportions of the population.

NA-25 Disproportionately Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens - 91.405, 91.205 (b)(2)

Assess the need of any racial or ethnic group that has disproportionately greater need in comparison to the needs of that category of need as a whole.

Introduction

During the preparation of the City's Five-Year Consolidated Plan, an evaluation and comparison was made to determine the housing problems of any racial/ethnic groups in comparison to the overall need in the city. Data detailing information by racial group and Hispanic origin has been compiled from the 2016-2020 HUD Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) Data.

A household is considered cost burdened if its housing costs are more than 30% but less than or equal to 50% of its income and is considered to be severely cost burdened if its housing costs are more than 50% of its income. Disproportionate need is defined as a racial or ethnic group within an income bracket having a housing problem at least 10 percentage points more often than the percentage of persons in that income bracket.

According to the 2016-2020 ACS Data (from which the 2016-2020 CHAS Data was derived) the total City population was 46,139 persons. There were 39,229 White persons (85.0% of the population); 3,725 Black/African American persons (8.1%); 819 Asian persons (1.8%); 113 American Indian/Alaskan Native persons (0.2%); 17 Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander persons (0.0%); 456 persons of Some Other Race (1.0%); and 7,780 persons of Two or More Races (3.9%). The Hispanic population of any race was 850 persons (1.8%).

Housing Cost Burden

Housing Cost Burden	<=30%	30-50%	>50%	No / negative income (not computed)
Jurisdiction as a whole	38,734	6,878	6,902	1,970
White	36,755	6,233	6,149	1,662
Black / African American	872	298	520	160
Asian	224	59	104	115
American Indian, Alaska Native	100	28	4	0
Pacific Islander	4	0	0	0
Hispanic	309	94	30	10

Table 21 - Greater Need: Housing Cost Burdens AMI

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

Discussion

The 2016-2020 CHAS data indicates that there were no disproportionately affected populations in the City of Huntington in terms of housing cost burden. All the racial/ethnic groups had a share of housing problems within 10% of their respective proportions of the population.

NA-30 Disproportionately Greater Need: Discussion - 91.205 (b)(2)

Are there any Income categories in which a racial or ethnic group has disproportionately greater need than the needs of that income category as a whole?

According to the 2016-2020 CHAS Data, the 2010 Census and 2016-2020 ACS Data the racial composition of the city's White Population was 46,139; its Black/African American Population was 3,725; its Asian Population was 819; its American Indian/Alaskan Native Population was 113; its Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander Population was 17; some other race was 456; and two or more was 1,780. The Hispanic Population was 850. Although there are households that are impacted by housing problems, severe housing problems, and/or housing cost burden, no race cohort is disproportionately impacted. Need appears to be related to the availability of affordable, accessible, decent, and safe housing.

If they have needs not identified above, what are those needs?

There were no additional unidentified needs.

Are any of those racial or ethnic groups located in specific areas or neighborhoods in your community?

According to the according to the 2016-2020 CHAS Data, the 2010 Census and 2016-2020 ACS Data, the City of Huntington has a minority population of 14.97%. The city uses the definition of an Area of Minority Concentration as a Census Tract or Block Group where at least 50.0% of the population who reside in that area are identified as being a minority person.

NA-35 Public Housing - 91.405, 91.205 (b)

Introduction

The Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority (HWVHA) housing programs meet the needs of over 5,000 individuals and families. HWVHA works to expand its service base to meet the needs of families waiting for housing assistance. HWVHA owns 800 apartments that are available for lease. HWVHA also administers a total of 1,461 Housing Choice Vouchers. Of those housing vouchers, 188 are Certificate, 57 are Mod-Rehab and 800 are Public Housing. HWVHA also operates 141 Project-Based Vouchers, 855+ Tenant-Based Vouchers, 100 VASH, 220 FUP, and 145 Disabled vouchers. HWVHA operates self-sufficiency programs to assist families and elderly as well as employment and training programs to assist families to enter the workforce. HWVHA has services for seniors to remain in their own homes and recreational programs that improve the quality of life for its residents. HWVHA cares about the "bricks and mortar" of the physical environment of its communities working to make each neighborhood clean, safe, and appealing.

Totals in Use

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers in use	0	104	876	1,206	1	1,071	31	95	2
*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition									

Table 22 - Public Housing by Program Type

*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Characteristics of Residents

Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers				
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher	
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program
Average Annual Income	0	6,105	9,488	8,727	15,080	8,826	4,539	8,625
Average length of stay	0	4	4	5	0	5	0	4
Average Household size	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	3
# Homeless at admission	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of Elderly Program Participants (>62)	0	6	263	174	0	172	1	1
# of Disabled Families	0	55	216	453	0	395	23	30
# of Families requesting accessibility features	0	104	876	1,206	1	1,071	31	95
# of HIV/AIDS program participants	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
# of DV victims	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 23 - Characteristics of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Race of Residents

Race	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
White	0	89	624	992	0	890	25	72	2
Black/African American	0	14	244	209	1	176	6	23	0
Asian	0	1	2	2	0	2	0	0	0
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	5	1	0	1	0	0	0
Pacific Islander	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition									

Table 24 - Race of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Ethnicity of Residents

Program Type									
Ethnicity	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project - based	Tenant - based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
Hispanic	0	1	21	16	0	14	0	2	0
Not Hispanic	0	103	855	1,190	1	1,057	31	93	2
*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition									

Table 25 - Ethnicity of Public Housing Residents by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Section 504 Needs Assessment: Describe the needs of public housing tenants and applicants on the waiting list for accessible units:

The Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority (HWVHA) is 504 compliant. HWVHA continues to increase the total number of ADA units in the senior housing communities. HWVHA makes various accessibility accommodations such as grab bars, handicap ramps, equipment for hearing and vision impaired, and environmental controls. HWVHA's mission is to provide safe, decent and sanitary housing conditions for very low-income families and to manage resources efficiently.

As a public service agency, HWVHA is committed to providing excellent service to HCV Program participants, owners, and to the community. HWVHA's standards include:

- Administer applicable federal and state laws and regulations to achieve high ratings in performance measurement indicators while maintaining efficiency in program operation to ensure fair and consistent treatment of clients served.
- Provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing - in compliance with program housing quality standards - for very low-income families while ensuring that family rents are fair, reasonable, and affordable.
- Encourage self-sufficiency of participant families and assist in the expansion of family opportunities which address educational, socio-economic, recreational and other human service's needs.
- Promote fair housing and equal opportunity for very low-income families of all ethnic backgrounds to experience freedom of housing choice.
- Promote a housing program which maintains quality service and integrity while providing an incentive to private property owners to rent to very low-income families.
- Promote a market-driven housing program that will help qualified low-income families be successful in obtaining affordable housing and increase the supply of housing choices for such families.
- Create positive public awareness and expand the level of family, owner, and community support in accomplishing HWVHA's mission.
- Attain and maintain a high level of standards and professionalism in day-to-day management of all program components.
- Administer an efficient, high-performing agency through continuous improvement of HWVHA's support systems and a high level of commitment to our employees and their development.

What are the number and type of families on the waiting lists for public housing and section 8 tenant-based rental assistance? Based on the information above, and any other information available to the jurisdiction, what are the most immediate needs of residents of public housing and Housing Choice voucher holders?

Through consultation with the Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority (HWVHA), the following needs were identified for public housing residents and Housing Choice Voucher holders:

- More housing opportunities for the extremely low income.
- Market studies indicate one-bedroom units are needed, particularly for the elderly and disabled, as well as need for some two-bedroom units serving this population.
- Supportive services such as nutrition and access to healthcare, including transportation.
- Family financial stabilization to ensure children have a decent, safe, and consistent home.

Family self-sufficiency (FSS) is a HUD program that encourages communities to develop local strategies to help assisted families obtain employment that will lead to economic independence and self-sufficiency. Public housing agencies (PHAs) work with welfare agencies, schools, businesses, and other local partners to develop a comprehensive program that empowers participating FSS family members with the skills and experience needed to obtain stable and living wage employment. The Huntington Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program services include, but are not limited to:

- childcare
- transportation
- education
- job training and employment counseling
- substance/alcohol abuse treatment or counseling
- household skill training
- homeownership counseling

How do these needs compare to the housing needs of the population at large?

The needs of the existing public housing residents and Housing Choice Voucher holders are not the same as the population at large. The general population tends to have higher incomes, opening access to greater choice in finding suitable and attainable housing. However, extremely low- to median-income households, which include PHA residents and voucher holders struggle to find attainable housing close to public transit, places of employment, and essential goods and services.

According to housing developers and social and human service providers, there is a need for housing maintenance and financial literacy education in the city, just as there is for public housing residents and voucher holders. The general population of the city also needs more affordable childcare options covering second and third shifts and weekends, education, job training, and employment counseling.

Discussion

The Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority (HWVHA) is a invaluable city partner in addressing the housing needs of the city's very low- and extremely low-income residents. The city has identified the need for affordable, accessible, decent, and safe housing. HWVHA is the city's primary provider of affordable housing opportunities for residents at or below the 50% of AMI income range, particularly those affected by housing problems, severe housing problems and housing cost burdens.

NA-40 Homeless Needs Assessment - 91.405, 91.205 (c)

Introduction:

The Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Continuum of Care (CHWCoC) has been successful in identifying and prioritizing gaps in the Continuum of Care and identifying ways to address those gaps. The monthly CoC meetings keep providers aware of the evolving needs of the homeless and provide a forum through which projects can be identified to address needs. The commitment of CoC members is evidenced by representation at regular meetings, by completion of assigned tasks which strengthen the continuum, and by a collective willingness to focus on the needs of the CoC and those served by it.

CHWCoC is currently working to obtain 501(c)3 status and assume the CoC's management role. CHWCoC maintains that adequate food, clothing, shelter, and healthcare are basic human rights that should be available to everyone. The mission of CHWCoC is to encourage, coordinate, and deliver these basic human services to those in need across the CoC's service area.

Approximately 60 organizations and individuals actively participate in the CHWCoC planning process. These agencies or individuals are involved in the CoC's planning process in one of four ways: 1) attending regular monthly or special CHWCoC meetings; 2) participating in one of the CHWCoC subcommittees or work groups; or 3) entering data into the CHWCoC HMIS system; and/or 4) providing services to homeless individuals and families.

Each year, the CoC conducts a Point-In-Time (PIT) count to determine the number of homeless individuals in its jurisdiction. CHWCoC conducted its 2025 PIT Count on the night of January 28, 2025 and surveyed shelter populations as well as locations such as bridge abutments and benches where unhoused persons are likely to be located.

Homeless Needs Assessment

Population	Estimate the # of persons experiencing homelessness on a given night		Estimate the # experiencing homelessness each year	Estimate the # becoming homeless each year	Estimate the # exiting homelessness each year	Estimate the # of days persons experience homelessness
	Sheltered	Unsheltered				
Persons in Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	14	0	-	-	-	-
Persons in Households with Only Children	0	0	-	-	-	-

Population	Estimate the # of persons experiencing homelessness on a given night		Estimate the # experiencing homelessness each year	Estimate the # becoming homeless each year	Estimate the # exiting homelessness each year	Estimate the # of days persons experience homelessness
	Sheltered	Unsheltered				
Persons in Households with Only Adults	164	69	-	-	-	-
Chronically Homeless Individuals	32	5	-	-	-	-
Chronically Homeless Families	0	0	-	-	-	-
Veterans	14	1	-	-	-	-
Unaccompanied Youth	9	2	-	-	-	-
Persons with HIV	7	7	-	-	-	-

If data is not available for the categories "number of persons becoming and exiting homelessness each year," and "number of days that persons experience homelessness," describe these categories for each homeless population type (including chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth):

There are four (4) broad categories of homelessness:

- People who are living in a place not meant for human habitation, in emergency shelter, in transitional housing, or are exiting an institution where they temporarily resided if they were in shelter or a place not meant for human habitation before entering the institution. The only significant change from existing practice is that people will be considered homeless if they are exiting an institution where they resided for up to 90 days (it was previously 30 days) and were homeless immediately prior to entering that institution.
- People who are losing their primary night-time residence, which may include a motel or hotel or doubled-up situation, within 14 days and lack resources or support networks to remain in housing. HUD had previously allowed people who were being displaced within 7 days to be considered homeless. The regulation also describes specific documentation requirements for this category.

- Families with children or unaccompanied youth who are unstably housed and likely to continue in that state. This is a new category of homelessness, and it applies to families with children or unaccompanied youth (up to age 24) who have not had a lease or ownership interest in a housing unit in the last 60 or more days, have had two or more moves in the last 60 days, and who are likely to continue to be unstably housed because of disability or multiple barriers to employment.
- People who are fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, or other dangerous or life-threatening situations related to violence; have no other residence; and lack the resources or support networks to obtain other permanent housing. This category is similar to the current practice regarding people who are fleeing domestic violence.

The Chronically Homeless are defined as an individual or family that is homeless and lives or resides in a place not meant for human habitation, a safe haven or in an emergency shelter; has been homeless and living there continually for at least one year or on at least four separate occasions in the last three years; and has an adult head of household (or a minor head of household if no adult is present in the household) with a diagnosable substance use disorder, serious mental illness, developmental disability (as defined in Section 102 of the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 2000 (42 U.S.C. 15002)), post-traumatic stress disorder, cognitive impairments resulting from brain injury, or chronic physical illness or disability, including the co-occurrence of two or more of those conditions.

Nature and Extent of Homelessness: (Optional)

Race:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
White	152	62
Black or African American	28	2
Asian	0	0
American Indian or Alaska Native	2	1
Pacific Islander	1	0
Multi-Racial (all other)	2	4
Ethnicity:	Sheltered:	Unsheltered (optional)
Hispanic	2	2
Not Hispanic	184	67

Estimate the number and type of families in need of housing assistance for families with children and the families of veterans.

Based on information provided by the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Continuum of Care (CHWCoC), it is estimated that 14 families with children and 15 veterans within the CoC's service area are in need of housing assistance. None of the families are considered unsheltered, but one veteran is unsheltered.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Homelessness by Racial and Ethnic Group.

Many individuals and families experiencing homelessness, regardless of race or ethnicity, are suffering from substance abuse problems and/or mental health problems and often have little to no financial literacy. The percent of Black/African American population in the City of Huntington is 7.1% (compared with 3.4% statewide). Homelessness tends to be more prevalent among Black individuals in communities across America, and Huntington is no exception.

Describe the Nature and Extent of Unsheltered and Sheltered Homelessness.

CHWCoC has seen a trend of more homeless families with children. To address this trend, CHWCoC has been reallocating single bed units toward multiple bed units to increase the permanent housing opportunities for families with children. An additional trend has been the increase in the population ages 18-24 which includes youth transitioning out of foster care. The geriatric homeless population has also been on the increase. Elderly housing is a gap identified in CHWCoC services and is being addressed through update to the CoC Strategic Plan.

Unsheltered Homelessness would refer to the segment of a homeless community who do not have ordinary lawful access to buildings in which to sleep, as referred to in the HUD definition as persons occupying "place not meant for human habitation", (examples: bus stop, beach, riverbed, van, RV, sidewalk). Many of the unsheltered homeless suffer from substance abuse and/or mental illness and are reluctant to abide by the rules of the shelter.

Sheltered Homelessness would refer to those in an emergency shelter, in transitional housing, or are exiting an institution where they temporarily resided lacking a fixed nighttime residence. An individual is considered homeless if he/she is exiting an institution where they resided for up to 90 days (it was previously 30 days). People who are losing their primary night-time residence, which may be a motel, hotel, or a doubled-up situation within 14 days and lack resources or support networks to remain housing are considered sheltered homeless as well. The sheltered homeless typically do not have a steady source of income, or any source of income.

Discussion:

The CHWCoC's goals and objectives include:

Goals:

- Improve Governance and Structure to increase communication and reduce barriers to homeless services throughout the continuum
- Utilize the CHWCoC Strategic Plan as a guide to combat homelessness in the CHWCoC.
- Improve the infrastructure and administrative capacity of the CHWCoC.
- Maintain an appropriately balanced Continuum of Care service/housing array. The following objectives have been identified to address this goal:

Objectives:

- Prevent Homelessness through early intervention
- Improve and Continue to Maintain Outreach and Assessment
- Maintain Emergency Shelter Capacity and Services
- Maintain and expand the current supply of transitional housing for specific chronic homeless populations
- Expand Permanent Supportive Housing
- Develop permanent AAA housing: available, affordable, and adequate housing
- Maintain and continue to expand Supportive Services

NA-45 Non-Homeless Special Needs Assessment - 91.405, 91.205 (b,d)

Introduction

The groups to be addressed in this assessment include:

- Elderly Persons (65 years of age and older)
- Frail Elderly
- Persons with mental, physical, and/or developmental disabilities
- Persons with Alcohol or other Drug Addiction
- Persons with HIV/AIDS and their families
- Victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking

The housing needs of each of these groups were determined by consultations with social and human service providers and statistical information provided by providers. **Describe the characteristics of special needs populations in your community:**

- Elderly Persons are defined as persons who are age 62 years and older. According to the 2019-2023 ACS Data, elderly persons represent 20.5% of the City's total population. Approximately 7.9% of the elderly population are aged 75 years and older.
- Frail Elderly are those persons who are elderly and have a form of disability, ranging from hearing loss, vision difficulty, cognitive difficulty, ambulatory problems, and lack of self-help skills.
- Persons with mental, physical and developmental disabilities, according to the ACS data for 2019-2023, approximately 19.90% of the City's total population is classified as "disabled." The total number is somewhat skewed as some individuals may have more than one disability factor.
- People with HIV/AIDS have increased in Cabell County over the last 10 years. From 2016-2020 the average number of cases per year was 28, that number has increased every year since that. In 2021 there were 33 total cases, 57 cases in 2022, and 26 in 2023. Local officials are calling it a cluster and attribute the rise to IV drug use. The rise in case is more in Cabell County than the State of West Virginia since 2008. The county has a needle exchange program, and officials do not feel that is the cause of the increase.
- Victims of Domestic Violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking has remained constant locally.

What are the housing and supportive service needs of these populations and how are these needs determined?

- **Elderly Persons.** Safe accessible, and age-friendly housing, affordability, options for different levels of independence, proximity to services, health and medical support, personal care services,

household support, nutrition services, transportation, social engagement and mental health, and legal, financial, and advocacy support.

- **Frail Elderly.** Accessibility and safety, affordability, proximity to services, supportive housing models, personal care assistance, health and medical support, nutrition and meal services, transportation, social engagement and mental health, housekeeping and home maintenance, and legal and financial support.
- **Mentally, Physically Disabled.** Accessible and affordable housing, permanent supportive housing (PSH), stability and security, case management, health and mental health services, personal assistance services, life skills and employment support, transportation services, social and community integration

Accessible housing/permanent supportive housing, using the Housing First model to avoid transitional housing, plus supportive services such as PATH (Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness) and SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery) case management for those suffering from mental illness, substance abuse, or coexisting disorders, education and job training, financial counseling, and access to healthcare services.

- **Alcohol and Drug Addiction.** Permanent supportive housing, using the Housing First model to avoid transitional housing, plus supportive services such as PATH (Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness) and SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery) case management for those suffering from mental illness, substance abuse, or coexisting disorders, education and job training, financial counseling, and access to health services and substance abuse counseling.
- **HIV/AIDS.** Stable and permanent housing, affordability, supportive housing options, privacy and safety, medical care coordination, medical adherence support, mental health and substance use services, nutritional support, transportation services, life skills and employment assistance, and peer support and community connection.
- **Victims of Domestic Violence.** Immediate, safe and emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent housing, flexible and mobile options, safety planning and crisis intervention, trauma-informed mental healthcare, legal advocacy and services, case management, employment and financial empowerment, child and family services, and confidentiality and privacy protections.

Discuss the size and characteristics of the population with HIV/AIDS and their families within the Eligible Metropolitan Statistical Area:

The State of West Virginia has eight public health districts. The City of Huntington is in Health District #2 which includes Cabell, Lincoln, Logan, Mason, Mingo, and Wayne Counties. Persons with HIV/AIDS have increased in Cabell County. From 2016-2020, the average number of cases per year was 28. That number has increased every year since. In 2021 there were 33 total cases, 57 cases in 2022, and 26 in 2023. Local officials are calling it a cluster and attributed to the rise in intravenous drug use. The rise in cases has been more in Cabell County than the State of West Virginia since 2008.

Discussion:

While many supportive service providers for the special needs population are in the City of Huntington, their service area and clients are not limited to city limits. The needs for these various Special Needs Population groups were determined based on HUD data, U.S. Census Data, ACS data and interviews with housing developers and social and human service providers.

NA-50 Non-Housing Community Development Needs - 91.415, 91.215 (f)

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Facilities:

The following public facility needs have been identified by the city:

- Design for public safety such as improved pedestrian-scale lighting along commercial corridors or priority pedestrian routes, clear sight lines, maintenance and cleanliness, etc.
- Create welcoming spaces to increase community presence, which deters crime such as spaces for seniors, youth, and marginalized groups, ADA accessibility, programming spaces that reflect community culture and needs, etc.
- Modernizing emergency response facilities, equipment, and capacities.
- Address recurring flooding by identifying root causes, investing in infrastructure improvements such as upgrading or expanding stormwater management facilities, adding stormwater detention or retention basins, installing backflow preventers in sewer lines, exploring and implementing nature-based solutions, implementing maintenance and monitoring, encourage property-level flood protection, etc.
- Prioritize improvements to the stormwater and sanitary system infrastructure.
- Reconstruct streets, restore and preserve brick-paved streets, and repair priority alleyways.
- Repair and reconstruct sidewalks.
- Improve pedestrian crossings for safe connections by installing additional accessible curb cuts, including audible signals at more crosswalks, and traffic calming measures.
- Continue connecting PATH resources with share the road signage, sharrows, bicycle lanes and bike racks where appropriate.
- Invest in community centers such as the A.D. Lewis Center.
- Expand and continue to modernize passive and active park and recreation facilities.
- Improve ADA accessibility and restroom access within the parks and recreation facilities.
- Connect existing green spaces.
- Create additional public restrooms and water fountains.

How were these needs determined?

The city's public facility needs were determined through public meetings and hearings, resident surveys, stakeholder questionnaires, and group and one-on-one interviews with city officials and staff and stakeholders representing housing, social service, community development, economic development, education, and faith-based sectors.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Improvements:

The following public improvement needs have been identified by the City:

- Pursue economic development through the retention, expansion, and attraction of growing and emerging industries that offer living wages and resilience to economic shocks such as clean energy, remote work and technology hubs, healthcare and life sciences, advanced light manufacturing and automation, creative economic and digital media, logistics, e-commerce, and warehousing, education and workforce development, etc.
- Explore forgiving municipal liens on properties to facilitate reinvestment, development, and neighborhood revitalization.
- Attract and support healthy food retailers to underserved neighborhoods such as corner stores and bodegas that stock fresh produce, dairy, and healthy staples, pop-up markets or farmers markets in parks, schools, and transit hubs, mobile markets or food trucks that bring produce into neighborhoods regularly.
- Support Huntington as a regional arts and culture destination.

How were these needs determined?

The city's public improvement needs were determined through public meetings and hearings, resident surveys, stakeholder questionnaires, and group and one-on-one interviews with city officials and staff and stakeholders representing housing, social service, community development, economic development, education, and faith-based sectors.

Describe the jurisdiction's need for Public Services:

The following public service needs have been identified by the city:

- Explore co-locating services that address root causes of crime such as mental health clinics and counselors, workforce training and job placement, youth development programs, housing and homelessness support, and substance abuse preventions and recovery programs.
- Explore and promote public safety metrics and visibility to improve public perception and confidence.
- Strengthen collaboration and coordination among agencies delivering homeless, mental health, substance treatment and prevention, and supportive services.
- Day center with wraparound services for homeless residents.
- Workforce development and skilled training.

- Improve TTA through improved service coverage, headways, especially later evenings and weekends, more intuitive and accessible schedules, fares, and rider rules, improving bus stops for aesthetics and safety.
- Affordable childcare with services available for second and third shifts and weekends to stabilize household incomes.
- Enhanced code enforcement to address dilapidated properties.
- Home repair programming.
- Rent and utility assistance.
- Financial literacy and homebuyer preparation counseling and assistance.
- Medical and dental assistance for low-income persons to live healthy lives, improve their mental health, and access higher-paying jobs.
- Nutrition programming.
- Youth development programming.
- Support and assistance for grandparents and older guardians raising children.
- Elder daycare.

How were these needs determined?

The city's public service needs were determined through public meetings and hearings, resident surveys, stakeholder questionnaires, and group and one-on-one interviews with city officials and staff and stakeholders representing housing, social service, community development, economic development, education, and faith-based sectors.

Housing Market Analysis

MA-05 Overview

Housing Market Analysis Overview:

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2018-2022 American Community Survey (ACS), which is required by HUD for the preparation of the Consolidated Plan:

- Nearly 60% (59.70%) of the City of Huntington's housing stock was built prior to 1960, highlighting a prevalence of an older housing stock that may require updates and renovations.
- Only 5% of the city's housing stock was built after 2000.
- There were 24,224 occupied units in the city:
 - 10,557 (54.50%) owner-occupied
 - 8,854 (45.60%) renter-occupied units.
- The majority (66%) of the housing units in the city are single-family detached structures.
- Most (64.3%) of the dwelling units were two and three-bedroom. The range of unit sizes included
 - 13.70% one-bedroom units
 - 30.40% two-bedroom units
 - 33.30% three-bedroom units
 - 12.40% four-bedroom units
 - 6.8% efficiency units
- The median value of an owner-occupied home in the City of Huntington in 2017 was \$95,200 compared to \$90,600 for Wayne County and \$119,800 for Cabell County
- The estimated median value of a home in the city increased to \$114,800 (20.58%), while the median value in Cabell County increased to \$144,200 (20.36%) and the median value in Wayne County increased to \$114,200 (26.04%).

According to more recent online real estate sources including Realtor.com, Zillow.com, Redfin.com, and Rocket.com:

- Zillow.com reported in February 2025 that an average home value of \$130,435, up 10.1% over the past year.
- Realtor.com reported in January 2025 that the median listing price was \$147,900, with homes selling for a median price of \$150,000.
- According to Zillow.com and Realtor.com, homes are selling relatively quickly, with a median of 24 days to pending as of March 2025.

- According to Zillow.com and Realtor.com, the sale-to-list price ratio stands at 97.4%, revealing that homes are selling close to their asking prices.
- According to Rocket.com, Huntington is currently a seller's market as demand is outpacing supply.
- As of March 2025, there were 207 homes for sale in Huntington, with 54 new listings added that month.

In relative terms, Huntington's housing market is affordable yet low- and moderate-income residents struggle to find attainable housing in the current seller's market. According to a regional housing study (10 counties) prepared in 2023 for Advantage Valley by Bowen National Research, 79% of top occupations in the area do not pay enough for workers to afford a typical home, underscoring affordability issues.

Given Huntington's strategic location and ongoing revitalization efforts, there are opportunities for investors, particularly in renovating older properties and developing new housing to meet demand. However, investors should be mindful of the aging housing stock and the need for modernization to meet the expectations of income residents and workers.

Huntington's housing market in 2025 is characterized by a mix of affordability and challenges associated with aging infrastructure and limited housing supply. The anticipated economic growth and influx of new households present both opportunities and challenges for the housing market. Addressing affordability and updating the existing housing stock will be crucial to meet the needs of current and future residents.

MA-10 Housing Market Analysis: Number of Housing Units - 91.410, 91.210(a) & (b)(2)

Introduction

In preparing the FY 2025-2029 Consolidated Plan, HUD required 2016-2020 American Community Service (ACS) data to be analyzed for the HOME Consortium area, which includes the City of Huntington and the Counties of Cabell and Wayne. The 2016-2020 ACS data showed that there were a total of 65,671 housing units in the HOME Consortium area. Most (67%) of the housing units were single-family detached units and 3 or more-bedroom units were 62% of all housing units.

All residential properties by number of units

Property Type	Number	%
1-unit detached structure	43,880	67%
1-unit, attached structure	885	1%
2-4 units	4,609	7%
5-19 units	5,385	8%
20 or more units	2,802	4%
Mobile Home, boat, RV, van, etc	8,110	12%
Total	65,671	100%

Table 26 - Residential Properties by Unit Number

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Unit Size by Tenure

	Owners		Renters	
	Number	%	Number	%
No bedroom	33	0%	1,127	6%
1 bedroom	724	2%	4,295	23%
2 bedrooms	7,110	20%	7,415	40%
3 or more bedrooms	28,000	78%	5,832	31%
Total	35,867	100%	18,669	100%

Table 27 - Unit Size by Tenure

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Describe the number and targeting (income level/type of family served) of units assisted with federal, state, and local programs.

The number of units in the City of Huntington, and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium that are assisted with Federal, State, and Local Programs are as follows:

- **Public Housing.** The Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority (HWWHA) owns public housing developments in the city and manages the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. There are 898 public housing units within the city. The HWWHA also administers 1,403 Section 8 Vouchers.
- **Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC).** There is a total of 492 LIHTC units in the City of Huntington, according to HUD's Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) database. Of these, 436 are low-income units.
- **First Time Homebuyers.** The Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium has assisted 10 households with downpayment and closing cost assistance to purchase a home from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2023.
- **West Virginia Housing Development Fund.** The Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium has previously funded and will continue to fund a project with FYs 2025 CHDO set-aside funds to the West Virginia Housing Development Fund to finance the new construction of affordable housing multifamily residential rental projects.
- **Rehabilitation.** The City of Huntington provides Emergency Housing Rehabilitation and Volunteer Rehabilitation Program to assist income-eligible residents. The Emergency Housing Rehab Program provides grant assistance to income eligible homeowners for installation of roofs, soffit, gutters, electrical upgrades, plumbing, etc. Under the Volunteer Rehabilitation Program, the city works in cooperation with volunteer groups to make repairs by providing materials and disposal services, while the labor is provided by the volunteer organizations. All repairs are completed with the city code and are inspected by a city building inspector. Another housing rehabilitation program available to city residents is run through the Veterans Health Administration. The Veterans Health Administration has the Home Improvement and Structural Alterations (HISA) Grant Program that helps veterans in modifying their home to assist with access. The dollar amount for HISA is based on the veteran's service-connected disability. Assistance provided includes permanent ramps (wood or concrete), walk-in showers, door widening, handrails and several other things depending on the veterans' medical condition.

Provide an assessment of units expected to be lost from the affordable housing inventory for any reason, such as expiration of Section 8 contracts.

Currently no units in the affordable housing inventory are expected to be lost.

Does the availability of housing units meet the needs of the population?

The 2016-2020 CHAS data indicate Small Family Households continue to significantly outnumber Large Family Households. However, 78% of homes for owners are three-bedroom or larger units. Smaller and low-income families who wish to become homeowners lack mid-range cost housing opportunities and cannot generally afford to buy larger homes due to the additional cost of purchase and upkeep. Seniors seeking to downsize from large single-family homes struggle to find smaller homes or apartments that require less upkeep. However, less than one third (29%) of apartments in the Consortium are efficiency or one-bedroom units.

Describe the need for specific types of housing:

There is a shortage of subsidized, affordable housing for single-person households, many of whom are elderly, disabled, and single persons living on fixed incomes. Some of these single-person households are on the waiting lists for subsidized housing.

Housing providers in the city see a need for more one-bedroom apartments, or modular homes, for single persons which are affordable and accessible. Housing providers also see a need for mid-range housing options, as most of the new housing product is designed, built and marketed to college students and low-income households.

There is a continued lack of decent, safe, quality housing for Housing Choice Voucher holders. Many of the housing units that are available and affordable for voucher-holders have code issues. There is also a reluctance in the market for housing providers to accept Housing Choice Vouchers.

Discussion

The ratio of owner-occupied to renter occupied housing units favors homeownership in the Consortium, at 65.77% owner-occupied and 34.23% rental. A 55/45 to 65/35 owner/renter mix is often seen as healthy for mid-sized cities and allows for stability through ownership and flexibility and affordability through rentals. However, a lower rental percentage can make housing choice and affordability difficult for younger workers, transitional households, and economic mobility. Although the city and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium continue to support homebuyer assistance for low- to moderate-income residents, there remains a need for quality affordable rental housing within the city and the Consortium service area.

MA-15 Housing Market Analysis: Cost of Housing - 91.410, 91.210(a)

Introduction

The cost of housing has increased from a median value for owner-occupied housing from \$95,200 to \$114,800 (20.58%) in Huntington over the period of 2017 to 2022. According to the 2017-2022 American Community Survey, gross rent has also increased since 2017 from \$667 to \$841. According to Zillow.com, the median list price in Huntington is \$157,966, with an average sold price of in Huntington of \$157,059.

Zumper.com showed the median rent in April 2025 for any size apartment was \$875 per month with the one-bedroom rate being \$787 and the two-bedroom rate as \$930. This is a decrease of approximately 1% in average for one-bedroom and an increase of 3% over the past year.

The City of Huntington and the HOME Consortium should to continue efforts to increase homeownership opportunities for low- to moderate-income residents and maintain affordable rental options, particularly for the elderly, disabled, and those on a fixed income.

Cost of Housing

	Base Year: 2009	Most Recent Year: 2015	% Change
Median Home Value	0	0	0%
Median Contract Rent	0	0	0%

Table 28 - Cost of Housing

Data Source: 2000 (Base Year), 2016-2020 ACS (Most Recent Year)

Rent Paid	Number	%
Less than \$500	8,478	45.4%
\$500-999	8,923	47.8%
\$1,000-1,499	832	4.5%
\$1,500-1,999	114	0.6%
\$2,000 or more	174	0.9%
Total	18,521	99.3%

Table 29 - Rent Paid

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Housing Affordability

% Units affordable to Households earning	Renter	Owner
30% HAMFI	2,248	No Data
50% HAMFI	5,937	4,868
80% HAMFI	12,671	11,014
100% HAMFI	No Data	14,533
Total	20,856	30,415

Table 30 - Housing Affordability

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

Monthly Rent

Monthly Rent (\$)	Efficiency (no bedroom)	1 Bedroom	2 Bedroom	3 Bedroom	4 Bedroom
Fair Market Rent	648	706	829	1,102	1,248
High HOME Rent	509	609	734	924	1,011
Low HOME Rent	493	529	635	733	818

Table 31 - Monthly Rent

Data Source: HUD FMR and HOME Rents

Is there sufficient housing for households at all income levels?

Based on the HUD CHAS data, there is not sufficient housing for all income levels due to the cost burden criteria for the following groups:

The following households in the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium have housing costs that are 0% to 30% of their AMI:

- **White households** = 39,214 or 94.6% of households
- **Black/African American households** = 1,069 or 2.6% of households
- **Asian households** = 367 or 0.9% of households
- **American Indian/Alaska Native Households** = 73 or 0.2% of households
- **Hispanic** = 420 or 1.0% of households

The following households have housing costs that are 30% to 50% of their AMI:

- **White households** = 5,910 or 94.2% of households
- **Black/African American households** = 253 or 4.0% of households
- **Asian households** = 10 or 0.2% of households

- **American Indian/Alaska Native Households** = 20 or 0.3% of households
- **Hispanic** = 60 or 0.9% of households

The following households have housing costs that are greater than 50% to 80% of their AMI:

- **White households** = 6,009 or 86.9% of households
- **Black/African American households** = 575 or 8.3% of households
- **Asian households** = 144 or 2.1% of households
- **American Indian/Alaska Native Households** = 20 or 0.3% of households
- **Hispanic households** = 99 or 1.4% of households

How is affordability of housing likely to change considering changes to home values and/or rents?

The availability of affordable and attainable housing will decrease as rents and sales prices continue to increase, particularly when the median household income in the City of Huntington has increased at a slower rate. This trend will exacerbate housing affordability challenges.

How do HOME rents / Fair Market Rent compare to Area Median Rent? How might this impact your strategy to produce or preserve affordable housing?

According to Zillow.com, area median rent for a one-bedroom rental is estimated at \$995 per month, for a two-bedroom rental is \$2,000 per month, and the average for all bedrooms is \$1,375 per month. These estimates are higher than the HOME and Fair Market rents for one-, two-, and three-bedroom units. The assisted rental housing units do not normally impact market rate rent trends in Huntington.

Discussion

Affordability and accessibility in rentals remain a challenge for lower income residents throughout the city and both affordability and cost burden affect some groups more than others.

MA-20 Housing Market Analysis: Condition of Housing - 91.410, 91.210(a)

Introduction

The City of Huntington contains 17,640 housing units that were constructed prior to 1970, which is 72.80% of all the housing units in the city. Approximately 2.5% of the housing units in the city were built after 2010. Of all the 24,224 total housing units, 19,411 (80.10%) are occupied. It is therefore assumed that a large amount the housing units in the city are in need of housing rehabilitation, from minor repairs to major rehabilitation and modernization.

Describe the jurisdiction's definition for "substandard condition" and "substandard condition but suitable for rehabilitation":

The following definitions are included in the table below:

- **"Selected Housing Conditions:"** Over-crowding (1.01 or more persons per room); Lacking a complete kitchen; Lack of plumbing facilities and/or other utilities; and/or Cost overburden.
- **"Substandard Condition:"** Does not meet code standards or contains one of the selected housing conditions.
- **"Suitable for Rehabilitation":** The amount of work required to bring the unit up to minimum code standards, and the existing debt on the property, together are less than the fair market value of the property.
- **"Not Suitable for Rehabilitation":** The amount of work required to bring the unit up to minimum code standard exceeds the fair market value of the property after rehabilitation work is complete.

Condition of Units

Condition of Units	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
With one selected Condition	5,540	15%	8,675	46%
With two selected Conditions	29	0%	297	2%
With three selected Conditions	4	0%	4	0%
With four selected Conditions	0	0%	0	0%
No selected Conditions	30,285	84%	9,670	52%
Total	35,858	99%	18,646	100%

Table 32 - Condition of Units

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Year Unit Built

Year Unit Built	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
2000 or later	4,563	13%	2,218	12%
1980-1999	7,325	20%	4,173	22%
1950-1979	16,079	45%	8,309	45%
Before 1950	7,869	22%	3,938	21%
Total	35,836	100%	18,638	100%

Table 33 - Year Unit Built

Data Source: 2016-2020 CHAS

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard

Risk of Lead-Based Paint Hazard	Owner-Occupied		Renter-Occupied	
	Number	%	Number	%
Total Number of Units Built Before 1980	23,948	67%	12,247	66%
Housing Units build before 1980 with children present	2,274	6%	1,307	7%

Table 34 - Risk of Lead-Based Paint

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS (Total Units) 2016-2020 CHAS (Units with Children present)

Vacant Units

	Suitable for Rehabilitation	Not Suitable for Rehabilitation	Total
Vacant Units	3,585	1,228	4,813
Abandoned Vacant Units	101	298	399
REO Properties	201	108	309
Abandoned REO Properties	3	55	58

Table 35 - Vacant Units

Data Source: 2023 Huntington Housing Needs Assessment, 2019-2023 ACS table B25004 and B25130

Describe the need for owner and rental rehabilitation based on the condition of the jurisdiction's housing.

The City of Huntington provides Emergency Housing Rehabilitation and Volunteer Rehabilitation Program to assist income-eligible residents. The Emergency Housing Rehab Program provides grant assistance to income eligible homeowners for installation of roofs, soffit, gutters, electrical upgrades, plumbing, etc.

Under the Volunteer Rehabilitation Program, the city works in cooperation with volunteer groups to make repairs by providing materials and disposal services, while the labor is provided by the volunteer organizations. All repairs are completed to city code and are inspected by a city building inspector.

Another housing rehabilitation program available to city residents is run through the Veterans Health Administration. The Veterans Health Administration has the Home Improvement and Structural Alterations (HISA) Grant Program that helps veterans in modifying their home to assist with access. The dollar amount for HISA is based on the veteran's service-connected disability. Assistance provided includes permanent ramps (wood or concrete), walk-in showers, door widening, handrails and several other things depending on the veterans' medical condition.

In addition to minor and major housing rehabilitation, stakeholder interviews revealed that there is a need for housing maintenance and financial literacy education. There is a concern among housing providers over the condition of the homes occupied by some individuals and families that do not perform necessary maintenance.

Estimate the number of housing units within the jurisdiction that are occupied by low- or moderate-income families that contain lead-based paint hazards. 91.205(e), 91.405

Based on the HUD estimates for lead-based paint and the high number of housing units built prior to 1980, it is estimated that over 18,500 housing units in the City of Huntington may have lead-based paint (approximately 87% of occupied housing units), and approximately 99% of those units could have chipped or peeling paint, which presents a public health hazard.

Discussion

The Huntington Urban Renewal Authority (HURA) had, for many year, remained a pivotal organization in the city dedicated to revitalizing neighborhoods, addressing blight, and promoting sustainable development. Established to combat urban decay, HURA focused on acquiring and managing vacant or dilapidated properties, facilitating redevelopment, and collaborating with local organizations to implement community-driven projects. HURA has faced financial constraints including limited funding, competitive tax sales acquisitions, and resource-intensive operations (i.e., research, property maintenance, and legal processes).

Following the passage of the West Virginia Land Reuse Agency Authorization Act in 2017, Huntington City Council adopted an ordinance in 2019 to create the Huntington Land Reuse Agency (HLRA). The objective of the agency is to stabilize neighborhoods, preserve and increase property values, and reduce the expense and burden on the state and its subdivisions of the tax lien sale system. The HLRA now manages the city's Land Bank that was previously under the authority of HURA. Since its inception, the Land Bank has managed over 120 properties and facilitated the sale of approximately 125, transforming many into renovated homes or community spaces.

MA-25 Public and Assisted Housing - 91.410, 91.210(b)

Introduction

The Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority (HWWHA) owns public housing developments in the city and manages the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program. HWWHA operates with family in mind concentrating on safety and security in its public housing communities. HWWHA has full-time, licensed, social workers available to provide family or individual supportive services. Public housing communities have security cameras or security systems and fire alarms linked directly to the Huntington Fire Department, year-round pest extermination service, playgrounds (available at all family developments), and Resident Councils. Amenities provided for residents include on-site laundry facilities, vending machines, and parking. Cable and internet options are available at senior high-rise buildings.

Describe the supply of public housing developments:

Totals Number of Units

	Program Type								
	Certificate	Mod-Rehab	Public Housing	Vouchers					
				Total	Project-based	Tenant-based	Special Purpose Voucher		
							Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing	Family Unification Program	Disabled *
# of units vouchers available	0	107	898	1,403	132	1,271	600	1,962	1,307
# of accessible units									
*includes Non-Elderly Disabled, Mainstream One-Year, Mainstream Five-year, and Nursing Home Transition									

Table 36 - Total Number of Units by Program Type

Data Source: PIC (PIH Information Center)

Describe the number and physical condition of public housing units in the jurisdiction, including those that are participating in an approved Public Housing Agency Plan:

HWWHA provides each family residing in public housing rent options. Annually, families elect whether rent will be paid: (a) Based on family's adjusted income, which equals 30 percent annual gross income plus family deductions, or (b) based on Flat Rent of the rental value of that particular unit as determined by HWWHA.

The last Public Housing Assessment System (PHAS) score available was for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. The total PHAS score was 81 out of 100, and the total physical indicator score was 24 out of 40. The most recent Section Eight Management Assessment Program (SEMAP) score from FY 2023 was 97 out of 100. According to HWWHA's Five-Year Capital Fund Plan and Annual Plan for FY 2025-2029, the housing

authority was designated as a "High Performer" for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program for 2024.

Public Housing Condition

Public Housing Development	Average Inspection Score
Washington Avenue Apartments	88c
Oak Tree Apartments	81b
Fairfield Apartments	74
Adams Landing	94b
Rotary Gardens	81c
West View Manor	83c
Forrest Bluff Apartments	93
Westmoreland Apartments	87b
Green Gables	94
Riverview Manor	97b
Founder's Landing	95a
Eden Park	95
Betsy Broh House	66
Highlawn Place	87
G.R. Vale Home	96a
Evergreen Place	62b
Mary E. Woelfel Group Home	88b
Cabell-Huntington Unity Apartments	94b
Spruce Manor	97b

Table 37 - Public Housing Condition

Describe the restoration and revitalization needs of public housing units in the jurisdiction:

The Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority's (HWWHA) FY 2025-2029 Five-Year Capital Fund Plan proposed various activities to improve the overall living environment in the authority's public housing communities using its Capital Fund Program Grant. Listed improvements include roof replacement at Riverview East, new windows at Marcum Terrace, boiler system replacement at Marcum Terrace, elevator upgrade at Trowbridge Manor, and various roof repairs and site work.

Additionally, HWWHA has installed security cameras at several public housing sites; upgraded agency equipment, technology, and units as necessary; completed modifications and reasonable accommodations to handicap accessible units; repaired driveways at Fairfield Tower; added new trash containers at Madison Manor, Trowbridge, and Riverview; added new refrigerators at Fairfield Tower and WK Elliot; upgraded the cameras at Washington Square and Marcum; upgraded the card swipe system at

Madison, Trowbridge, and Riverview; repaired and resealed the WK Elliot parking lot; installed new stoves at Fairfield; installed new windows at Marcum; repaired the roofs at Marcum and Washington Square; installed new sliding door at Madison Manor; and replaced carpet Asset Management Project (AMP) wide.

Below is HWVHA's FY 2024 Capital Fund Budget:

• Operations	\$ 538,015.50
• Administration	\$ 240,863.65
• Management	\$ 52,181.00
• General Capital Activities	\$ 1,321,001.85
• Total	\$ 2,152,062.00

Describe the public housing agency's strategy for improving the living environment of low- and moderate-income families residing in public housing:

The Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority (HWVHA) reported the following progress in its FY 2025 Annual Plan in meeting the goals and objective enumerated in its FY 2025-2029 Five-Year Capital Fund for meeting the needs of public housing residents and Section 8 Voucher holders:

Goal one: Increase the availability of decent, safe and affordable housing

- Capital Fund Program grant funds awarded totaling \$2,152,062.00
- Capital Funds: Roof replacement at Riverview East, new windows at Marcum Terrace, boiler system replacement at Marcum Terrace, Elevator upgrade at Trowbridge Manor, various roof repairs and site work.
- Continued partnership with Huntington Police Department to provide officers after hours in troubled areas
- Continued cooperation with the City of Huntington, regarding the potential sale and redevelopment of property located at Northcott Court.
- Expended all CFP funds timely

Goal two: Improve the quality of assisted housing

- Completed all work outlined in the Capital Fund Program plan using Force Account and contracts
- Achieved 97 percent on SEMAP and n/a on PHAS (unavailable at this time). Continue to work to improve Physical Score of 70-year-old properties as funds allow
- Provided reasonable accommodation to residents as needed
- Maintained security force with public housing developments

- Marketed and disseminated public information using brochures, radio spots, and participated in area events
- Upgraded agency equipment and software as necessary and stayed abreast of changing technology; applications can now be submitted online.
- Provided services in an efficient, ethical and professional manner
- Maintained multiple management systems for PH, S8 HCV, VASH, Mod Rehab, Mainstream, FUP, SPC, HMIS, PBV, Capital Funds and Grant Funded programs
- Provided information to WV Delegates as related to HUD housing

Goal three: Increase assisted housing choices

- Awarded Special Needs Assistance Program renewal funding of \$1,620,953
- A few PH handicapped accessible units and/or modifications have been completed during the fiscal year
- Payment Standards are being utilized at 110% of the FMR
- PH, S8 Project-Based and Mod-Rehab, Mainstream and FUP site-based waiting lists remained open; HCV list is currently closed.
- 63 new landlords were added to S8 program during CY 2024

Goal four: Improve community quality of life and economic vitality

- Awarded renewal funding of \$250,000 for the Family Resource Center with Marcum Terrace
- Maintained a full security force
- The Family Support Center has expanded its services to include a monthly food pantry, clothing pantry, baby pantry, hygiene pantry, cleaning supplies, parenting classes, and drug prevention classes, collectively serving approximately 4,380 adults and children annually (some participants may be duplicated). An average of 40 (unduplicated) children participate each month in the FSC's free after-school programs, where a warm meal is provided daily, thanks to their partnerships with Sheetz, Kroger, and the Facing Hunger Food Bank. Through the FSC's daily walk-up service window, they provide milk, bread and sandwiches to approximately 350 individuals each month. Additionally, the Family Support Center distributes 120 food boxes monthly to families in need and hosts an annual baby shower, serving 50 new mothers in Cabell County.
- Capital Fund Program modernization and management improvement plans were implemented
- Provide both family and elderly residents with continued referrals for mental health, housekeeping, community service, budgeting, transportation, in-home health care and food boxes

- Provided IRS Certified VITA staff and computer lab to assist in tax preparation for State and Federal returns. The Family Support Center provided, for free, over 600 tax returns for low-income Families in Cabell County, saving each family, on average, \$300.00 per return.
- The Family Resource Center baby pantry provided baby formula and diapers to those in need over 50 times last year.
- Provided Home Buyer education, Building Credit and Credit Repair Assistance programs
- Provided Free Flu Shot Clinics, Immunization clinics and Health Fair Events at the FRC monthly.
- Provided and/or promoted guideline adherence and quarantine specifications.
- Provided education on importance of vaccination and information on where to acquire vaccine as well as transportation if necessary.
- Health and wellness fairs once monthly at each high rise, checking blood pressure and assessing for home health needs.
- Continuing with service support to assist with DHHR paperwork, SSA paperwork, Unemployment filing, Mountaineer Rental Assistance filing assistance.
- Continuing to assist with technology and cell phone support and/or procurement of government phones.
- The Family Resource Center continued distribution of fresh produce during growing season from their community garden and distributed over 100 senior food boxes each month thanks to their partnership with the Facing Hunger Food Bank.
- Walmart and grocery store trips on the bus with assistance provided to visually impaired individuals to complete shopping.
- Hosted blood pressure clinics
- Partnered with area agencies/businesses for holiday meals and pantry delivery.
- Providing support to encourage the formation and implementation of Resident Councils to increase tenant quality of life and social engagement.
- Coordinate elderly tenant activities i.e., BINGO and karaoke to increase socialization and community engagement.
- Provided support and assistance to acquire home health and navigate the ADW process.

Goal five: Promote Self-Sufficiency and Asset Development of families and individuals

- Several FSS participants served with some building escrow accounts
- STEP-UP on-the-job training provides opportunities for residents to receive construction and building maintenance job training assistance. Recruited/employed applicants for vacancies utilizing STEP-UP trainee program

- VITA, My Free Taxes, EITC CTC, and financial literacy education at the Family Support Center tax sites.
- Parent-Child activities and parenting classes at Family Resource Center.

Goal six: Ensure equal opportunity for housing for all

- Reasonable accommodation in public housing were provided throughout the year as necessary and justified
- Participated in Fair Housing Day in partnership with the City of Huntington
- Marketed equal housing opportunities utilizing radio spots
- Audit of the Housing Authority's application process resulted in good report with no findings
- Continue to work with area agencies to educate on all types of housing availability

Goal seven: Provide competent, efficient staff and a well run organization to implement programs

- The Housing Authority provided training on Smoking Cession, Identity Theft Prevention, Protecting Personal Identifying Information, Procurement, Equipment, Internal Control, Mental Health First Aid. Employees also attended the following trainings: HCV Specialist, Payroll Law, Excel, HR Law, PH FASS, HCV Finance, HCV EHV, CFP Finance, PHAS and several training sessions on Emphasys software, Operating Subsidy, COVID Employment, PH Finance, Section 8 Inspector and HCV Specialist, Audit Preparation, RAD-Tax Credit 101, Harassment in Housing, Advanced Rent Calculation, Gas Line Certification, Procurement, HUD Secure Systems EIV, Top Five Governance Risks, Voucher Mobility, PH Repositioning Alternatives, Impactful Mobility Strategies, Moving On, Collaborative Efforts to House Homeless Youth, Relocation Rights, Project Based Rental Assistance, RAD with HUD 223 (f) Financing, UPCS/REAC, Wage Payment & Collection Act, S8 & PH Rent Calculation, Hand & Power Tools, PPE, Welding and Hot Work, Emergency Planning, Employee Evaluations, Hiring, Terminating Employees, Trauma Informed Care, Excel, payroll law, BDO PHA Finance, HCV Funding, GASB 96 & 87 Implementation, HCV Financials, Lease Accounting, HOTMA, NSPIRE, Capital Fund and Operating Subsidy for Public Housing. Maintenance staff had training / recertification classes in general pest control and industrial weed control.
- Provided oversight for the management and administration of the Housing Development Corporation
- Continued using cost cutting measures and continued to seek ways to decrease overall agency expenses

Goal eight: Provide policies, procedures and services in support of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

- Continued to provide preferences for victims of domestic violence under new HUD guidelines
- Provided referral services, case management support and lease amendments for domestic violence victims

Huntington WV Housing Authority will continue to strive to meet the goals for improving the living environment for its tenants and voucher holders.

Discussion:

The Housing Authority is the primary provider of affordable housing for the very low- and extremely low-income residents of the city. HWVHA noted during consolidated plan interview that additional funds are needed to adequately meet the housing needs of the lowest income residents of the city.

MA-30 Homeless Facilities and Services - 91.410, 91.210(c)

Introduction

The Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Continuum of Care (CHWCoC) focuses on developing available, adequate, and affordable housing for the homeless, including the necessary support to maintain and sustain permanent housing. CHWCoC uses the Housing First Model which includes a centralized assessment process. The housing inventory of the CHWCoC has grown to include Shelter + Care units which support individuals and families in great need of housing and supportive services. Additionally, employment programs assist individuals with obtaining employment to maintain their housing in addition to connecting them with mainstream resources with the intent of reducing re-entry into homelessness.

Facilities Targeted to Homeless Persons

	Emergency Shelter Beds		Transitional Housing Beds	Permanent Supportive Housing Beds	
	Year Round Beds (Current & New)	Voucher / Seasonal / Overflow Beds	Current & New	Current & New	Under Development
Households with Adult(s) and Child(ren)	71	0	0	100	0
Households with Only Adults	141	0	8	210	0
Chronically Homeless Households	0	0	0	0	0
Veterans	13	0	0	100	0
Unaccompanied Youth	0	0	1	0	0

Table 38 - Facilities Targeted to Homeless Persons

Describe mainstream services, such as health, mental health, and employment services to the extent those services are used to complement services targeted to homeless persons

Healthcare for the homeless is available through Harmony House's day shelter. Valley Health is one of HRSA's Healthcare for the Homeless grantees, which supports a primary care provider on site at Harmony House on a regular schedule. Dental and eye appointments are available. The Marshall University Medical Outreach Program provides healthcare for the homeless one Saturday per month in a church parking lot located in downtown Huntington. They provide mobile medical services as well as referrals to local physicians if the health issue is too complicated to be treated on site. Prestera Center provides integrated primary care and behavioral health program (BRIGHT).

Mental health services are provided through Prestera Center Health Services, which is a comprehensive behavioral health center. Prestera also provides several other support services including community engagement specialists (CES), a SAMHSA funded (through the State of West Virginia) PATH program, and HUD-funded supportive services only team, Housing First. Other mental health services include Starlight Behavioral Health which also provides limited support via the S+C Program.

List and describe services and facilities that meet the needs of homeless persons, particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth. If the services and facilities are listed on screen SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure or screen MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services, describe how these facilities and services specifically address the needs of these populations.

Many of the CHWCoC programs follow the evidenced-based Housing First philosophy which focuses on housing unsheltered individuals and families and then providing supportive services to meet individual needs. The Housing First team provides support services to homeless persons so they remain in housing. The Team also makes sure clients apply for appropriate and available resources.

The Huntington City Mission provides emergency shelter to men, women, and families, as well as rapid re-housing and the Safe Harbor transitional housing program for men. Additionally, the Mission provides a mass feeding program. HCM's Project Hope operates transitional living for families and reunites unsheltered families separated due to lack of housing.

Branches Domestic Violence Shelter operates both confidential emergency shelter and rapid re-housing programs for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, trafficking and similar situations, as well as their families. Additionally, Branches provides services such as counseling, support group, legal aid, and supervised exchange services.

Harmony House administers the CoC HMIS system and manages the community's primary day shelter. Harmony House also operates several single-room occupancy (SRO) units for formerly unsheltered persons and provides primary care services, clothing, showers, locker facilities, laundry and referrals to other assistance programs.

The Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority (HWWHA) is the main provider of supportive housing as well as the provider of public housing and Housing Choice Vouchers. HWWHA uses VI-SPDAT scoring to prioritize chronically homeless individuals and families when units become available.

Prestera Center for Mental Health Services is the state grantee for the PATH outreach program. PATH provides outreach to the unsheltered, helps homeless persons obtain IDs, and addresses other barriers to attaining housing, applying for jobs, operating motor vehicles, and obtaining other resources. PATH links homeless persons to the services that fit their needs. PATH workers also connect individuals with Prestera Center's residential substance abuse treatment programs or assist in finding a bed in one of the local peer recovery centers.

The Veterans Homeless Outreach Center is VA Homeless Comprehensive Resource and Referral Center (CRRC). Staff at the CRRC, including SSVF grantees, work with veterans discharged from the VAMC to help them find housing and the services they need.

Cabell County Library's Information and Referral (I&R) Service is the community clearinghouse to link people with appropriate resources. I&R provides links to community resources for services, financial assistance, and information. The organization connects its clients with potential financial assistance from community agencies and churches.

MA-35 Special Needs Facilities and Services - 91.410, 91.210(d)

Introduction

The Cabell-Huntington-Wayne CoC, the City of Huntington, and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium have identified priorities for services and facilities for special needs populations. This includes elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities, persons with alcohol or other drug addictions, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, and public housing residents.

Including the elderly, frail elderly, persons with disabilities (mental, physical, developmental), persons with alcohol or other drug addictions, persons with HIV/AIDS and their families, public housing residents and any other categories the jurisdiction may specify, and describe their supportive housing needs

The following needs and objectives were established for this Five-Year Consolidated Plan:

- **Elderly.** Safe accessible, and age-friendly housing, affordability, options for different levels of independence, proximity to services, health and medical support, personal care services, household support, nutrition services, transportation, social engagement and mental health, and legal, financial, and advocacy support.
- **Frail Elderly.** Accessibility and safety, affordability, proximity to services, supportive housing models, personal care assistance, health and medical support, nutrition and meal services, transportation, social engagement and mental health, housekeeping and home maintenance, and legal and financial support.
- **Persons with Disabilities.** Accessible and affordable housing, permanent supportive housing (PSH), stability and security, case management, health and mental health services, personal assistance services, life skills and employment support, transportation services, social and community integration

Accessible housing/permanent supportive housing, using the Housing First model to avoid transitional housing, plus supportive services such as PATH (Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness) and SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery) case management for those suffering from mental illness, substance abuse, or coexisting disorders, education and job training, financial counseling, and access to healthcare services.

- **Alcohol and Other Drug Addictions.** Permanent supportive housing, using the Housing First model to avoid transitional housing, plus supportive services such as PATH (Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness) and SOAR (SSI/SSDI Outreach, Access, and Recovery) case management for those suffering from mental illness, substance abuse, or coexisting disorders, education and job training, financial counseling, and access to health services and substance abuse counseling.

- **Public Housing Residents.** Health and behavioral health services; disability and accessibility support; case management and navigation; employment and economic mobility; family and youth services; community building and safety; life skills, financial literacy, and independent housing readiness training; housing transition assistance; and homebuyer assistance.
- **HIV/AIDS.** Stable and permanent housing, affordability, supportive housing options, privacy and safety, medical care coordination, medical adherence support, mental health and substance use services, nutritional support, transportation services, life skills and employment assistance, and peer support and community connection.
- **Victims of Domestic Violence.** Immediate, safe and emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent housing, flexible and mobile options, safety planning and crisis intervention, trauma-informed mental healthcare, legal advocacy and services, case management, employment and financial empowerment, child and family services, and confidentiality and privacy protections.

Describe programs for ensuring that persons returning from mental and physical health institutions receive appropriate supportive housing

Programs designed to ensure that people returning from mental health facilities or physical health institutions (e.g., hospitals, rehab centers, nursing homes, etc.) receive appropriate supportive housing are critical for preventing homelessness and promoting long-term stability. These programs typically integrate housing with wraparound services, coordinated across healthcare and housing systems. Core components of these programs include pre-discharge planning, supportive housing placement, intensive case management, healthcare-housing partnerships, and rental assistance and housing vouchers.

Each hospital in the CHWCoC service area has its own referral form and protocol for discharging patients. The CHWCoC Discharge Planning sub-committee discusses the special medical needs and how and by whom these needs can be met. Discussions are also underway with area Emergency Rooms to subscribe to the CHWCoC HMIS so case managers can be alerted when their clients are or have been in the ER. Currently, individuals leaving the hospitals in the CHWCoC service area are discharged to step down units, nursing homes, rehab centers, or return home. If they are discharged to a shelter, it is only with advance permission from that shelter.

Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. 91.315(e)

The City of Huntington has identified the following priorities and strategies:

- **HMS-1 Housing.** Support the Continuum of Care's (CoC) efforts to provide emergency shelter and transitional housing and to develop permanent supportive housing and other permanent housing opportunities for unsheltered individuals and families.

- **HMS-2 Operation/Support.** Assist homeless providers in the operation of housing and support services for those who are unsheltered and persons who are at-risk of becoming homeless.
- **HMS-3 Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing.** Assist in the prevention of homelessness through anti-eviction and other programs for rapid re-housing.

For entitlement/consortia grantees: Specify the activities that the jurisdiction plans to undertake during the next year to address the housing and supportive services needs identified in accordance with 91.215(e) with respect to persons who are not homeless but have other special needs. Link to one-year goals. (91.220(2))

The City of Huntington and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium will leverage other public (non-federal) and private funds to address the priorities and strategies identified in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan should they become available. The city will support the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Continuum of Care (CHWCoC) as it strives to assist those in need. These services are usually related to housing and supportive services such as counseling, mental health services, food, clothing, and other means of daily living. Housing assistance will be for affordable, accessible, safe, and decent units.

MA-40 Barriers to Affordable Housing - 91.410, 91.210(e)

Describe any negative effects of public policies on affordable housing and residential investment

The City of Huntington did not identify any negative effects of its public policies that serve as barriers to affordable housing. The city has continued to revise and update its Zoning Ordinance and is consistent with the Fair Housing Act, Section 504, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. There are no other local public policies that restrict fair housing.

Affordable housing in Huntington faces several interconnected challenges that hinder the development and availability of housing options for low- and moderate-income residents. Primary barriers include:

- **Aging Housing Stock and Maintenance Costs.** A significant portion of Huntington's housing is over 50 years old, much of which requires extensive repairs or modernization, and requires significant rehabilitation. The cost of maintaining or rehabilitating older homes can make it unfeasible for low-income residents or developers to invest in affordable options. An older housing stock can also pose health risks, such as lead-based paint hazards.
- **Market Dynamics on Affordability.** Huntington is home to Marshall University. The university's Spring 2025 student enrollment was approximately 11,400 students, which was an 8.8% increase in enrollment compared to Spring 2024. Approximately 70% of enrolled students live off campus. This market dynamic unique to college communities increases demand and higher rents, resulting in the conversion of family housing to student rentals and advances speculative investment and rent spikes. While some neighborhoods have seen more recent stabilization in housing price growth, the overall year-over-year trend in Huntington continues to see significant increases, placing substantial pressures on low- to moderate income residents and a shortage of affordable housing.
- **Stagnant or Declining Population and Limited New Construction.** Huntington has experienced population decline, which discourages large-scale housing production. Developers are less incentivized and are exposed to greater return on investment risk in building new affordable units in areas with low growth.
- **Economic Challenges and Limited Incomes.** A significant portion of the Huntington and the Cabell and Wayne Counties area's population earns below the area median income. Many households are cost-burdened, spending more than 30% of their income on housing, which limits housing and mobility options.
- **Insufficient Public and Private Investment.** Federal and state housing subsidies (e.g., Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, etc.) are limited and competitive.
- **Inadequate Coordination of Supportive Services.** Many residents who need affordable housing also require social services, such as mental health support, addiction recovery, or employment

assistance. Without a strong coordinated wraparound support system, housing stability is hard to maintain for at-risk populations, increasing the cycle of homelessness.

- **Infrastructure and Community Development Needs.** Huntington faces challenges related to aging infrastructure and limited resources, which affect the maintenance and replacement of essential services. These issues complicate efforts to improve housing conditions and revitalize neighborhoods necessary to attract new residents. Additionally, the city's declining population and economic base strain its capacity to invest in necessary community development initiatives.

Addressing these barriers requires coordinated efforts between local government, developers, and community organizations to create sustainable housing solutions.

MA-45 Non-Housing Community Development Assets - 91.410, 91.210(f)

Introduction

The City of Huntington Community Development lists the following objectives on the city's website:

- Downtown Revitalization efforts to promote a high quality of life and a livable community
- Removal of slum and blighting conditions and the development of sustainable neighborhood revitalization strategies
- Expanding affordable housing and homeownership opportunities
- Providing recreation opportunities through the development of bicycle and pedestrian pathways, funding improvements to our park system, and through the operation of A.D. Lewis and Fairfield East Community Centers
- Ensure housing accessibility for all through the promotion of Fair Housing activities

Economic Development Market Analysis

Business Activity

Business by Sector	Number of Workers	Number of Jobs	Share of Workers %	Share of Jobs %	Jobs less workers %
Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction	72	16	0.4	0.0	-0.4
Construction	1,071	1,049	5.8	3.2	-2.6
Manufacturing	987	2,945	5.3	8.9	3.6
Wholesale Trade	311	903	1.7	2.7	1.0
Retail Trade	2,532	2,464	13.6	7.5	-6.1
Transportation and Warehousing, and Utilities	488	437	2.6	1.3	-1.3
Information	608	553	3.3	1.7	-1.6
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	664	1,140	3.6	3.5	-0.1
Professional, Scientific, Management Services	1,780	3,819	9.6	11.6	2.0
Education and Health Care Services	6,161	14,881	33.2	45.0	11.8
Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations	2,314	2,687	12.5	8.1	-4.4
Other Services	642	806	3.5	2.4	-1.1
Public Administration	935	1,343	5.0	4.1	-0.9
Total	18,565	33,043	--	--	--

Table 39 - Business Activity

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS (Workers), 2020 OnTheMap Work Area Profile Analysis (Jobs)

Labor Force

Total Population in the Civilian Labor Force	20,051
Civilian Employed Population 16 years and over	18,565
Unemployment Rate	7.36
Unemployment Rate for Ages 16-24	17.04
Unemployment Rate for Ages 25-65	4.25

Table 40 - Labor Force

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Occupations by Sector	Number of People
Management, business and financial	3,975
Farming, fisheries and forestry occupations	870
Service	2,450
Sales and office	4,595
Construction, extraction, maintenance and repair	1,000
Production, transportation and material moving	640

Table 41 - Occupations by Sector

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Travel Time

Travel Time	Number	Percentage
< 30 Minutes	14,129	83%
30-59 Minutes	2,030	12%
60 or More Minutes	817	5%
Total	16,976	100%

Table 42 - Travel Time

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Education:**Educational Attainment by Employment Status (Population 16 and Older)**

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Less than high school graduate	835	125	1,370
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	2,925	410	2,890

Educational Attainment	In Labor Force		Not in Labor Force
	Civilian Employed	Unemployed	
Some college or Associate's degree	4,410	180	2,190
Bachelor's degree or higher	4,735	205	1,435

Table 43 - Educational Attainment by Employment Status

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Educational Attainment by Age

	Age				
	18-24 yrs	25-34 yrs	35-44 yrs	45-65 yrs	65+ yrs
Less than 9th grade	125	169	148	549	565
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	555	450	334	675	690
High school graduate, GED, or alternative	2,025	1,445	1,140	3,645	2,380
Some college, no degree	4,375	1,580	1,255	2,270	1,445
Associate's degree	249	450	450	785	340
Bachelor's degree	1,134	1,150	930	1,525	1,059
Graduate or professional degree	68	780	834	1,185	1,135

Table 44 - Educational Attainment by Age

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Educational Attainment - Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Educational Attainment	Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months
Less than high school graduate	80,744
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	86,568
Some college or Associate's degree	109,298
Bachelor's degree	149,820
Graduate or professional degree	215,041

Table 45 - Median Earnings in the Past 12 Months

Data Source: 2016-2020 ACS

Based on the Business Activity table above, what are the major employment sectors within your jurisdiction?

The most common employment sectors for those who live in Huntington are Health Care & Social Assistance, Retail Trade, and Educational Services. According to the Huntington Area Development Council (HADCO) the top fifteen largest employers in Huntington are:

- St. Mary's Medical Center, healthcare, 2,444 employees
- Cabell Huntington Hospital, healthcare, 2,160 employees

- Marshall University, higher education, 2,000 employees
- CSX Huntington Division, railroad, 1,100 employees
- GC Services, teleservice, 1,040 employees
- Special Metals, alloy metal manufacturer, 970 employees
- VA Medical Center, healthcare, 720 employees
- PRC, customer service, 700 employees
- Alcon Manufacturing Ltd., surgical lens manufacturer, 660 employees
- Steel of West Virginia, steel manufacturer, 543 employees
- Army Corps of Engineers, federal government, 450 employees
- Sitel Corporation, teleservice, 381 employees
- Heiner's Bakery, Inc., bakery goods, 375 employees
- Huntington Internal Medicine Group, Inc., healthcare, 350 employees
- Amazon.com, teleservice, 300 employees

The City of Huntington is located in both Cabell and Wayne Counties. It is the second largest city in the State of West Virginia as well as the largest municipality in Cabell and Wayne Counties. The city is also the county seat of Cabell County. The city contains a large number of professional offices, educators, and healthcare workers.

Per the 2016-2020 ACS (Workers) and 2020 OnTheMap Work Area Profile Analysis (Jobs), the four (4) largest categories of jobs in business by sector are as follows:

- **Education and Health Care Services** - 14,881 jobs
- **Professional, Scientific, Management, Administrative and Waste Management** - 3,819 jobs
- **Manufacturing** - 2,945 jobs
- **Arts, Entertainment & Accommodations** - 2,687 jobs
- **Total: 24,332 jobs**

These four categories represent 73.64% of the total number of jobs in the city.

The number of workers in the above fields are as follows:

- **Education and Health Care Services** - 4,219 workers
- **Arts, Entertainment & Accommodations** - 2,608 workers
- **Manufacturing** - 951 workers
- **Retail Trade** - 2,522 workers
- **Total: 11,242 workers**

These four categories represent 80.53% of the number of workers in the city.

Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

As of March 2025, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that the city had an unemployment rate of 3.9%, lower than the West Virginia unemployment rate of 4.0% and equal to the U.S rate of 3.9%. According to the 2016-2020 ACS (Workers) and 2020 OnTheMap Work Area Profile Analysis (Jobs), Huntington had 33,043 available jobs and only 20,051 persons in the civilian labor force.

According to the 2016-2020 ACS (Workers) and 2020 Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (Jobs), the City of Huntington had job deficiencies (the number of qualified workers exceeds the number of jobs available) in the following sectors:

- **Agriculture, Mining, Oil & Gas Extraction** - 72 City residents are competing for 16 jobs (450% job deficiency)
- **Transportation and Warehousing, and Utilities** - 488 residents are competing for 437 jobs (11.67% deficiency)
- **Information** - 608 residents are competing for 553 jobs (9.95% deficiency)
- **Retail Trade** - 2,532 residents are competing for 2,464 jobs (2.76% deficiency)
- **Construction** - 1,071 residents are competing for 1,049 jobs (2.10% deficiency)

However, the city experienced much higher employment deficiencies (the number of jobs available exceeds the number of qualified workers). The following sectors had employment deficiencies:

- **Manufacturing** - 987 of 2,945 jobs are filled by residents (66.49% deficiency)
- **Wholesale Trade** - 311 of 903 jobs are filled by residents (65.56% deficiency)
- **Education and Health Care Services** - 6,161 of 14,881 jobs are filled by City residents (59.60% employment deficiency)
- **Professional, Scientific, Management Services** - 1,780 of 3,819 jobs are filled by residents (58.39% deficiency)
- **Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate** - 664 of 1,140 jobs are filled by residents (41.75% deficiency)
- **Public Administration** - 935 of 1,343 jobs are filled by residents (30.38% deficiency)
- **Other Services** - 642 of 806 jobs are filled by residents (20.35% deficiency)
- **Arts, Entertainment, Accommodations** - 2,314 of 2,687 jobs are filled by residents (13.88% deficiency)

Describe the workforce and infrastructure needs of the business community:

Consultation with stakeholders including city staff, social and human service providers, and economic development agencies indicated there are infrastructure and workforce needs that inhibit development and growth.

- There is a need for job creation and training, particularly in sectors providing living wages.
- There is a need for the city to attract and maintain the residence of higher wage and earning workers.
- There is a need for regional collaboration between cities and municipalities to ensure economic growth.
- There is a need for continued investment in and around the Marshall University Campus.
- There is a need for a grocery store / better access to healthy foods within the city.
- There is a need for outreach and assistance for homeless individuals to obtain jobs.
- There is a need for better employment opportunities for those with disabilities.

The Huntington Area Development Council arranges a series of Federal, State, and local incentives for companies that relocate or expand their facilities in greater Huntington, including the following:

- Reduced price for land to build a new facility.
- “At cost” building construction and lease back.
- Buy down of lease cost on constructed facility.
- Financing of equipment and building.
- Free office space and temporary housing for a company’s key person during project construction.
- Free office space for initial interviewing of applicants.
- Free rent during the initial phase of lease on building.
- Relocation grants based upon the type and number of new jobs to be created.

Describe any major changes that may have an economic impact, such as planned local or regional public or private sector investments or initiatives that have affected or may affect job and business growth opportunities during the planning period. Describe any needs for workforce development, business support or infrastructure these changes may create.

1. Marshall Innovation & 4th Avenue District. A \$200 million+ initiative linking Marshall University and downtown is underway intended to foster innovation, tech, and research. This district is expected to attract skilled workers, startups, and tech companies, creating high-quality employment and expanding the local economic base. Some of the projects include:

- The Brad D. Smith Center for Business & Innovation (\$42 million) opened in January 2024 with classrooms, labs, incubators, and an auditorium, aiming to boost entrepreneurship.
 - The Institute for Cyber Security (NSA-accredited) groundbreaking occurred in May 2024 and is anticipated to draw federal, private, and U.S. Department of Defense interest.
 - The Advanced Manufacturing Center (approx. 60,000 square feet and approximately \$22 million) project is aimed at workforce training and tech transfer.
 - Additional innovation hubs and resource/networking facilities are in various stages of planning development.
2. Industrial Redevelopment and Manufacturing Training. Efforts are underway to strengthen Huntington’s workforce pipeline, support clean-energy transitions, and attract manufacturing employers. Recent announcements include:
- ACT Now Coalition EDA Build Back Better Grant \$15.7 million earmark for redeveloping the former ACF brownfield sites into advanced manufacturing hubs including \$8.2 million for a Welding and Robotics Training Center run by RCBI and Mountwest CTC and \$7.5 million for a “Mine the Sun” solar training/logistics center.
 - It was announced in October 2024 that Advantage Valley received a \$1.6 million ARC POWER Grant to diversify the manufacturing and business services sectors regionally.
3. Riverfront and Downtown Revitalization. Investments and commitments have been made to boost tourism, small-business growth, and community recreation amenities. Recent announcements include:
- Harris Riverfront & Guyandotte Park improvements were announced in June 2024 to enhance public spaces, amphitheaters, fishing piers, RV/camping, kayak launches, etc. and are anticipated to include approximately \$125 million.
 - An \$11 million TIF-backed bond issuance was announced in November 2024 that will focus on downtown, Kinetic Park, and Marshall Health Network Arena upgrades including roads, sidewalks, parks, and stormwater improvements.
4. New Commercial and Mixed-Use Projects. Several projects have been announced to help fill downtown vacancies, stimulate retail activity, and support growing local firms.
- It was announced in December 2024 that the 12-acre site between 3rd Avenue and 5th Avenue and 24th Street is in early due diligence phases, targeting 100,000 square feet of retail and restaurant space, in collaboration with Marshall and The Huntington Municipal Development Authority (HMDA).
 - In March 2023, the West Virginia Small Business Development Center (SBDC), a division of the West Virginia Department of Economic Development, opened a new office in the River Tower. The downtown Huntington location to help entrepreneurs and business owners in the community by offering practical information to help grow local business.

5. Infrastructure and Housing Incentives. Several initiatives have been announced to ease housing gaps and improve infrastructure that should enable workforce growth and business expansion.
 - In April 2024, the West Virginia Department of Commerce designated the City of Huntington and parts of surrounding areas as a BUILD WV Act designated district, which gives tax incentives for housing construction. The designated district applies to the City of Huntington, Cabell County, and parts of Wayne County. The goal is to close a 2,780 rental-unit deficit relative to coming jobs.
 - In November 2024, significant infrastructure upgrades to stormwater, sidewalks, and streets were announced linked to a TIF-backed bond issuance linked to bonds as well as multimodal bridge and transportation projects to be funded under the Federal Infrastructure Act.

These announcements and related planned opportunities are anticipated to have an overall economic impact in the following areas:

- Job Growth: Sectors like cybersecurity, advanced manufacturing, clean energy, and retail stand to grow and training centers will support local employment.
- Business Activity: Small-business support, increased retail, and entrepreneurial hubs can spark startups and attract firms.
- Workforce Development: Upgraded technical training and university-industry connections will prepare a skilled workforce.
- Quality of Place: Riverfront upgrades, housing construction, and downtown revitalization enhance appeal for existing and new residents and employers.

How do the skills and education of the current workforce correspond to employment opportunities in the jurisdiction?

Education and skills training opportunities in Huntington include:

- Technology and Cybersecurity. Core10, a financial technology firm, has doubled its workforce in Huntington, citing the region's technology talent pipeline. Continued investment in cybersecurity facilities linked to Marshall will expand opportunities.
- Advanced Manufacturing and Trades. Grant-funded training initiatives, including welding, robotics, and solar, emphasize regional hiring in advanced manufacturing.
- Healthcare and Social Services. Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine acts as a major employer and training hub for clinical and support staff. With 30% of local jobs tied to healthcare related fields, there is a demand for nurses, imaging technicians, aides, and facilities roles.
- Retail and Service Sectors. Retail trade, hospitality, and food service remain significant employment sectors, typically requiring high-school-level skills.

Describe any current workforce training initiatives, including those supported by Workforce Investment Boards, community colleges and other organizations. Describe how these efforts will support the jurisdiction's Consolidated Plan.

The following workforce training initiatives in Huntington are driven by community colleges, workforce boards, nonprofit organizations, and regional partnerships.

1. Mountwest Community and Technology College (MCTC)

- The Learn and Earn Program is a paid internship initiative funded through the West Virginia Community and Technology College System. Students work while studying, earning at least \$15 per hour and employers are reimbursed for 50% of wages. There are over 15 local businesses participating and approximately 90% of students stay employed locally following graduation.
- State grants help colleges develop or expand rapid response and technical training programs in high demand technical fields.
- MCTC evaluates prior work experience for college credit and provides non-credit upskilling in areas like leadership, safety, and industrial technology.

2. Robert C. Byrd Institute (RCBI) & Marshall Advanced Manufacturing Center (MAMC)

- The center is located in Huntington in partnership with Mountwest Community and Technology College (MCTC).
- The center offers advanced training in welding, robotics, Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machining, additive manufacturing, etc.
- The High-Tech Welding and Robotics Tech Center is funded through a \$15.7 million EDA grant under the ACT Now Coalition.

3. ACT Now Coalition & Coalfield Development

- ACT Now secured a \$62.8 million EDA investment, with \$15.7 million supporting RCBI and a new solar training/logistics center “Mine the Sun” by Coalfield Development.
- With approximately \$1.1 million in ARPA funding, Coalfield Development delivers holistic job training in construction, deconstruction, sustainable industries, and supports career pathways with outcomes including 1,500 trained people, 600+ jobs, and new small businesses.

4. Nonprofits and Community Programs. The Cabell Family Resource Network (FRN) lists the following programs:

- Cabell County Career Technology Center
- Coalfield Development
- Dress for Success River Cities

- Heart of Appalachia Educational Opportunity Center
 - Goodwill Industries of KYOWVA
 - Jobs and Hope
 - Marshall Advanced Manufacturing Center
 - Region 2 Workforce Investment Board
 - Southwestern Community Action Council
 - Tri-State Literacy Council
 - Unlimited Future, Inc.
5. Workforce West Virginia and One-Stop Career Centers. Workforce WV's Huntington Career Center offers on-site training, job matching, and services including veteran and rehabilitation referrals through the state's One-Stop Career Center system.
6. WV Division of Rehabilitation Services (DRS). DRS supports youth (14+) and adults with disabilities on their path to work and live independently by providing vocational services.

Does your jurisdiction participate in a Comprehensive Economic Development Priority (CEDS)?

No

If so, what economic development initiatives are you undertaking that may be coordinated with the Consolidated Plan? If not, describe other local/regional plans or initiatives that impact economic growth.

The City of Huntington coordinates its economic development efforts with those of the Huntington Area Development Council (HADCO), Advantage Valley, the Region 2 Planning and Development Council, the Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce, and the KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission, among other groups.

The following economic development-related objectives were identified in the city's Plan2035 Comprehensive Plan:

- Ensure viable business ventures
- Reverse financial leakage in underserved neighborhoods.
- Diversify Huntington's economic base.
- Foster reinvestment by strengthening the placemaking efforts of targeted areas.
- Create a diverse retail and business environment.
- Establish ongoing place management.

MA-50 Needs and Market Analysis Discussion

Are there areas where households with multiple housing problems are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

Concentration of households with multiple housing problems is defined as an area where the percentage of households with more than one housing problem is at least 20 percentage points higher than the percentage of households with multiple housing problems throughout the city. Key program areas include:

- Older, Lower-Income Neighborhoods Near Downtown and Marshall University. Many of these older neighborhoods contain aging housing stock (homes built before 1960), prone to issues like cost burden, lack of modern plumbing/kitchens, and overcrowding. Vacancy and substandard housing are common, making it easier for concentrated problems to persist.
- Concentrated Disadvantage Tracts. Certain census tracts show elevated levels of poverty, unemployment, public assistance dependency, and female-headed households, which are indicators of concentrated disadvantage. These neighborhoods often have multiple housing burdens: cost-burden, physical deficiencies, and crowding.
- Peripheral Low-Income Areas. Some outer tracts, especially those with older housing near city limits, also face severe cost burdens and substandard living conditions, reflecting a citywide aging housing stock.

Addressing concentrated housing burdens requires target rehabilitation, affordable housing development, rental assistance and voucher usage, and neighborhood revitalization.

Are there any areas in the jurisdiction where racial or ethnic minorities or low-income families are concentrated? (include a definition of "concentration")

HUD defines an Area of Minority Concentration as, "A neighborhood in which the percentage of persons of a particular racial or ethnic minority is at least 20 points higher than that minority's percentage in the housing market as a whole; the neighborhood's total percentage of minority persons is at least 20 points higher than the total percentage of minorities for the housing market area as a whole; or in the case of a metropolitan area, the neighborhood's total percentage of minority persons exceeds 50 percent of its population."

The following City Census Tracts and Block Groups have a low- and moderate-income population greater than or equal to 51%:

- Block Group 1, Census Tract 6, Cabell County, West Virginia, 97.20%
- Block Group 3, Census Tract 2, Cabell County, West Virginia, 94.90%
- Block Group 3, Census Tract 18, Cabell County, West Virginia, 94.50%

- Block Group 4, Census Tract 18, Cabell County, West Virginia, 91.70%
- Block Group 1, Census Tract 5, Cabell County, West Virginia, 90.90%
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 6, Cabell County, West Virginia, 90.50%
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 4, Cabell County, West Virginia, 90.20%
- Block Group 1, Census Tract 109, Cabell County, West Virginia, 88.50%
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 109, Cabell County, West Virginia, 84.60%
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 9, Cabell County, West Virginia, 82.90%
- Block Group 5, Census Tract 18, Cabell County, West Virginia, 78.10%
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 3, Cabell County, West Virginia, 74.20%
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 18, Cabell County, West Virginia, 73.90%
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 2, Cabell County, West Virginia, 73.90%
- Block Group 1, Census Tract 9, Cabell County, West Virginia, 71.90%
- Block Group 1, Census Tract 14, Cabell County, West Virginia, 69.70%
- Block Group 1, Census Tract 4, Cabell County, West Virginia, 69.30 %
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 1.01, Cabell County, West Virginia, 69.10 %
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 10, Cabell County, West Virginia, 68.90%
- Block Group 1, Census Tract 1.01, Cabell County, West Virginia, 68.70 %
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 14, Cabell County, West Virginia, 67.90%
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 52, Wayne County, West Virginia, 67.60%
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 11, Cabell County, West Virginia, 65.60%
- Block Group 1, Census Tract 16, Cabell County, West Virginia, 63.80%
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 15, Cabell County, West Virginia, 63.40%
- Block Group 1, Census Tract 15, Cabell County, West Virginia, 61.40%
- Block Group 1, Census Tract 18, Cabell County, West Virginia, 60.80%
- Block Group 1, Census Tract 10, Cabell County, West Virginia, 56.70%
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 13, Cabell County, West Virginia, 51.60%
- Block Group 1, Census Tract 21, Cabell County, West Virginia , 51.30%

The City's overall low mod percentage is 54.30%.

What are the characteristics of the market in these areas/neighborhoods?

The market characteristics of the entire city apply to these Census Tracts and Block Groups close to downtown Huntington and along the water. When speaking with stakeholders and social service agencies, one comment on the Huntington housing market was repeated, housing prices are too high throughout the city. According to redfin.com, the median days on market for a home were 47 days in May 2025, that is a 21 day decrease from the same time in 2024 when it was 68 days. When looking at the median sale price of homes on redfin.com, the list price of homes in Huntington has increased by 36.4% to \$172,500, since last year.

Owner-occupied households in Huntington slightly outnumber renter households at 52.5% to 47.5%. However, Of the renters within the 0-30% AMI income range, 30.18% of households were cost burdened by $\geq 30\%$. When looking at homeowners within the 0-30% AMI income range, 3.61% of households experienced a housing cost burden greater than 50%, according to the 2016-2020 CHAS data. Almost two thirds (73.1%) of the housing stock were built prior to 1970, and much of it is in need of significant rehabilitation or possibly demolition (2019-2023 ACS).

Are there any community assets in these areas/neighborhoods?

These neighborhoods generally border the city's downtown central business district, are walkable, and have a range of housing sizes and types. Although the housing conditions vary, targeted rehabilitation and infrastructure investments will serve to revitalize the livability, attractiveness, and vitality of these well-positioned neighborhoods. These neighborhoods are well served by parks, recreational opportunities, community facilities, and community services.

Are there other strategic opportunities in any of these areas?

Because these neighborhoods either border or are within easy walking distance of the city's central business district, economic vitality of the city's downtown is critical to neighborhood revitalization. Downtown investment and growth will attract restaurants, shops, services, and offices, which will create jobs for residents of nearby neighborhoods. Entrepreneurial activity may expand outward from the core into surrounding communities. Strong downtowns attract investment and signal citywide opportunity. Neighborhoods nearby may be more likely to experience reinvestment and renaissance. Proximity to theaters, museums, events, and civic life downtown improves residents' access to cultural capital and public space.

MA-60 Broadband Needs of Housing occupied by Low- and Moderate-Income Households - 91.210(a)(4), 91.310(a)(2)

Describe the need for broadband wiring and connections for households, including low- and moderate-income households and neighborhoods.

The broadband issue for low- and moderate-income persons in Huntington is not availability but affordability. Huntington is a long-established community home to a major institution of higher education. As such, the availability of broadband services has been in place for several years. Persons living on fixed incomes or working low wage jobs may not be able to afford the monthly payment for broadband access. There are locations such as libraries and public facilities which do provide access though it may not be as convenient. In today's economy and society, convenient and affordable broadband access is critical for economic opportunity, education, health access, and parity.

Describe the need for increased competition by having more than one broadband Internet service provider serve the jurisdiction.

There does not appear to be a need for additional competition for broadband providers in Huntington. Currently there are approximately ten (10) residential service providers. These companies provide a variety of access ranging from HughesNet and Viasat with satellite service to SuddenLink, Spectrum and Xfinity with Cable Service to Frontier and Earthlink with DSL service. Competition appears to be strong with service starting at approximately \$30.00 per month. Most residents have a choice of 3-4 providers for service. The outlying areas of the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium have more limited availability of service and may only have one or two options for providers.

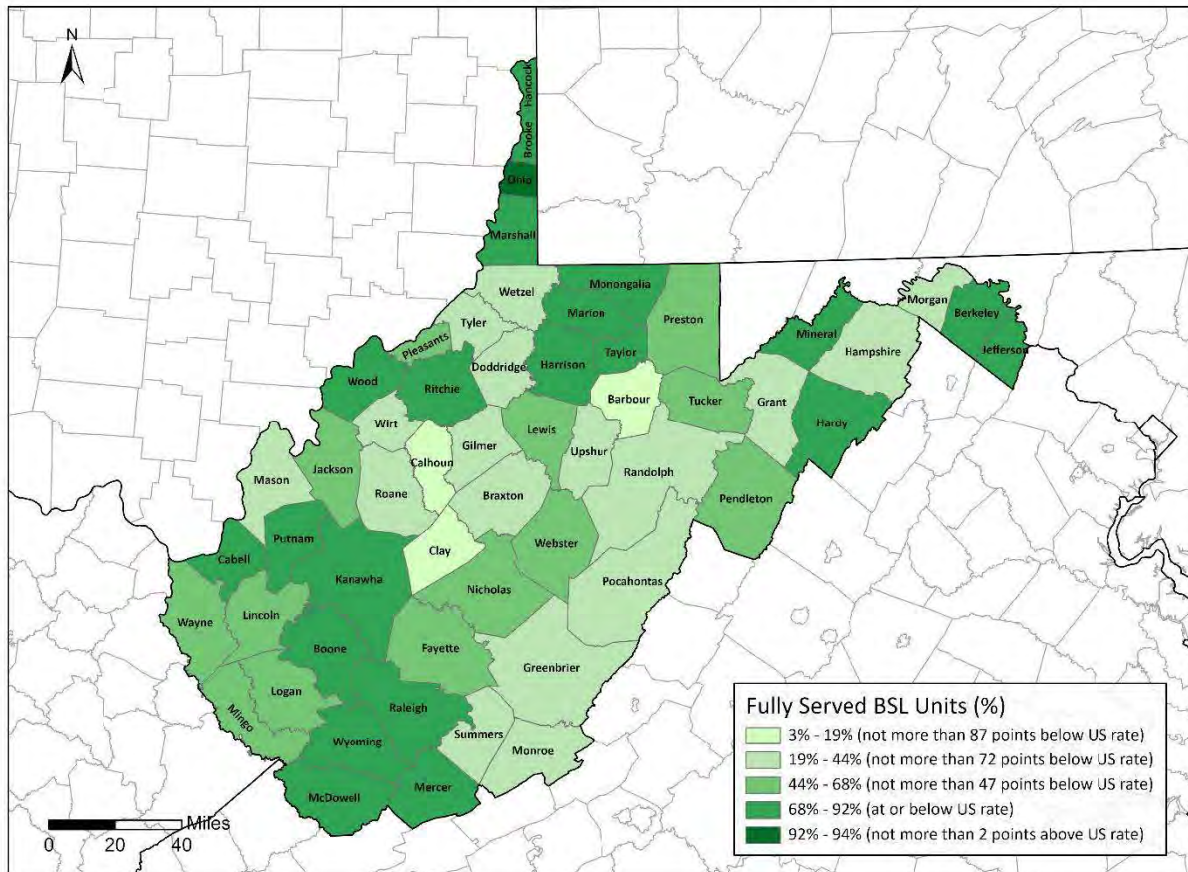
In 2023, the State of West Virginia's Department of Economic Development published its Five-Year Action Plan. The Five-Year Action Plan acknowledges the need for expanded internet access within the state as well as a plan to bring solutions forward:

"West Virginians need broadband at the ready, but the challenges to make West Virginia broadband ready are real. West Virginia is the only state that lies completely within the Appalachian Mountain region. It has a higher mean elevation than any state in the eastern United States. While West Virginia's topography adds to its beauty, it also proves challenging to deploy broadband across the entire state. The challenges are reflected in the data about locations that have access to broadband up to today's standard. As of December 31, 2022, 64.8% of West Virginia's "broadband serviceable locations" (BSLs) are already fully served under the current federal standard, with at least one internet service provider offering speeds of at least 100 Mbps download and 20 Mbps upload (100/20 Mbps2). West Virginia ranks 3rd-last of all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico on this measure. State and federal initiatives have already funded projects to deploy affordable and reliable 100/20 Mbps broadband to nearly half of remaining addresses."

“The final 19% of BSLs across West Virginia are considered either unserved (speeds lower than 25/3 Mbps) or underserved (with speeds between 25/3 Mbps and 100/20 Mbps). Approximately 25,000 BSLs are considered underserved, with the remaining considered unserved”

According to this plan, 90% of BSL Units within Cabell County are considered fully served, which is within the top 5 of all West Virginia counties. In contrast only 60% of BSLs in Wayne County are considered fully served.

Fully Served Broadband Serviceable Location Units in West Virginia
Fully Served Broadband Serviceable Location Units, by County



Source: Calculated using December 31, 2022, National Broadband Data Collection Availability Data provided by the Federal Communications Commission and data from WVDED.

MA-65 Hazard Mitigation - 91.210(a)(5), 91.310(a)(3)

Describe the jurisdiction's increased natural hazard risks associated with climate change.

The West Virginia Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management completed a Hazard Mitigation Plan update for the region in 2023. The plan encompassed the entirety of the state of West Virginia including the City of Huntington as well as the counties of Cabell and Wayne. The plan reviewed occurrences and consequences of the following:

- **Hydrologic hazards** - flooding, drought, coastal erosion, tsunami.
- **Atmospheric hazards** - heavy wind, lightning, hail, winter weather, tornadoes, hurricanes, extreme cold/wind chill, heavy rain, and excessive heat.
- **Geologic hazards** - landslides, expansive soils, land subsidence, earthquakes, and volcanoes.
- **Other hazards** - wildfires, land subsidence, natural resource extraction, dam failures, along with other man-made hazards such as crime and drugs.

The updated plan was adopted in October 2023. The plan looks at ways that the state of West Virginia reduces risks associated with hazards and looks into ways for those hazards to be mitigated. The plan describes hazard mitigation as "... the sustained effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening or eliminating the impacts of natural and human-caused emergencies and disasters. It requires an understanding of all risks and investment in long-term community well-being through the implementation of short-term and long-term strategies before the next disaster."

The Plan expanded goals and objectives compared to the previous 2018 Plan. These Goals and Objectives include:

- **Goal 1:** Reduce or eliminate the impact of hazards on infrastructure throughout the State.
 - Objective 1.1 - Remove the exemption of State facilities from compliance with any development regulations by 2027.
 - Objective 1.2 - Ensure that State facilities comply with the State Building Code and other development regulations by the end of 2032.
 - Objective 1.3 - Ensure that State operations are conducted at facilities that are located outside of hazard areas, particularly areas prone to flooding.
 - Objective 1.4 - Implement strategic, proactive projects to protect existing State facilities from hazard impacts.
 - Objective 1.5 - Protect high hazard potential dams and reduce vulnerability to dam failures downstream through inventorying, continual maintenance, inspection, rehabilitation, and awareness activities.
- **Goal 2:** Align and integrate programs related to reducing long-term vulnerability to hazards.
 - Objective 2.1 - Analyze and identify opportunities for increased coordination of State programs.

- Objective - 2.2 Align and integrate multiple State agencies'/departments' programs related to reducing vulnerability to dam failure.
- Objective 2.3 - Align and integrate multiple State agencies'/departments' programs related to resilience from flooding.
- Objective 2.4 - Align and integrate programs related to preparing for, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of hazards within individual agencies/departments.
- Objective 2.5 - Further integrate the regional planning and development councils into the State's mitigation program.
- **Goal 3:** Provide consistent, continual education of the whole community on reducing long-term vulnerability throughout the State of West Virginia.
 - Objective 3.1 - Educate State and local officials, stakeholder groups, and the general public on hazards and reducing long-term vulnerability.
 - Objective 3.2 - Require initial and ongoing education of local officials with a role in regulating development and include topics on reducing long-term vulnerability in those requirements.
 - Objective 3.3 - Require initial and ongoing education of elected executive officials and include topics on reducing long-term vulnerability, including dam failures, in those requirements.
- **Goal 4:** Enhance and support mitigation programs and activities at the local (regional and county) level to reduce long-term vulnerability with minimal negative impacts to community development efforts.
 - Objective 4.1 - Enact changes to existing State funding mechanisms to facilitate their use in reducing long-term vulnerability to hazards.
 - Objective - 4.2 Develop a State-level program to fund mitigation activities at the local level.
 - Objective - 4.3 Develop State-level standards for the contents of regional and county hazard mitigation plans.

Describe the vulnerability to these risks of housing occupied by low- and moderate-income households based on an analysis of data, findings, and methods.

Disasters, whether natural or man-made can be incredibly challenging and impactful for all residents, no matter the income level. Unfortunately, while all income levels can be affected by disasters, low- and moderate-income residents tend to be impacted on a higher level. Whether it is the quality of housing residents have access to, the available funds residents have for repairs, or affordability of insurance, lower income residents can be affected more than others in the City of Huntington.

Strategic Plan

SP-05 Overview

Strategic Plan Overview

The Five-Year Consolidated Plan is a guide for the City of Huntington to use in its housing, community development, and economic programs and initiatives. The Strategic Plan portion of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan establishes the city's priorities and goals to address its needs for:

- Housing (HSS)
- Homelessness (HMS)
- Other Special Needs (SNS)
- Community Development (CDS)
- Economic Development (EDS)
- Administration, Planning, and Management (AMS)

These priorities and goals have been developed as the result of:

- The Needs Assessment and Market Analysis of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.
- Analysis of data obtained from Federal, state, and local sources, as well as non-governmental and nonprofit organizations.
- Consultation with City Department Heads and staff.
- Stakeholder meetings with questionnaire responses of social and human service providers, housing organizations, community and economic development agencies, and faith-based organizations.
- Community meetings.
- Survey responses solicited from Huntington residents; and
- Public hearings.

The City of Huntington's overriding priority is to assist low- and moderate-income residents [incomes of less than 80% of the area median income (AMI)] through these strategies. These residents are referred to as the "target income" group. The City of Huntington has an overall low- and moderate-income population of 54.40% as of the FY 2024 ACS data LMI HUD calculation. The city abides by the Federal Regulation that at least 70% of all its CDBG funds must principally benefit low- and moderate-income people. The city is committed to this and has developed its Strategic Plan to meet that requirement.

The key factors affecting the determination of the city's Five-Year priorities included:

- Targeting the income households with the greatest needs in the city.

- Identifying areas with the greatest concentration of low-income households.
- Selecting activities/projects that will best address the needs of City residents.
- Utilizing the limited amount of funding available to meet the needs in the city.
- Leveraging additional financial resources to meet the needs of residents.

The priority ranking of needs for housing, homelessness, other special needs, community development, economic development, and anti-poverty are as follows:

- **High Priority.** Activities are assigned a high priority if the city expects to fund them during the Five-Year Consolidated Plan period.
- **Low Priority.** Activities are assigned a low priority if the activity may not be funded by the city during the Five-Year Consolidated Plan period. The city may support applications consider providing Certificates of Consistency for other funding if those activities are consistent with the needs identified in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

Using the above guidance, the City of Huntington has identified the following priorities and goals for the five-year period of FY 2025 through FY 2029:

Housing Priority (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.

Strategies: The housing goals are as follows:

- **HSS-1 Homeownership.** Increase the supply of affordable owner-occupied housing units through housing counseling and eligible direct assistance to homebuyers including mortgage principal reductions, interest rate reductions, downpayment and closing cost assistance, etc.
- **HSS-2 Housing Rehabilitation.** Conserve and rehabilitate existing affordable housing units for owners and renters in the city by addressing maintenance issues, code violations, emergency repairs, and the removal of architectural accessibility barriers to persons with disabilities.
- **HSS-3 Housing Construction.** Increase the supply and range of new affordable and accessible housing units in the city for owners and renters through the new construction, rehabilitation, and adaptive reuse of existing buildings.
- **HSS-4 Rent and Utility Assistance.** Provide rental assistance for low- and moderate-income renters through utility payments, security deposits, and rental payments including Tenant Based Rental Assistance for low-income households who may be faced with the threat of eviction and who are at-risk of becoming homeless.

Homeless Priority (High Priority)

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

Strategies: The homeless goals are as follows:

- **HMS-1 Housing.** Support the Continuum of Care's (CoC) efforts to provide emergency shelter and transitional housing and to develop permanent supportive housing and other permanent housing opportunities for unsheltered individuals and families.
- **HMS-2 Operation/Support.** Assist homeless providers in the operation of housing and support services for those who are unsheltered and persons who are at-risk of becoming homeless.
- **HMS-3 Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing.** Assist in the prevention of homelessness through anti-eviction and other programs for rapid re-housing.

Other Special Needs Priority (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.

Strategies: The special needs goals are as follows:

- **SNS-1 Housing.** Increase the supply of affordable, accessible, decent, safe, sound, and sanitary 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 the rehabilitation of existing buildings and new construction.
- **SNS-2 Services/Facilities.** Support supportive 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.

Community Development Priority (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.

Strategies: The community development goals are as follows:

- **CDS-1 Public Safety.** Improve and enhance public safety facilities, equipment, programming, and emergency response and preparedness within the City of Huntington.
- **CDS-2 Infrastructure.** Improve and enhance the city's public infrastructure and spaces through rehabilitation, restoration, reconstruction, and new construction of streets, sidewalks, bridges,

curbs, walkways, waterlines, sanitary sewers, stormwater management, hillside stabilization, etc. and the removal of architectural accessibility barriers to persons with disabilities.

- **CDS-3 Community Facilities.** Improve and enhance the quality, location, and accessibility of the city's parks, recreational facilities, libraries, public spaces, trails, bikeways, and all public and community facilities.
- **CDS-4 Clearance/Demolition.** Remove and eliminate slum and blighting conditions throughout the City of Huntington.
- **CDS-5 Public Services.** Improve and enhance social and human services and programming for the youth, the elderly, persons with disabilities and low- and moderate-income persons and households within the City of Huntington.

Economic Development Priority (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.

Strategies: The economic development goals are as follows:

- **EDS-1 Employment.** Support and encourage new and varied job creation, job retention, workforce development, employment, and job training opportunities for unemployed and underemployed persons.
- **EDS-2 Development.** Support and encourage the planning and promotion of business and commercial enterprise growth, diversification, and expansion through new development, revitalization, and redevelopment.

Administration, Planning, and Management Priority (High Priority)

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

Strategies: The administration, planning, and management goals are as follows:

- **AMS-1 Overall Coordination.** Provide program management and oversight for the successful administration of Federal, State, and local funded programs and compliance with related laws and regulations, including planning services for special studies, the five-year consolidated plan, annual action plans, substantial amendments, consolidated annual performance and evaluation reports, environmental reviews and clearance, etc.
- **AMS-2 Fair Housing.** Provide funds for training, education, outreach, and monitoring to affirmatively further fair housing in the City of Huntington.

SP-10 Geographic Priorities - 91.415, 91.215(a)(1)**Geographic Area**

1.	Area Name:	Citywide
	Area Type:	Local Target Area
	Other Target Area Description:	Low-Mod Census Tracts and Block Groups in the City of Huntington.
	HUD Approval Date:	-
	% of Low/ Mod:	54.4%
	Revital Type:	Other
	Other Revital Description:	-
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	Low- and Moderate-Income Qualifying Areas throughout the City of Huntington.
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	This is based off the city boundary.
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	This was done through agency and resident surveys, community meetings, stakeholder meetings, and the City's Comprehensive Plan.
	Identify the needs in this target area.	The needs are public service programs, housing rehabilitation, new construction, demolition, job creation and retention, public and community facility improvements, infrastructure improvements, and public safety improvements.
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	The opportunities are developable land and sites for redevelopment for housing and job creation.
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	The largest barriers are funding and lack of interest of private investors.
2.	Area Name:	Low/Mod Areas
	Area Type:	Local Target Area
	Other Target Area Description:	Low/Mod Areas of the City
	HUD Approval Date:	-
	% of Low/ Mod:	-
	Revital Type:	Comprehensive
	Other Revital Description:	-

	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	All Block Groups located in the City of Huntington with a low- and moderate-income population over 51% of the total population.
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	The housing stock and commercial areas vary. Housing is typically of poorer quality. Some commercial districts require additional investment.
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	Low- and Moderate-Income data from the US Census.
	Identify the needs in this target area.	Housing rehabilitation, social services, and infrastructure improvements are needed in the area.
	What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	See Section SP.
	Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	See Section MA-40.
3.	Area Name:	Consortium-wide
	Area Type:	Local Target Area
	Other Target Area Description:	The HOME Consortium includes the City of Huntington and the Counties of Cabell and Wayne.
	HUD Approval Date:	-
	% of Low/ Mod:	-
	Revital Type:	Housing
	Other Revital Description:	-
	Identify the neighborhood boundaries for this target area.	The boundaries are the HOME Consortium members.
	Include specific housing and commercial characteristics of this target area.	Aging and deteriorating housing stock.
	How did your consultation and citizen participation process help you to identify this neighborhood as a target area?	This was done through agency and resident surveys, community meetings, stakeholders' meetings, and the City's Comprehensive Plan.
	Identify the needs in this target area.	The needs are housing rehabilitation, new construction, and downpayment assistance.

What are the opportunities for improvement in this target area?	The opportunities for improvements are housing rehabilitation for resale or rent, new construction for sale or rent, and downpayment assistance for First Time Homebuyers.
Are there barriers to improvement in this target area?	The largest barriers are funding and lack of interest of private investors.

Table 46 - Geographic Priority Areas

General Allocation Priorities

Describe the basis for allocating investments geographically within the jurisdiction (or within the EMSA for HOPWA)

As an entitlement grantee, the City of Huntington uses its annual grant awards under the CDBG and HOME Programs to address needs of low- and moderate-income (low/mod) individuals and families. Income-eligible individuals and households receiving direct assistance through program-eligible activities are considered beneficiaries. Area-benefit activities are those in service areas where at least 51% of the residents are determined to be low/mod, either through a resident survey or by HUD's designation of low/mod US Census block groups.

The goals of these HUD Entitlement Grant Programs are to assist communities through provision of decent, safe sanitary, accessible and affordable housing, providing a healthy and stable living environment, and expanding economic opportunities for low- to moderate-income households. HOME funds are focused solely on housing opportunities for both homeowners and renters who are considered low- and moderate-income.

The Huntington Development Department generally uses CDBG funds for public safety, community facilities, and infrastructure improvements and public services that address the needs of low/mod residents. Additionally, the Department administers various housing programs using CDBG and HOME funding to improve the quality of the housing stock in the city.

Working with the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Continuum of Care (CHWCoC), the city facilitates and supports organizations that serve both the city's homeless and at-risk families and individuals. The coalition annually seeks funding directly from HUD. The CoC targets areas where the homeless are located.

SP-25 Priority Needs - 91.415, 91.215(a)(2)**Priority Needs**

1	Priority Need Name	Housing Priority
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence
	Geographic Areas Affected	Citywide Low/Mod Areas Consortium-wide
	Associated Goals	HSS-1 Homeownership HSS-2 Housing Rehabilitation HSS-3 Housing Construction HSS-4 Rent and Utility Assistance
	Description	There is a continuing need to improve the quality of the housing stock in the city by increasing the preservation and production of decent, safe, sound, and accessible housing for homeowners, renters, and homebuyers affordable to low- and moderate-income households.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The relative priority was determined through consultations, data analysis, and resident input demonstrating the continuing need for additional affordable, decent, safe, and sanitary housing for

		homebuyers, homeowners, and renters, including the need for accessible housing, particularly for “cost burdened” homeowners and renters.
2	Priority Need Name	Homeless Priority
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence
	Geographic Areas Affected	Citywide Low/Mod Areas
	Associated Goals	HMS-1 Housing HMS-2 Operation/Support HMS-3 Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing
	Description	There is a continuing need for sufficient housing and effective wraparound support services for unsheltered residents and those at-risk of becoming homeless.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The relative priority was determined through consultations, data analysis, and resident input demonstrating the continuing need to efficiently, effectively, and permanently house unsheltered residents and address the root causes of housing instability.
3	Priority Need Name	Other Special Needs Priority
	Priority Level	High

	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Chronic Homelessness Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Citywide Low/Mod Areas
	Associated Goals	SNS-1 Housing SNS-2 Services/Facilities
	Description	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.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The relative priority was determined through consultations, data analysis, and resident input demonstrating the continuing need to identify and implement housing and supportive services to improve the quality of life of residents meeting HUD's "special needs populations."
4	Priority Need Name	Community Development Priority
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle Large Families

		Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Rural Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse Veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Citywide Low/Mod Areas
	Associated Goals	CDS-1 Public Safety CDS-2 Infrastructure CDS-3 Community Facilities CDS-4 Clearance/Demolition CDS-5 Public Services
	Description	There is a continuing need to improve the quality of life of residents by strengthening basic public safety, infrastructure, and social and human services, enhancing public spaces and facilities, and creating economic mobility opportunities throughout the City of Huntington.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The relative priority was determined through consultations, data analysis, and resident input demonstrating the need to create a cycle of positive change by continually addressing and modernizing aging infrastructure and facilities and enhancing the effectiveness of public safety and social and human services.
5	Priority Need Name	Economic Development Priority
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle

		Large Families Families with Children Elderly Public Housing Residents Rural Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse Veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development
	Geographic Areas Affected	Citywide Low/Mod Areas
	Associated Goals	EDS-1 Employment EDS-2 Development
	Description	There is a continuing need to increase employment, job training, technical assistance, workforce development, infrastructure improvements, and economic empowerment of low- and moderate-income residents in the city.
	Basis for Relative Priority	The relative priority was determined through consultations, data analysis, and resident input demonstrating the continuing need to grow living wage employment opportunities to advance economic empowerment, mobility, and stability.
6	Priority Need Name	Administration, Planning, and Management Priority
	Priority Level	High
	Population	Extremely Low Low Moderate Middle Large Families Families with Children Elderly

	Public Housing Residents Rural Chronic Homelessness Individuals Families with Children Mentally Ill Chronic Substance Abuse Veterans Persons with HIV/AIDS Victims of Domestic Violence Unaccompanied Youth Elderly Frail Elderly Persons with Mental Disabilities Persons with Physical Disabilities Persons with Developmental Disabilities Persons with Alcohol or Other Addictions Persons with HIV/AIDS and their Families Victims of Domestic Violence Non-housing Community Development
Geographic Areas Affected	Citywide Low/Mod Areas Consortium-wide
Associated Goals	AMS-1 Overall Coordination AMS-2 Fair Housing
Description	There is a continuing need for planning, administration, management, and oversight of Federal, state, and local funded programs.
Basis for Relative Priority	The relative priority is based on the continuing need to effectively and efficiently administer federal grant resources and funded programs, projects, and activities.

Table 47 - Priority Needs Summary**Narrative (Optional)**

The City of Huntington held a series of meetings and interviews with the Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority and other affordable housing developers, social and human service agencies, Continuum of Care members, community development organizations, economic development agencies, faith-based organizations, and City department representatives. An online resident survey tool was used for residents to identify identified needs, gaps in the system, and programmatic goals for the next five years. The input collected through the city's community engagement and citizen participation process, along with data analysis and review of other community planning documents, were used in the ranking of priorities and development strategies for the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

The priority ranking of needs for housing, homelessness, other special needs, community development, economic development, and administration are as follows:

- **High Priority** - Activities are assigned a high priority if the city expects to fund them during the Five-Year Consolidated Plan period.
- **Low Priority** - Activities are assigned a low priority if the activity may not be funded by the city during the Five-Year Consolidated Plan period. The city may support applications for other funding if those activities are consistent with the needs identified in the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

SP-30 Influence of Market Conditions - 91.415, 91.215(b)**Influence of Market Conditions**

Affordable Housing Type	Market Characteristics that will influence the use of funds available for housing type
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	The city receives a very limited annual HOME Program. Financial assistance is limited to acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of properties for affordable housing for both owner and renter occupied housing.
TBRA for Non-Homeless Special Needs	The city receives a very limited annual HOME Program. Financial assistance is limited to acquisition, construction, or rehabilitation of properties for affordable housing for both owner and renter occupied housing.
New Unit Production	There are numerous vacant sites in residential areas that the city can utilize for infill housing production for both owners and renters. New construction will serve to increase the supply of accessible units for special needs populations.
Rehabilitation	Due to the age and condition of the city's housing stock, there is a need for affordable housing preservation through rehabilitation. It can be more economical to rehab an existing home than to construct a new home.
Acquisition, including preservation	The cost to acquire property in Huntington can be expensive, especially when relocation benefits are required. The following historic districts are listed on the National Register of Historic Places: • Downtown Huntington Historic District • 14th Street West Historic District (Old Central City) • Guyandotte Historic District • Hawthorne Historic District • Mortimer Place Historic District • 9th Street West Historic District • Ritter Park Historic District The City has developed guidelines for historic preservation that can be found in the City Zoning Ordinance.

Table 48 - Influence of Market Conditions

SP-35 Anticipated Resources - 91.420(b), 91.215(a)(4), 91.220(c)(1,2)**Introduction**

The City of Huntington will receive \$1,596,831 in FY 2025 CDBG Program funds and \$549,855.31 in HOME Program funds. The city was not awarded ESG Program funding for FY 2025 following several years of ESG entitlement awards. The program year starts on July 1, 2025 and ends on June 30, 2026. In this plan, the city will work under the assumption that it will receive allocations similar to the FY 2025 CDBG and HOME awards in fiscal years 2026-2029. The city anticipates that it will receive the following funds over the next five-year period:

- **FY 2025** = \$1,596,831 CDBG; \$549,855.31 HOME
- **FY 2026** = \$1,500,000.00 CDBG; \$500,000.00 HOME
- **FY 2027** = \$1,500,000.00 CDBG; \$500,000.00 HOME
- **FY 2028** = \$1,500,000.00 CDBG; \$500,000.00 HOME
- **FY 2029** = \$1,500,000.00 CDBG; \$500,000.00 HOME
- **Total** = **\$7,596,831.00 CDBG; \$2,549,855.31 HOME**

The accomplishments of these projects/activities will be reported in the FY 2025 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of Con Plan: \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	\$1,596,831.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,596,831.00	\$6,000,000.00	10 projects/ activities were funded based on the FY 2025 CDBG allocations.
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	\$549,855.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$549,855.31	\$2,00,000.00	4 projects/activities were funded based on the FY 2025 HOME allocation.

Table 49 - Anticipated Resources**Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied**

The following financial resources may be available during the FY 2025-2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan period, including anticipated funds to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in this Consolidated Plan.

Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium: The Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium, administered by the City of Huntington, is anticipating that it will receive \$549,855.31 in FY 2025 HOME funds. Similar annual HOME Program awards are anticipated over the Five-Year Consolidated Plan period.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Housing for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA): The City of Huntington, WV was not awarded ESG entitlement funding for FY 2025 and has not been an entitlement jurisdiction for HOPWA, but it may choose to apply for ESG and/or HOPWA funding from the State of West Virginia should an organization approach the city for assistance.

Public Housing: The Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority (HWVHA) received \$2,152,062 as a HUD Capital Fund Grant in FY 2024. HWVHA's FY 2025 allocation and budget is not yet available, but similar annual Capital Fund Grant amounts are anticipated over the remainder of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan period. Activities anticipated to be undertaken using Capital Fund Grant resources include administration and operations, renovations, improvements, and modernization of public housing units and common areas, and public housing development site improvements.

Other Resources: The City of Huntington will leverage public and private financial resources to address the priorities and goals identified in this Five-Year Consolidated Plan and implemented under its Annual Action Plans. In addition to the HUD entitlement funds, the city anticipates the following federal and non-federal resources may be available to local organizations to undertake the strategies identified in this Plan.

- EDI-CPF Congressionally Directed Funding
- Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Program
- FHA Title I
- FHA 203(k) Mortgage Insurance Program
- Low-Income Housing Preservation Program
- Supportive Housing Program
- Emergency Solutions Grant Program
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA)
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC)
- Section 8 Rental Assistance Program
- Shelter Plus Care
- Section 202/811 Supportive Housing
- Supplemental Assistance to Facilities to Assist the Homeless (SAFAH)
- EPA Brownfields Assessment and/or cleanup grants
- Land or Property Resources

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

Not Applicable. The city does not intend to use, acquire, or improve any publicly owned land or property using CDBG funds to address the needs identified in the city's Consolidated Plan unless required to improve existing public infrastructure and facilities.

Discussion

The City of Huntington established its Consolidated Plan priorities and strategies based on its expected allocation of CDBG and HOME entitlement grant funds.

SP-40 Institutional Delivery Structure - 91.415, 91.215(k)

Explain the institutional structure through which the jurisdiction will carry out its consolidated plan including private industry, non-profit organizations, and public institutions.

Responsible Entity	Responsible Entity Type	Role	Geographic Area Served
City of Huntington, WV	Government	Planning	Jurisdiction
Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority	PHA	Public Housing	Jurisdiction
Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium	Regional Organization	Planning	Region
Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Continuum of Care	Continuum of care	Homelessness Non-homeless special needs	Region

Table 50 - Institutional Delivery Structure

Assessment of Strengths and Gaps in the Institutional Delivery System

Huntington has several organizations that work together, including the City's Development Department, to address the needs of vulnerable populations of the city and surrounding region. Given the variety of providers, the region is fortunate that many needs of low- and moderate-income persons and families can be met, which is a strength. However, the noticeable gap in the delivery system is the lack of funds. Financial resources at the federal, state, and local levels are insufficient to meet demand. Additionally, coordination, collaboration, and cooperation within the service delivery system should be enhanced and strengthened.

Availability of services targeted to homeless persons and persons with HIV and mainstream services

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Homelessness Prevention Services			
Counseling/Advocacy	X	X	X
Legal Assistance	X	-	-
Mortgage Assistance	X	-	X
Rental Assistance	X	X	X
Utilities Assistance	X	-	X
Street Outreach Services			
Law Enforcement	X	-	-

Homelessness Prevention Services	Available in the Community	Targeted to Homeless	Targeted to People with HIV
Mobile Clinics	X	X	-
Other Street Outreach Services	X	X	-
Supportive Services			
Alcohol & Drug Abuse	X	X	X
Child Care	X	-	-
Education	X	-	-
Employment and Employment Training	X	X	-
Healthcare	X	X	X
HIV/AIDS	-	-	X
Life Skills	X	X	-
Mental Health Counseling	X	X	X
Transportation	X	X	X
Other			
Other	-	-	-

Table 51 - Homeless Prevention Services Summary

Describe how the service delivery system including, but not limited to, the services listed above meet the needs of homeless persons (particularly chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth)

Each adult staying at the Huntington City Mission goes through an admission and intake process so that the services they utilize are tracked through the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Continuum of Care (CHWCoC) Homeless Management Information System (HMIS). Individuals are encouraged to connect with available resources and services they need and are provided with a tracking card to verify the agencies to which the individuals have visited. The goal is to move individuals out of the Mission and into a housing that best fits their needs as quickly as possible with the support and assistance of the Housing First Team.

The CHWCoC's Housing First team meets weekly and includes frontline representation from 25 homeless programs, led by the PATH outreach worker. This team discusses individual homeless cases and pools resources to find housing and support services to meet individual needs. Unsheltered persons and families are prioritized according to need (based on a centralized assessment) and provided services and housing that are available based on their need. Marketing takes place through written materials that provide information concerning Fair Housing, weekly Housing First meetings, and Fair Housing Fairs (held by the city at a local community center) where city representatives share housing information and discuss any fair housing issues.

PATH, Marshall Medical Outreach, and Harmony House are active in the CoC and serve homeless persons at street level. The local 211 keeps a list of all landlords and all affordable housing in the agency waiting room. The Veterans Homeless Outreach Center has become a VA Homeless Comprehensive Resource and Referral Center (CRRC). Staff at the CRRC, including SSVF grantees, work with Veterans discharged from the VAMC to help them find housing and the services they need. The CRRC is an active member of the CoC. The Housing First Team and PATH Outreach Worker collaborate with the CRRC to assist with any issues causing a homeless Veteran not to become housed. VASH Vouchers are available through the Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority (HWWHA) and SSVF support is also available through Information and Referral, the area 211 agency.

Describe the strengths and gaps of the service delivery system for special needs population and persons experiencing homelessness, including, but not limited to, the services listed above

The strengths of the service delivery system include the Housing First team, centralized assessment process, and the collaboration among community agencies serving homeless with the most urgent need. The Housing First team enables the CHWCoC to pool resources and come together to solve issues that no one agency could address alone.

The weakness of the service delivery system is the lack of wraparound supportive services to assist all of the homeless in need of this support. This weakness is caused by a lack of sufficient and consistent funding. Additionally, coordination, collaboration, and cooperation within the service delivery system should be enhanced and strengthened.

Provide a summary of the strategy for overcoming gaps in the institutional structure and service delivery system for carrying out a strategy to address priority needs

There will always be a need for improvements in the assessment and referral system within the city and throughout the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Continuum of Care (CHWCoC) network. Not all social service organizations are directly involved with the CHWCoC, receive funding through CoC, or participate in HMIS. These organizations and agencies play a key role in reducing homelessness and supporting individuals seeking permanent housing, and their work advances addressing the region's needs.

To ease the demands on the City of Huntington and CHWCoC's social service institutional structure, the region needs more decent, safe, sound, and affordable rental housing. Employment is also needed that supports at least a living wage for those at risk of becoming homeless. Additionally, transitional, supported, and reintegration employment opportunities are needed for unsheltered residents seeking permanent housing. The institutions and organizations involved also need to strengthen their joint comprehensive housing strategy, including case management, substance abuse treatment, mental and physical healthcare, and educational and job training opportunities.

SP-45 Goals - 91.415, 91.215(a)(4)**Goals Summary Information**

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1.	HSS-1 Homeownership	2025	2029	Affordable Housing	Citywide Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Housing Consortium	Housing Priority	CDBG: \$0 HOME: \$250,000.00	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 25 Households Assisted
2.	HSS-2 Housing Rehabilitation	2025	2029	Affordable Housing	Citywide Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Housing Consortium	Housing Priority	CDBG: \$903,891.00 HOME: \$0	Homeowner housing rehabilitated: 60 Household Housing Units
3.	HSS-3 Housing Construction	2025	2029	Affordable Housing	Citywide Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Housing Consortium	Housing Priority	CDBG: \$0 HOME: \$2,044,870.31	Homeowner housing added: 15 Household Housing Units
4.	HSS-4 Rent and Utility Assistance	2025	2029	Affordable Housing	Citywide Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Housing Consortium	Housing Priority	CDBG: \$0 HOME: \$0	
5.	HMS-1 Housing	2025	2029	Homeless	Citywide	Homeless Priority	CDBG: \$50,000.00 HOME: \$0	Overnight/Emergency shelter/Transitional housing beds added: 1 Bed

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
6.	HMS-2 Operation / Support	2025	2029	Homeless	Citywide	Homeless Priority	CDBG: \$25,000.00 HOME: \$0	Public service activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit: 250 Persons Assisted
7.	HMS-3 Prevention and Rapid Re- Housing	2025	2029	Homeless	Citywide	Homeless Priority	CDBG: \$0 HOME: \$0	
8.	SNS-1 Housing	2025	2029	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Other Special Needs Priority	CDBG: \$0 HOME: \$0	
9.	SNS-2 Services / Facilities	2025	2029	Non-Homeless Special Needs	Citywide	Other Special Needs Priority	CDBG: \$0 HOME: \$0	
10.	CDS-1 Public Safety	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide Low/Mod Areas	Community Development Priority	CDBG: \$1,119,050.00 HOME: \$0	Public facility or infrastructure activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit: 43,325 Persons Assisted
11.	CDS-2 Infrastructure	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide Low/Mod Areas	Community Development Priority	CDBG: \$650,000.00 HOME: \$0	Public facility or infrastructure activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit: 10,000 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
12.	CDS-3 Community Facilities	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide Low/Mod Areas	Community Development Priority	CDBG: \$665,000.00 HOME: \$0	Public facility or infrastructure activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit: 6,000 Persons Assisted
13.	CDS-4 Clearance / Demolition	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Community Development Priority	CDBG: \$1,500,000.00 HOME: \$0	Buildings demolished: 75 Buildings
14.	CDS-5 Public Services	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Community Development Priority	CDBG: \$1,114,524.00 HOME: \$0	Public facility or infrastructure activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit: 5,000 Persons Assisted
15.	EDS-1 Employment	2025	2029	Economic Development	Citywide Low/Mod Areas	Economic Development Priority	CDBG: \$50,000.00 HOME: \$0	Jobs created/retained: 2 Jobs
16.	EDS-2 Development	2025	2029	Economic Development	Citywide Low/Mod Areas	Economic Development Priority	CDBG: \$0 HOME: \$0	
17.	AMS-1 Overall Coordination	2025	2029	Administration, Planning, and Management	Citywide	Administration, Planning, and Management Priority	CDBG: \$1,499,366.00 HOME: \$254,985.00	Other: 10 organizations

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
18.	AMS-2 Fair Housing	2025	2029	Administration, Planning, and Management	Citywide	Administration, Planning, and Management Priority	CDBG: \$20,000.00 HOME: \$0	Other: 4 organizations

Table 52 - Goals

Goal Descriptions

1.	Goal Name	HSS-1 Homeownership
	Goal Description	Increase the supply of affordable owner-occupied housing units through housing counseling and eligible direct assistance to homebuyers including mortgage principal reductions, interest rate reductions, downpayment and closing cost assistance, etc.
2.	Goal Name	HSS-2 Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Conserve and rehabilitate existing affordable housing units for owners and renters in the city by addressing maintenance issues, code violations, emergency repairs, and the removal of architectural accessibility barriers to persons with disabilities.
3.	Goal Name	HSS-3 Housing Construction
	Goal Description	Increase the supply and range of new affordable and accessible housing units in the city for owners and renters through the new construction, rehabilitation, and adaptive reuse of existing buildings.
4.	Goal Name	HSS-4 Rent and Utility Assistance
	Goal Description	Provide rental assistance for low- and moderate-income renters through utility payments, security deposits, and rental payments including Tenant Based Rental Assistance for low-income households who may be faced with the threat of eviction and who are at-risk of becoming homeless.
5.	Goal Name	HMS-1 Housing
	Goal Description	Support the Continuum of Care's (CoC) efforts to provide emergency shelter and transitional housing and to develop permanent supportive housing and other permanent housing opportunities for unsheltered individuals and families.

6.	Goal Name	HMS-2 Operation/Support
	Goal Description	Assist homeless providers in the operation of housing and support services for those who are unsheltered and persons who are at-risk of becoming homeless.
7.	Goal Name	HMS-3 Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing
	Goal Description	Assist in the prevention of homelessness through anti-eviction and other programs for rapid re-housing.
8.	Goal Name	SNS-1 Housing
	Goal Description	Increase the supply of affordable, accessible, decent, safe, sound, and sanitary 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 the rehabilitation of existing buildings and new construction.
9.	Goal Name	SNS-2 Services/Facilities
	Goal Description	Support supportive 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.
10.	Goal Name	CDS-1 Public Safety
	Goal Description	Improve and enhance public safety facilities, equipment, programming, and emergency response and preparedness within the City of Huntington.
11.	Goal Name	CDS-2 Infrastructure
	Goal Description	Improve and enhance the city's public infrastructure and spaces through rehabilitation, restoration, reconstruction, and new construction of streets, sidewalks, bridges, curbs, walkways, waterlines, sanitary sewers, stormwater management, hillside stabilization, etc. and the removal of architectural accessibility barriers to persons with disabilities.
12.	Goal Name	CDS-3 Community Facilities
	Goal Description	Improve and enhance the quality, location, and accessibility of the city's parks, recreational facilities, libraries, public spaces, trails, bikeways, and all public and community facilities.
13.	Goal Name	CDS-4 Clearance/Demolition
	Goal Description	Remove and eliminate slum and blighting conditions throughout the City of Huntington.

14.	Goal Name	CDS-5 Public Services
	Goal Description	Improve and enhance social and human services and programming for the youth, the elderly, persons with disabilities and low- and moderate-income persons and households within the City of Huntington.
15.	Goal Name	EDS-1 Employment
	Goal Description	Support and encourage new and varied job creation, job retention, workforce development, employment, and job training opportunities for unemployed and underemployed persons.
16.	Goal Name	EDS-2 Development
	Goal Description	Support and encourage the planning and promotion of business and commercial enterprise growth, diversification, and expansion through new development, revitalization, and redevelopment.
17.	Goal Name	AMS-1 Overall Coordination
	Goal Description	Provide program management and oversight for the successful administration of Federal, State, and local funded programs and compliance with related laws and regulations, including planning services for special studies, the five-year consolidated plan, annual action plans, substantial amendments, consolidated annual performance and evaluation reports, environmental reviews and clearance, etc.
18.	Goal Name	AMS-2 Fair Housing
	Goal Description	Provide funds for training, education, outreach, and monitoring to affirmatively further fair housing in the City of Huntington.

Estimate the number of extremely low-income, low-income, and moderate-income families to whom the jurisdiction will provide affordable housing as defined by HOME 91.315(b)(2)

The City of Huntington and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium estimates approximately 100 households will be served over the next five years, to include:

- **Extremely Low Income** - 35 households
- **Low Income** - 40 households
- **Moderate Income** - 25 households

SP-50 Public Housing Accessibility and Involvement - 91.415, 91.215(c)**Need to Increase the Number of Accessible Units (if Required by a Section 504 Voluntary Compliance Agreement)**

The Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority currently does not need to increase the number of accessible units. However, this may change in coming years as the population ages.

Activities to Increase Resident Involvements

The Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority meets with residents of each of its housing developments to discuss the annual plans. They also discuss the physical needs assessment for allocating and spending Capital Funds at the different developments. The Housing Authority places copies of draft annual plans in the housing developments for public access to review and comment. Residents are encouraged to participate in Resident Councils of their respective developments. Additionally, one seat on the five (5) member Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority Board is held by a public housing resident to provide leadership in the Housing Authority's decision-making and planning processes.

Is the public housing agency designated as troubled under 24 CFR part 902?

No.

Plan to remove the 'troubled' designation

Not applicable.

SP-55 Strategic Plan Barriers to Affordable Housing - 91.415, 91.215(h)

Barriers to Affordable Housing

To ensure the health, safety, and quality of life of residents while minimizing barriers that may impede the development of affordable housing, the city uses zoning and subdivision regulations, building and property maintenance codes, permit systems, and inspections. These measures are not intended to restrict the affordability of housing, though these regulations may on occasion affect the price of housing. There are no known public policies in the city that are a barrier to affordable housing.

The most significant barriers to affordable housing involve recent increases in housing costs and the quality and condition of an aging housing stock, especially for residents with low or fixed incomes. The cost of maintenance, renovation, or redevelopment is very high in the city. Many structures, as noted earlier, are old and may contain both lead-based paint and asbestos, which must be remediated to bring the structure up to code. These factors make housing expensive and regularly put quality affordable housing out of the reach of low-income households. Other barriers include:

- a limited supply of sites suitable for new housing production;
- the expense of available buildable sites;
- a lengthy and sometimes complex regulatory process for residential development, compared to unregulated development in unincorporated areas outside the City of Huntington; and,
- negative public attitudes toward affordable housing, especially public or multifamily housing.

Strategy to Remove or Ameliorate the Barriers to Affordable Housing

The city will continue to work with existing affordable housing providers and seek out additional developers with experience in creating affordable housing. The city will also continue to promote Fair Housing education and awareness through: presentations to community-based organizations, social service agencies, civic/neighborhood organizations, faith-based organizations, and/or academic groups; informational/training sessions for CDBG subrecipients, local government staff, City Council and other interested parties; and, continued collaboration with the Huntington Human Rights Commission and the HUD Office of Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity.

The city will continue to explore policy and financial incentives to advance attainable housing ranges as well as continue to offer programs for homeowners and landlords to maintain their properties through rehabilitation. These programs will be in conjunction with targeted neighborhood improvements to enhance neighborhood attractiveness and vitality.

SP-60 Homelessness Strategy - 91.415, 91.215(d)

Describe how the jurisdiction's strategic plan goals contribute to:

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

Preventing homelessness requires a multi-layered approach that addresses both the root causes and the immediate needs of individuals and families at risk. Prevention is the key to ending homelessness. Intervention programs are the first and best defense for unsheltered residents and households at risk of homelessness. Identifying these potential persons through outreach is a major tool in prevention. The Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Continuum of Care (CHWCoC) has a number of members in the region and several agencies provide outreach services. The CHWCoC through its members identifies the needs of the County's homeless, advocates for resources and coordinates services to meet these needs. The city has established, working in conjunction with the CHWCoC, the following related priority and strategies:

Homeless Strategy (High Priority)

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

Strategies: The homeless goals are as follows:

- **HMS-1 Housing.** Support the Continuum of Care's (CoC) efforts to provide emergency shelter and transitional housing and to develop permanent supportive housing and other permanent housing opportunities for unsheltered individuals and families.
- **HMS-2 Operation/Support.** Assist homeless providers in the operation of housing and support services for those who are unsheltered and persons who are at-risk of becoming homeless.
- **HMS-3 Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing.** Assist in the prevention of homelessness through anti-eviction and other programs for rapid re-housing.

The "Unsheltered Homeless" is the segment of a homeless community who do not have ordinary lawful access to buildings in which to sleep, as referred to in the HUD definition as persons occupying "place not meant for human habitation" (e.g., bus stop, beach, riverbed, van, RV, sidewalk). The city will continue to work with CHWCoC members to find emergency and transitional housing and access to wraparound supportive services for this population.

The "Sheltered Homeless" are those in an emergency shelter, in transitional housing, or exiting an institution where they temporarily reside but lack a fixed night-time residence. People will be considered homeless if they are exiting an institution where they resided for up to 90 days, and people who are losing their primary night-time residence which may be a motel, hotel, or a doubled-up situation within 14 days and lack resources or support networks to remain housed. The city will continue to work with CHWCoC members organizations that offer permanent housing solutions for the homeless and chronically

homeless and assist providers in the operation of housing and coordinated wraparound supportive services during the Five-Year Consolidated Plan period.

Addressing the emergency and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Continuum of Care (CHWCoC) prioritizes placing clients in permanent housing solutions with support services. The CHWCoC will also continue to increase rapid rehousing with housing locations and stabilization. The CHWCoC facilitates a Targeted Rapid Rehousing team that focuses on persons 55+. The CHWCoC includes the Huntington City Mission and two (2) safe havens for overnight emergency shelter. Upon entering the Mission, each adult goes through an admissions and intake process so that the services they utilize are tracked through the CHWCoC HMIS system. Individuals are encouraged to get out into the community and connect with the services that they need and are provided with a tracking card to verify which agencies they have visited. The goal is to move individuals out of the Mission and into a housing situation that best fits their needs as quickly as possible.

Emergency shelters within the City of Huntington are operated by the Huntington City Mission (HCM) and Branches Domestic Violence Shelter. HCM provides 103 men-only beds, 25 women-only beds, and 49 beds for women and families, while Branches provides domestic violence shelter to 22 survivors of domestic violence or similar situations and their families. Additionally, the West Virginia Veterans Home in Barboursville has emergency shelter beds for 13 homeless veterans. For transitional housing, Huntington City Mission operates the Safe Quarters program with 8 men-only beds.

The City will continue to support local agencies' efforts to provide emergency shelter and permanent housing with coordinated wraparound supportive services.

Helping homeless persons (especially chronically homeless individuals and families, families with children, veterans and their families, and unaccompanied youth) make the transition to permanent housing and independent living, including shortening the period of time that individuals and families experience homelessness, facilitating access for homeless individuals and families to affordable housing units, and preventing individuals and families who were recently homeless from becoming homeless again.

The Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Continuum of Care (CHWCoC) uses the Housing First Model through a centralized assessment process based on housing availability and the individual/household need. Individuals/families determined to be high acuity are assisted to a supportive housing team that continues to provide support once they obtain housing. This model has been effective in housing retention.

The CHWCoC is focused on maximizing support for those transitioning from homelessness to permanent housing. Ten (10) programs in the CHWCoC currently provide supportive services for persons experiencing homelessness, although the CHWCoC is always searching for additional funding to expand in this area. These programs provide support for those moving into permanent housing. Southwestern Community

Action Council operates an SSVF program. Prestera Center, in collaboration with Harmony House, operates a supportive services only program for those who are experiencing chronic homelessness or are high acuity. Prestera Center also operates a Community Engagement Specialist Program to support those with a serious mental illness with the goal of reducing the likelihood that they will return to mental health hospitalizations and lose housing. The Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority operates a Community Engagement Specialist Program focused on housing high acuity persons and keeping them housed long-term. Harmony House operates a program that focuses on rehousing persons who are living with HIV (Huntington was the site of WV's largest ever HIV cluster beginning in 2018) and experiencing a substance use disorder. Harmony House also operates a HOPWA funded program that prioritizes persons living unsheltered and experiencing substance use disorder and serious mental illness. In collaboration with the United Way of the River Cities, Prestera Center, and Marshall University, Harmony House opened a drop-in center for unaccompanied youth that provides a holistic approach and includes housing and supportive services. Finally, Harmony House operates two CHWCoC-funded rapid rehousing programs, one of which prioritizes families fleeing domestic violence. Branches Domestic Violence Shelter has operated a rapid rehousing program since 2019. These programs enable the CHWCoC to house people more quickly, serve different subpopulations, and more effectively assist with the housing process and aid clients in overcoming barriers.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families who are likely to become homeless after being discharged from a publicly funded institution or system of care, or who are receiving assistance from public and private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education or youth needs

The city supports the efforts of local agencies assisting families and individuals in transitional housing and refers at-risk residents to agencies that can assist with financial literacy counseling, emergency rent/mortgage or utility assistance, and job training. Institutional case management staff assists with discharge from publicly funded institutions or systems of care and provide referral assistance to housing, education, employment, and social services prior to discharge. Providers in the community work cooperatively to provide non-duplicated services as well as provide services matched to the client's needs. However, the CoC members noted that consistent discharge housing and service planning remain a challenge.

SP-65 Lead-based Paint Hazards - 91.415, 91.215(i)

Actions to address LBP hazards and increase access to housing without LBP hazards

Lead reduction involves the implementation of a lead-based paint treatment program which is carried out in conjunction with the City of Huntington's CDBG and HOME funded housing activities. The goal of the lead-based paint treatment program is the reduction of lead paint hazards. The lead-based paint treatment program includes the following responsibilities:

- financial management and recordkeeping of all funds
- qualification of households
- inspection and treatment of non-lead aspects of the projects
- procurement of qualified third-party service contractors to conduct initial lead risk assessments and testing using approved XRF and Spectrum
- relocation of households where required
- implementation of the bidding process
- awarding of contracts
- monitoring of ongoing projects
- preparation of progress and final payments to contractors
- overall responsibility for program compliance with HUD 24 CFR Parts 905, 941, 965, and 968

How are the actions listed above related to the extent of lead poisoning and hazards?

Lead-based paint in residential housing can cause severe health risks for children. HUD provides a general formula to estimate the potential presence of lead-based paint (LBP) in housing built prior to 1979, before lead-based paint was banned in the United States. It is estimated that 15,833 (78.1%) of the 20,265 occupied housing units built prior to 1979 are at risk to LBP hazards. The following table provides estimates for the City of Huntington based on the 2018-2022 American Community Survey.

Year Unit Built	Number of Units	Est. % of Units with LBP	Est. No. of Units with LBP
Pre-1939	6,633	90%	5,970
1940-59	7,840	80%	6,272
1960-79	5,792	62%	3,591
Total	20,265	Est. 78.1%	15,833

Table 53 - Estimate of Units with Lead-Based Paint

How are the actions listed above integrated into housing policies and procedures?

To meet lead-based paint regulations, the City of Huntington takes the following actions regarding rehabilitation, tenant-based rental assistance, homeownership, and homeless/special needs housing:

Rehabilitation Programs. The City of Huntington will continue to ensure that:

- Applicants for rehabilitation funding receive the required lead-based paint information and understand their responsibilities.
- Staff properly determine whether proposed projects are exempt from some or all lead-based paint requirements.
- The level of federal rehabilitation assistance is properly calculated and the applicable lead-based paint requirements determined.
- Based on the level of rehabilitation assistance, risk management, paint testing, lead hazard reduction, and clearance services are prepared by a third party when required.
- Based on the level of rehabilitation assistance, required lead hazard reduction work and protective measures are incorporated into project rehabilitation specifications.
- Based on the level of rehabilitation assistance, risk assessment, paint testing, lead hazard reduction, and clearance work are performed in accordance with the applicable standards established in 24 CFR Part 35.
- Based on the level of rehabilitation assistance, required notices regarding lead-based paint evaluation, presumption, and hazard reduction are provided to occupants and documented.

Homeownership Programs. The City of Huntington will continue to ensure that:

- Applicants for homeownership assistance receive adequate information about lead-based paint requirements.
- Staff determine whether proposed projects are exempt from some or all lead based paint requirements.
- A proper visual assessment is 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 perform paint stabilization, and the dwelling passes a clearance exam in accordance with the standards established in 24 CFR Part 35.
- The home purchaser receives the required lead-based paint pamphlet and notices.

SP-70 Anti-Poverty Strategy - 91.415, 91.215(j)

Jurisdiction Goals, Programs and Policies for reducing the number of Poverty-Level Families

Approximately 28.8 % of Huntington residents live in poverty, with 60.3% of all female-headed households with children under 5 years 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.

How are the Jurisdiction poverty reducing goals, programs, and policies coordinated with this affordable housing plan?

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, as well as advancing supportive services for target income residents. The following strategies to help reduce the poverty level are:

- Slum and blight removal
- Neighborhood revitalization in concentrated areas of poverty
- Workforce development, including job training services
- Promotion of new businesses and business retention and expansion in the city
- Assistance for food, shelter, and training programs
- Commercial/industrial infrastructure development and redevelopment
- Rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of commercial/industrial properties
- Promoting small business and micro-enterprises

During the Five-Year Consolidated Plan period, the city will continue to improve its working relationship with the various social and human service agencies in the area. The city will also continue to support economic development and related programs such as job training, transportation, and childcare. These activities will advance new job opportunities for unemployed and underemployed Huntington residents under the city's following Consolidated Plan goals:

- **EDS-1 Employment.** Support and encourage new and varied job creation, job retention, workforce development, employment, and job training opportunities for unemployed and underemployed persons.
- **EDS-2 Development.** Support and encourage the planning and promotion of business and commercial enterprise growth, diversification, and expansion through new development, revitalization, and redevelopment.

SP-80 Monitoring - 91.230

Describe the standards and procedures that the jurisdiction will use to monitor activities carried out in furtherance of the plan and will use 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 Development Department has a "Monitoring Process" that is directed towards Program Performance, Financial Performance, and Regulatory Compliance.

Department staff have developed a "monitoring checklist" that is utilized when programs and activities are reviewed. This checklist was developed in accordance with Sub-Part J of 24 CFR, Part 85 "Uniform Administrative Requirement for Grants and Cooperative Agreements of State and Local Governments" and the HUD Community Planning and Development Monitoring Handbook (HUD 6509.2)

Department staff conduct monitoring of CDBG Program and HOME Program funded projects/activities. Staff are assigned various activities and subrecipients to monitor, including nonprofit (social service) agencies.

In the planning stage, subrecipients are required to submit "applications for funding." These applications are reviewed by Development Department staff for eligibility, and recommendations are then forwarded to city administration and City Council for final approval of funds. After a subrecipient is approved for funding, staff conducts "orientation" meetings (either individually or a group meeting) to provide agencies information on their regulatory, financial, and performance responsibilities. In addition, the monitoring process is outlined for the groups who then enter the "implementation" phase of the project. A scope of services and budget are finalized and the contract with each subrecipient is executed.

While the funded project/activity is underway, Development Department staff may conduct an "on-site" monitoring visit where technical assistance is provided, files are reviewed, and "corrective actions" are taken to resolve any potential deficiencies or problems.

Subrecipients submit letters of transmittal accompanied by a "Requisition for Reimbursement" with supportive expenditure documentation and an activity progress report. Development Department staff perform internal monitoring by reviewing each Requisition for Reimbursement for compliance with 2 CFR Part 200 "Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements." On-site financial monitoring of subrecipients is conducted as needed. The city requests copies of independent audits, or use of auditing procedures as outlined in 2 CFR Part 200, for all subrecipients with Federal contracts over \$750,000.

In the expenditure of CDBG and HOME funds for housing construction or project improvements, the city's inspectors make periodic on-site inspections to ensure compliance with applicable State Building Code requirements (International Code Council adopted by the State Legislature). The city also requires submittal of architectural drawings, site plans, and work specifications for this work. These are reviewed prior to the issuance of building permits and the distribution of CDBG or HOME funds.

Annual Action Plan

AP-15 Expected Resources - 91.420(b), 91.220(c)(1,2)

Introduction

The City of Huntington will receive \$1,596,831 in FY 2025 CDBG Program funds and \$549,855.31 in HOME Program funds. The city was not awarded ESG Program funding for FY 2025 following several years of ESG entitlement awards. The program year starts on July 1, 2025 and ends on June 30, 2026. In this plan, the city will work under the assumption that it will receive allocations similar to the FY 2025 CDBG and HOME awards in fiscal years 2026-2029. The city anticipates that it will receive the following funds over the next five-year period:

- **FY 2025** = \$1,596,831 CDBG; \$549,855.31 HOME
- **FY 2026** = \$1,500,000.00 CDBG; \$500,000.00 HOME
- **FY 2027** = \$1,500,000.00 CDBG; \$500,000.00 HOME
- **FY 2028** = \$1,500,000.00 CDBG; \$500,000.00 HOME
- **FY 2029** = \$1,500,000.00 CDBG; \$500,000.00 HOME
- **Total** = **\$7,596,831.00 CDBG; \$2,549,855.31 HOME**

The FY 2025 Program Year runs from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. These funds will be used to address the following priority needs:

- Housing Priority (HSS);
- Homeless Priority (HMS);
- Other Special Needs Priority (SNS);
- Community Development Priority (CDS);
- Economic Development Priority (EDS); and
- Administration, Planning, and Management Priority (AMS).

The accomplishments of funded projects/activities will be reported in the city's Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) that is submitted to HUD within 90 days following the end of the program year.

Anticipated Resources

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 1				Expected Amount Available Reminder of Con Plan: \$	Narrative Description
			Annual Allocation: \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources: \$	Total: \$		
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	\$1,596,831.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,596,831.00	\$6,00,000.00	10 projects/ activities were funded based on FY 2025 CDBG allocations.
HOME	public - federal	Acquisition Homebuyer assistance Homeowner rehab Multifamily rental new construction Multifamily rental rehab New construction for ownership TBRA	\$549,855.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,596,831.00	\$2,000,000.00	4 projects/activities were funded based on FY 2025 HOME allocation.

Table 54 - Expected Resources - Priority Table

Explain how federal funds will leverage those additional resources (private, state and local funds), including a description of how matching requirements will be satisfied

The following financial resources may be available during FY 2025-2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan, including anticipated funds to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in this Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium: The Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium, administered by the City of Huntington, was awarded \$549,855.31 in FY 2025 HOME funds. Similar annual HOME Program awards are anticipated over the Five-Year Consolidated Plan period.

Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) and Housing for Persons with HIV/AIDS (HOPWA): The City of Huntington, WV was not awarded ESG entitlement funding for FY 2025 and has not been an entitlement jurisdiction for HOPWA, but it may choose to apply for ESG and/or HOPWA funding from the State of West Virginia should an organization approach the city for assistance.

Public Housing: The Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority (HWVHA) received \$2,152,062 as a HUD Capital Fund Grant in FY 2024. HWVHA's FY 2025 allocation and budget is not yet available, but similar annual Capital Fund Grant amounts are anticipated over the remainder of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan period. Activities anticipated to be undertaken using Capital Fund Grant resources include administration and operations, renovations, improvements, and modernization of public housing units and common areas, and public housing development site improvements.

Other Resources: The City of Huntington will leverage public and private financial resources to address the priorities and goals identified in this Five-Year Consolidated Plan and implemented under its Annual Action Plans. In addition to the HUD entitlement funds, the city anticipates the following federal resources may be available to local organizations to undertake the strategies identified in this Plan.

- EDI-CPF Congressionally Directed Funding
- Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (HECM) Program
- FHA Title I
- FHA 203(k) Mortgage Insurance Program
- Low-Income Housing Preservation Program
- Supportive Housing Program
- Emergency Solutions Grant Program
- Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program (HOPWA)
- Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program (LIHTC)
- Section 8 Rental Assistance Program
- Shelter Plus Care
- Section 202/811 Supportive Housing
- Supplemental Assistance to Facilities to Assist the Homeless (SAFAH)

- Safe Havens Demonstration Program
- Land or Property Resources
- EPA Brownfields Assessment and/or cleanup grants

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

Not applicable. The City does not intend to use, acquire, or improve any publicly owned land or property using CDBG funds to address the needs identified in the city's Consolidated Plan unless required to improve existing public infrastructure and facilities.

Discussion

Private and non-federal resources that may be available in FY 2025 to address needs identified in the FY 2025-2029 Five Year Consolidated Plan could include.

- **West Virginia Housing Development Fund Home Purchase Programs.** The West Virginia Housing Development Fund (WVHDF) is a public body corporate and governmental instrumentality of the State of West Virginia established to increase the supply of residential housing for persons and families of low- and moderate-income, and to provide construction and permanent mortgage financing to public and private sponsors of such housing. The WVHDF reports that it has issued more than \$4.5 billion in bonds and has financed more than 165,000 housing units since it began operation in 1969.
- **Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Program.** LIHTC is the most important resource for creating affordable housing in the United States today. Created by the Tax Reform Act of 1986, the LIHTC program gives State and local LIHTC-allocating agencies the equivalent of approximately \$10 billion in annual budget authority to issue tax credits for the acquisition, rehabilitation, or new construction of rental housing targeted to lower-income households. The WV Housing Development Fund (WVHDF) is the LIHTC allocating agency within the State of West Virginia.
- **West Virginia Neighborhood Investment Program.** The West Virginia Neighborhood Investment Program Act (W. Va. Code § 11-13J) provides credit to individuals and private sector businesses which make eligible contributions to community based nonprofit organizations that establish projects to assist neighborhoods and local communities. These projects provide services such as health care, counseling, emergency assistance, crime prevention, education, housing, job training and physical and environmental improvements.
- **West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services.** The West Virginia Division of Rehabilitation Services will provide funds to make housing units accessible if such improvements will assist persons with disabilities in an employment situation.

- **Federal Home Loan Bank Affordable Housing Program (AHP).** Congress mandated that ten (10%) of the Federal Home Loan Bank's profits be allocated to provide affordable housing. The FHLB encourages its members to work with public agencies and non-profit housing development organizations in creating highly leveraged affordable housing initiatives. Both sales and rental housing are eligible.
- **Historic Preservation Tax Credit (HPTC) Program.** HPTC provides tax credits to qualified taxpayers who will be completing the restoration of a qualified historic structure into an income producing property. All projects must include a qualified rehabilitation plan that is approved by the WV Department of Arts, Culture & History as being consistent with the standards for rehabilitation of historic buildings as adopted by the United States Secretary of the Interior.
- **New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC).** NMTC provides a federal tax credit to investors who invest in qualified Community Development Entities (CDEs), which in turn invest in low-income communities. This incentivizes private sector investment in these areas and helps revitalize local economies.

Annual Goals and Objectives

AP-20 Annual Goals and Objectives - 91.420, 91.220(c)(3)&(e)

Goals Summary Information

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
1.	HSS-1 Homeownership	2025	2029	Affordable Housing	Citywide Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Housing Consortium	Housing Priority	CDBG: \$0 HOME: \$50,000.00	Direct Financial Assistance to Homebuyers: 5 Households Assisted
2.	HSS-2 Housing Rehabilitation	2025	2029	Affordable Housing	Citywide Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Housing Consortium	Housing Priority	CDBG: \$183,891.00 HOME: \$0	Homeowner housing rehabilitated: 24 Household Housing Units
3.	HSS-3 Housing Construction	2025	2029	Affordable Housing	Citywide Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Housing Consortium	Housing Priority	CDBG: \$0 HOME: \$444,870.31	Homeowner housing added: 3 Household Housing Units
4.	HMS-2 Operation / Support	2025	2029	Homeless	Citywide	Homeless Priority	CDBG: \$5,000.00 HOME: \$0	Public service activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit: 50 Persons Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
5.	CDS-1 Public Safety	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide Low/Mod Areas	Community Development Priority	CDBG: \$544,049.00 HOME: \$0	Public facility or infrastructure activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit: 10,725 Persons Assisted
6.	CDS-3 Community Facilities	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide Low/Mod Areas	Community Development Priority	CDBG: \$10,000.00 HOME: \$0	Public facility or infrastructure activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit: 80 Persons Assisted
7.	CDS-4 Clearance / Demolition	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Community Development Priority	CDBG: \$300,000.00 HOME: \$0	Buildings demolished: 15 Buildings
8.	CDS-5 Public Services	2025	2029	Non-Housing Community Development	Citywide	Community Development Priority	CDBG: \$234,525.00 HOME: \$0	Public facility or infrastructure activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit: 1,000 Persons Assisted
9.	AMS-1 Overall Coordination	2025	2029	Administration, Planning, and Management	Citywide	Administration, Planning, and Management Priority	CDBG: \$319,366.00 HOME: \$54,985.00	Other: 2 organizations

Table 55 - Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1.	Goal Name	HSS-1 Homeownership
	Goal Description	Increase the supply of affordable owner-occupied housing units through housing counseling and eligible direct assistance to homebuyers including mortgage principal reductions, interest rate reductions, downpayment and closing cost assistance, etc.
2.	Goal Name	HSS-2 Housing Rehabilitation
	Goal Description	Conserve and rehabilitate existing affordable housing units for owners and renters in the city by addressing maintenance issues, code violations, emergency repairs, and the removal of architectural accessibility barriers to persons with disabilities.
3.	Goal Name	HSS-3 Housing Construction
	Goal Description	Increase the supply and range of new affordable and accessible housing units in the city for owners and renters through the new construction, rehabilitation, and adaptive reuse of existing buildings.
4.	Goal Name	HMS-2 Operation/Support
	Goal Description	Assist homeless providers in the operation of housing and support services for those who are unsheltered and persons who are at-risk of becoming homeless.
5.	Goal Name	CDS-1 Public Safety
	Goal Description	Improve and enhance public safety facilities, equipment, programming, and emergency response and preparedness within the City of Huntington.
6.	Goal Name	CDS-3 Community Facilities
	Goal Description	Improve and enhance the quality, location, and accessibility of the city's parks, recreational facilities, libraries, public spaces, trails, bikeways, and all public and community facilities.

7.	Goal Name	CDS-4 Clearance/Demolition
	Goal Description	Remove and eliminate slum and blighting conditions throughout the City of Huntington.
8.	Goal Name	CDS-5 Public Services
	Goal Description	Improve and enhance social and human services and programming for the youth, the elderly, persons with disabilities and low- and moderate-income persons and households within the City of Huntington.
9.	Goal Name	AMS-1 Overall Coordination
	Goal Description	Provide program management and oversight for the successful administration of Federal, State, and local funded programs and compliance with related laws and regulations, including planning services for special studies, the five-year consolidated plan, annual action plans, substantial amendments, consolidated annual performance and evaluation reports, environmental reviews and clearance, etc.

AP-35 Projects - 91.420, 91.220(d)

Introduction

The City of Huntington is proposing the following CDBG and HOME-funded projects for its FY 2025 Annual Action Plan.

Projects

#	Project Name
1.	CDBG General Administration
2.	Information & Referral Services (CCPL)
3.	A.D. Lewis Community Center
4.	HFD Emergency Backup Generators
5.	HFD Station No. 1 Improvements
6.	Kiwanis Child Care Center Improvements
7.	Emergency Housing Rehabilitation
8.	Volunteer Housing Rehabilitation
9.	Rehabilitation Administration
10.	Clearance/Demolition (citywide)
11.	HOME General Administration
12.	HOME CHDO Set-aside
13.	Affordable Housing Projects
14.	Homebuyer Assistance Program

Table 56 - Project Information

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

The City of Huntington and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium allocated its CDBG and HOME funds for FY 2025 to principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

- Public Safety activities are located in low- and moderate-income census area or service area.
- Housing activities have income eligibility criteria thereby directing CDBG and HOME funds to low- and moderate-income eligible households.

- Public Services activities are provided to social service organizations principally serving low-income persons or whose clientele qualify under the presumed benefit category of HUD's regulations.
- Homeless projects/activities are for homeless agencies/organization serving a specific type of clientele who qualify under the presumed benefit category of HUD's regulations.
- Community Facilities activities are either located in a low- and moderate-income census area, have a low- and moderate-income service benefit area benefit, or principally service a low- and moderate-income clientele.
- Spot basis Demolition activities will remove slum and blighting conditions citywide.

The total amount of FY 2025 CDBG funds is \$1,596,831, of which 20% (\$319,366.00) will be used for administration and planning and 80% (\$1,277,465.00) will be used for eligible projects/activities. Approximately 76.52% (\$977,465) will principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons, while 23.48% (\$300,000) will be used for slum and blight removal.

AP-38 Project Summary

Project Summary Information

1.	Project Name	General Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	AMS-1 Overall Coordination
	Needs Addressed	Administration, Management, and Planning Priority
	Funding	CDBG: \$319,366
	Description	CDBG funds will be used for staff salaries and benefits, office expenses, planning services, and other facets of program management.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Other: 1 Organization
	Location Description	City of Huntington, Department of Development and Planning, 800 Fifth Avenue, Huntington, WV 25717
	Planned Activities	The HUD Matrix Code is 21A - General Program Administration [570.206].
2.	Project Name	Information and Referral Services (CCPL)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HMS-2 Operation/Support
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Priority (HMS)
	Funding	CDBG: \$5,000.00
	Description	CDBG funds will be used by Information & Referral Services to connect homeless residents and residents at-risk of homelessness to housing and services.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Public service activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit. Persons assisted: 50.
	Location Description	455 9th Street, Huntington, WV 25701
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Clientele Benefit (LMC). The HUD Matrix Code is 05X, Housing Information and Services.

3.	Project Name	A.D. Lewis Community Center
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CDS-5 Public Services
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority (CDS)
	Funding	CDBG: \$234,524.00
	Description	CDBG Funds will be used to assist with the operating expenses for the A.D. Lewis Community Center.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Public service activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit. Persons assisted: 1,000
	Location Description	1450 A.D. Lewis Avenue, Huntington, WV 25701
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Clientele Benefit (LMC). The HUD Matrix Code is 05D Youth Services [570.201(e)].
4.	Project Name	Huntington FD - Emergency Backup Generators
	Target Area	Low/Mod Area
	Goals Supported	CDS-1 Public Safety
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority (CDS)
	Funding	CDBG: \$279,050.00
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to purchase and install backup generators at three (3) Huntington Fire Stations primarily serving low- to moderate income areas.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Public facility or infrastructure activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit. Persons assisted: 8,350.
	Location Description	Station 1 (839 7 th Ave), Station 4 (1531 W 5 th Ave), and Station 5 (301 5 th Ave).
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Area Benefit (LMA). The HUD Matrix Code is 03O Fire Stations/Equipment [570.201(c)].
5.	Project Name	Huntington FD - Station No. 1 Improvements
	Target Area	Low/Mod Area
	Goals Supported	CDS-1 Public Safety
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority (CDS)

	Funding	CDBG: \$265,000.00
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to complete renovations and modernization at Huntington Fire Station 1.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Public facility or infrastructure activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit. Persons assisted: 2,375.
	Location Description	Station 1 (839 7 th Ave).
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Area Benefit (LMA). The HUD Matrix Code is 03O Fire Stations/Equipment [570.201(c)].
6.	Project Name	Kiwanis Child Care Center Improvements
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CDS-3 Community Facilities
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority (CDS)
	Funding	CDBG: \$10,000.00
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to upgrade and modernize security systems and safety lighting of the child development center.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Public facility or infrastructure activities other than low/moderate-income housing benefit. Persons assisted: 80.
	Location Description	71 Washington Ave, Huntington, WV 25701
	Planned Activities	The national objective is Low/Mod Income Clientele Benefit (LMC). The HUD Matrix Code is 03M Child Care Centers [570.201(c)].
7.	Project Name	Emergency Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HSS-2 Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Priority (HSS)
	Funding	CDBG: \$38,891.00
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to support the Emergency Housing Rehab Program providing grants to income eligible homeowners for installation of roofs, soffit, gutters, electrical upgrades, plumbing, etc.
	Target Date	6/30/2026

	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Homeowner housing rehabilitated. Household / Housing Units: 4.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	The National Objective is Low/Mod Income Housing Benefit (LMH). The HUD Matrix Code is 14A, Rehab; Single-Unit Residential.
8.	Project Name	Volunteer Housing Rehabilitation
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HSS-2 Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Priority (HSS)
	Funding	CDBG: \$50,000.00
	Description	CDBG funds will be used, In cooperation with volunteer groups, to make repairs for income eligible homeowners by providing materials and disposal services, while the labor is provided by volunteer organizations. All repairs are completed to City Code and inspected by a City Building Inspector.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Homeowner housing rehabilitated: Household / Housing Units: 8.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	The National Objective is Low/Mod Income Housing Benefit (LMH). The HUD Matrix Code is 14A, Rehab; Single-Unit Residential.
9.	Project Name	Rehabilitation Administration
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	HSS-2 Housing Rehabilitation
	Needs Addressed	Housing Priority (HSS)
	Funding	CDBG: \$95,000.00
	Description	CDBG funds used for housing rehabilitation delivery costs including salaries, benefits, office expenses, legal fees, planning, and management.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Homeowner housing rehabilitated Household / Housing Units: 12

	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	The project matrix code is 14H, Rehabilitation: Administration.
10.	Project Name	Clearance/Demolition (citywide)
	Target Area	Citywide
	Goals Supported	CDS-4 Clearance/Demolition
	Needs Addressed	Community Development Priority (CDS)
	Funding	CDBG: \$300,000.00
	Description	CDBG funds will be used to demolish and clear vacant substandard structures to remove slums and blight. In cooperation with the Unsafe Building Commission of the City of Huntington, 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 in serious and immediate threat to public health, safety, and welfare.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Buildings to be demolished: 15.
	Location Description	Citywide
	Planned Activities	The National Objective is Slum and Blight Removal on a Spot Basis (SBS). The HUD Matrix Code is 04, Clearance and Demolition.
11.	Project Name	HOME General Administration
	Target Area	Consortium-wide
	Goals Supported	AMS-1 Overall Coordination
	Needs Addressed	Administration, Management, and Planning Priority
	Funding	HOME: \$54,985.00
	Description	HOME funds will be used for the administrative expenses related to the housing programs for the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Other: 1 Organization
	Location Description	City of Huntington, Department of Development and Planning, 800 Fifth Avenue, Huntington, WV 25717

	Planned Activities	The HUD Matrix Code is 21A - General Program Administration [570.206].
12.	Project Name	HOME CHDO Set-aside
	Target Area	Consortium-wide
	Goals Supported	HSS-3 Housing Construction
	Needs Addressed	Housing Priority (HSS)
	Funding	HOME: 82,478.30
	Description	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.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Other: 1 Organization.
	Location Description	Consortium-wide
	Planned Activities	To be determined.
13.	Project Name	Affordable Housing Projects
	Target Area	Consortium-wide
	Goals Supported	HSS-3 Housing Construction
	Needs Addressed	Housing Priority (HSS)
	Funding	HOME: \$362,392.01
	Description	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.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Homeowner housing added and/or rental units constructed. Households / Housing Units: 2.
	Location Description	Consortium-wide
	Planned Activities	To be determined.

14.	Project Name	Homebuyer Assistance Program
	Target Area	Consortium-wide
	Goals Supported	HSS-1 Homeownership
	Needs Addressed	Housing Priority (HSS)
	Funding	HOME: \$50,000.00
	Description	HOME funds will be used for a first-time homebuyer program in the City of Huntington and Wayne and Cabell Counties.
	Target Date	6/30/2026
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Direct financial assistance to homebuyers. Households assisted: 5.
	Location Description	Consortium-wide
	Planned Activities	The National Objective is Low/Mod Income Housing Benefit (LMH). The HUD Matrix Code is 13B, Homeownership Assistance.

AP-50 Geographic Distribution - 91.420, 91.220(f)**Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed**

The following information provides a profile of the population age and racial/ethnic composition of the City of Huntington. This information was obtained from the U.S. Census Bureau website, <https://data.census.gov>. The 2018-2022 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, as required by HUD, and other applicable data (as noted) were used to analyze the social, economic, housing, and general demographic characteristics of Huntington.

Population:

- The City's population was 46,637 at the time of the 2018-2022 ACS Estimates, a decrease of 1,397 persons from the 2013-2017 ACS.
- The Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium area had a population of 122,898 in the 2018-2022 ACS, a decrease of 14,265 persons from the 2013-2017 ACS.
- The population in West Virginia was 1,792,967 at the time of the 2018-2022 ACS Estimates, a decrease of 43,876 persons from the 2013-2017 ACS.
- Per the 2018-2022 ACS, the city's male population is 22,063 persons (47.3%) and the female population is 24,574 persons (52.7%).

Age:

Based on the 2018-2022 ACS Estimates:

- The median age in Huntington was 35.4 years, compared to 42.6 years for West Virginia.
- Youth under the age of 18 accounted for 17.5% of the City's population, compared to 20.1% of West Virginia's population.
- Seniors aged 65 or over represent 18.1% of the city's population, compared to 20.4% of West Virginia's population.
- Adults ranging from 20 to 24 years old make up the largest portion of the city's population at 14.1%.

Race/Ethnicity:

According to the 2018-2022 ACS Estimates, the City of Huntington has the following racial and ethnic composition:

- 85.0% were White
- 7.1% were Black or African American
- 0.1% were American Indian and Alaska Native

- 1.4% were Asian
- 0.0% were Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander
- 0.6% were Some Other Race Alone
- 5.8% were Two or More Races
- 1.7% were Hispanic or Latino of any race

Income Profile:

The following are income statistics for the City of Huntington from the 2018-2022 ACS Estimates:

- Median household income in Huntington was \$39,066, which was less than Cabell County (\$48,944), Wayne County (\$52,694), and the State of West Virginia (\$55,217).
- 44.5% of Huntington households had Social Security income.
- 27.5% had retirement income.
- 9.9% had Supplemental Security income.
- 3.0% received cash public assistance.
- 18.5% of residents received Food Stamp/SNAP benefits during the last twelve months.
- 13.9% of families and 16.7% of all residents were living in poverty.
- 32.7% of female-headed households with no spouse present were living in poverty; 65.0% of such households with children under 5 were living in poverty.
- 19.0% of all children under 18 years were living in poverty.

Low/Mod Income Profile:

The low- and moderate-income profile for the City of Huntington is one measurement of the area's needs. The city has an overall low- and moderate-income percentage of 54.40%. These low- and moderate-income statistics were obtained from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's website, www.hud.gov.

Economic Profile:

The economic profile for the City of Huntington according to the 2018-2022 ACS Estimates is as follows:

- The population 16 years and over was 38,900 persons, of whom 21,977 were in the civilian labor force. There were 20,309 persons in the civilian employed population 16 years and over, or 52.2% of the population 16 years and over.
- 41.9% of the employed civilian population were in management, business, science, and arts occupations.
- 23.2% were in sales and office occupations.

- 21.7% were in service sector occupations.
- 34.0% of the employed civilian population worked in the educational services, and health care and social assistance industry.
- 14.0% worked in the arts, entertainment, and recreation, and accommodation and food services industry.
- 13.1% worked in the retail trade industry.
- 75.5% of workers were classed as private wage and salary workers.
- 19.5% were classed as government workers.
- 4.5% were classed as self-employed workers in not incorporated business.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the unadjusted unemployment rate for the City of Huntington for March of 2025 was 3.9%, Cabell County's unemployment rate was 3.6%, and Wayne County's was 4.1%. The unemployment rate was 4.0% for the State of West Virginia in March of 2025 and 4.2% for the United States.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
Citywide	49.04%
Low/Mod Area	25.61%
Consortium-wide	25.34%

Table 57 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The City of Huntington has allocated its CDBG funds to those geographic areas whose populations are over 51% low and moderate income. At least 70% of all the city's CDBG funds will principally benefit low- and moderate-income persons.

The following guidelines for allocating CDBG and HOME funds was used by the city for the FY 2025 Program Year:

- Public Safety activities are located in low- and moderate-income census area or service area.
- Housing activities have income eligibility criteria thereby directing CDBG and HOME funds to low- and moderate-income eligible households.

- Public Services activities are provided to social service organizations principally serving low-income persons or whose clientele qualify under the presumed benefit category of HUD's regulations.
- Homeless projects/activities are for homeless agencies/organization serving a specific type of clientele who qualify under the presumed benefit category of HUD's regulations.
- Community Facilities activities are either located in a low- and moderate-income census area, have a low- and moderate-income service benefit area benefit, or principally service a low- and moderate-income clientele.
- Spot basis Demolition activities will remove slum and blighting conditions citywide.

The following city Census Tracts and Block Groups have a low- and moderate-income population greater than or equal to 51%:

- Block Group 1, Census Tract 6, Cabell County, West Virginia, 97.20%
- Block Group 3, Census Tract 2, Cabell County, West Virginia, 94.90%
- Block Group 3, Census Tract 18, Cabell County, West Virginia, 94.50%
- Block Group 4, Census Tract 18, Cabell County, West Virginia, 91.70%
- Block Group 1, Census Tract 5, Cabell County, West Virginia, 90.90%
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 6, Cabell County, West Virginia, 90.50%
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 4, Cabell County, West Virginia, 90.20%
- Block Group 1, Census Tract 109, Cabell County, West Virginia, 88.50%
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 109, Cabell County, West Virginia, 84.60%
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 9, Cabell County, West Virginia, 82.90%
- Block Group 5, Census Tract 18, Cabell County, West Virginia, 78.10%
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 3, Cabell County, West Virginia, 74.20%
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 18, Cabell County, West Virginia, 73.90%
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 2, Cabell County, West Virginia, 73.90%
- Block Group 1, Census Tract 9, Cabell County, West Virginia, 71.90%
- Block Group 1, Census Tract 14, Cabell County, West Virginia, 69.70%
- Block Group 1, Census Tract 4, Cabell County, West Virginia, 69.30%
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 1.01, Cabell County, West Virginia, 69.10%
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 10, Cabell County, West Virginia, 68.90%
- Block Group 1, Census Tract 1.01, Cabell County, West Virginia, 68.70%
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 14, Cabell County, West Virginia, 67.90%
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 52, Wayne County, West Virginia, 67.60%
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 11, Cabell County, West Virginia, 65.60%

- Block Group 1, Census Tract 16, Cabell County, West Virginia, 63.80%
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 15, Cabell County, West Virginia, 63.40%
- Block Group 1, Census Tract 15, Cabell County, West Virginia, 61.40%
- Block Group 1, Census Tract 18, Cabell County, West Virginia, 60.80%
- Block Group 1, Census Tract 10, Cabell County, West Virginia, 56.70%
- Block Group 2, Census Tract 13, Cabell County, West Virginia, 51.60%
- Block Group 1, Census Tract 21, Cabell County, West Virginia, 51.30%

The City's overall low mod percentage is 54.30%.

The HOME funds will be used for administration and for housing projects which have income eligibility criteria thereby directing HOME funds to low- and moderate-income eligible households.

Discussion

Not Applicable.

Affordable Housing

AP-55 Affordable Housing - 91.420, 91.220(g)

Introduction

The City of Huntington and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium will utilize its FY 2025 CDBG and HOME funds for the preservation and production of affordable housing. The one-year affordable housing goals are:

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	0
Non-Homeless	20
Special-Needs	0
Total	20

Table 58 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	0
The Production of New Units	3
Rehab of Existing Units	12
Acquisition of Existing Units	5
Total	20

Table 59 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The city will fund the following affordable housing projects:

- **CD-25-07 Emergency Housing Rehabilitation** . CDBG funds will be used to support the Emergency Housing Rehab Program providing grants to income eligible homeowners for installation of roofs, soffit, gutters, electrical upgrades, plumbing, etc. (Households, 4)
- **CD-25-08 Volunteer Housing Rehabilitation**. CDBG funds will be used, In cooperation with volunteer groups, to make repairs for income eligible homeowners by providing materials and disposal services, while the labor is provided by volunteer organizations. All repairs are completed to City Code and inspected by a City Building Inspector. (Housing Units, 8)
- **HOME-25-12 HOME CHDO Set-aside**. 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. (1 Organization)

- **HOME-25-13 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. (Homeowner housing added and/or rental units constructed, 2)
- **HOME-25-14 Homebuyer Assistance Program.** HOME funds will be used for a first-time homebuyer program in the City of Huntington and Wayne and Cabell Counties. (Direct financial assistance to homebuyers, 5)

AP-60 Public Housing - 91.420, 91.220(h)

Introduction

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 West Virginia Housing Authority (HWVHA) is to provide affordable, accessible, quality housing and support services through community partnerships.

HWVHA 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 of Huntington certifies that the Capital Fund Program and Annual Plan are consistent with the city's current 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.

HWVHA meets with each of its housing developments to discuss the authority's proposed Annual Plans. They also discuss physical needs assessments for allocating and spending Capital Funds for the different developments. The Housing Authority puts copies of the plans in the housing developments for public comment. Residents are encouraged to participate with Resident Councils of their respective buildings. Additionally, one seat on the five-member Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority Board of Directors is held by a resident to help with planning and decision-making processes.

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

Each year HWVHA receives an allocation of funds from HUD under the Capital Fund Program to undertake physical improvements. In addition, HWVHA receives operating subsidies to offset the operating deficits associated with public housing units and to carry out maintenance. HWVHA received \$2,152,062 under their FY 2024 HUD Capital Fund grant. The Housing Authority's FY 2025 allocation and budget is not yet available.

The Housing Authority's FY 2024 Budget (\$2,152,062.00) was as follows:

- **Operations** = \$538,015.50
- **Administration** = \$388,044.65
- **Physical Improvements** = \$1,226,001.85

Total = \$1,265,511.00

HWVHA's FY 2025 allocation is anticipated to be similarly distributed.

HWVHA noted during the community engagement process that there is a need for additional public housing in the region and is open to partnering with area entities to create new housing and rehabilitate mixed-use properties.

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

The Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority's (HWWHA) public housing communities have Resident Councils that meet regularly. Marcum Terrace Development's Resident Council meets on the first and third Mondays of each month to discuss ways of improving the community and to plan activities. The Housing Authority also has Annual Meetings to give residents an opportunity to express what improvements are needed in each community, and what issues residents have. The Housing Authority employs 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 also plans events such as bicycle rodeos, homeownership counseling, and more.

HWWHA offers homeownership counseling assistance by providing personalized services and walk residents through the necessary steps to becoming a homeowner. The Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) homeownership option is primarily designed for working families, although elderly and disabled individuals also qualify. The Housing Authority does not provide financing, but the Authority's Certified Residential Housing counselor will help participants learn how to meet credit standards, downpayment requirements, and mortgage underwriting guidelines to obtain mortgage loan approval. Eligibility requirements of the Housing Choice Voucher program include:

- HCV participant for 12 months prior to purchase
- Qualifying income for 12 months prior to purchase
- Meet HUD definition of a first-time homebuyer
- Complete the Housing Authority's homebuyer education program
- Be in good standing with the Housing Authority

Homeownership Counseling Class Agenda:

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

Goals of the Program:

Funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), HWVHA's R.O.S.S. Homeownership Program will help attain homeownership by creating partnerships and networking to support participants to gain the necessary skills for achieving the goal of homeownership. The Housing Authority assists Section 8 and Public Housing participants becoming better consumers, knowledgeable homeowners, and achieve economic independence.

Along with the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (WVDHHR), the Housing Authority sponsors 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; a community board with job postings; and life skills sessions.

Additionally, the Housing Authority offers an optional/voluntary Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Program to all Section 8 participants once they have received assistance for 30 or more days. The program is meant to help Section 8 participants reach self-sufficiency through one-on-one case management with FSS program staff.

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

Not applicable. The Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority is not designated as "troubled" by HUD.

Discussion

Not Applicable.

AP-65 Homeless and Other Special Needs Activities - 91.420, 91.220(i)

Introduction

The City of Huntington developed the FY 2025-2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan in cooperation with the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Continuum of Care (CHWCoC) and identified the following strategies under the Homeless Priority:

- **HMS-1 Housing** - Support the Continuum of Care's (CoC) efforts to provide emergency shelter and transitional housing and to develop permanent supportive housing and other permanent housing opportunities for unsheltered individuals and families.
- **HMS-2 Operation/Support** - Assist homeless providers in the operation of housing and support services for those who are unsheltered and persons who are at-risk of becoming homeless.
- **HMS-3 Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing** - Assist in the prevention of homelessness through anti-eviction and other programs for rapid re-housing.

Describe the jurisdiction's one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including

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

CHWCoC outreach teams work non-traditional hours and cover the CoC's entire geographic area. They focus on persons with a serious mental illness who live unsheltered because this is the subpopulation in the community least likely to access assistance. Agencies, local businesses, and community members routinely contact the street outreach team regarding persons needing assistance, especially those living unsheltered. Persons experiencing homelessness are engaged through outreach, rapport-building, and with the use of peer-to-peer models. The CHWCoC utilizes a coordinated entry process that prioritizes assistance based on severity of need, length of time homeless, and unsheltered versus sheltered status to ensure those who need assistance the most can receive housing and services in a timely manner. Most persons enter the system through the Harmony House's day shelter. However, the local homeless veteran's center, domestic violence shelter, and street outreach all serve as points of entry. A VI-SPDAT assessment is conducted (coordinated entry assessment tool) to determine the individual's/family's level of need. The individual/family is on a by-name list and referred to appropriate services and housing. All CoC participants and programs utilize the coordinated entry system. Harmony House partners with Presteria Center to access expanded outreach efforts. Presteria provides two recovery coach navigators, with one focused on unaccompanied youth.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons

The CHWCoC prioritizes placing clients in permanent housing solutions with supports. The CoC will also continue to increase rapid rehousing with housing location and stabilization. The CoC also operates a Targeted Rapid Rehousing team focused on persons 55 years of age and older. The CoC includes the Huntington City Mission and two (2) safe havens for overnight emergency shelter. Upon entering the Huntington City Mission (HCM), each adult goes through an admission and intake process so that the services they utilize are tracked through the CHWCoC HMIS system. Individuals are encouraged to get out into the community and connect with the services that they need and are provided with a tracking card to verify the agencies the individuals have visited. The goal is to move individuals out of the Mission and into a housing situation that best fits their needs as quickly as possible.

Emergency shelters within the City of Huntington are operated by the HCM and Branches Domestic Violence Shelter. HCM provides 103 men-only beds, 25 women-only beds, and 49 beds for women and families, while Branches provides domestic violence shelter to 22 survivors of domestic violence or similar situations and their families. Additionally, the West Virginia Veterans Home in Barboursville has emergency shelter beds for 13 homeless veterans. For transitional housing, Huntington City Mission operates the Safe Quarters program with 8 men-only beds.

The city will continue to support local agencies' efforts to provide emergency shelter and permanent housing with coordinated wraparound supportive services.

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, unsheltered 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, 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 CHWCoC 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 operate SSVF programs. Presteria Center, in collaboration with Harmony House, operates a supportive services only program for those who are chronic or high acuity. Presteria 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 operates 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. Harmony House partnered with United Way, Prester Center, and Marshall University to operate a resource center for homeless and at-risk youth. These programs enable the CoC to house people quickly and serve all different subpopulations.

Helping low-income individuals and families avoid becoming homeless, especially extremely low-income individuals and families and those who are: being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care (such as health care facilities, mental health facilities, foster care and other youth facilities, and corrections programs and institutions); or, receiving assistance from public or private agencies that address housing, health, social services, employment, education, or youth needs.

Information and Referral (I&R) is the local clearinghouse agency providing one-on-one assisting to link people to the appropriate community resources to meet their needs including services, financial assistance, and information. The agency provides connections to basic needs which may help individuals and families remain housed. Agency representation is also part of the weekly Housing First subcommittee meetings when 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 operates a privately funded homeless prevention program that provides supportive services to persons who have not yet become homeless.

Members of the Housing First subcommittee also assist individuals with applications for mainstream resources to assist them in addressing their particular need. The Care Coordination to Community Engagement Specialist movement focuses on assisting individuals to remain 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 Community Engagement Specialist (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 CHWCoC created a subcommittee to address issues with the discharge planning processes at hospitals, jails, and mental health institutions. The subcommittee has been successful in reducing inappropriate discharges and educating social workers and discharge planners on community resources.

However, the CoC members noted that consistent discharge housing and service planning remain a challenge. The youth program described above has a strong prevention component and conducts outreach in local schools.

Discussion

Not Applicable.

AP-75 Barriers to affordable housing - 91.420, 91.220(j)

Introduction

Affordable housing in Huntington faces several interconnected challenges that hinder the development and availability of housing options for low- and moderate-income residents. Primary barriers include:

- **Aging Housing Stock and Maintenance Costs.** A significant portion of Huntington's housing is over 50 years old, much of which require extensive repairs or modernization, and requires significant rehabilitation. The cost of maintaining or rehabilitating older homes can make it unfeasible for low-income residents or developers to invest in affordable options. An older housing stock can also pose health risks, such as lead-based paint hazards.
- **Market Dynamics on Affordability.** Huntington is home to Marshall University. The university's Spring 2025 student enrollment was approximately 11,400 students, which was an 8.8% increase in enrollment compared to Spring 2024. Approximately 70% of enrolled students live off campus. This market dynamic unique to college communities increases demand and higher rents, resulting in the conversion of family housing to student rentals and advances speculative investment and rent spikes. While some neighborhoods have seen more recent stabilization in housing price growth, the overall year-over-year trend in Huntington continues to see significant increases, placing substantial pressures on low- to moderate income residents and a shortage of affordable housing.
- **Stagnant or Declining Population and Limited New Construction.** Huntington has experienced population decline, which discourages large-scale housing production. Developers are less incentivized and are exposed to greater return on investment risk in building new affordable units in areas with low growth.
- **Economic Challenges and Limited Incomes.** A significant portion of the population in Huntington and Cabell and Wayne Counties earns below the area median income. Many households are cost-burdened, spending more than 30% of their income on housing, which limits housing and mobility options.
- **Insufficient Public and Private Investment.** Federal and state housing subsidies (e.g., Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers, Low-Income Housing Tax Credits, etc.) are limited and competitive.
- **Lack of Supportive Services.** Many residents who need affordable housing also require wraparound support services, such as mental health support, addiction recovery, and employment assistance. Without a strong wraparound support system, housing stability is hard to maintain for at-risk populations, increasing the cycle of homelessness.
- **Infrastructure and Community Development Needs.** Huntington faces challenges related to aging infrastructure and limited resources, which affect the maintenance and replacement of

essential services. These issues complicate efforts to improve housing conditions and revitalize neighborhoods necessary to attract new residents. Additionally, the city's declining population and economic base strain its capacity to invest in necessary community development initiatives.

Addressing these barriers requires coordinated efforts between local government, developers, and community organizations to create sustainable housing solutions.

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

The City of Huntington has not identified any barriers its public policies present to the preservation and production of affordable housing. The city updated its zoning and land development regulations to be consistent with Fair Housing Act, Section 504, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Additionally, the city recently completed the update to its Comprehensive Plan – Plan2035.

Huntington is beginning to explore zoning reforms including infill development, smaller homes, and accessory dwelling units. Activating more flexible zoning, especially for small-scale multifamily and accessory dwelling units could open opportunities for more affordable housing without changing the character of neighborhoods drastically. Meaningful zoning reforms take time and require public education to overcome political and community resistance.

Discussion

During its FY 2025 Program Year, the City of Huntington and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium will fund the following activities intended to address affordable housing barriers:

- Continue to fund the successful downpayment and closing cost assistance program throughout the HOME Consortium area.
- Continue to explore affordable housing production and preservation through collaboration with Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs).
- Continue to solicit interest and partnership in private investment to advance new housing production.
- Continue education, outreach, and training through the Human Rights Commission.

AP-85 Other Actions - 91.420, 91.220(k)

Introduction

The City of Huntington has developed the following actions addressing obstacles to meeting underserved needs, fostering and maintaining affordable housing, reducing lead-based hazards, reducing the number of poverty-level families, developing institutional structures, and enhancing coordination between public and private housing and social service agencies.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs

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

- Shortage of jobs that provide a living wage
- Instability in household income
- High cost of housing
- Aging house stock requiring significant rehabilitation
- Lack of decent, sound, and affordable rental housing
- Lack of affordable childcare and limited availability for second and third shifts and weekends
- Increase in the number of persons requiring accessible housing
- Drug and alcohol abuse
- Shortage in mental health services
- Shortage in wraparound services and transitional housing for the unsheltered
- Aging population
- Programs needed for the youth and the elderly
- Modernization and accessibility of community and recreational facilities

The City of Huntington will work to address these obstacles through the agencies and programs to be funded in FY 2025. Activities to address some of these obstacles include:

- **CD-25-02 Information and Referral Services.** CDBG funds will be used by Information & Referral Services to connect homeless residents and residents at-risk of homelessness to housing and services.

- **CD-25-03 A.D. Lewis Community Center.** CDBG Funds will be used to assist with the operating expenses for the A.D. Lewis Community Center.
- **CD-25-06 Kiwanis Child Care Center.** CDBG funds will be used to upgrade and modernize security systems and safety lighting of the child development center.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing

The City of Huntington is proposing the following goals and strategies to foster and maintain affordable housing:

- **HSS-1 Homeownership.** Increase the supply of affordable owner-occupied housing units through housing counseling and eligible direct assistance to homebuyers including mortgage principal reductions, interest rate reductions, downpayment and closing cost assistance, etc.
- **HSS-2 Housing Rehabilitation.** Conserve and rehabilitate existing affordable housing units for owners and renters in the city by addressing maintenance issues, code violations, emergency repairs, and the removal of architectural accessibility barriers to persons with disabilities.
- **HSS-3 Housing Construction.** Increase the supply and range of new affordable and accessible housing units in the city for owners and renters through the new construction, rehabilitation, and adaptive reuse of existing buildings.
- **HSS-4 Rent and Utility Assistance.** Provide rental assistance for low- and moderate-income renters through utility payments, security deposits, and rental payments including Tenant Based Rental Assistance for low-income households who may be faced with the threat of eviction and who are at-risk of becoming homeless.
- **HMS-1 Housing.** Support the Continuum of Care's (CoC) efforts to provide emergency shelter and transitional housing and to develop permanent supportive housing and other permanent housing opportunities for unsheltered individuals and families.
- **SNS-1 Housing.** Increase the supply of affordable, accessible, decent, safe, sound, and sanitary 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 the rehabilitation of existing buildings and new construction.
- **AMS-2 Fair Housing.** Provide funds for training, education, outreach, and monitoring to affirmatively further fair housing in the City of Huntington.

During the FY 2025 Annual Action Plan, the City of Huntington will fund the following projects:

- **CD-25-07 Emergency Housing Rehabilitation.** CDBG funds will be used to support the Emergency Housing Rehab Program providing grants to income eligible homeowners for installation of roofs, soffit, gutters, electrical upgrades, plumbing, etc.

- **CD-25-08 Volunteer Housing Rehabilitation.** CDBG funds will be used, In cooperation with volunteer groups, to make repairs for income eligible homeowners by providing materials and disposal services, while the labor is provided by volunteer organizations. All repairs are completed to City Code and inspected by a City Building Inspector.
- **HOME-25-16 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-25-13 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-25-14 Homebuyer Assistance Program.** HOME funds will be used for a first-time homebuyer program in the City of Huntington and Wayne and Cabell Counties.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards

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

Rehabilitation Programs. The City of Huntington will continue to ensure that:

- Applicants for rehabilitation funding receive the required lead-based paint information and understand their responsibilities.
- Staff properly determine whether proposed projects are exempt from some or all lead-based paint requirements.
- The level of Federal rehabilitation assistance is properly calculated and the applicable lead-based paint requirements determined.
- Properly qualified personnel perform risk management, paint testing, lead hazard reduction, and clearance services when required.
- Required lead hazard reduction work and protective measures are incorporated into project rehabilitation specifications.
- Risk assessment, paint testing, lead hazard reduction, and clearance work are 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 are provided to occupants and documented.
- Program documents establish the rental property owner's responsibility to perform and adhere to ongoing lead-based paint maintenance activities, when applicable.

- Program staff monitor owner compliance with ongoing lead-based paint maintenance activities.

Homeownership Programs. The City of Huntington will continue to ensure that:

- Applicants for homeownership assistance receive adequate information about lead-based paint requirements.
- City staff properly determine whether proposed projects are exempt from some or all lead based paint requirements.
- A visual assessment is performed to identify deteriorated paint in the dwelling unit, any common areas servicing the unit, and exterior surfaces of the building.
- Prior to occupancy, properly qualified personnel perform paint stabilization and the dwelling passes a clearance exam in accordance with the standards established in 24 CFR Part 35, Subpart R.
- The home buyer receives the required lead-based paint pamphlet and notices.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families

Approximately 27.4% of Huntington residents live in poverty, with 59.3% 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 the FY 2025 Annual Action Plan, the City of Huntington will fund the following projects that will help reduce the number of poverty level families:

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Actions planned to develop institutional structure

Effective implementation of the Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan involves a variety of agencies both in the community and in the region. Coordination and collaboration between agencies are important to ensure that the needs in the community are addressed. The key agencies involved in the implementation of the Plan as well as additional resources that may be available are described below.

Public Sector:

- **City of Huntington.** The City's Development Department will be responsible for the administration of the city's community development programs, including some of the local programs that assist target income residents. The Department's responsibilities will include managing and implementing the city's affordable housing policies, including the Consolidated Plan and related documents. Several other city and local government entities will also be involved, including the City's Planning, Code Enforcement, Public Works, Police, Fire, and Sanitary Board and the Greater Huntington Parks and Recreation District.

- **The Huntington West Virginia Housing Authority (HWVHA).** HWVHA is one of the primary owners of affordable housing within the community. The Housing Authority also administers the Housing Choice (Section 8) Voucher Program. The city will continue to work in close consultation with the Housing Authority regarding affordable housing issues and opportunities in Huntington.
- **Other Housing and Development Agencies.** The city will continue to partner with other government-related agencies in meeting the Annual Action Plan objectives including the Huntington Development Corporation (HDC), Huntington Land Reuse Agency, Huntington Urban Renewal Authority (HURA), Coalfield Development, Huntington Municipal Development Authority (HMDA), KYOVA - Region II Planning and Development Council, Workforce Investment Board, etc.

Non-Profit Agencies:

There are several non-profit agencies that serve target income households in the greater Huntington area. The city will continue to collaborate with these essential service providers. Some of them include:

• Branches Domestic Violence Shelter	• Huntington YMCA
• Boys' and Girls' Club of Huntington	• Kiwanis Child Care Center
• Cabell County Community Services Organization	• Legal Aid of West Virginia
• Cabell County Public Library Information & Referral	• Lily's Place
• Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Continuum of Care	• Marshall University Foundation
• Catholic Charities of West Virginia	• Religious Coalition for Community Renewal
• Harmony House	• RenewAll Huntington
• Huntington Area Food Bank	• United Way of the Rivers Cities
• Huntington City Mission	• Pretera Center for Mental Health Services

Private Sector:

The private sector is an important collaborator in the services and programs associated with the Consolidated Plan. The private sector brings additional resources and 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 offer a variety of assistance to residents such as healthcare, small business assistance, home loan programs, and assisted housing, among others. The city will work closely with this sector to meet Consolidated Plan goals and objectives. Funds for affordable housing are also provided through the Federal Home Loan Bank of Pittsburgh through its member banks.

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

The City of Huntington is committed to continuing 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 solicits funding requests for CDBG Program and HOME Program eligible projects and City staff provides technical assistance for organizations seeking fund and for subrecipients allocated funds to undertaking eligible activities.

Discussion

Not Applicable.

Program Specific Requirements

AP-90 Program Specific Requirements - 91.420, 91.220(I)(1,2,4)

Introduction

The City of Huntington and the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium receives an annual allocation of CDBG and HOME funds. Since the City receives these Federal allocations, the questions below have been completed, as they are applicable.

Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

Reference 24 CFR 91.220(I)(1)

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

1. The total amount of program income that will have been received before the start of the next program year and that has not yet been reprogrammed	\$0.00
2. The amount of proceeds from section 108 loan guarantees that will be used during the year to address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the grantee's strategic plan.	\$0.00
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	\$0.00
4. The amount of any grant funds returned to the line of credit for which the planned use has not been included in a prior statement or plan	\$0.00
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	\$0.00
Total Program Income:	\$0.00

Other CDBG Requirements

1. The amount of urgent need activities	\$0.00
2. The estimated percentage of CDBG funds that will be used for activities that benefit persons of low and moderate income. Overall Benefit - A consecutive period of one, two or three years may be used to determine that a minimum overall benefit of 70% of CDBG funds is used to benefit persons of low and moderate income. Specify the years covered that include this Annual Action Plan.	81.21%

HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Reference 24 CFR 91.220(l)(2)

- 1. A description of other forms of investment being used beyond those identified in Section 92.205 is as follows:**

The Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium does not intend to use any other forms of investment other than those described in 24 CFR 92.205(b). Not applicable.

- 2. A description of the guidelines that will be used for resale or recapture of HOME funds when used for homebuyer activities as required in 92.254, is as follows:**

See attached Resale/Recapture Policy in the Appendices.

- 3. A description of the guidelines for resale or recapture that ensures the affordability of units acquired with HOME funds? See 24 CFR 92.254(a)(4) are as follows:**

See Recapture Guidelines in Grantee Unique Appendices.

- 4. Plans for using HOME funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily housing that is rehabilitated with HOME funds along with a description of the refinancing guidelines required that will be used under 24 CFR 92.206(b), are as follows:**

The Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium does not intend to refinance any existing debt for multifamily housing that will be rehabilitated with HOME Funds. Not applicable.

- 5. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of the preference for persons with special needs or disabilities. (See 24 CFR 92.209(c)(2)(i) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii).**

Not applicable.

- 6. If applicable to a planned HOME TBRA activity, a description of how the preference for a specific category of individuals with disabilities (e.g. persons with HIV/AIDS or chronic mental illness) will narrow the gap in benefits and the preference is needed to narrow the gap in benefits and services received by such persons. (See 24 CFR 92.209 (c)(2)(iii) and 91.220(l)(2)(vii)).**

Not applicable.

- 7. If applicable, a description of any preference or limitation for rental housing projects. (See 24 CFR 92.253 (d)(3) and CFR 91.220(l)(2)(vii). Note: Preferences cannot be administered in a manner that limits the opportunities of persons on any basis prohibited by the laws listed under 24 CFR 5.105(a).**

Not applicable.

Exhibits

Appendices

The following exhibits are appended to this document:

- 1. SF 424 Forms and Certifications**
- 2. Resolution**
- 3. Citizen Participation**



SF 424 FORMS

Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- ☐ Preapplication
☒ Application
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☐ Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

4. Applicant Identifier:

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

B-25-MC-54-0002

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

City of Huntington

* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

55-6000187

* c. UEI:

EHVBZ3J7CE95

d. Address:

* Street1:

800 Fifth Avenue

Street2:

P.O. Box 1659

* City:

Huntington

County/Parish:

Cabell and Wayne Counties

* State:

WV: West Virginia

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

25401-3314

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Department of Dev. & Planning

Division Name:

f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

Ms.

* First Name:

Cathy

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Burns

Suffix:

Title:

Director

Organizational Affiliation:

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* Telephone Number:

(304) 696-4486 Ext: 1020

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BurnsC@Huntingtonwv.gov

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Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

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* 10. Name of Federal Agency:

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.218

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program

* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:

Not Applicable.

* Title:

Not Applicable.

13. Competition Identification Number:

Not Applicable.

Title:

Not Applicable.

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

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* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:

The FY 2025-2029 Five Year Consolidated Plan and FY 2025 Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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* b. Program/Project

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

07/01/2025

* b. End Date:

06/30/2026

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	1,596,831.00
* b. Applicant	0.00
* c. State	0.00
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* e. Other	0.00
* f. Program Income	0.00
* g. TOTAL	1,596,831.00

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☒ ** I AGREE

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Authorized Representative:

Prefix:

Mr.

* First Name:

Patrick

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Farrell

Suffix:

* Title:

Mayor

* Telephone Number:

(304) 696-5540 Ext: 7

Fax Number:

(304) 696-4493

* Email:

mayorfarrell@cityofhuntington.com

* Signature of Authorized Representative:

* Date Signed:

07/28/2025

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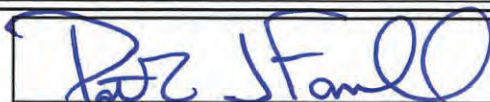
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* Title: * Telephone Number: Fax Number: * Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:

* Date Signed:

**Applicant and Recipient
Assurances and Certifications**

**U.S. Department of Housing
and Urban Development**

OMB Number: 2501-0044
Expiration Date: 2/28/2027

Instructions for the HUD 424-B Assurances and Certifications

As part of your application for HUD funding, you, as the official authorized to sign on behalf of your organization or as an individual, must provide the following assurances and certifications. The Responsible Civil Rights Official has specified this form for use for purposes of general compliance with 24 CFR §§ 1.5, 3.115, 8.50, and 146.25, as applicable. The Responsible Civil Rights Official may require specific civil rights assurances to be furnished consistent with those authorities and will specify the form on which such assurances must be made. A failure to furnish or comply with the civil rights assurances contained in this form may result in the procedures to effect compliance at 24 CFR §§ 1.8, 3.115, 8.57, or 146.39.

By submitting this form, you are stating that all assertions made in this form are true, accurate, and correct.

As the duly representative of the applicant, I certify that the applicant: [Insert below the Name and title of the Authorized Representative, name of Organization and the date of signature]:

*Authorized Representative Name:

Patrick Farrell

*Title: Mayor

*Applicant/Recipient Organization:

City of Huntington, WV

1. Has the legal authority to apply for Federal assistance, has the institutional, managerial and financial capability (including funds to pay the non-Federal share of program costs) to plan, manage and complete the program as described in the application and the governing body has duly authorized the submission of the application, including these assurances and certifications, and authorized me as the official representative of the application to act in connection with the application and to provide any additional information as may be required.

2. Will administer the grant in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000(d)) and implementing regulations (24 CFR part 1), which provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subject to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance OR if the applicant is a Federally recognized Indian tribe or its tribally designated housing entity, is subject to the Indian Civil Rights Act (25 U.S.C. 1301-1303).

3. Will administer the grant in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (29 U.S.C. 794), as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 8, the American Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 12101 et seq.), and implementing regulations at 28 CFR part 35 or 36, as applicable, and the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (42 U.S.C. 6101-07) as amended, and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 146 which together provide that no person in the United States shall, on the grounds of disability or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or otherwise be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity that receives Federal financial assistance; except if the grant program authorizes or limits participation to designated populations, then the applicant will comply with the nondiscrimination requirements within the designated population.

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5. Will comply with all applicable Federal nondiscrimination requirements, including those listed at 24 CFR §§ 5.105(a) and 5.106 as applicable.

6. Will not use Federal funding to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) mandates, policies, programs, or activities that violate any applicable Federal anti-discrimination laws.

7. Will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4601) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR part 24 and, as applicable, Section 104(d) of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. 5304(d)) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR part 42, subpart A.

8. Will comply with the environmental requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) and related Federal authorities prior to the commitment or expenditure of funds for property.

9. That no Federal appropriated funds have been paid, or will be paid, by or on behalf of the applicant, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, and officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress, in connection with the awarding of this Federal grant or its extension, renewal, amendment or modification. If funds other than Federal appropriated funds have or will be paid for influencing or attempting to influence the persons listed above, I shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying. I certify that I shall require all subawards at all tiers (including sub-grants and contracts) to similarly certify and disclose accordingly. Federally recognized Indian Tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs) established by Federally-recognized Indian tribes as a result of the exercise of the tribe's sovereign power are excluded from coverage by the Byrd Amendment, but State-recognized Indian tribes and TDHEs established under State law are not excluded from the statute's coverage.

I/We, the undersigned, certify under penalty of perjury that the information provided above is true, accurate, and correct. WARNING: Anyone who knowingly submits a false claim or makes a false statement is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties, including confinement for up to 5 years, fines, and civil and administrative penalties. (18 U.S.C. §§287, 1001, 1010, 1012, 1014; 31 U.S.C. §3729, 3802; 24 CFR §28.10(b)(1)(iii)).

* Signature:

* Date: (mm/dd/yyyy): 07/28/2025

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CERTIFICATIONS

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In accordance with the applicable statutes and the regulations governing the consolidated plan regulations, the jurisdiction certifies that:

Affirmatively Further Fair Housing --The jurisdiction will affirmatively further fair housing.

Uniform Relocation Act and Anti-displacement and Relocation Plan -- It will comply with the acquisition and relocation requirements of the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, as amended, (42 U.S.C. 4601-4655) and implementing regulations at 49 CFR Part 24. It has in effect and is following a residential anti-displacement and relocation assistance plan required under 24 CFR Part 42 in connection with any activity assisted with funding under the Community Development Block Grant or HOME programs.

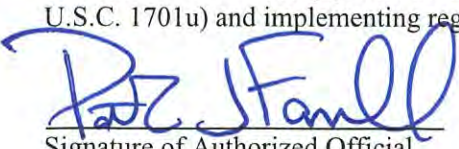
Anti-Lobbying --To the best of the jurisdiction's knowledge and belief:

1. No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of it, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with the awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement;
2. If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, it will complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions; and
3. It will require that the language of paragraph 1 and 2 of this anti-lobbying certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

Authority of Jurisdiction --The consolidated plan is authorized under State and local law (as applicable) and the jurisdiction possesses the legal authority to carry out the programs for which it is seeking funding, in accordance with applicable HUD regulations.

Consistency with plan --The housing activities to be undertaken with Community Development Block Grant, HOME, Emergency Solutions Grant, and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS funds are consistent with the strategic plan in the jurisdiction's consolidated plan.

Section 3 -- It will comply with section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (12 U.S.C. 1701u) and implementing regulations at 24 CFR Part 75.


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APPENDIX TO CERTIFICATIONS

INSTRUCTIONS CONCERNING LOBBYING CERTIFICATION:

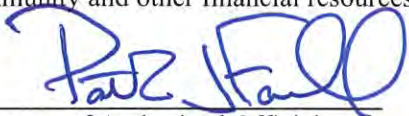
Lobbying Certification

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

OPTIONAL Community Development Block Grant Certification

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

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



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Specific Community Development Block Grant Certifications

The Entitlement Community certifies that:

Citizen Participation -- It is in full compliance and following a detailed citizen participation plan that satisfies the requirements of 24 CFR 91.105.

Community Development Plan -- Its consolidated plan identifies community development and housing needs and specifies both short-term and long-term community development objectives that have been developed in accordance with the primary objective of the CDBG program (i.e., the development of viable urban communities, by providing decent housing and expanding economic opportunities, primarily for persons of low and moderate income) and requirements of 24 CFR Parts 91 and 570.

Following a Plan -- It is following a current consolidated plan that has been approved by HUD.

Use of Funds -- It has complied with the following criteria:

1. Maximum Feasible Priority. With respect to activities expected to be assisted with CDBG funds, it has developed its Action Plan so as to give maximum feasible priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income families or aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. The Action Plan may also include CDBG-assisted activities which the grantee certifies are designed to meet other community development needs having particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community, and other financial resources are not available (see Optional CDBG Certification).

2. Overall Benefit. The aggregate use of CDBG funds, including Section 108 guaranteed loans, during program year(s) 2024, 2025, 2026 [a period specified by the grantee of one, two, or three specific consecutive program years], shall principally benefit persons of low and moderate income in a manner that ensures that at least 70 percent of the amount is expended for activities that benefit such persons during the designated period.

3. Special Assessments. It will not attempt to recover any capital costs of public improvements assisted with CDBG funds, including Section 108 loan guaranteed funds, by assessing any amount against properties owned and occupied by persons of low and moderate income, including any fee charged or assessment made as a condition of obtaining access to such public improvements.

However, if CDBG funds are used to pay the proportion of a fee or assessment that relates to the capital costs of public improvements (assisted in part with CDBG funds) financed from other revenue sources, an assessment or charge may be made against the property with respect to the public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds.

In addition, in the case of properties owned and occupied by moderate-income (not low-income) families, an assessment or charge may be made against the property for public improvements financed by a source other than CDBG funds if the jurisdiction certifies that it lacks CDBG funds to cover the assessment.

Excessive Force -- It has adopted and is enforcing:

1. A policy prohibiting the use of excessive force by law enforcement agencies within its jurisdiction against any individuals engaged in non-violent civil rights demonstrations; and
2. A policy of enforcing applicable State and local laws against physically barring entrance to or exit from a facility or location which is the subject of such non-violent civil rights demonstrations within its jurisdiction.

Compliance with Anti-discrimination laws -- The grant will be conducted and administered in conformity with title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000d) and the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3601-3619) and implementing regulations.

Lead-Based Paint -- Its activities concerning lead-based paint will comply with the requirements of 24 CFR Part 35, Subparts A, B, J, K and R.

Compliance with Laws -- It will comply with applicable laws.



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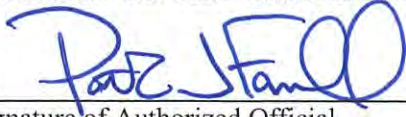
Specific HOME Certifications

The HOME participating jurisdiction certifies that:

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

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

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



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RESOLUTION

A RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL APPROVING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2029 FIVE YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN & FY 2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON, WV INCLUDING THE 2025 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) & HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME), PROGRAMS WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (HUD).

WHEREAS, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development is authorized to extend financial assistance to communities in the prevention or elimination of slums or urban blight, or activities which will benefit low and moderate income persons, or other urgent community development needs; and

WHEREAS, under the HOME Program created by the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended, the Secretary of HUD is authorized to extend financial assistance to participating jurisdictions to expand the supply of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the City of Huntington in cooperation with Cabell and Wayne Counties, WV have joined together to form the Cabell-Huntington-Wayne HOME Consortium and the City of Huntington was designated as the Representative Member to apply for funds as a participating jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has advised the City of Huntington that the City is eligible for an entitlement funding under the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program in the amount of \$1,596,831 and the HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) in the amount of \$549,855.31; and

WHEREAS, the City of Huntington Department of Development and Planning office has prepared the FY 2025 Annual Action Plan and the 2025-2029 Five Year Consolidated Plan; and

WHEREAS, a draft of the FY 2025 Annual Action Plan and the 2025-2029 Five Year Consolidated Plan will be on public display from June 25, 2025 through July 25, 2025 and the City has held a series of public meetings and hearings on the said plans and the comments of various agents, groups, and citizens were taken into consideration in the preparation of the final document,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON, CABELL AND WAYNE COUNTIES, WEST VIRGINIA, as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Annual Action Plan for the Fiscal Year 2025 and the 2025-2029 Five Year Consolidated Plan is hereby in all respects **APPROVED** and the City Clerk is hereby **DIRECTED** to file a copy of said Annual Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2025 and the 2025-2029 Five Year Consolidated Plan with the Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting of this Council.

SECTION 2. That the City is **COGNIZANT** of the conditions that are imposed in the undertaking and carrying out of the Community Development Block Grant Program with federal financial assistance, including those relating to (a) the relocation of site occupants, (b) the prohibition of discrimination because of race, color, age, religion, sex, disability, familial status, or national origin, and other assurances as set forth under the certifications.

SECTION 3. That the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Huntington, West Virginia, is hereby **AUTHORIZED** to file an Application for financial assistance with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development which has indicated its willingness to make available funds to carry out the CDBG Program in the amount of \$1,596,831 and the HOME Program in the amount of \$549,855.31 and is further **AUTHORIZED** to act as the authorized representative of the City of Huntington to sign any and all documents in regard to these programs.

SECTION 4. That the Mayor, on behalf of the City of Huntington, West Virginia, is hereby **AUTHORIZED** to provide assurances and/or certifications as required by the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended; the National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended; and any other supplemental or revised data which the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development may request in review of the City's Application.

SPONSORED BY: COUNCILWOMAN TERESA JOHNSON

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY: SD

ACTION TAKEN BY COUNCIL: 7/28/2025 - ADOPTED

DATE: July 28, 2025

Barbara Miller
BARBARA MILLER, CITY CLERK

DATE: July 28, 2025

Pat J. Farrell
PATRICK J. FARRELL, MAYOR

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APPROVE

DATE: 7/30/25

VETO



RESALE - RECAPTURE

RESALE/RECAPTURE POLICY FOR THE CABELL-HUNTINGTON-WAYNE HOUSING CONSORTIUM'S HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM (HOME)

The City of Huntington has prepared the following policy which addresses the issues of sale or transfer of ownership of property financed with HOME assisted funding. This policy is in accordance with the HUD Regulations found in 24 CFR Part 92. The issue of resale/recapture arises when a homeowner that received homebuyer assistance under the HOME Program decides to sell the property. If the property is sold after the period of affordability has expired, there are no restrictions in terms of resale or recapture of HOME funds that apply to such a transaction. However, if the sale occurs before the period of affordability has expired, certain regulatory limitations apply.

The regulations at 24 CFR 92.254(a)(5) give the participating jurisdiction two broad options relative to the treatment of properties that are sold before the period of affordability has expired:

- The owner that received HOME assistance must sell the home to a low income family that will use the property as their principal residence; or
- The participating jurisdiction must recapture some or all of the HOME investment that was initially extended to the homebuyer.

It is the policy of the Consortium, wherever possible to recapture the appropriate amount of the HOME investment rather than restricting the sale to a qualified low income family that will use the property as its principal residence. The guidelines for resale or recapture for the homebuyer programs that the members of the Consortium have adopted are as follows:

1. Sale of Property Before the End of the Period of Affordability - The Cabell-Huntington-Wayne Housing Consortium guidelines for resale and recapture are:

- The Consortium will place a deed of trust on the property in its favor for the full amount of the HOME investment.
- Upon sale of the home by the HOME assisted household before the period of affordability expires, the Consortium will recapture its pro rata share of the HOME investment from the net proceeds of the sale.
- The Consortium will determine the net proceeds by subtracting loan repayments and closing costs from the gross sale price of the home.
- The Consortium will allow the homeowner to recover the amount of the homeowner's down payment, principal payments, and any capital improvement investment from the net proceeds.
- After calculating the amounts above, if the net proceeds are not sufficient to recapture the full HOME investment, the HOME investment amount may be reduced and prorated based on the time the homeowner has owned and occupied the unit, measured against the required period of affordability.

- If the net proceeds are not sufficient to recapture the full HOME investment, the homeowner may not recover more than the amount of the homeowner's down payment, principal payments, and any capital improvement investment.
- The Consortium will use HOME funds that are recaptured to assist other income eligible homebuyers.

In the event the mortgaged property is sold or otherwise transferred prior to the expiration period of affordability as established by the amount of HOME assistance received, from the date of the initial sale, then the pro rata share of the net proceeds from the sale or transfer shall be paid to the City of Huntington.

The HOME Consortium may reduce the amount of the direct HOME subsidy on a pro rata basis for the time the homebuyer has owned and occupied the house, measured against the required affordability period. The resulting ratio would be used to determine how much of the direct HOME subsidy the consortium would recapture. The pro rata amount recaptured by the Consortium cannot exceed what is available from net proceeds.

$$\frac{\text{Number of Years Homebuyer Occupied the Home}}{\text{Number of Years Period of Affordability}} \times \text{Total Direct HOME Subsidy} = \text{Recapture Amount}$$

The total amount payable by the borrower under the preceding paragraphs shall never exceed the face amount of the note.

To the extent that the net proceeds are less than the outstanding principal balance of the note, the remainder shall be forgiven.

If the net proceeds are not sufficient to recapture the full HOME investment [or a reduced amount as provided for in 24 CFR Sub-Part 92.254 (a)(5)(ii)(A)(2)] and enable the homeowner to recover the amount of his/her down payment and any capital improvement investment made by the owner since the purchase, the Consortium may share the net proceeds. The net proceeds are the sales price minus loan repayment (other than HOME funds) and closing costs. The net proceeds may be divided proportionally as set forth in the following mathematical formulas:

$$\frac{\text{Direct HOME Subsidy Amount}}{\text{HOME Subsidy} + \text{Homeowner Investment}} \times \text{Net Proceeds} = \text{HOME Recapture Amount}$$

$$\frac{\text{Homeowner's Amount of Investment}}{\text{HOME Subsidy} + \text{Homeowner Investment}} \times \text{Net Proceeds} = \text{Amount to Homeowner}$$



CITIZEN PARTICIPATION



PUBLIC NEEDS MEETING

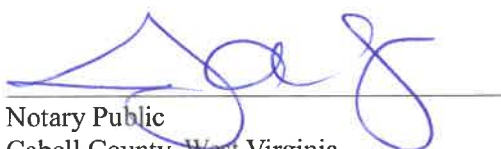
AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

I, Elisha Queen being duly sworn, depose and say that I am Legal Clerk for *The Herald-Dispatch*, HD Media Co., LLC, who publishes at Huntington, Cabell County, West Virginia, the newspaper *The Herald-Dispatch*, an Independent newspaper, the morning seven days each week, Monday through Sunday including New Year's Day, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas; that I have been duly authorized by the Board of Directors of such corporation and the newspaper mentioned herein; that the legal advertisement attached in the left margin of this affidavit and made a part herof and bearing number 238683 was duly published in the *The Herald-Dispatch* once a week for 1 successive weeks, commencing with its issue of 04/11/2025 and ending with the issue of 04/11/2025, that said legal advertisement was published on the following dates: 04/11/2025 that the cost of publishing said annexed advertisement as aforesaid was \$ 116.69; that such newspaper in which such legal advertisement was published has been and is now published regularly, at least as frequently as once a week for at least fifty weeks during the calendar year as prescribed by its mailing permit and has been so published in the municipality of Huntington, Cabell County, West Virginia, for at least one year immediately preceding the date on which the legal advertisement set forth herin was delivered to such newspaper for publication; that such newspaper is a newspaper of "general circulation" as defined in article 3 ,chapter 59, of the West Virginia Code within the publication area or areas of the municipality of Huntington, Cabell, Putnam and Wayne Counties, West Virginia, and that such newspaper is circulated to the general public at a definite price or consideration; that such newspaper on each date published consists of not less than four pages without a cover; and that it is a newspaper to which the general public resorts for passing events of a political, religious, commercial and social nature, and for current happenings, announcements, miscellaneous reading matter, advertisements and other notices.

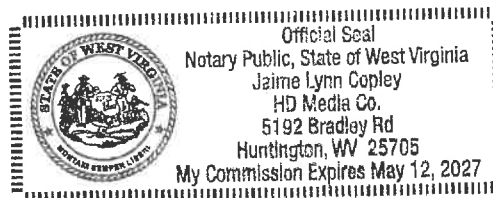
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My commission expires

May 12 2027


Notary Public
Cabell County, West Virginia

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PUBLIC MEETING
NOTICE CITY OF
HUNTINGTON, WV
FY 2025 - FY 2029
CONSOLIDATED PLAN
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT
(CDBG), HOME
INVESTMENT
PARTNERSHIP
(HOME), SECTION
108 LOAN
GUARANTEE, AND
EMERGENCY
SOLUTIONS GRANT
(ESG) PROGRAMS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Huntington, West Virginia, will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 10 a.m., prevailing time, in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 800 Fifth Avenue, Huntington, WV. The Huntington City Hall and City Council Chambers are accessible to persons with physical disabilities. If special arrangements need to be made to accommodate residents who wish to participate in the Public Meeting, such as an interpreter, please call Ms. Melinda Midkiff, Financial Analyst, Development Department, City of Huntington, at (304) 696-5540 x2106 to make those arrangements, or for the hearing impaired call 711 for TDD.

The purpose of this public meeting is to gather information for the City's FY 2025-2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the FY 2025 Annual Action Plan. The city must prepare and submit these planning documents to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. Additionally, the Public Meeting will be used to solicit the views and comments of individuals and organizations concerning the housing, social service, community development, and economic development needs for the city over the next five (5) years.

The City of Huntington anticipates, based on last fiscal year's allocation, that the FY 2025-2029

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2025, that in FY 2025 it may receive an estimated CDBG entitlement grant of approximately \$1,606,051, approximately \$583,626 in HOME funds, and approximately \$146,324 in ESG funds. These funding levels are contingent upon the final allocation of funds by HUD for FY 2025. To receive these funds, the City of Huntington must prepare a Five Year Consolidated Plan and an Annual Action Plan for the use of the CDBG, HOME, and ESG funds. At least 70% of the CDBG funds must benefit low and moderate income persons living in the City of Huntington. In preparing its CDBG, HOME, and ESG application, the city intends to afford citizens, local agencies, and interested parties the opportunity to become involved in the planning process.

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Mr. Patrick Farrell
Mayor of Huntington

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
CITY OF HUNTINGTON, WV FY 2025 – FY 2029 CONSOLIDATED PLAN
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG),
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME),
SECTION 108 LOAN GUARANTEE, AND
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) PROGRAMS

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Mr. Patrick Farrell
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PUBLIC NEEDS PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING CDBG, HOME, AND ESG FUNDS FOR THE FY 2025-2029 FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN AND THE FY 2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

Wednesday, April 30, 2025 | 10 a.m. | Huntington City Council Chambers

Opening Remarks – Melinda Midkiff, Financial Analyst, Development Department

Overview – Christopher Fletcher, Urban Design Ventures, LLC

- What is a Five-Year Consolidated Plan and the Annual Action Plan?

Eligible CDBG Activities – Chris Fletcher, UDV

CDBG funds may be used for activities which include, but are not limited to:

- acquisition of real property;
- relocation and demolition;
- rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures;
- construction of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets, neighborhood centers, and the conversion of school buildings for eligible purposes;
- public services, within certain limits;
- activities relating to energy conservation and renewable energy resources; and
- provision of assistance to profit-motivated businesses to carry out economic development and job creation/retention activities.

Ineligible CDBG Activities – Chris Fletcher, UDV

Generally, the following types of activities are ineligible:

- acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of buildings for the general conduct of government;
- political activities;
- certain income payments; and
- construction of new housing by units of general local government.

Eligible HOME Activities – Chris Fletcher, UDV

HOME funds may be used for activities which include, but are not limited to:

- new construction of affordable housing, rehabilitation of affordable housing, reconstruction of affordable housing, conversion to affordable housing;
- site improvements related to the development of affordable housing;
- refinancing of debt on a single-family (one to four family) owner occupied housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME funds and the refinancing will reduce the overall monthly housing cost to make it affordable;
- acquisition costs (improved or unimproved); purchase of property by home buyers;
- soft costs such as architectural, engineering, and related professional services;
- costs to provide information services such as affirmative marketing and fair housing information;
- CHDO costs such as cost of project-specific technical assistance and site control loans;
- relocation costs for displaced households;
- administrative and planning costs.

Eligible ESG Activities – Chris Fletcher, UDV

ESG Funds may be used for activities which include, but are not limited to:

- street outreach
- emergency shelter
- homelessness prevention
- rapid rehousing
- administrative costs

Estimated FY 2020 Allocations – Chris Fletcher, UDV

The City of Huntington anticipates that it will receive an allocation of CDBG funds in the approximate amount of \$1,606,051, a HOME allocation of \$583,626, and an ESG allocation of \$146,324. Additionally, the city anticipates \$20,000 in CDBG Program Income and \$100,000 in HOME Program Income. These amounts are preliminary estimates and subject to change based on the approval of the Federal Budget for FY 2025.

Entitlement Funds	Estimated Amount
FY 2025 CDBG Funds	\$ 1,606,051*
FY 2025 HOME Funds	\$ 583,626*
FY 2025 ESG Funds	\$ 146,324*
Total:	\$2,336,001*

*Note: *Amount subject to change based on HUD's allocation of funds.*

Review of Past Performance – Melinda Midkiff, City of Huntington

Public Comments – Chris Fletcher, UDV

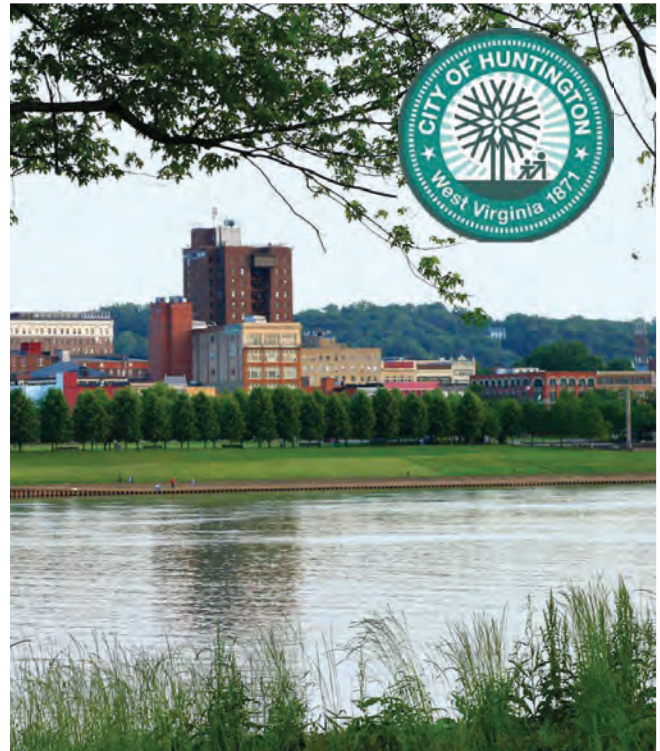
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Adjournment – Ms. Melinda Midkiff, Financial Analyst, Development Department

City of Huntington, WV
FY 2025-2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan

PUBLIC NEEDS MEETING

Wednesday, April 30, 2025
10 a.m.
Huntington City Council Chambers
City Hall
800 Fifth Avenue



**WHAT IS THE
CONSOLIDATED PLAN?**



The **Consolidated Plan** is designed to help grantees:

- Assess affordable housing and community and economic development needs and market conditions.
- Make data-driven, place-based investment decisions.

The consolidated planning process serves as the framework for a community-wide dialogue to identify housing and community development priorities that align and focus CDBG funding.

WHAT IS THE CONSOLIDATED PLANNING PROCESS?

- **Consultation and Citizen Engagement.** Grantee jurisdictions engage the community, both in the process of developing and reviewing the proposed plan, and as partners and stakeholders in the implementation of HUD funding. By consulting and collaborating with other public and private entities and residents, grantees can align and coordinate community development programs with a range of other plans, programs, and resources to achieve greater impact.
- **The Consolidated Plan.** The “Con Plan,” which has a duration of five years, describes the jurisdiction’s community development priorities and multi-year goals based on an assessment of housing and community development needs, an analysis of housing and economic market conditions and available resources.

WHAT IS THE CONSOLIDATED PLANNING PROCESS?

- **The Annual Action Plan.** The Con Plan is carried out through Annual Action Plans, which provide a concise summary of the actions, activities, and the specific federal and non-federal resources that will be used each year to address the priority needs and specific goals identified in the Con Plan.
- **Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).** In the CAPER, grantees report on accomplishments and progress toward Con Plan goals in the prior year.

FY 2025-2029 CONSOLIDATED PLAN SCHEDULE

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EVENT	DATE
Second Public Hearing and 30-day Review/Comment Notice Published	TBD
Draft Consolidated Plan and FY 2025 Annual Action Plan goes on Display	TBD
Second Public Hearing	TBD
End of 30-day Public Display and Review/Comment Period	TBD
City Council Committee Meeting(s)	TBD
City Council Meeting to approve Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan	TBD
Plans Submitted to HUD Pittsburgh Field Office	on or before 16 AUG 2025*

**dependent upon HUD approving submission extension*

**FY 2025 CDBG GRANT
AWARD ESTIMATE**

NOTE: Based on HUD's
FY 2024 grant awards

**FY 2025 CDBG
Program
\$1,606,051**

**FY 2025 HOME
Program
\$583,626**

**FY 2025 ESG Program
\$146,324**

CDBG NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

NATIONAL OBJECTIVE SUBCATEGORY	CONDITIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY	EXAMPLES
Low-Moderate Income (LMI) Area Benefit	A facility or improvement will be used for a purpose that benefits all residents in a defined area primarily residential in which at least 51% are LMI households.	The Installation of paved streets, sidewalks, curbs and gutters in a predominantly LMI household neighborhood.
	Paying all or part of a special assessment on behalf of LMI Households qualifies under this objective.	CDBG funds pay the assessment made to Low-Mod Income household homeowners when a new water/sewer system is installed in their neighborhood
Low-Moderate Income Limited Clientele	The majority of public service activities qualify under this national objective.	Home ownership counseling provided to a group of LMI individuals.
	Services provided to a specific group of people who are comprised of at least 51% LMI households.	Renovation or expansion of a food pantry.

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Low-Moderate Income Housing	The facility or improvement exclusively benefits housing to be occupied by LMI households.	A parking lot and landscaping are improved on the site of a rental property with 51% LMI households paying affordable rents.
Low-Moderate Income Jobs	Public improvement is for an economic development project that creates or retains permanent jobs. In order for a CDBG funded economic development activity to qualify as an activity that benefits low- and moderate-income persons, at least 51% of the jobs created or retained (full time equivalent basis) will be held by or made available to low- and moderate-income persons.	A new water tower will enable factory expansion and owners to commit to hiring at least 51% of new permanent jobs to LMI persons.

CDBG NATIONAL OBJECTIVES

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Area Blight	Public improvements and facilities are in a designated blighted area and activity addresses conditions that contributed to blight.	An outdated fire hall is rehabilitated, and equipment is updated to prevent further loss of life and property due to fires.
Spot Blight	Public improvements or facility is outside designated blighted area, and activity is limited to eliminate specific conditions of blight or decay.	Historic library building located outside a designated area is rehabilitated.
Urgent Need	Acquisition, construction, or reconstruction of a public facility or improvement that is designated to alleviate recent serious and imminent threat to public health and safety and no other funds are available.	A storm sewer system is reconstructed after a severe flood damaged it. All other funding sources are unavailable or exhausted.

ELIGIBLE CDBG ACTIVITIES

§570.201 Basic Eligible Activities:

- (a) **Acquisition** – By purchase, long-term lease, and donation of real estate.
- (b) **Disposition** – Through sale, lease and donation of real property acquired with CDBG funds, including reasonable costs for temporary management.
- (c) **Public Facilities and Improvements** – Acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation or installation of public facilities and improvements, including removal of architectural barriers. This includes streets, curbs, walks, parks, recreational facilities, etc.
- (d) **Clearance** – Demolition and removal of buildings and improvements.
- (e) **Public Services** – Labor, supplies and materials for public services concerned with employment, crime prevention, childcare, health, drug abuse, education, fair housing counseling, energy conservation, welfare, etc.
- (f) **Interim Assistance** – Activities that require immediate action to arrest deterioration and that permanent improvements will be carried out as soon as practicable; including clean-up, clearance, etc.
- (g) **Payment of Non-Federal Share** – Funds for the local share of eligible type activities and projects from other Federal or State Programs.

ELIGIBLE CDBG ACTIVITIES

- (h) **Urban Renewal Completion** – Payment of the cost of completing an urban renewal project.
- (i) **Relocation** – Payments and other assistance for permanently and temporarily relocating individuals, families, businesses, non-profit organizations, and farm operations as a result of a CDBG funded activity or project.
- (j) **Loss of Rental Income** – Payments to housing owners for loss of rental income incurred in holding, for temporary periods, housing units to be used for the relocation of individuals and families displaced by program activities.
- (k) **Housing Services** – Housing counseling in connection with tenant – based rental assistance and affordable housing projects.
- (l) **Privately Owned Utilities** – Funds for acquisition, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, or installation of distribution lines and facilities of privately owned utilities.
- (m) **Construction of Housing** – Funds for the rehabilitation of housing under Section 17 of the Housing Act of 1937, as amended.
- (n) **Homeownership Assistance** – Funds may be used to provide direct homeownership assistance to low- and moderate-income households to subsidize payments for homeowners, finance acquisition, mortgage guarantees, down payment assistance, and closing costs.

ELIGIBLE CDBG ACTIVITIES

- (o) **Microenterprise Assistance** – Provide financial assistance for small enterprises including credit, grants, loans, guarantees, technical assistance, etc.
- (p) **Rehabilitation and Preservation** – Funds to finance the rehabilitation of privately owned buildings and improvements for single family residential properties, low-income public housing, public or privately owned commercial or industrial buildings, manufactured housing, etc.
- (q) **Code Enforcement** – Cost incurred for inspection for code violations and enforcement of codes, limited to salaries and related expenses of code enforcement and legal proceedings.
- (r) **Historic Preservation** – Funding for the rehabilitation, preservation, or restoration of historic properties.
- (s) **Special Economic Development Activities** – Funds may be used for an economic development activity, including loans and grants to a for-profit business.
- (t) **Special CBDO Activities** – Funds may be used as grants or loans to a Community Based Development Organization (CBDO) to carryout neighborhood revitalization, community or economic development, or an energy conservation project.
- (u) **Planning and Management** – Funds may be used for planning activities which consist of all costs of data gathering, studies, analysis, preparation of plans and applications, environmental review records, mapping, etc.
- (v) **Administration** – Funds may be used for the reasonable administrative costs for general management, oversight, and coordination of the CDBG Program.

REVIEW OF PAST PERFORMANCE

CAPER

- City of Huntington has a good performance record with HUD and regularly meets its established performance standards.
- Each year the City prepares and submits to HUD a Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER).
- FY 2023 CAPER is available for review at the City of Huntington's Development Office.
- FY 2023 CAPER was approved by HUD on October 8, 2024.
- The City of Huntington expended 79.86% of its CDBG funds during that CAPER period to benefit low- and moderate-income persons. The four-year Low/Mod Benefit percentage reported was 80.26%

OBSERVATIONS

RESIDENT SURVEY:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HuntingtonResidents2025-2029>



UNMET NEEDS AND AREAS OF OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE

- HOUSING
- COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
- SOCIAL AND HUMAN SERVICES
- FAIR HOUSING



THANK YOU!



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Name	Organization	Phone Number	Email Address
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Melinda Midkiff	COH	304 751-0183	midkiffm@huntingknw.gov
Jim Rorrer	Southside Alliance	804.370.1040	jimrorrer@gmail.com
Monty Fowler	SELF	304-617-6715	
Kirk Smith	COH	711-649-3443	smithk@hufdy.gov
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Chris Fletcher	UBV	appeared	virtually
Andrew Stephens	UBV		



SECOND PUBLIC HEARING

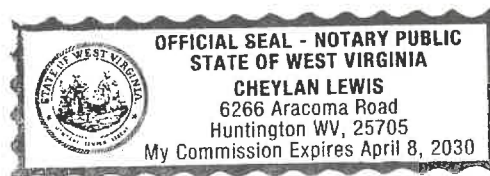
AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION

I, Elisha Queen being duly sworn, depose and say that I am Legal Clerk for *The Herald-Dispatch*, HD Media Co., LLC, who publishes at Huntington, Cabell County, West Virginia, the newspaper *The Herald-Dispatch*, an Independent newspaper, the morning seven days each week, Monday through Sunday including New Year's Day, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas; that I have been duly authorized by the Board of Directors of such corporation and the newspaper mentioned herein; that the legal advertisement attached in the left margin of this affidavit and made a part herof and bearing number 527385 was duly published in the *The Herald-Dispatch* once a week for 1 successive weeks, commencing with its issue of 06/24/2025 and ending with the issue of 06/24/2025, that said legal advertisement was published on the following dates: 06/24/2025 that the cost of publishing said annexed advertisement as aforesaid was \$ 286.00; that such newspaper in which such legal advertisement was published has been and is now published regularly, at least as frequently as once a week for at least fifty weeks during the calendar year as prescribed by its mailing permit and has been so published in the municipality of Huntington, Cabell County, West Virginia, for at least one year immediately preceding the date on which the legal advertisement set forth herein was delivered to such newspaper for publication; that such newspaper is a newspaper of "general circulation" as defined in article 3, chapter 59, of the West Virginia Code within the publication area or areas of the municipality of Huntington, Cabell, Putnam and Wayne Counties, West Virginia, and that such newspaper is circulated to the general public at a definite price or consideration; that such newspaper on each date published consists of not less than four pages without a cover; and that it is a newspaper to which the general public resorts for passing events of a political, religious, commercial and social nature, and for current happenings, announcements, miscellaneous reading matter, advertisements and other notices.

Taken, subscribed and sworn to before me in my said county this day: 06/24/2025

My commission expires 4.8.30


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**NOTICE OF DISPLAY OF PLANS AND PUBLIC HEARING
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OPENING REMARKS

Melinda Midkiff, Financial Analyst, Development Department

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Council Chambers
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Council Chambers
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Council Chambers
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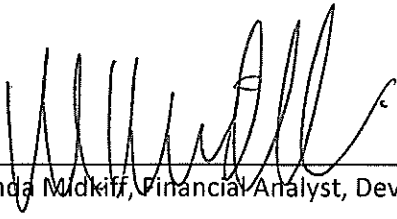
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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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ADJOURNMENT

Melinda Midkiff, Financial Analyst, Development Department

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Melinda Midkiff, Financial Analyst, Development Department

**PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES
FY 2025-2029 FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN
AND THE 2025 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**

DATE: July 10, 2025
TIME: 12:00 P.M.
PLACE: City Council Chambers
Huntington City Hall

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Staff Present: Melinda Midkiff
Lisa Riley

Public Present: Destiny Dingess, Herald-Dispatch

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Ms. Midkiff opened the meeting by reading aloud the ad which appeared in the Tuesday, June 24, 2025 edition of the Herald Dispatch and which detailed the proposed activities and funding amounts.

Public Comment:

No members of the public were present to make comment. One comment was received prior to the public hearing from a CDBG applicant, Upwards. Ms. Midkiff acknowledged receipt of the comments and indicated they would be incorporated into the record of the meeting.

With no further comments, Ms. Midkiff stated that the Huntington City Council Meeting on July 2, 2025 would be the last meeting regarding the 2025 Annual Action Plan and would be the final decision regarding funding. The meeting was adjourned.



PUBLIC HEARING

City of Huntington, West Virginia

FY 2025-2029 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and FY 2025 Annual Action Plan

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Huntington City Council Chambers

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Hello, Committee members and Community Development team. My name is Mélanie Faure, and I'm the Community Impact Manager at Upwards. Thank you for the opportunity to share how our Boost program can support Huntington's childcare providers and improve access to quality care for working families.

The goal of our CDBG-eligible Boost program is to bolster the in-home daycares in Huntington by equipping them with personalized coaching and digital tools to optimize operations and revenue. This allows them to efficiently manage and grow their small businesses, create quality local jobs by hiring teaching assistants and in turn, expand access to affordable, *quality* care for the working families in the community.

Childcare workers in Huntington earn an average of \$17.20 per hour—qualifying most as low-to-moderate-income. That makes it extremely difficult for them to sustain, let alone grow, their businesses.

These providers love caring for children—but often need help marketing, managing enrollment, billing, curriculum planning and more. These are the very pain points that the Boost program can help them with.

CDBG funds would enable the Boost Program to provide critical support to **6 childcare providers, increase their revenues by 20%, and create 2 Teaching Assistant jobs**, directly addressing these challenges and improving access to affordable, high-quality childcare for families in the community. Every dollar invested in Boost goes directly toward expanding access to childcare, creating jobs, and keeping local businesses afloat. This is not just about helping individual providers, it is about strengthening an entire ecosystem.

In addition to the intensive 1:1 mentorship, Boost equips providers with a free childcare management software system that streamlines all of the administrative side of running a family childcare facility including marketing, enrollment, finances translation and curriculum planning. They will continue to have free access to this platform beyond the program year to sustain.

Upwards has identified 6 in-home childcare providers within the City's limits. Compared to larger child care centers, in-home childcare providers offer more affordable care and are much more likely to offer flexible hours for those of us who work beyond Monday-Friday 9-5, including Huntington's First Responders.

Boost also directly helps families. With the help of our Family Care Specialists, any family in Huntington—not just those enrolled with participating providers—can get connected to care that meets their needs, including emergency backup care within 24 hours. That's a game-changer for working parents, and children benefit from higher-quality, more consistent care.

In a time when the future of CDBG funding is uncertain, I want to emphasize that sustainability is at the core of the model. We equip providers with the training and tools they need to thrive well *beyond* the program year.

Boost is fully scalable— we can scale the program up or down without sacrificing quality, and would be ready to get started from day 1. We've launched the program in nearly two dozen counties and cities nationwide, and not only met but *exceeded* all projected outcomes.

While Boost addresses many goals that often fall under public service, it is eligible for CDBG funding as an Economic Development program and is not restricted by the limited Public Service funding cap.

Thank you again for your time and consideration. We hope to partner with Huntington to tackle the childcare challenges from all angles- and help these vital providers and the families they serve—not just survive, but *thrive* for years to come.

— Mélanie Faure
Community Impact Manager, Upwards
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RESIDENT SURVEY

**CITY OF HUNTINGTON, WV – CONFIDENTIAL RESIDENTIAL QUESTIONNAIRE
COMMUNITY NEEDS FOR THE CDBG, HOME & ESG PROGRAMS**

The City of Huntington is preparing its FY 2025-2029 Five Year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan. As part of the planning process, the City is surveying its residents to identify Huntington's housing, social services, community and economic development needs. The survey will also identify resident priorities on how to spend HUD Program funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnership (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) programs.

Please take a few minutes and complete this **confidential questionnaire**. If you are unsure of an answer, or the question does not apply to you, please feel free to skip the question.

When completed, return the completed questionnaire to the Department of Development and Planning, 800 Fifth Avenue, Huntington WV 25701 **OR** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HuntingtonResidents2025-2029>. The City would appreciate your response by **Monday, May 12, 2025.**

1. What is the street name and ZIP Code where you live in the City of Huntington?

Street (Name Only) _____ ZIP Code: _____

2. Sex: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other: _____ ☐ Prefer Not to Say

3. Race/Ethnicity - Please check all that apply:

☐ White ☐ Black or African American ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native ☐ Asian
☐ Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ☐ Other Race ☐ Two or More Races

Are you Hispanic or Latino? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Age: ☐ 17 or younger ☐ 18-20 ☐ 21-29 ☐ 30-39 ☐ 40-49 ☐ 50-59 ☐ 60-69 ☐ 70 or older

5. Household size and income:

	More		Less		More		Less
One	☐	\$43,600	☐	Five	☐	\$67,250	☐
Two	☐	\$49,800	☐	Six	☐	\$72,250	☐
Three	☐	\$56,050	☐	Seven	☐	\$77,250	☐
Four	☐	\$62,250	☐	Eight +	☐	\$82,200	☐

6. What is your housing status? ☐ Homeowner household ☐ Renter household ☐ Mobile Home

☐ Camper/RV ☐ Hotel/Motel ☐ Shelter facility ☐ Vehicle ☐ Temporarily with friends/family

☐ Unsheltered Homeless ☐ Other: _____

7. Please identify housing/rental issues you see in Huntington:

☐ Affordability ☐ Availability/Housing Options ☐ ADA Accessibility ☐ Lack of Maintenance

☐ Need for Major Renovations ☐ Historic Preservation ☐ Negligent Landlords ☐ Asbestos or Lead Abatement

☐ Other: _____

8. What needs or improvements to the recreational facilities would you like to see?

☐ Benches ☐ Picnic Shelters ☐ Walking/Bike Trails ☐ Open Green Space ☐ Basketball Courts

☐ Tennis/Pickleball Courts ☐ Baseball Fields ☐ Soccer/Football Fields ☐ Skate Parks ☐ Play Equipment

☐ ADA Accessibility ☐ Splash Pads ☐ Pools ☐ Improved Maintenance ☐ Other: _____

9. **Are there problems in your neighborhood with the following? Please check all that apply:**

- ☐ Public Safety ☐ Streets ☐ Curbs/Sidewalks ☐ Handicap Access ☐ Parking ☐ Traffic ☐ Litter
☐ Storm Sewers ☐ Sanitary Sewers ☐ Property Maintenance ☐ Other: _____

10. **Are there employment issues in the City of Huntington? Please check all that apply:**

- ☐ Lack of Job Opportunities ☐ Low Pay ☐ Discriminatory Practices ☐ Job Training ☐ Legal Barriers
☐ Transportation ☐ ADA Accommodations ☐ Childcare ☐ Other _____

11. **Are there transportation issues in the City of Huntington? Please check all that apply:**

- ☐ Transit Reliability ☐ Transit Hours & Frequency ☐ Transit Service Area ☐ Transit Safety & Security
☐ Parking ☐ Walkability ☐ Bike Infrastructure ☐ Road Maintenance ☐ Other _____

12. **Are there crime issues in the City of Huntington? Please check all that apply:**

- ☐ Theft ☐ Drugs ☐ Violent Crime ☐ Gangs ☐ Sexual Assault ☐ Hate Crimes ☐ Domestic Violence
☐ Vandalism ☐ Loitering ☐ Other _____

13. **Are there blight (clearance/demolitions) issues in the City? Please check all that apply:**

- ☐ Vacant Commercial Structures ☐ Vacant Residential Structures ☐ Vacant Lots ☐ Litter & Dumping
☐ Squatting ☐ Pest Control ☐ Lack of Property Maintenance ☐ Slums ☐ Other _____

14. **Do you use social service programs available in the City? Please check all that apply:**

- ☐ Medical ☐ Mental Health ☐ Homeless/Shelter ☐ Aging/Elder Care ☐ Legal Aid ☐ Employment
☐ Education/Training ☐ Substance Treatment ☐ Disability ☐ Youth Services ☐ Childcare ☐ Food Access
☐ Immigrant ☐ LGBTQIA+ ☐ Civil Rights ☐ HIV/AIDS ☐ Other _____

15. **Are there missing or underfunded programs or services in the City? Please list:**

16. **Are there additional comments or concerns that you wish to share?**

Q1 What street do you live on in the city of Huntington?

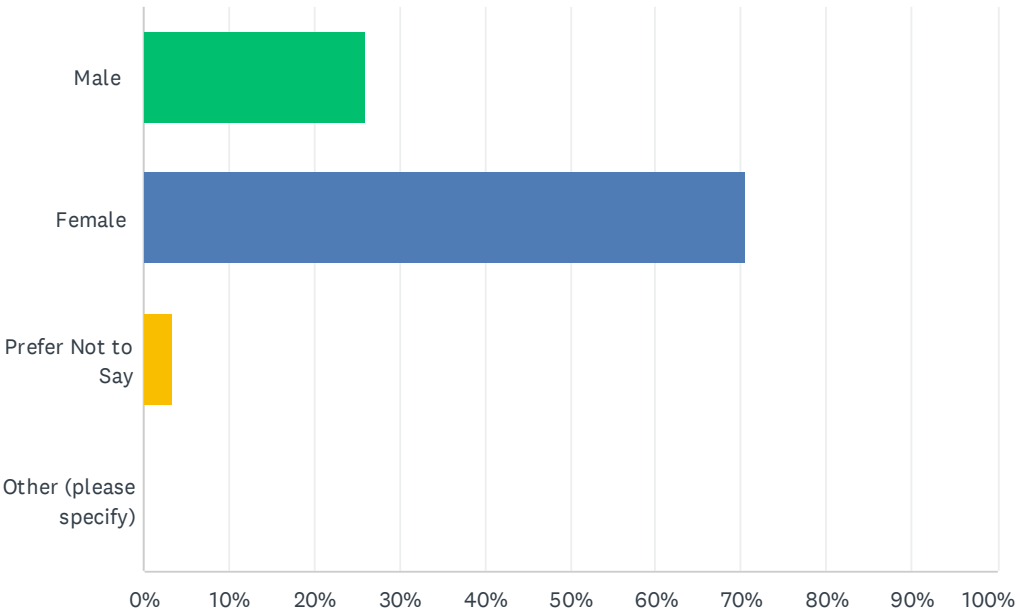
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Q2 What is the zip code for where you live in the City of Huntington?

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Q3 What is your gender?

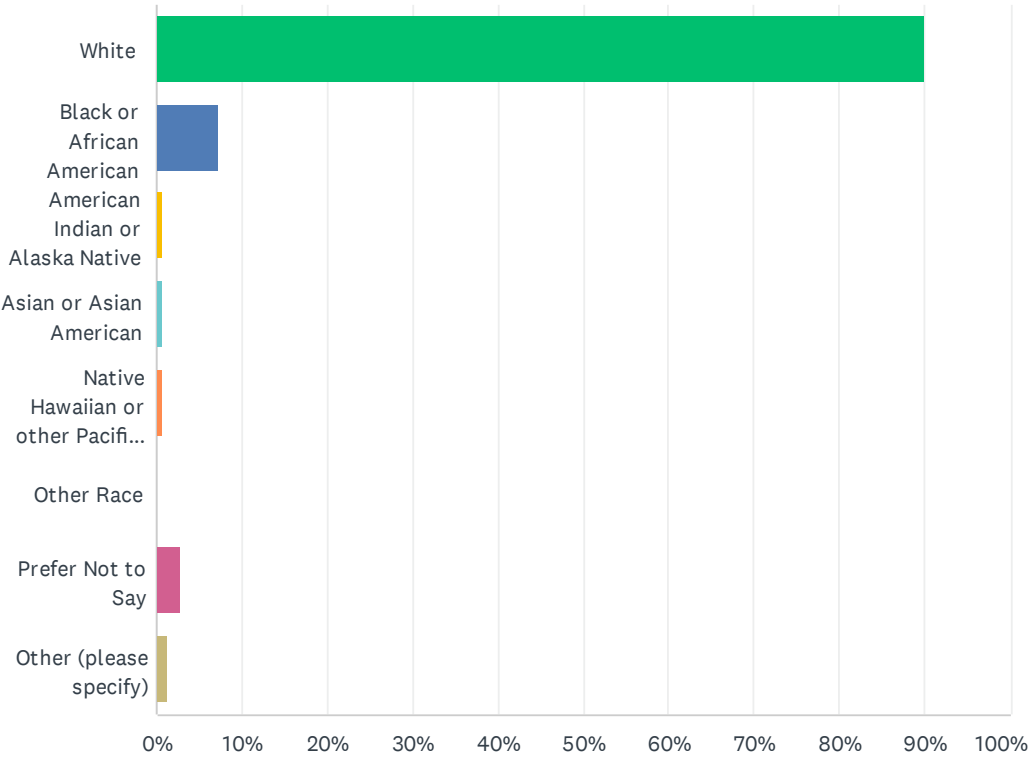
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Male	26.00%	39
Female	70.67%	106
Prefer Not to Say	3.33%	5
Other (please specify)	0.00%	0
TOTAL		150

Q4 What is your race? Please choose all that apply.

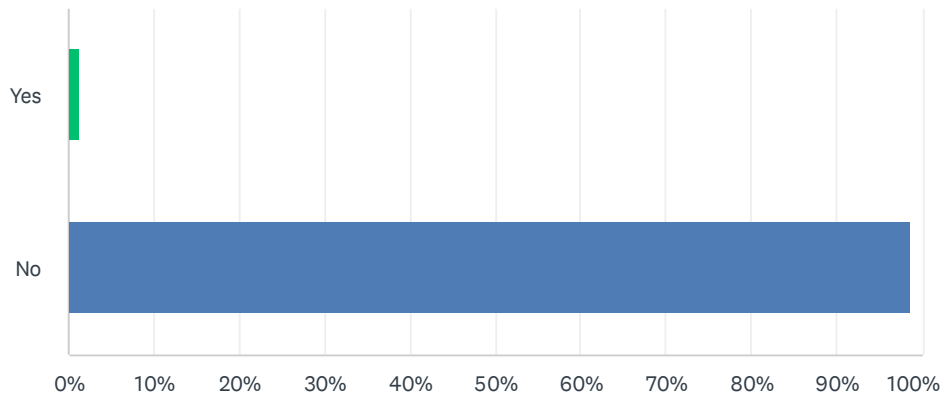
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
White	90.00%	135
Black or African American	7.33%	11
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.67%	1
Asian or Asian American	0.67%	1
Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.67%	1
Other Race	0.00%	0
Prefer Not to Say	2.67%	4
Other (please specify)	1.33%	2
Total Respondents: 150		

Q5 Are you Hispanic or Latino?

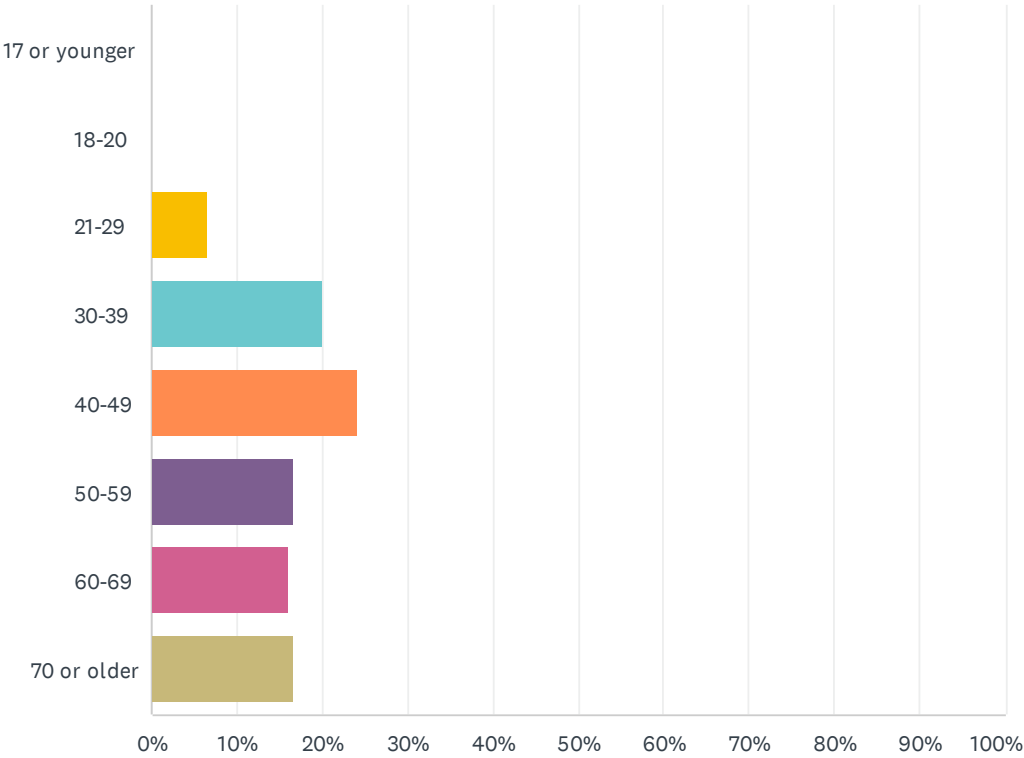
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	1.36%	2
No	98.64%	145
TOTAL		147

Q6 What is your age group?

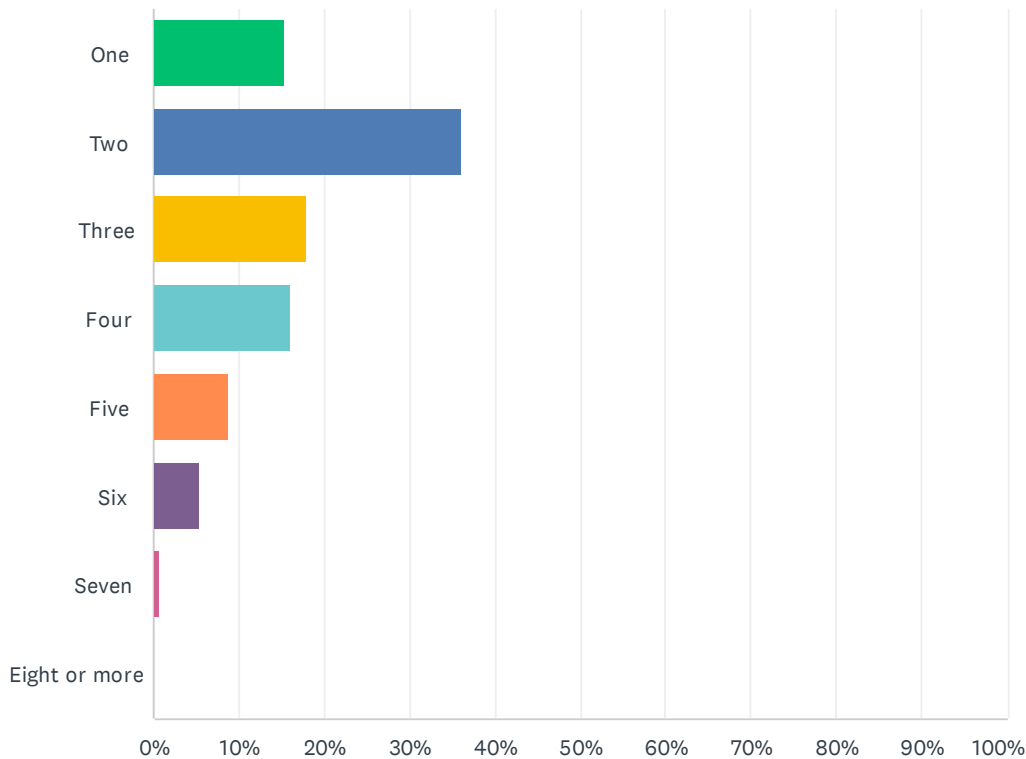
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
17 or younger	0.00%	0
18-20	0.00%	0
21-29	6.67%	10
30-39	20.00%	30
40-49	24.00%	36
50-59	16.67%	25
60-69	16.00%	24
70 or older	16.67%	25
TOTAL		150

Q7 How many people are living in your household?

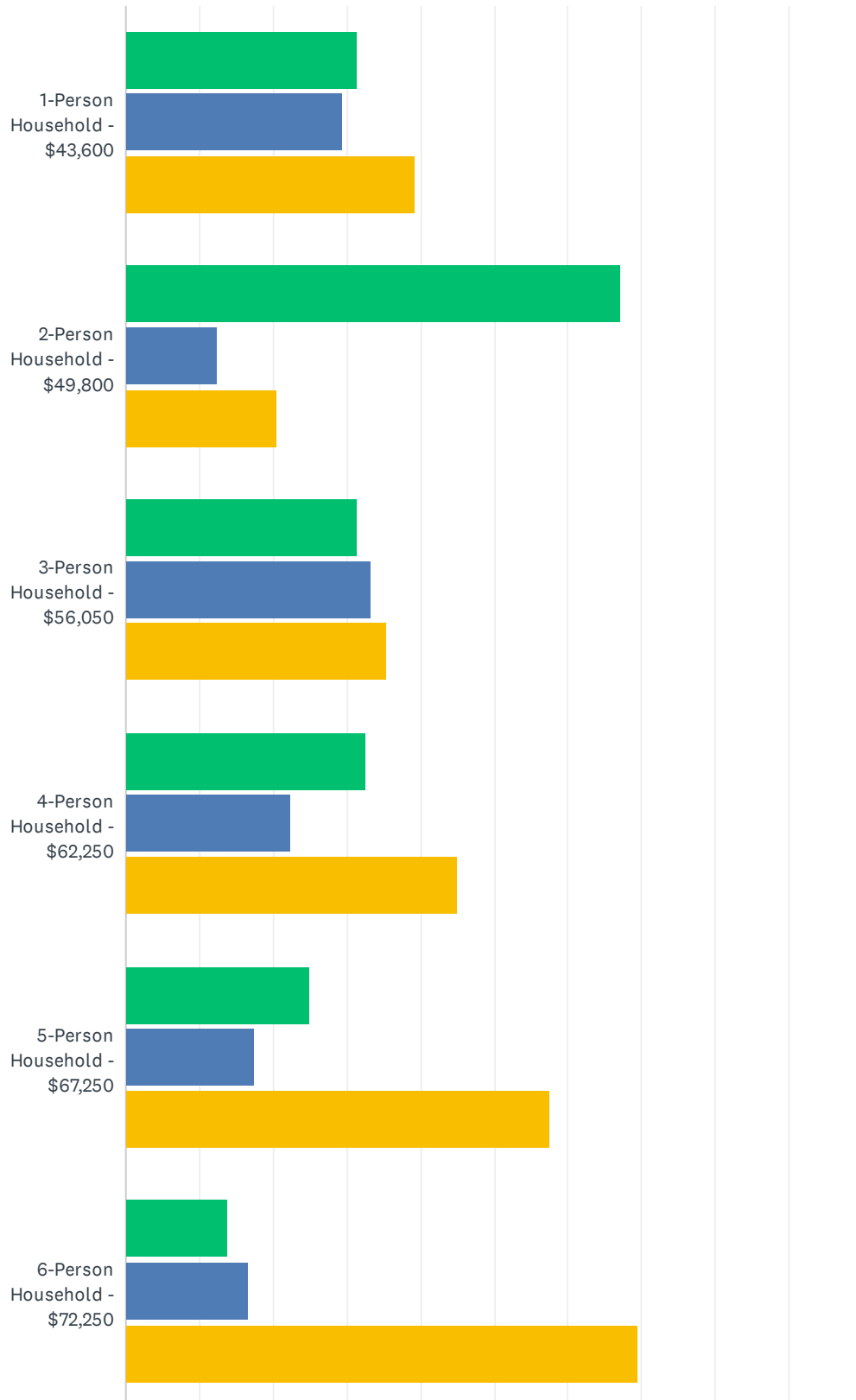
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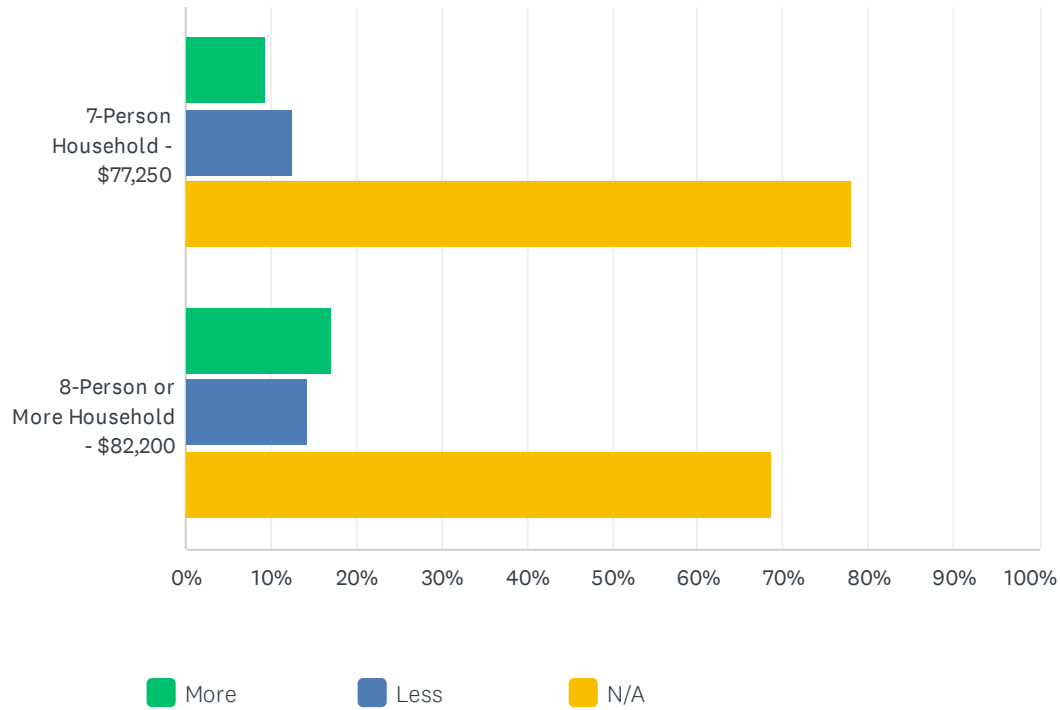
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
One	15.33%	23
Two	36.00%	54
Three	18.00%	27
Four	16.00%	24
Five	8.67%	13
Six	5.33%	8
Seven	0.67%	1
Eight or more	0.00%	0
TOTAL		150

Q8 Based on the number of persons living in your household, mark whether your household income is more or less than the listed income:

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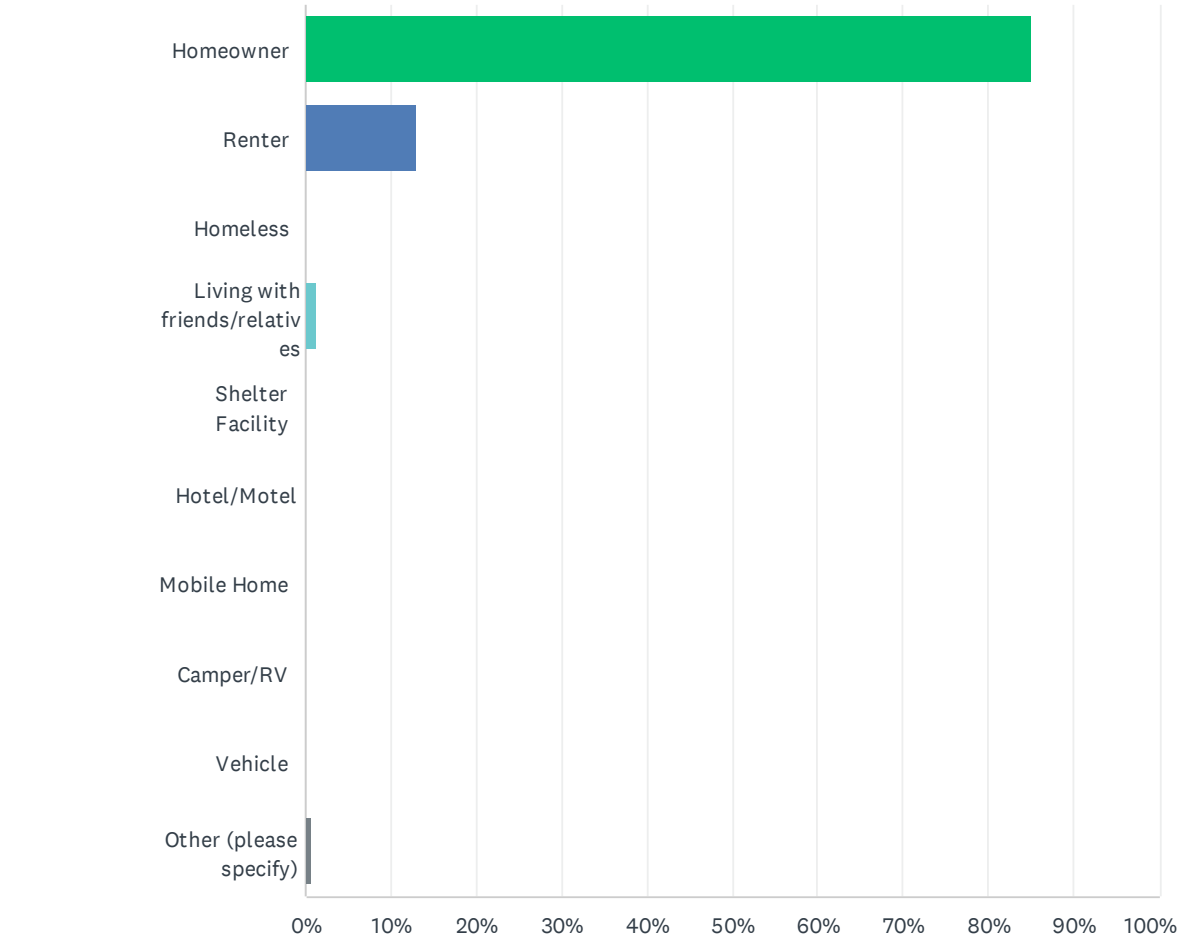
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	MORE	LESS	N/A	TOTAL
1-Person Household - \$43,600	31.37% 16	29.41% 15	39.22% 20	51
2-Person Household - \$49,800	67.12% 49	12.33% 9	20.55% 15	73
3-Person Household - \$56,050	31.25% 15	33.33% 16	35.42% 17	48
4-Person Household - \$62,250	32.65% 16	22.45% 11	44.90% 22	49
5-Person Household - \$67,250	25.00% 10	17.50% 7	57.50% 23	40
6-Person Household - \$72,250	13.89% 5	16.67% 6	69.44% 25	36
7-Person Household - \$77,250	9.38% 3	12.50% 4	78.13% 25	32
8-Person or More Household - \$82,200	17.14% 6	14.29% 5	68.57% 24	35

Q9 What is your current housing status?

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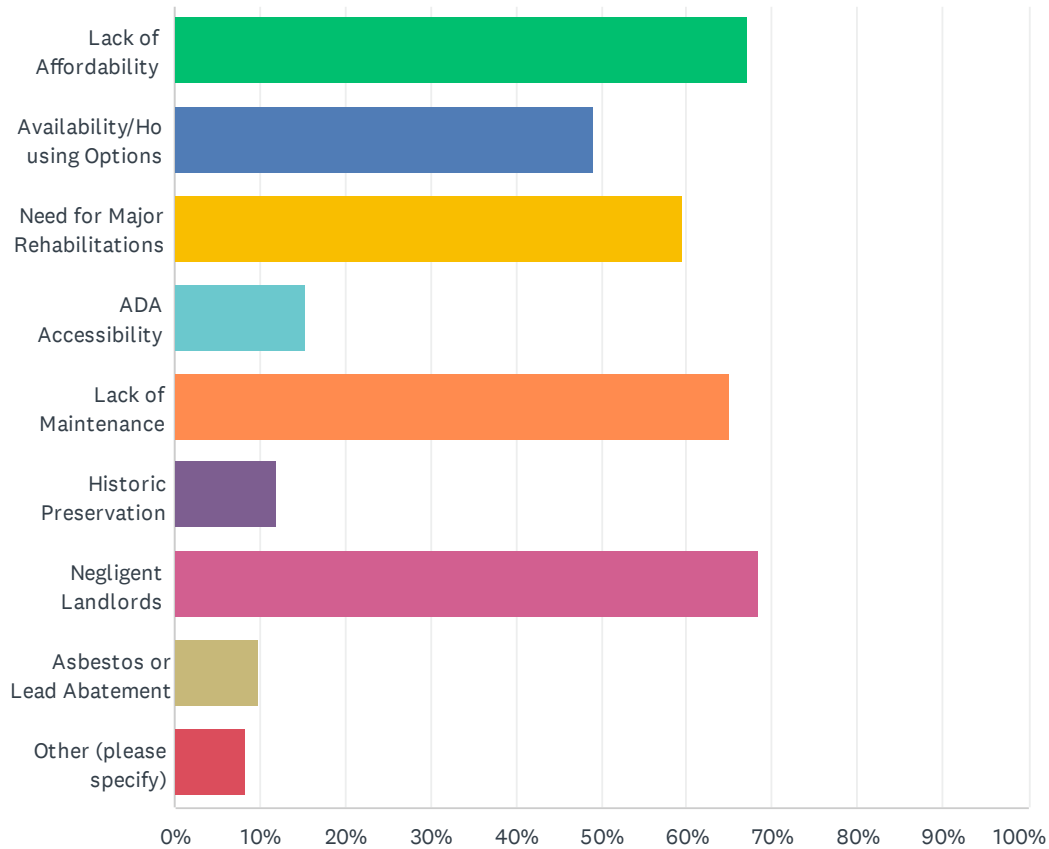


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Homeowner	85.03%	125
Renter	12.93%	19
Homeless	0.00%	0
Living with friends/relatives	1.36%	2
Shelter Facility	0.00%	0
Hotel/Motel	0.00%	0
Mobile Home	0.00%	0
Camper/RV	0.00%	0
Vehicle	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	0.68%	1
Total Respondents: 147		

Q10 Identify housing/rental issues you have observed in the City of Huntington (Check all that apply):

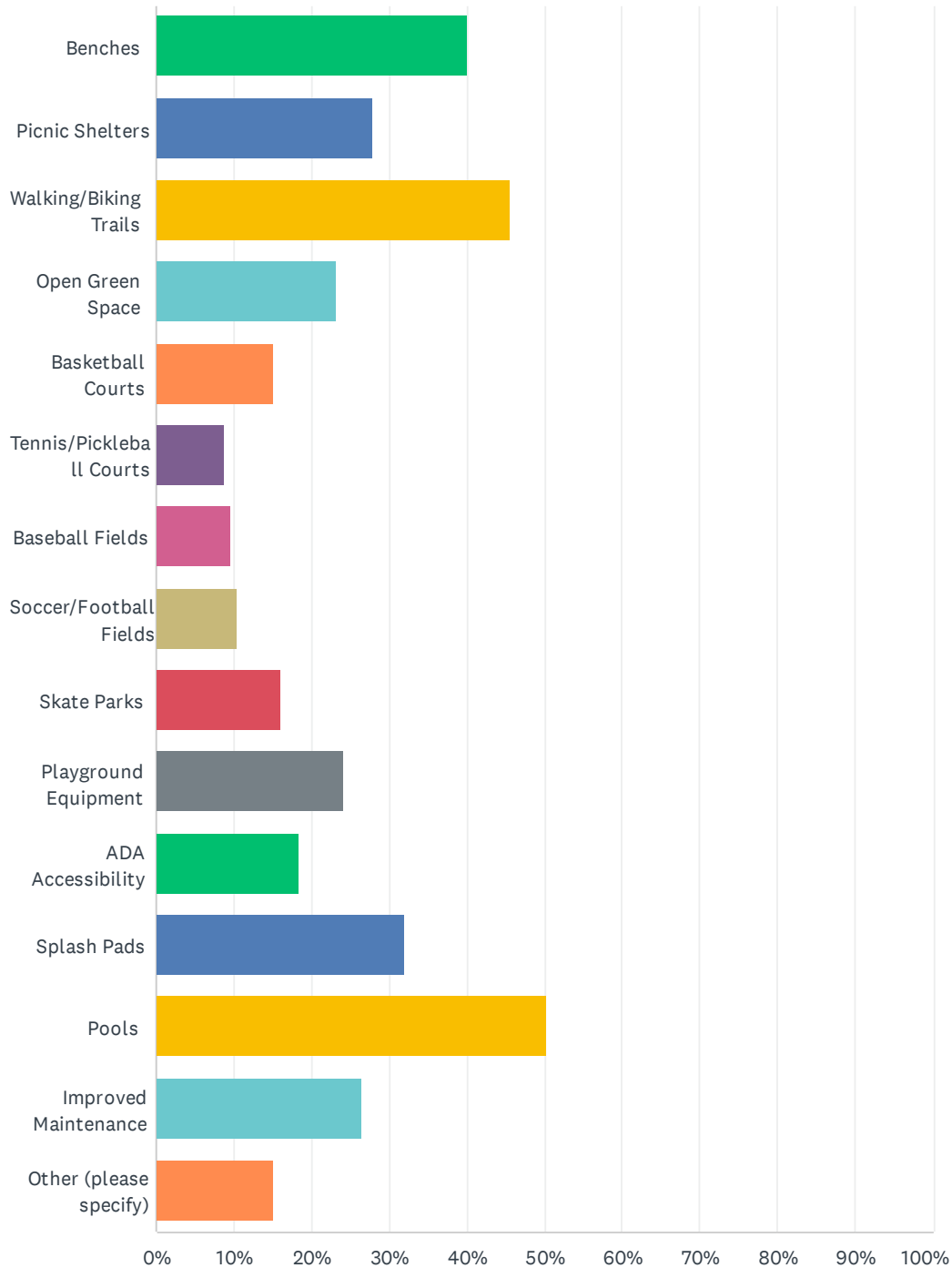
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Lack of Affordability	67.13%	96
Availability/Housing Options	48.95%	70
Need for Major Rehabilitations	59.44%	85
ADA Accessibility	15.38%	22
Lack of Maintenance	65.03%	93
Historic Preservation	11.89%	17
Negligent Landlords	68.53%	98
Asbestos or Lead Abatement	9.79%	14
Other (please specify)	8.39%	12
Total Respondents: 143		

Q11 Identify any needs or improvements to parks/recreational facilities (Check all that apply):

Answered: 125 Skipped: 27

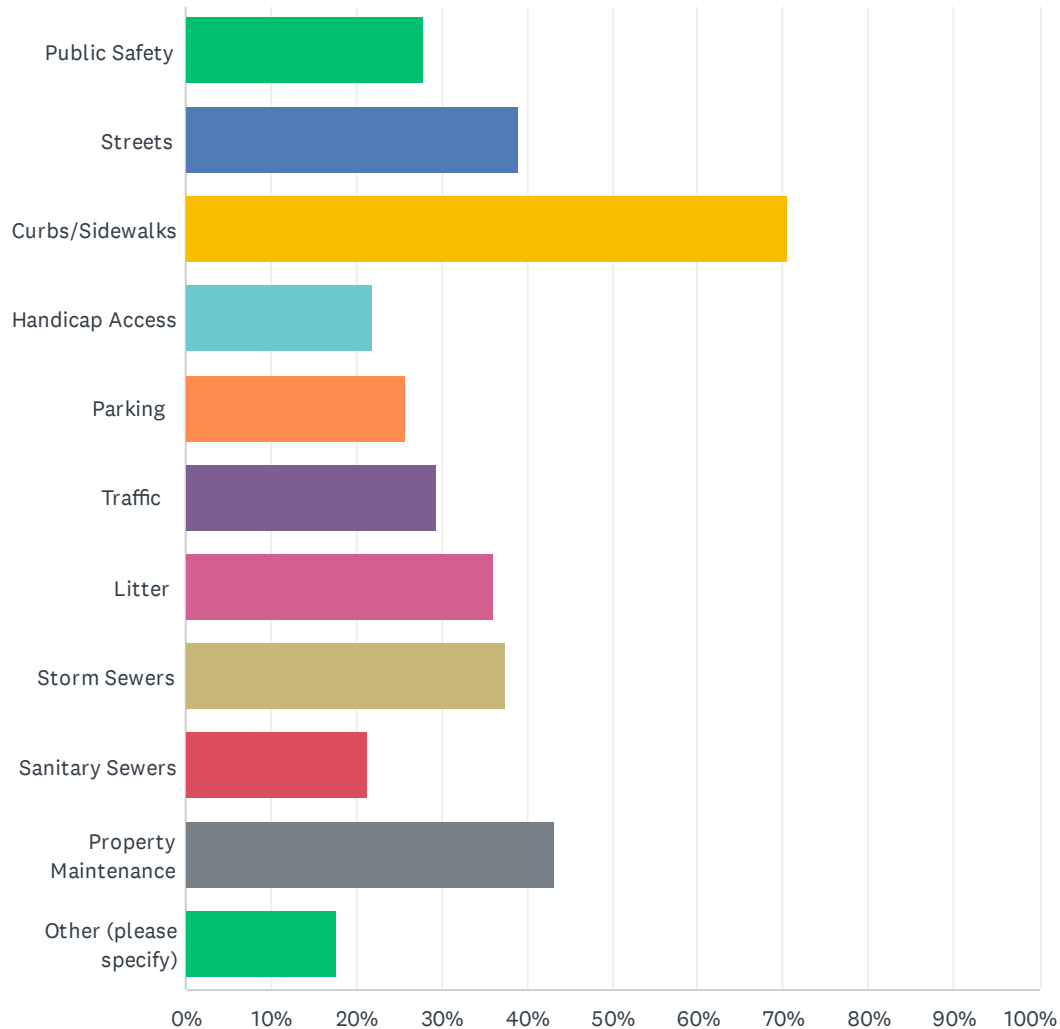


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Benches	40.00%	50
Picnic Shelters	28.00%	35
Walking/Biking Trails	45.60%	57
Open Green Space	23.20%	29
Basketball Courts	15.20%	19
Tennis/Pickleball Courts	8.80%	11
Baseball Fields	9.60%	12
Soccer/Football Fields	10.40%	13
Skate Parks	16.00%	20
Playground Equipment	24.00%	30
ADA Accessibility	18.40%	23
Splash Pads	32.00%	40
Pools	50.40%	63
Improved Maintenance	26.40%	33
Other (please specify)	15.20%	19
Total Respondents: 125		

Q12 Are there problems in your neighborhood with the following? Please check all that apply:

Answered: 136 Skipped: 16

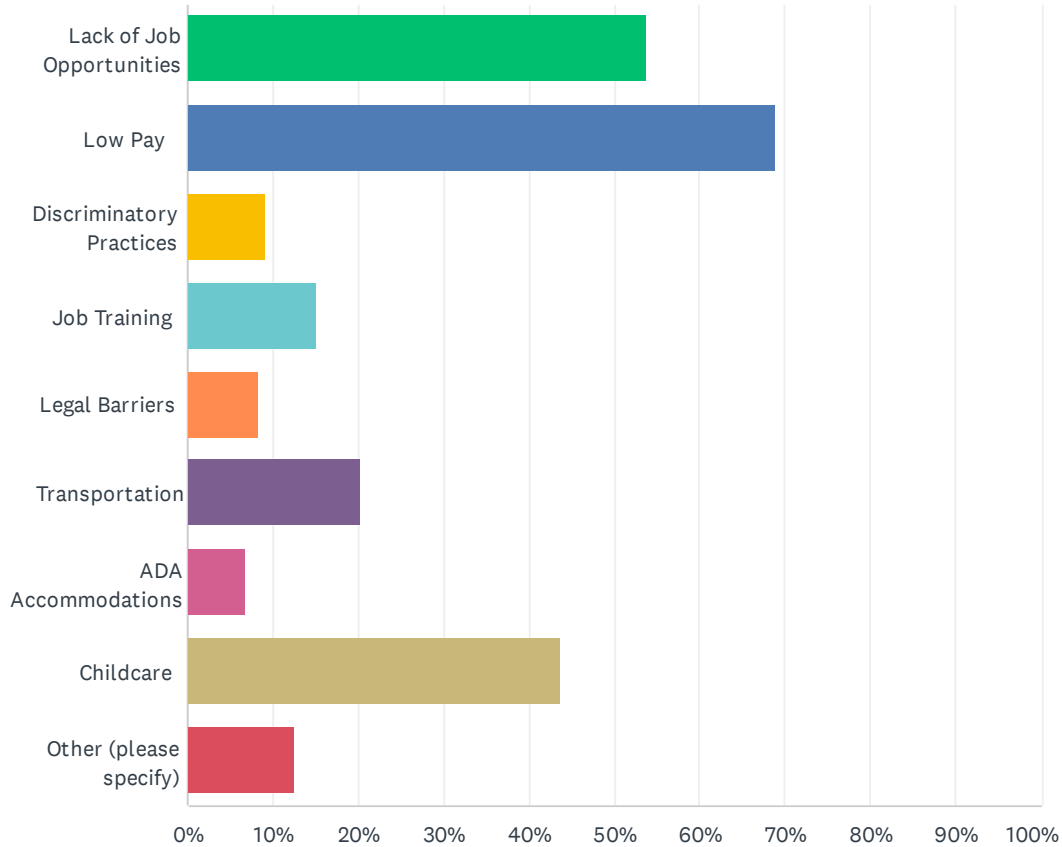


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Public Safety	27.94%	38
Streets	38.97%	53
Curbs/Sidewalks	70.59%	96
Handicap Access	22.06%	30
Parking	25.74%	35
Traffic	29.41%	40
Litter	36.03%	49
Storm Sewers	37.50%	51
Sanitary Sewers	21.32%	29
Property Maintenance	43.38%	59
Other (please specify)	17.65%	24
Total Respondents: 136		

Q13 Identify any employment issues in the City of Huntington (Check all that apply):

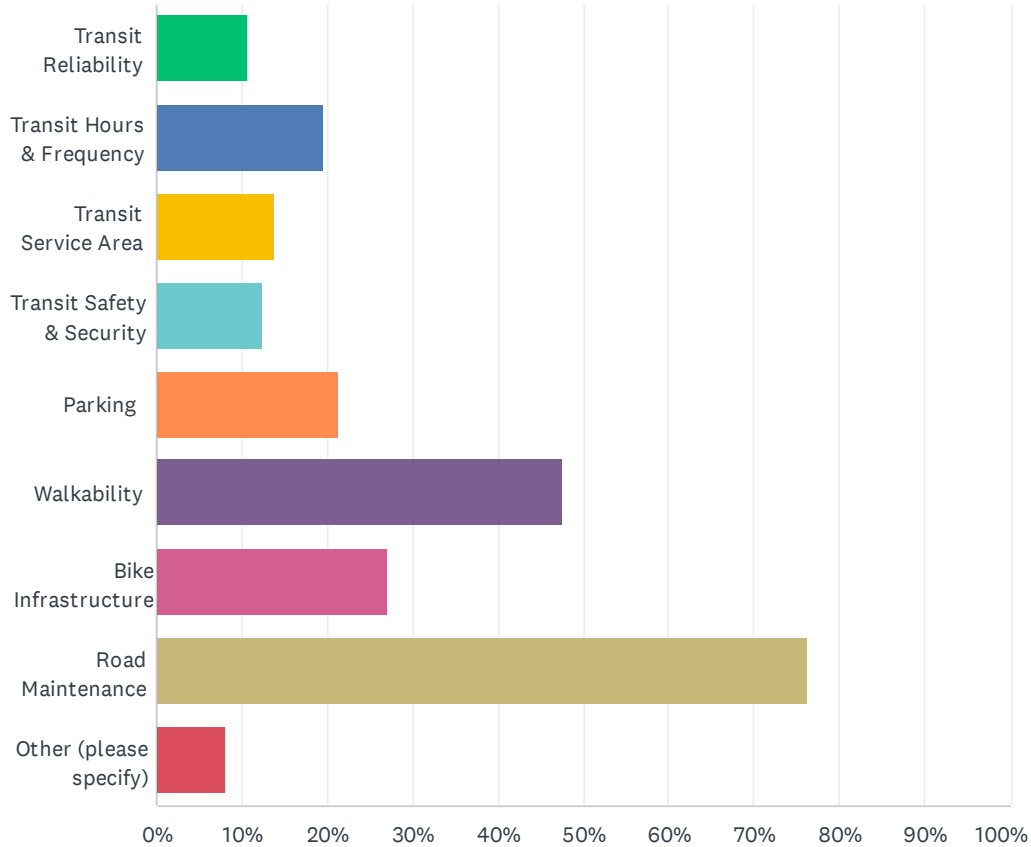
Answered: 119 Skipped: 33



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Lack of Job Opportunities	53.78%	64
Low Pay	68.91%	82
Discriminatory Practices	9.24%	11
Job Training	15.13%	18
Legal Barriers	8.40%	10
Transportation	20.17%	24
ADA Accommodations	6.72%	8
Childcare	43.70%	52
Other (please specify)	12.61%	15
Total Respondents: 119		

Q14 Identify transportation issues in the City of Huntington (Check all that apply):

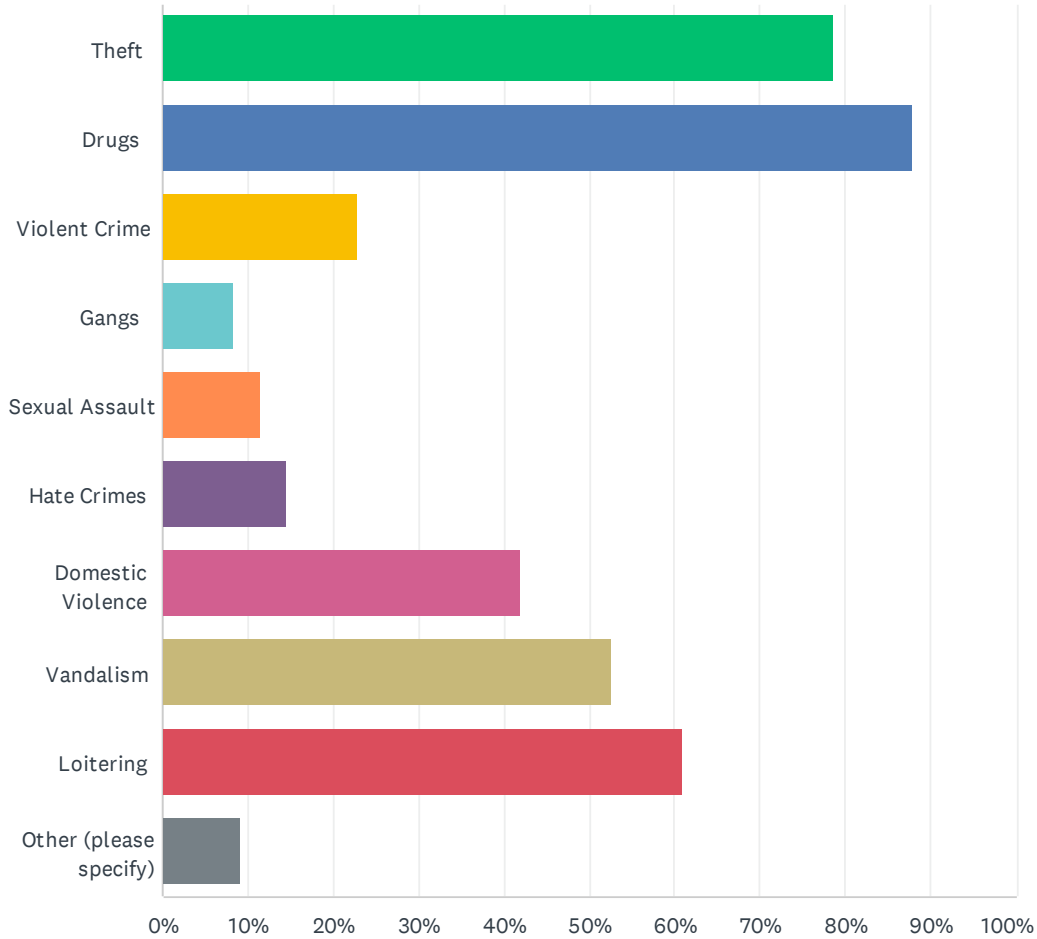
Answered: 122 Skipped: 30



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Transit Reliability	10.66%	13
Transit Hours & Frequency	19.67%	24
Transit Service Area	13.93%	17
Transit Safety & Security	12.30%	15
Parking	21.31%	26
Walkability	47.54%	58
Bike Infrastructure	27.05%	33
Road Maintenance	76.23%	93
Other (please specify)	8.20%	10
Total Respondents: 122		

Q15 Identify any crime issues within the City of Huntington (Check all that apply):

Answered: 131 Skipped: 21

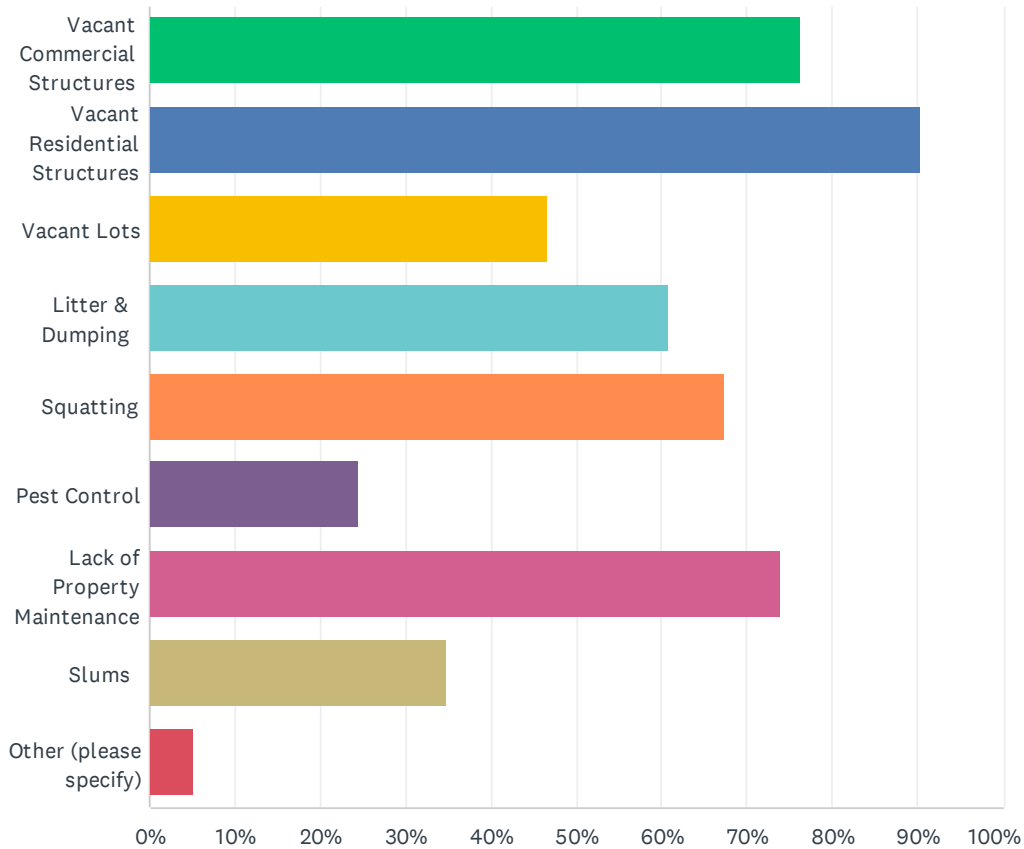


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Theft	78.63%	103
Drugs	87.79%	115
Violent Crime	22.90%	30
Gangs	8.40%	11
Sexual Assault	11.45%	15
Hate Crimes	14.50%	19
Domestic Violence	41.98%	55
Vandalism	52.67%	69
Loitering	61.07%	80
Other (please specify)	9.16%	12
Total Respondents: 131		

Q16 Are there blight (clearance/demolitions) issues in the City of Huntington? (Check all that apply):

Answered: 135 Skipped: 17

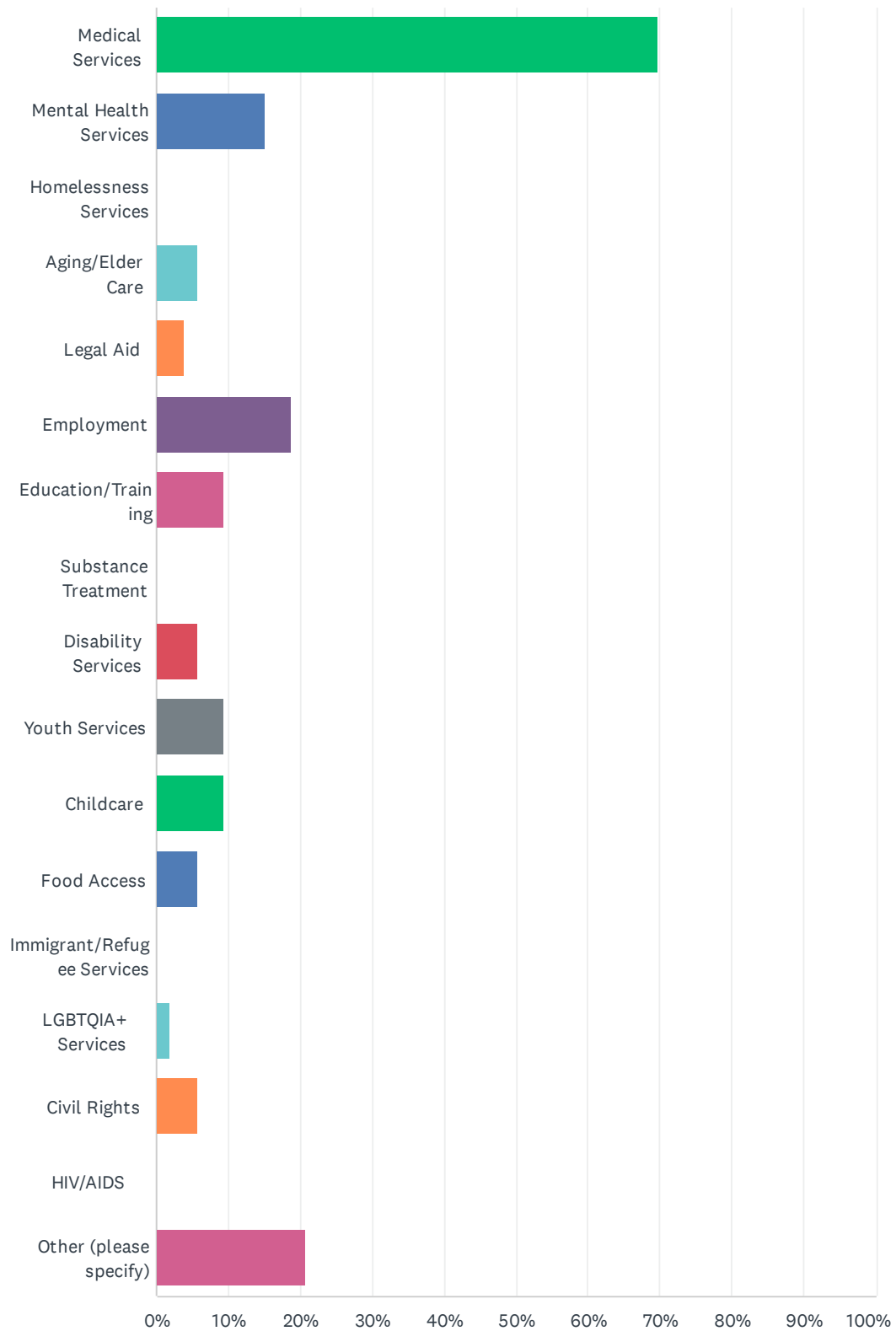


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Vacant Commercial Structures	76.30%	103
Vacant Residential Structures	90.37%	122
Vacant Lots	46.67%	63
Litter & Dumping	60.74%	82
Squatting	67.41%	91
Pest Control	24.44%	33
Lack of Property Maintenance	74.07%	100
Slums	34.81%	47
Other (please specify)	5.19%	7
Total Respondents: 135		

**Q17 Do you use any of the social service programs available in the City of
Huntington? (Check all that apply)**

Answered: 53 Skipped: 99

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Medical Services	69.81%	37
Mental Health Services	15.09%	8
Homelessness Services	0.00%	0
Aging/Elder Care	5.66%	3
Legal Aid	3.77%	2
Employment	18.87%	10
Education/Training	9.43%	5
Substance Treatment	0.00%	0
Disability Services	5.66%	3
Youth Services	9.43%	5
Childcare	9.43%	5
Food Access	5.66%	3
Immigrant/Refugee Services	0.00%	0
LGBTQIA+ Services	1.89%	1
Civil Rights	5.66%	3
HIV/AIDS	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	20.75%	11
Total Respondents: 53		

**Q18 Are there any programs or services that are missing or under-funded
in the City? Please list:**

Answered: 51 Skipped: 101

Q19 Are there additional comments or concerns that you wish to share?

Answered: 41 Skipped: 111



STAKEHOLDER QUESTIONNAIRE

**CITY OF HUNTINGTON, WEST VIRGINIA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG),
HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP (HOME), AND
EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANT (ESG) PROGRAMS
AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS NEEDS SURVEY**

Name of Agency/Organization:

Address:

Name:

Title:

Phone:

E-Mail:

Description of programs/services your agency provides: (Attach any brochures)

Does your organization provide any services or programs for the following?

☐ Social/Human Services	☐ Housing	☐ Planning
☐ Community Development	☐ Economic Development	☐ Business Loans
☐ Job Training	☐ Public Health	☐ Justice/Corrections
☐ Policy Research	☐ Advocacy	☐ Other: _____

Please respond to the following questions if they apply to your agency or organization.

The clientele your program(s) serve?

☐ Low Income	☐ Immigrants	☐ Families
☐ Incarcerated Individuals	☐ Disabled	☐ Elderly
☐ Communities	☐ Children/Youth	☐ Homeless
☐ LGBTQIA	☐ Other: _____	

What are the unmet community and economic development needs in the City?

What are the unmet housing needs in the City?

What are the unmet social service needs in the City?

Are there any Fair Housing issues in the City?

**Does your organization have plans to add new or expand existing programming?
In what ways?**

Other Comments/Suggestions:

#1

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Q1

What is the name of your organization?

Cabell-Huntington Health Department

Q2

What is your name and job title?

Michael Killkenny, CEO and Health Officer

Q3

Please provide a brief description of programs your organization provides:

Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan
Public Health assessment, planning and services

Q4

Does your organization provide any services or programs for the following?

Social/Human Services,
Community Development,
Homelessness/CoC,
Public Health,
Housing,
Planning,
Advocacy,
Economic Development

Q5

What clientele does your program(s) serve?

**Low-Income,
Incarcerated Individuals,
Neighborhood/Target Areas,
LGBTQIA,
Immigrants/Refugees,
Disabled,
Children/Youth,
Domestic Violence Victims,
Families,
Elderly,
Homeless**

Q6

What are the unmet social service and human service needs in the City of Huntington?

Social services, medical services, mental health services especially to unhoused individuals, but also to persons with substance use disorders and other stigmatized subpopulations

Q7

What are the unmet housing needs in the City of Huntington?

Affordable housing for all

Q8

What are the unmet community development needs in the City of Huntington? (i.e. public facility improvements, infrastructure improvements, public safety, etc.)

There are some specific recurrent flooding areas, healthy food access shortage areas, some perceived access shortages and perceived inconsistent application of public safety policies.

Q9

Does your organization have plans to add any new programs or to expand existing programs? Please describe.

We are increasing presence and assistance in services to the unhoused and upstream solutions. We are also expanding influence in economic development as upstream mitigation

Q10

Does your organization have plans to add new facilities or perform renovations on existing facilities? Please describe.

No

Q11

Do you have any other comments or suggestions for the Five Year Consolidated Plan?

We are committed to assist, especially with agencies we have not traditionally worked with. Our goal is to add resources to those agencies as they see utility.

#2

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Q1

What is the name of your organization?

Covenant School

Q2

Respondent skipped this question

What is your name and job title?

Q3

Respondent skipped this question

Please provide a brief description of programs your organization provides:

Q4

Does your organization provide any services or programs for the following?

Job Training,
Higher Education,
Job Training,
Higher Education,
Other (please specify):
K-12 Education

Q5

What clientele does your program(s) serve?

Children/Youth,
Families

Q6

Respondent skipped this question

What are the unmet social service and human service needs in the City of Huntington?

Q7

What are the unmet housing needs in the City of Huntington?

For faculty and families of our school who move to Huntington, they struggle to find updated/new housing near or in the city.

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

What are the unmet community development needs in the City of Huntington? (i.e. public facility improvements, infrastructure improvements, public safety, etc.)

Q9

Does your organization have plans to add any new programs or to expand existing programs? Please describe.

We are adding additional academic support programs to provide therapy for K-12 students with dyslexia; we are adding new fine arts and music programs, among others. We are growing the student body. Current enrollment is 320, but we are expanding to a capacity of 540.

Q10

Does your organization have plans to add new facilities or perform renovations on existing facilities? Please describe.

We have plans to renovate and expand our current facilities. In addition, we purchased 140 acres of land directly next to the Huntington City limits and near the school's current location, which we intend to develop into classical Christian private school campus for up to 540 students.

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have any other comments or suggestions for the Five Year Consolidated Plan?

#3

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Q1

What is the name of your organization?

Huntington WV Housing Authority

Q2

What is your name and job title?

Angela Holloway Director of Management

Q3

Please provide a brief description of programs your organization provides:

Low Income Public Housing 800 units for families at the Low income limits

Housing Choice Voucher program, made up of multiple different programs. (FUP= Family Unification Program for families with open CPS cases). (NED Non-Elderly Disabled Families under the age of 62), (VASH= Veterans Assisted Supportive Services Housing for disabled Veterans), for a total of 1461 vouchers.

Permanent Supportive Housing Program for Clients that must be homeless with a disability and or SUDS and receive supportive services. Total available 166 Certificates

Mod Rehab Program 94 units designated for Homeless population only

Q4

Does your organization provide any services or programs for the following?

Homelessness/CoC,

Housing,

Housing Payments,

Fair Housing,

Other (please specify):

Supportive Services for PSH programs

Q5

What clientele does your program(s) serve?

**Low-Income,
Disabled,
Families,
Elderly,
Homeless**

Q6

What are the unmet social service and human service needs in the City of Huntington?

Supportive Services for Homeless population

Q7

What are the unmet housing needs in the City of Huntington?

Supportive Services for Homeless population

Q8

Respondent skipped this question

What are the unmet community development needs in the City of Huntington? (i.e. public facility improvements, infrastructure improvements, public safety, etc.)

Q9

Does your organization have plans to add any new programs or to expand existing programs? Please describe.

N/A may add another Supportive Services worker to the PSH program in the next year

Q10

Does your organization have plans to add new facilities or perform renovations on existing facilities? Please describe.

Depending on the sale of North Cott property. Demolition of the Old West Middle school for possible new family site Development

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have any other comments or suggestions for the Five Year Consolidated Plan?

#4

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Q1

What is the name of your organization?

VAMC

Q2

What is your name and job title?

Angela Miller, Homeless Program Coordinator

Q3

Please provide a brief description of programs your organization provides:

VA Medical Center provides medical and mental health services for veterans. The Homeless Veterans program provides clinically based case management services for veterans who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Q4

Does your organization provide any services or programs for the following?

Social/Human Services,
Homelessness/CoC,
Job Training,
Housing,
Justice/Corrections,
Advocacy

Q5

What clientele does your program(s) serve?

Low-Income,
Incarcerated Individuals,
LGBTQIA,
Disabled,
Domestic Violence Victims,
Families,
Elderly,
Homeless,
Other (please specify):
Veterans

Q6

What are the unmet social service and human service needs in the City of Huntington?

safety, stigma

Q7

What are the unmet housing needs in the City of Huntington?

limited housing inventory, affordable housing

Q8

What are the unmet community development needs in the City of Huntington? (i.e. public facility improvements, infrastructure improvements, public safety, etc.)

enough housing for immediate needs - emergency shelter of all who may need it and a safe haven for those who have pets (who refuse to surrender their pets to secure housing themselves)

Q9

Does your organization have plans to add any new programs or to expand existing programs? Please describe.

We have added additional housing vouchers this year and are quickly finding that we may need to add additional housing vouchers to our catchment area. That will require additional staff as well. We also plan to continue to partner with Habitat for Humanity.

Q10

Does your organization have plans to add new facilities or perform renovations on existing facilities? Please describe.

All plans are on hold currently per the changes in the federal govt.

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have any other comments or suggestions for the Five Year Consolidated Plan?

#5

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Q1

What is the name of your organization?

Prestera Center for Mental Health Services, Inc dba Prestera Health Services

Q2

What is your name and job title?

Lisa Zappia, President & CEO

Q3

Please provide a brief description of programs your organization provides:

We are the Community Mental Health Center and Comprehensive Certified Behavioral Health Clinic for an 8-county region that includes the Cabell-Kanawha and surrounding counties. We offer a full continuum of community based, outpatient and residential services along with a crisis stabilization/detox unit. We offer supported employment programs, wraparound, mobile unit, and mobile crisis programs.

Q4

Does your organization provide any services or programs for the following?

Social/Human Services,

Homelessness/CoC,

Job Training,

Housing,

Fair Housing,

Advocacy,

Other (please specify):

Primary Care, Behavioral Health, I/DD

Q5

What clientele does your program(s) serve?

Low-Income,
Incarcerated Individuals,
Neighborhood/Target Areas,
LGBTQIA,
Immigrants/Refugees,
Disabled,
Children/Youth,
Domestic Violence Victims,
Families,
Elderly,
Homeless,
Other (please specify):
Chronic mentally ill

Q6

What are the unmet social service and human service needs in the City of Huntington?

Transportation, stable utilities, personal safety

Q7

What are the unmet housing needs in the City of Huntington?

We have housing but we need to work with individuals who are currently unhoused in a program to prepare them to be housed in a housing first model. We have that but it needs expanded. Currently, people get housed but quickly blow it due to bringing people in they shouldn't, etc.

Q8

What are the unmet community development needs in the City of Huntington? (i.e. public facility improvements, infrastructure improvements, public safety, etc.)

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Q9

Does your organization have plans to add any new programs or to expand existing programs? Please describe.

Geriatric IOP

Q10

Does your organization have plans to add new facilities or perform renovations on existing facilities? Please describe.

New outpatient locations

Q11

Do you have any other comments or suggestions for the Five Year Consolidated Plan?

As the primary provider of behavioral health services for the underserved and the uninsured or underinsured since 1967, I would hope we have more of a presence as a primary behavioral health agency.

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Q1

What is the name of your organization?

Mission Tri-State

Q2

What is your name and job title?

Director

Q3

Please provide a brief description of programs your organization provides:

We host monthly breakfast for Community Leaders, to build more awareness and greater collaboration among agencies. We also host leadership development groups for Community Leaders and Business leaders

Q4

Does your organization provide any services or programs for the following?

Other (please specify):

Networking and leadership development

Q5

What clientele does your program(s) serve?

Other (please specify):

Community leaders and business leaders

Q6

What are the unmet social service and human service needs in the City of Huntington?

Lack of continuum of care for those in addiction

Q7

What are the unmet housing needs in the City of Huntington?

Helping those who have completed addiction recovery programs to find affordable housing

Q8

What are the unmet community development needs in the City of Huntington? (i.e. public facility improvements, infrastructure improvements, public safety, etc.)

More affordable house for ALICE population

Q9

Does your organization have plans to add any new programs or to expand existing programs? Please describe.

We are working with Hope Nation & Ryhma Construction to build more affordable housing

Q10

Does your organization have plans to add new facilities or perform renovations on existing facilities? Please describe.

We are working to help build our modular home factory at Hope Nation

Q11

Do you have any other comments or suggestions for the Five Year Consolidated Plan?

Develop a support system for those construction companies who want to rehab our existing houses that are run down.

#7

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Q1

What is the name of your organization?

none

Q2

What is your name and job title?

retired

Q3

Please provide a brief description of programs your organization provides:

N/A

Q4

Respondent skipped this question

Does your organization provide any services or programs for the following?

Q5

Respondent skipped this question

What clientele does your program(s) serve?

Q6

What are the unmet social service and human service needs in the City of Huntington?

Severe lack of affordable housing especially for people who are in emergency shelters and who are unhoused.

Q7

What are the unmet housing needs in the City of Huntington?

families who are at risk of homelessness, affordable housing generally, targeting housing for people who are homeless and have SUD and/or mental health problems/needs

Q8

What are the unmet community development needs in the City of Huntington? (i.e. public facility improvements, infrastructure improvements, public safety, etc.)

No plan to address homeless. Too much attention on issues not related to helping house and support people.

Q9

Does your organization have plans to add any new programs or to expand existing programs? Please describe.

n/a

Q10

Does your organization have plans to add new facilities or perform renovations on existing facilities? Please describe.

N/A

Q11

Do you have any other comments or suggestions for the Five Year Consolidated Plan?

People need to be brought together more and help plot the direction. City has great potential, but it is lessened if decisions made by a few.

#8

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Q1

What is the name of your organization?

Huntington Housing Authority

Q2

What is your name and job title?

Florida Kibble Section 8 Supervisor

Q3

Please provide a brief description of programs your organization provides:

Public Housing, Section 8 vouchers, PSH certificates, EID vouchers, Youth FUP, FUP vouchers, FRC

Q4

Does your organization provide any services or programs for the following?

Job Training,
Housing,
Housing Payments,
Job Training

Q5

What clientele does your program(s) serve?

Low-Income,
Neighborhood/Target Areas,
LGBTQIA,
Immigrants/Refugees,
Disabled,
Children/Youth,
Domestic Violence Victims,
Families,
Elderly,
Homeless

Q6

What are the unmet social service and human service needs in the City of Huntington?

We need more help with foster and adoptive services for children/youth

Q7

What are the unmet housing needs in the City of Huntington?

The homeless need more services to keep them in stable homes

Q8

What are the unmet community development needs in the City of Huntington? (i.e. public facility improvements, infrastructure improvements, public safety, etc.)

To do more with abandon buildings and homes

Q9

Does your organization have plans to add any new programs or to expand existing programs? Please describe.

We are always looking to add more programs

Q10

Does your organization have plans to add new facilities or perform renovations on existing facilities? Please describe.

Yes, there are a few building we are looking to renovate

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have any other comments or suggestions for the Five Year Consolidated Plan?

#9

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Q1

What is the name of your organization?

Habitat for Humanity of the Tri-State

Q2

What is your name and job title?

David Michael, Executive Director

Q3

Please provide a brief description of programs your organization provides:

New home construction, Veteran-owned critical home repairs, owner occupied critical home repairs for income qualified individuals and families. We provide homeowner education classes as part of our program. We also operate 2 Habitat for Humanity ReStores.

Q4

Does your organization provide any services or programs for the following?

Social/Human Services,
Community Development,
Job Training,
Housing,
Housing Rehabilitation,
Fair Housing

Q5

What clientele does your program(s) serve?

Low-Income,
Neighborhood/Target Areas,
LGBTQIA,
Disabled,
Children/Youth,
Domestic Violence Victims,
Families,
Elderly,
Other (please specify):
Veterans

Q6

What are the unmet social service and human service needs in the City of Huntington?

Various organizations/agencies are working hard to address homelessness in the City. This, however, is remains an unmet need. There seems to be a recent uptick in violent crimes in the City. Issues surrounding drug use/abuse are still prevalent.

Q7

What are the unmet housing needs in the City of Huntington?

There are very few homes available for purchase that are affordable. Starter homes are virtually nonexistent. The same can be said for rental properties (lack of affordable and available units).

Q8

What are the unmet community development needs in the City of Huntington? (i.e. public facility improvements, infrastructure improvements, public safety, etc.)

Street and sidewalk maintenance are critical issues. There are still too many vacant/abandoned/dilapidated structures in the City. Upkeep of lots (grass cutting/trash and debris removal) needs better enforcement.

Q9

Does your organization have plans to add any new programs or to expand existing programs? Please describe.

We are exploring the opportunity to construct a small development in the City that could house formerly homeless Veterans or those exiting a recovery program. This could be a rent/lease to own program (a non-traditional HFH model).

Q10

Does your organization have plans to add new facilities or perform renovations on existing facilities? Please describe.

No.

Q11

Respondent skipped this question

Do you have any other comments or suggestions for the Five Year Consolidated Plan?

#10

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Q1

What is the name of your organization?

Coalfield Development Corp.

Q2

What is your name and job title?

Jacob Hannah, CEO

Q3

Please provide a brief description of programs your organization provides:

Workforce Development, construction/revitalization, business/employer support

Q4

Does your organization provide any services or programs for the following?

Social/Human Services,
Community Development,
Job Training,
Housing,
Housing Rehabilitation,
Fair Housing,
Job Training,
Economic Development

Q5

What clientele does your program(s) serve?

Low-Income,
Incarcerated Individuals,
Neighborhood/Target Areas,
Homeless,
Other (please specify):
Post-recovery

Q6

What are the unmet social service and human service needs in the City of Huntington?

Most needs are "met," but require more scale and integration to other services (what does it look like to interlink recovery to housing to workforce to childcare to homeownership, etc.)

Q7

What are the unmet housing needs in the City of Huntington?

Quality Housing stock availability and affordability

Q8

What are the unmet community development needs in the City of Huntington? (i.e. public facility improvements, infrastructure improvements, public safety, etc.)

Flooding of the 4-Pole creek watershed needs addressed

Q9

Does your organization have plans to add any new programs or to expand existing programs? Please describe.

Not at this moment.

Q10

Does your organization have plans to add new facilities or perform renovations on existing facilities? Please describe.

Yes, the Black Diamond property in Westmoreland will become a hub for innovation in 18 months

Q11

Do you have any other comments or suggestions for the Five Year Consolidated Plan?

N/A

#11

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Q1

What is the name of your organization?

West Virginia Housing Development Fund

Q2

What is your name and job title?

Catherine Colby, Senior Manager-HOME & HTF Programs

Q3

Please provide a brief description of programs your organization provides:

WVHDF is the administrator of HOME Investment Partnerships Program funds ("HOME Funds") received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") under Title II of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990, as amended (the "Act") and 24 CFR Part 92.

WVHDF is the administrator of national Housing Trust Fund Program funding ("HTF Funds") received from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") under Title I of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 (the "Act") and regulations at 24 CFR Part 93.

Q4

Does your organization provide any services or programs for the following?

Other (please specify):

HOME and HTF

Q5

What clientele does your program(s) serve?

Low-Income,

Other (please specify):

Very Low-Income and Extremely Low-Income

Q6

What are the unmet social service and human service needs in the City of Huntington?

Unmet social service and human service needs exist for those experiencing homelessness.

Q7

What are the unmet housing needs in the City of Huntington?

Unmet housing needs exist for safe, decent, sanitary affordable residential rental housing serving those who earn at or below 60% AMI.

Q8

What are the unmet community development needs in the City of Huntington? (i.e. public facility improvements, infrastructure improvements, public safety, etc.)

I am not acquainted with the City of Huntington's unmet community development needs.

Q9

Does your organization have plans to add any new programs or to expand existing programs? Please describe.

The expansion or contraction of WVHDF's HOME and HTF programs is related to the finding awarded by HUD.

Q10

Does your organization have plans to add new facilities or perform renovations on existing facilities? Please describe.

WVHDF does not have plans to add new facilities or perform renovations on existing facilities.

Q11

Do you have any other comments or suggestions for the Five Year Consolidated Plan?

Many thanks to the City of Huntington for the work performed using HUD CPD funds.

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Q1

What is the name of your organization?

Ebenezer Medical Outreach, Inc

Q2

What is your name and job title?

Dan Hager, Executive Director

Q3

Please provide a brief description of programs your organization provides:

Free and charitable primary care, pharmacy, dental care, and more for the uninsured and underserved

Q4

Public Health

Does your organization provide any services or programs for the following?

Q5

What clientele does your program(s) serve?

**Low-Income,
Neighborhood/Target Areas,**
Other (please specify):
Uninsured

Q6

What are the unmet social service and human service needs in the City of Huntington?

Access to vision and dental care. These create major barriers to employment and lead to medical issues when unaddressed

Q7

What are the unmet housing needs in the City of Huntington?

Abandoned properties creating public health and safety issues, as well as affecting property values and community perceptions

Q8

What are the unmet community development needs in the City of Huntington? (i.e. public facility improvements, infrastructure improvements, public safety, etc.)

Vacant commercial properties needing redevelopment

Q9

Does your organization have plans to add any new programs or to expand existing programs? Please describe.

Ebenezer's new patient appointments grew by 300% in 2024, the majority of whom were uninsured individuals in the labor force. Growth has continued in 2025 with more anticipated. Ebenezer's dental program for the uninsured grew 78% in 2024, with additional growth targeted in 2025 with increased volunteer dentists and outreach to veterans. Ebenezer has proposed a project to the Pallottine Foundation that could provide through periodic outreach events low-cost prescription strength glasses for those needing same day assistance.

Q10

Does your organization have plans to add new facilities or perform renovations on existing facilities? Please describe.

Ebenezer is exploring a potential renovation to its Dental Clinic to add a third chair to increase capacity.

Q11

Do you have any other comments or suggestions for the Five Year Consolidated Plan?

There are 5,200 uninsured adults in Cabell County. Most of the uninsured work (their income keeps them from qualifying for Medicaid). Any federal or state changes to Medicaid could impact the situation considerably.

That's just health insurance: dental and vision coverage rates are considerably worse. These areas affect overall health and create major barriers for people in recovery specifically.

HIV is also a continuing issue for the community, and not just among the substance use disorder population.

Thank you for the chance to contribute.

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Q1

What is the name of your organization?

RenewAll

Q2

What is your name and job title?

Lauren Kemp, Executive Director

Q3

Please provide a brief description of programs your organization provides:

RenewAll is the non-profit developer leading the transformation of Central City and the West Huntington Neighborhood. Our vision is to spark transformative community change in West Huntington by weaving history, community, and culture into vibrant new experiences.

RenewAll seeks to lead real estate development projects that leverage private investment and programs that create economic opportunity through entrepreneurship. RenewAll's approach is systems-oriented and dynamic to ensure community-identified needs are incorporated into programs and new development projects.

Q4

Does your organization provide any services or programs for the following?

**Community Development,
Planning,
Economic Development**

Q5

What clientele does your program(s) serve?

**Low-Income,
Neighborhood/Target Areas,**
Other (please specify):
Small Business owners, new and existing

Q6

What are the unmet social service and human service needs in the City of Huntington?

There is a strong network of service providers, but not enough resources to provide 24-hour access to the network of services. Better coordination and more availability will improve performance.

Q7

What are the unmet housing needs in the City of Huntington?

The City must create guidelines to attract new build housing for purchase and rent, including multi-family. The fact that this city has land is an extremely valuable resource, and a policy about density and the highest and best land use for economic development return is needed. Housing has to fit the site, and we must be creative in matching the historic density with modern buyer and renter demands. We should not allow buildings with 3-bed-2-bath ranch-style houses in historic neighborhoods to take up three lots. 1 house vs 3 houses, which is a better return on investment? Being proactive will enable good development and provide a container to reject bad development.

Also, we need to focus on supply and create a tactical plan to meet the numbers presented in the City's Housing Needs Assessment. We need a vision and a specific and measurable plan that addresses the supply, because this is the leverage point for greater equity.

Q8

What are the unmet community development needs in the City of Huntington? (i.e. public facility improvements, infrastructure improvements, public safety, etc.)

Clean, safe, bright. The City should consider systematic ways to pick up litter, clean streets and sidewalks, maintain parks, buildings and commercial facades through partnership, and introduce infrastructure plans that create walkable, well-lit areas and improve the underground infrastructure.

Q9

Does your organization have plans to add any new programs or to expand existing programs? Please describe.

RenewAll would like to help create a systematic approach to increasing the housing supply, where the materials, builders, what are the policies and incentives to meet the housing needs assessment gaps.

RenewAll would also like to work on a new build housing concept that could be a live-work studio for artists adjacent to the Central City commercial district. This would support development plans for the district and create a supportive amenity focused on attracting creative entrepreneurs. We want to promote this concept as a replicable strategy to take on a full development block as one project.

Q10

Does your organization have plans to add new facilities or perform renovations on existing facilities? Please describe.

RenewAll plans to renovate a commercial historic property in the Central City District in the next five years. It will be a hub for entrepreneurship and host a local history museum that can provide visitor services for tourism.

Q11

Do you have any other comments or suggestions for the Five Year Consolidated Plan?

Focus on the supply of housing and the enabling environment.

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Q1

What is the name of your organization?

Full Gospel Assembly

Q2

What is your name and job title?

Samuel R. Moore, Pastor

Q3

Please provide a brief description of programs your organization provides:

Faith Based spiritual and personal growth developmental services. Support groups for adult men, adult women, youth, grief support (GriefShare) academic tutoring services, end of life emotional support, hospital and home visitation for infirmed, reference to recovery agencies, re-entry support for individual and families. Several of our offerings are from partnering with other agencies.

Q4

Does your organization provide any services or programs for the following?

Social/Human Services,
Community Development,
Public Health,
Housing Payments,
Job Training,
Justice/Corrections

Q5

What clientele does your program(s) serve?

**Low-Income,
Incarcerated Individuals,
Neighborhood/Target Areas,
Disabled,
Children/Youth,
Domestic Violence Victims,
Families,
Elderly,
Homeless**

Q6

What are the unmet social service and human service needs in the City of Huntington?

Economic literacy for youth; pathway programs for public housing residents to "move up"; enhanced law enforcement readiness

Q7

What are the unmet housing needs in the City of Huntington?

"Real" safe and affordable housing for struggling working families.

Q8

What are the unmet community development needs in the City of Huntington? (i.e. public facility improvements, infrastructure improvements, public safety, etc.)

collapsed/blocked sewer drain issues, tree roots invading sewer lines; adequate education on the development and use of green spaces particularly in depressed neighborhoods

Q9

Does your organization have plans to add any new programs or to expand existing programs? Please describe.

We have communication skills development (verbal and graphic) as a goal but unfortunately no concrete plans at present.

Q10

Does your organization have plans to add new facilities or perform renovations on existing facilities? Please describe.

We would love to access adequate facilities to produce programming but we lack financial and human resources at this time.

Q11

Do you have any other comments or suggestions for the Five Year Consolidated Plan?

City wide access to no cost internet would benefit our citizens. Rudimentary technology tutoring for the aged would also help.



STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS

List of Organizations, Agencies and Stakeholders to Interview for the FY 2025-2029 Five Year Consolidated Plan and FY 2025 Annual Action Plan for the City of Huntington, WV

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	Steve M. Murray, Assistant Director	304-526-8551	steve.murray@ccems.org
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Homeless			
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Huntington FY 2025-2029 Five Year Consolidated Plan

Homeless Agencies and Organizations

April 22, 2025, 9:00 AM

Attendance:

- Karl Haglund, Urban Design Ventures, LLC
- Andrew Stephens, Urban Design Ventures, LLC
- Melinda Midkiff, City of Huntington Department of Development
- Cathy Burns, City of Huntington Department of Development
- Angela Miller, Huntington VA Hospital
- Angie Holloway, Huntington Housing Authority
- Jacki Woods, Harmony House
- Mitch Webb, Huntington City Mission

Meeting Summary:

Karl Haglund introduced the meeting by explaining the Five Year Consolidated Plan process and giving a short overview about the HUD CDBG, HOME and ESG programs. All of the group members had experience with aspects of these programs. He noted that during the FY 2020-2024 Five Year Consolidated Plan period the City received annual allocations of about \$1.6 million in CDBG funding, \$580,000 in HOME funding and \$146,000 in ESG funding.

Summary:

Homelessness

Angela noted that many landlords are leaving the rental market, exacerbating the shortage of safe housing options and increasing poverty-driven homelessness. This trend has particularly impacted veterans and individuals with substance abuse and mental health issues. Melinda pointed out the rising rates of youth homelessness and the specific challenges faced by youth aging out of foster care. The group discussed the complexities of meeting the diverse needs of these vulnerable populations, including the necessity for specialized programs and housing solutions.

Further discussions included the importance of accessible housing and the financial barriers faced by low-income individuals, such as high security deposits and first month's rent. The need for efficiency units and one-bedroom apartments was emphasized, particularly for those qualifying for vouchers. The group also explored the potential for innovative housing solutions, such as energy-efficient developments and transitional housing, to support individuals moving from unsheltered situations. Additionally, the conversation touched on economic development needs, including job creation and training, as well as the importance of permanent utility assistance programs to prevent evictions and improve outcomes for the homeless population.

Huntington Consolidated Plan Discussion on Homeless Services

Karl Haglund led a discussion addressing the needs of the homeless population. He outlined the funding sources available, including CDBG, HOME, and ESG, and highlighted the necessity of a comprehensive approach to planning that accommodates potential changes in funding. Participants were encouraged to share their insights on the needs they observe within their respective organizations.

Addressing Housing Stability and Supportive Services

Angie Holloway discussed the critical issue of maintaining housing stability for clients, stressing that while housing can be provided, the real challenge lies in keeping individuals housed. She pointed out that many clients abandon their homes due to utility shutoffs and called for more supportive services to assist them. Karl Haglund and Angela Miller supported her views, with Angela mentioning the importance of clinical case management in preventing evictions.

Challenges in Affordable Housing and Homelessness

Angela Miller discussed the challenges of finding affordable housing in the area, particularly as landlords sell properties for higher profits, which affects the availability of safe units. She noted that many veterans they assist have substance abuse issues, which are often linked to untreated mental health problems. Additionally, there has been an influx of individuals relocating to the area, including older veterans, due to rising living costs elsewhere.

Discussion on Housing Challenges for Youth Aging Out of Foster Care

Melinda Midkiff discussed the unique challenges of housing youth aging out of foster care, pointing out that West Virginia has the highest number of youth in foster care in the country. Jacki Woods supported this by noting the distinct needs of these youth compared to adults. Angie Holloway mentioned the Family Unification Program, which targets youth aging out of foster care, and Karl Haglund inquired about demographic trends among these youth.

Discussion on Homeless Services and Housing Needs

Mitch Webb pointed out the significant issue of managing the mental hygiene process for homeless individuals, while also noting a rise in family homelessness. Jacki Woods discussed the unpredictability of family stays in shelters, making it hard to estimate waiting lists. Karl Haglund contributed to the conversation by mentioning the transient nature of some individuals seeking shelter.

Discussion on Housing Needs and Barriers for Homeless Individuals

Jacki Woods discussed the necessity of efficiency units and one-bedroom apartments for single individuals relying on vouchers. Angela Miller pointed out that accessible housing is in demand, but many individuals struggle with high security deposits and initial rent costs, making it difficult for them to secure housing. She noted that even with assistance from agencies, the financial barriers remain significant.

Housing and Mental Health Needs in Huntington

The conversation focused on the housing needs of vulnerable populations, with Karl Haglund asking about specific requirements for families and individuals with special needs. Jacki Woods pointed out the challenges of accessing high-rise housing and the long waitlists for disabled individuals. Angela Miller emphasized the critical shortage of beds in domestic violence shelters and the need for more mental health facilities, echoing concerns about individuals being discharged from state hospitals without adequate support.

Discussion on Housing Solutions for Homeless Services

Angela Miller highlighted the positive impact of Habitat for Humanity houses on individuals' stability, noting that mortgage payments are often less than half of previous rent costs. Melinda Midkiff explained the complexities of the city's demolition program, where original owners keep ownership of lots, and discussed the need for loan and lien forgiveness to facilitate property transfers. Both emphasized the importance of creating stable, affordable housing solutions.

Creative Solutions for Housing and Transitional Support

Melinda Midkiff discussed the importance of energy-efficient housing solutions, such as solar panels, to help residents manage high utility costs. She pointed out that many neighborhoods have opportunities for development, especially in areas with numerous demolitions. Angela Miller and Jacki Woods supported the idea of transitional housing to assist individuals in acclimating to stable living situations, noting the lengthy adjustment period for those previously unsheltered.

Economic Development and Community Needs Discussion

Karl Haglund led a discussion on economic development, asking for input on job creation and training needs. Jacki Woods pointed out the difficulties faced by homeless individuals in obtaining jobs due to stigma and low wages. The group also discussed the importance of establishing permanent utility assistance programs to avoid issues stemming from temporary rental assistance, which can lead to evictions.

Next steps:

- Karl Haglund will provide an overview of the funding sources for CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs.

- Angie Holloway will follow up on the need for supportive services for clients after they are housed.
- Mitch Webb will discuss the mental hygiene process for clients with the relevant authorities.
- Jacki Woods will inquire about the status of the ACT team from the SAMHSA grants.
- Angela Miller will explore the possibility of creating more affordable housing options in the community.

Housing Agencies and Organizations

April 22, 2025, 11:00 AM

Attendance:

- Chris Fletcher, UDV
- Andrew Stephens, UDV
- Melinda Midkiff, City
- Shannon Stephens, City
- Larry Ellis, Jr., Housing Authority of Huntington
- Katie Keefer, Religious Coalition for Community Renewal
- Cathy Colby, West Virginia Housing Development Fund

Meeting Summary:

The discussion focused on the pressing housing needs in Huntington, highlighting the significant waiting list for Section 8 and public housing, which stands at approximately 5,500 individuals. Larry Ellis Jr. emphasized the financial burdens faced by landlords due to property damage from difficult tenants and the aging condition of existing housing stock, despite meeting inspection standards. The conversation also touched on community development needs, including improvements in accessibility and public spaces, while noting the lack of affordable childcare services.

Katie Keefer identified a demand for more single-family homes and smaller rental developments, advocating for easier access to funding for smaller developers. Cathy Colby provided insights on the state-level need for rental housing, particularly accessible units, and the potential for meeting this demand through new construction or rehabilitation of existing properties.

The meeting also addressed broader social service needs, with significant gaps identified in mental health and substance use recovery services. Keefer raised concerns about the poor condition of sidewalks affecting accessibility, while Cathy Burns highlighted the challenges of inadequate student housing and high construction costs. The discussion included the impact of the Nucor Steel plant in Mason County on housing demand, with Shannon Stephens noting that new employees would likely commute from various locations.

The need for innovative approaches to property development and financial literacy programs for potential homebuyers was emphasized. The meeting concluded with a recognition of the challenges posed by reduced HUD funding and the importance of continued collaboration among stakeholders to address housing and social service needs in the community.

Housing Needs and Opportunities in Huntington

Larry Ellis Jr. discussed the critical need for wraparound services to support housing in Huntington, citing the financial strain on landlords from property damage. He mentioned that the city has a substantial waiting list for Section 8 and public housing, indicating a high demand for affordable housing. Additionally, he acknowledged the aging housing stock but noted that most landlords comply with necessary inspections because the Housing Authority holds their purse strings. He had less experience with landlords who do not take part in Section 8 voucher activities.

Housing Needs and Opportunities in Huntington

Katie Keefer discussed unmet housing needs in Huntington, advocating for increased single-family home development and smaller rental units, as well as the rehabilitation of existing structures. She noted that student housing does not significantly impact the local housing market. Cathy Colby emphasized the need for rental housing supply at the state level, particularly for accessible units, whether through new construction or the rehab of existing properties.

Housing and Social Services Needs in Huntington

Katie Keefer expressed concerns about the condition of sidewalks and the need for better infrastructure in Huntington, which affects accessibility. Cathy Burns noted that student housing quality is lacking while costs remain high, indicating a disparity in what landlords provide. Katie Keefer and Larry Ellis Jr. discussed the critical need for improved social services, particularly in mental health and case management, to support vulnerable populations effectively.

Employment Opportunities and Housing Challenges in Huntington

Cathy Colby from WVHDF discussed the critical need for living wage jobs and affordable housing in Huntington, suggesting that improved employment could alleviate childcare needs. Katie Keefer identified credit scores and down payments as significant barriers for homebuyers, particularly those relying on fixed incomes. Both emphasized the necessity for enhanced financial literacy to support potential homeowners.

Discussion on Housing Needs Related to Nucor Steel Plant

Cathy Colby from WVHDF highlighted the success of scattered site housing developments, and discussed the housing needs of incoming industry particularly in relation to the new Nucor Steel plant in Apple Grove, Mason County, WV. Melinda Midkiff from the City of Huntington mentioned that the economic development representative would have more insights on housing needs. Shannon Stephens noted that developers believe there is pent-up demand for housing, and employees will likely commute to Nucor and other employers from nearby areas, including Cabell County.

Stakeholder Feedback and Funding Challenges

Chris expressed gratitude to Cathy and Katie for their efforts and invited further input via a stakeholder survey. Cathy emphasized the difficulty of meeting housing needs in Huntington and the state due to

limited financial resources, while also acknowledging the challenges posed by federal regulations. Melinda agreed with this sentiment, reinforcing the funding issues faced by the community.

Next Steps:

- Larry Ellis Jr. will provide insights on the unmet needs in housing and community development for the next five years.
- Katie Keefer will explore opportunities for single-family home development and smaller scale rental development in Huntington.
- Cathy Colby will assess the need for accessible rental units across the board in Huntington.
- Katie Keefer will investigate the potential for utility assistance programs to support low-income tenants and property owners.
- Chris Fletcher will ensure that stakeholder surveys are distributed to gather additional input for the Five Year Consolidated Plan.

Social Services 1

April 22, 2025, 2:00 PM

Attendance:

- Andrew Stephens, UDV
- Karl Haglund, UDV
- Melinda Midkiff, City
- Dan Hager, Ebenezer Medical Outreach
- Rory Chapman, FaithHealth Appalachia (Marshall Health Network)
- Gene Preston, Recovery Point
- Leah Cook, Recovery Point
- Seth Brown, Recovery Point
- Brandon Scarberry, Recovery Point
- Jedd Flowers, United Way of the River Cities
- Dr. Michael Kilkenny, Cabell County Health Department

Meeting Summary:

The discussion centered on Huntington's Five Year Consolidated Plan and the allocation of federal grant funding to address community needs. Karl Haglund emphasized the necessity of identifying these needs to ensure effective use of resources. Participants included Melinda Midkiff, Jed Flowers, Rory Chapman, Gene Preston, Dan Hager, and Michael Kilkenny, who collectively highlighted their organizations' roles in providing health and social services to the community.

Key issues addressed included the pressing housing needs in Huntington, with Gene Preston advocating for sober living housing to support individuals in recovery. Dan Hager pointed out the prevalence of abandoned properties and their negative impact on residents' health, while Jed Flowers raised concerns about the effects of economic development on affordable housing for low-income individuals and seniors. Rory Chapman discussed the challenges faced by elderly homeowners lacking insurance and introduced a program aimed at improving mobility for those recovering from medical procedures. The group also recognized the critical shortage of dental services in West Virginia and the broader implications of poor oral health on mental well-being and employment.

The conversation extended to community development needs, including infrastructure improvements and public safety concerns related to abandoned buildings. Michael Kilkenny highlighted ongoing flooding issues, while Rory Chapman and Kilkenny stressed the importance of raising household incomes in Huntington, noting significant income disparities. The complexities of wage increases and their potential impact on essential benefits were discussed, along with the need for regional collaboration to

enhance economic development. The meeting concluded with a focus on addressing interconnected challenges to improve the overall well-being of the community.

Karl Haglund explained that the meeting focuses on the city of Huntington's Five Year Consolidated Plan, which is necessary for receiving federal funding such as CDBG, HOME, and ESG grants. He noted that the city must assess community needs and prioritize projects based on these needs to effectively utilize the funds. The current funding allocations for the upcoming year were also mentioned.

Karl Haglund led a conversation on housing needs in Huntington, with Gene Preston emphasizing the importance of sober living facilities for individuals in recovery. Dan Hager noted the prevalence of abandoned and distressed properties, which contribute to poor health outcomes for residents. Jedd from United Way pointed out the rising costs of housing due to economic development, particularly affecting low-income individuals and seniors.

Housing Challenges and Support Initiatives

Rory Chapman discussed the prevalence of homeowners without insurance, which complicates their ability to manage home repairs after incidents like fires or fallen trees. He also shared details about a new initiative, the "ramps for neighbors" program, aimed at installing temporary ramps for individuals needing assistance due to medical conditions. This program not only addresses immediate mobility needs but also reduces reliance on emergency services for transportation.

Oral Health and Social Services Needs in West Virginia

Dan Hager discussed the challenges faced by West Virginians in accessing dental care, particularly for those on Medicaid and the uninsured. He pointed out that a significant portion of the population lacks dental insurance, leading to severe health consequences. Jedd echoed the need for a holistic approach to community needs, emphasizing the interconnectedness of housing, employment, and healthcare.

Mental Health Services Discussion

Rory Chapman discussed the current state of mental health services, emphasizing the need for more resources and providers in the community. He mentioned the crisis intervention team in Huntington but noted that he is not an expert on their specific criteria for intervention. Chapman suggested that if Jan Rader were present, she could provide more insight into the effectiveness of existing programs.

Discussion on Homelessness and Shelter Services

Andrew Stephens and Karl Haglund discussed the funding available for homelessness services, with Karl outlining the different sources and their intended uses. Michael Kilkenny noted the rising number of unhoused individuals and emphasized the importance of establishing a low barrier shelter to provide immediate support and connect individuals to necessary services. Jedd Flowers expressed concern over the growing poverty levels and the potential for increased homelessness.

Community Development and Infrastructure Needs

Karl Haglund initiated a conversation about community development needs, covering topics like park enhancements and flood control. Michael Kilkenny pointed out persistent flooding issues, especially in the Four Pole Creek area, while Dan Hager celebrated recent infrastructure improvements that have made the city more pedestrian-friendly. Rory Chapman added that better infrastructure could enhance public transportation access and overall community well-being.

Economic Development and Housing Challenges in Huntington

Rory Chapman and Michael Kilkenny discussed the necessity of increasing household incomes in Huntington, noting the stark difference between local and national median incomes. Dan Hager highlighted the detrimental effects of wage increases on Medicaid eligibility, which often discourages workers from seeking raises. Jedd Flowers suggested that regional partnerships could help address economic development challenges.

Next Steps:

- Gene Preston will apply for guaranteed funds and forgivable loans to expand sober living housing.
- Rory Chapman will provide more details about the Ramps for Neighbors program to Melinda Midkiff.
- Dan Hager will explore the need for more dental and vision care services in the community.
- Karl Haglund will send out a resident survey to gather more information on community needs.
- Andrew Stephens will send out an agency survey to gather further thoughts from participants.

Mayor's Office

April 22, 2025, 2:30 PM

Attendance:

- Chris Fletcher, UDV
- Melinda Midkiff, City Department of Development
- Mayor Patrick Farrell, City of Huntington

Meeting Summary:

The discussion centered on gathering stakeholder input for Huntington's Five Year Consolidated Plan, which is required by HUD. Chris Fletcher from Urban Design emphasized the importance of community engagement in identifying unmet needs and opportunities for federal funding. Mayor Patrick Farrell highlighted critical issues in public safety, particularly concerning drug-related problems and homelessness.

He expressed concerns about the city's housing demands, particularly for affordable options for students at Marshall University, and noted the need for approximately 400 additional student housing units. The conversation also touched on the city's recent funding allocations and the uncertainty of future federal budget approvals, which could affect planning timelines.

Farrell elaborated on the city's initiatives to combat homelessness, including the development of a new emergency shelter that will offer medical and mental health services. He underscored the importance of investing in community facilities and enhancing public spaces, particularly in historically neglected areas. The discussion also included the city's rental registration program and the challenges faced in maintaining adequate code inspections due to funding constraints.

Farrell outlined Huntington's economic development strategies, focusing on revitalizing the Highlawn neighborhood, addressing food deserts in the Northcott area, and fostering an innovation district near Marshall University. He concluded by stressing the need for federal funding for homeless services and the implementation of new public safety metrics and technologies to improve community safety.

Huntington Consolidated Plan Interview with Mayor Farrell

Chris Fletcher from Urban Design outlined the objectives of the meeting, focusing on the preparation of a Five Year Consolidated Plan for the city of Huntington. He emphasized the need for stakeholder input to identify unmet needs and potential areas for development, particularly in housing. Mayor Patrick Farrell acknowledged the challenges related to public safety, specifically concerning drugs and homelessness.

Housing Needs and Development Strategies in Huntington

Patrick Farrell outlined the housing challenges in Huntington, noting the necessity for more affordable housing options, including student accommodations for Marshall University. He mentioned the potential for collaboration with the Huntington Area Development Corporation and local developers to incentivize housing development. Farrell also pointed out the unique pressures on the housing market due to the presence of commuter students.

Addressing Homelessness and Community Development Needs

Patrick Farrell outlined the city's initiative to establish a new emergency shelter that will offer not only overnight accommodations but also long-term support services for the homeless. He highlighted the importance of investing in community facilities, such as the A.D. Lewis Center, to better serve low-income families and youth. Additionally, he noted the need for improved public spaces and accessibility, particularly in neglected areas.

Rental Registration and Code Inspection Challenges

Chris Fletcher asked Melinda Midkiff and Patrick Farrell about the city's rental registration program and its inspection frequency. They confirmed that inspections occur approximately every three years and noted that the capacity of the public works department affects this process. Patrick highlighted the need for more code inspectors, attributing the shortage to funding and retention challenges.

Economic Development Initiatives in Huntington

Patrick Farrell outlined Huntington's economic development initiatives, focusing on three main areas. The Highlawn neighborhood aims to attract light manufacturing, while the Northcott area seeks to address socio-economic challenges and food desert issues with the help of private foundations and the A.D. Lewis Center. The Innovation District, adjacent to Marshall University, is expected to thrive with minimal assistance due to strong federal and private support.

Fair Housing and Public Safety Initiatives

Patrick Farrell addressed fair housing challenges, indicating that the main concerns are related to sober living homes rather than widespread discrimination. He highlighted the critical need for federal funding to support homeless services and outlined his priorities, which include public safety, infrastructure, and economic development. Farrell also mentioned plans to enhance public safety metrics and community perception through new initiatives.

Next Steps:

- Patrick Farrell will explore options for incentivizing local developers to invest in housing projects in Huntington.
- Patrick Farrell will oversee the renovation of a city-owned property to create a new emergency shelter with comprehensive services for the homeless.

- Chris Fletcher will follow up on the inspection schedule and related details with the relevant parties involved.
- Patrick Farrell will follow up on the rental registration program to ensure compliance and inspection frequency.

Social Services 2

April 23, 2025, 9:00 AM

Attendance:

- Chris Fletcher, UDV
- Andrew Stephens, UDV
- Melinda Midkiff, City of Huntington Department of Development
- Jan Rader, City of Huntington, Senior Advisor to the Mayor
- Angela Adams, Mountain State Center for Independent Living
- Olivia Meade, Lily's Place
- Mark Phillips, Catholic Charities of West Virginia

Meeting Summary:

The discussion focused on the development of Huntington's Five Year Consolidated Plan and annual action plan for FY 2025, with Chris Fletcher and Andy Stephens from Urban Design Ventures outlining their consulting role. They presented the funding sources, which include approximately \$1.6 million in community development block grant funds, \$580,000 in home funds, and \$146,000 from the Emergency Solutions Grant. Emphasizing the importance of community engagement, Chris encouraged participants to contribute insights through resident surveys and stakeholder questionnaires to identify unmet needs and opportunities for the upcoming years. Melinda Midkiff from the city also introduced her role in administering these funds.

Participants from various organizations, including Mark Phillips from Catholic Charities and Angela Adams from Mountain State Centers for Independent Living, highlighted critical social issues in Huntington. Angela specifically addressed the unmet housing needs of the disability community, while Jan Rader echoed concerns about high rental prices and the necessity for affordable housing options. The discussion also touched on the need for wraparound services to support vulnerable individuals in maintaining stable housing. Olivia from Lily's Place raised concerns about the lack of transitional living options for women, particularly those who are pregnant or parenting, indicating a significant demand for services and the ethical implications of discharging women without suitable housing.

The meeting further explored the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities and the need for improved accessibility in public spaces, as highlighted by Angela. Mark Phillips pointed out the importance of transitional housing to prevent homelessness and the necessity for supportive services to assist individuals in securing stable living situations. The group collectively recognized the need for better transportation options, affordable childcare, and a strategic approach to community development that prioritizes key issues and fosters collaboration among local providers. Angela emphasized the importance

of making Huntington more attractive to outside businesses to enhance investment opportunities, suggesting coordinated efforts to improve the community's overall environment.

Introduction to the Huntington Consolidated Plan

Chris Fletcher and Andy Stephens from Urban Design Ventures discussed their collaboration with the city of Huntington on the Five Year Consolidated Plan and annual action plan for FY 2025. They highlighted the importance of community engagement and data analysis in identifying goals and priorities for utilizing federal funds, which include Community Development Block Grants, HOME funds, and the Emergency Solutions Grant.

Mark Phillips, CEO of Catholic Charities, discussed his participation in community meetings and the organization's presence in Huntington. Angela Adams, president and CEO of Mountain States for Independent Living, emphasized their mission to support individuals with disabilities across 19 counties. Olivia Meade from Lily's Place described their family-based services for those affected by substance use, while Jan Rader, a senior advisor to Mayor Farrell, shared her extensive experience in addressing homelessness and substance use issues in Huntington.

Housing Needs and Opportunities in Huntington

Angela Adams discussed the difficulties the disability community encounters in securing housing, particularly due to limited availability and long waiting lists. Jan Rader pointed out the high rental prices in Huntington and the need for more middle-income and supportive housing, as well as mental health services to assist vulnerable residents. Jan Rader also mentioned ongoing efforts to establish a permanent low barrier shelter in the community.

Transitional Living Needs for Women at Lilly's Place

The critical need for transitional living arrangements for women at Lilly's Place who are completing their treatment programs was highlighted. Many of these women are pregnant or parenting and require a supportive environment as they transition to independent living. The waitlist for their treatment program continues to grow, with over 20 women currently seeking admission, emphasizing the urgent need for housing solutions.

Housing Challenges and Solutions in Huntington

Mark Phillips discussed the significant lack of housing options for lower middle-income residents in Huntington. He pointed out the importance of establishing low barrier shelters and transitional housing to assist individuals at risk of homelessness, such as those recently evicted or discharged from hospitals. Phillips noted that these solutions could help prevent homelessness by providing temporary accommodations and support.

Social Services Needs and Opportunities

Olivia pointed out the significant demand for behavioral health services for children, noting that their Children's Center is often at capacity and that there is a long waitlist for such services in Cabell County. Mark addressed the difficulties faced by families, particularly grandparents, in finding affordable childcare, which is crucial for those reentering the workforce. He also mentioned the need for advocacy regarding benefits cliffs that discourage employment. Jan emphasized the necessity of expanding wraparound services to help individuals maintain housing and avoid returning to homelessness.

Community Development and Economic Opportunities in Huntington

Angela pointed out the challenges faced by individuals with disabilities in navigating Huntington, particularly the need for audible signals at crosswalks. Mark noted the demand for educational programming for children and accessible transportation for those in recovery. Jan and Olivia stressed the importance of creating more job opportunities and upward mobility for clients, especially single parents, while also addressing the need for affordable childcare options.

Huntington's Business Appeal and Community Support

Angela discussed the challenges Huntington faces in attracting new businesses, noting the need for a more appealing environment and potential tax incentives. She shared her efforts to improve her business's appearance to create a welcoming atmosphere for clients. Mark suggested that a more strategic approach to funding and collaboration among local providers could better address community issues and spur development.

Next Steps:

- Andy Stephens will send out stakeholder questionnaires to participants for completion online to gather community input for the Five Year Consolidated Plan.
- Angela Adams will share a list of locations needing audible traffic signals with Melinda Midkiff to improve accessibility for individuals with disabilities.

Economic Development

April 23, 2025, 11:00 AM

Attendance:

- Chris Fletcher, UDV
- Andrew Stephens, UDV
- Melinda Midkiff, City of Huntington Department of Development
- Chris Chiles, Region 2 Planning and Development Office and KYOVA Interstate Planning Commission
- Megan Archer, Huntington Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Marjorie Cooke, Advantage Valley, Inc.
- Adam Phillips, Huntington Area Development Council (HADCO)

Meeting Summary:

The discussion centered on the Five Year Consolidated Plan for the City of Huntington, essential for securing HUD funding. Chris outlined the city's annual funding from various federal programs, totaling approximately \$2.35 million, and emphasized the importance of community engagement through stakeholder meetings, surveys, and public hearings.

The meeting highlighted critical housing needs in Huntington, with Chris Chiles, Megan Archer, and Marjorie Cooke addressing the significant shortage of affordable housing. Marjorie pointed out a gap of 20,000 for-sale and 10,000 rental units, which poses challenges for economic development. Adam noted that while housing has not yet been a major topic in business attraction, it is expected to gain importance. The group acknowledged the complexities of infrastructure costs and the financial viability of housing projects, stressing the need for comprehensive support services and investment to improve residents' quality of life.

Infrastructure issues were further discussed, particularly the need for enhanced water systems in the Town of Wayne to support new housing developments. Chris Chiles explained the challenges of extending and replacing aging water and sewer systems, using Nucor's site as an example of how lack of public services can hinder development. Megan highlighted the struggles businesses face in finding attainable housing for employees, exacerbated by bidding wars and stormwater system issues that could deter new business attraction.

The conversation also covered community development opportunities, with Marjorie praising Huntington's arts community and Megan emphasizing the potential of cultural assets for economic growth. Adam addressed the pressing issue of blight and neighborhood safety, criticizing the management of local parks and the need for better connectivity. The discussion concluded with a focus

on talent attraction campaigns and the importance of engaging local educational institutions to address workforce needs, alongside strategies to enhance economic development and attract investment in housing.

Introduction and Overview of the Huntington Consolidated Plan

Chris Fletcher from Urban Design Ventures provided an overview of the meeting's purpose, which is to prepare the Five Year Consolidated Plan for the City of Huntington as mandated by HUD. He detailed the funding the city receives through various HUD programs and emphasized the importance of community engagement in identifying needs and priorities. The process includes stakeholder meetings, surveys, and public hearings.

Housing Needs and Opportunities in Huntington

Chris Chiles and Megan Archer addressed the pressing housing needs in Huntington, noting the shortage of affordable options and the impact on vulnerable populations. Marjorie Cooke provided data indicating a gap of 20,000 for-sale housing units and 10,000 rental units across a ten-county area. Adam Phillips added that the challenges in attracting new businesses may be influenced by the lack of attainable housing.

Infrastructure Challenges and Housing Development

Adam Phillips noted that the Town of Wayne is collaborating with various groups to secure funding for water and sewer infrastructure improvements necessary for new housing developments. Chris Chiles elaborated on the aging infrastructure issues and the challenges in obtaining funding for upgrades without tangible projects. He provided an example of how a grant helped facilitate the development of a site for Nucor in Mason County.

Community Development Opportunities and Challenges

A conversation on community development was led, focusing on the facilities and programming that enhance community vibrancy. Marjorie praised the arts scene in Huntington, mentioning the Keith Albee Theater and Ritter Park. It was added by Megan that the area has strong cultural assets, but concerns were also noted about potential funding cuts for community programs.

Addressing Blight and Community Development in Huntington

Adam Phillips discussed the issues of blight and neighborhood safety in Huntington, pointing out the stark contrasts between different areas of the city. He expressed concern over the management and upkeep of Ritter Park, which has not recovered from recent flooding and ice storm events. Despite these challenges, he acknowledged the positive community initiatives and organizations that foster engagement among residents.

Unmet Needs in Downtown Living and Child Care Services

Chris Chiles pointed out that downtown living has become an unmet need in the community, referencing a market study that explored the relationship between residential and business development. Marjorie Cooke addressed the critical shortage of childcare spaces, noting that this gap hinders parents from participating in the workforce. She mentioned ongoing workshops aimed at strengthening childcare facilities and promoting in-home care options.

Social Services and Community Challenges in Huntington

Adam Phillips addressed the challenges of homelessness in Huntington, particularly the impact on local businesses like Fuchs Lubricants due to nearby encampments. He acknowledged the efforts of organizations such as Coalfield Development and the CORE program in providing workforce support and retraining for displaced workers. Additionally, he noted the pressing need for daycare services to accommodate various work shifts, which some companies are beginning to address.

Economic Development Needs and Opportunities

Chris Chiles pointed out that the arrival of Nucor in Mason County has created workforce challenges, as existing employees may leave for new opportunities. He stressed the importance of training programs, particularly at the Marshall Advanced Manufacturing Center. Adam Phillips added that attracting and retaining trained workers is crucial for economic development, and he underscored the value of partnerships between local educational institutions and businesses.

Economic Development Challenges in Huntington

Adam Phillips discussed the difficulties in fulfilling requests for industrial space in Huntington, citing a specific need for a rail-served 25,000-square-foot building that is currently unavailable. He mentioned that Nucor's significant leasing has reduced the market's available space, and emphasized the importance of developing new infrastructure, including a planned 60,000 square foot spec building. Marjorie Cooke echoed these concerns, particularly regarding the declining workforce in the area.

Talent Attraction and Economic Development Strategies

Marjorie Cooke discussed the importance of attracting talent to Huntington, suggesting that the Ascend West Virginia program could incentivize people to move to the region. Adam Phillips mentioned Marshall University's First Ascent initiative, which aims to retain recent graduates and support remote workers. Both speakers noted the positive impact of these programs on the local economy and workforce.

Parting Thoughts on Economic Development

Marjorie Cooke noted the critical role of capital in housing development and mentioned a recent meeting with D.R. Horton, a major housing contractor, to explore opportunities in the region. Adam Phillips added that despite a distressed economy and population decline, it is essential to convey a positive narrative to attract developers. Chris Chiles emphasized the importance of redeveloping the riverfront area for downtown revitalization.

Next Steps:

- Megan Archer will fill out the survey link that was sent in the initial calendar invite.
- Adam Phillips will reach out to housing developers to discuss the feasibility of new housing projects in the area.
- Chris Chiles will provide a link to a study regarding downtown living and housing needs.
- Chris Chiles will follow up on the redevelopment of the riverfront area to enhance downtown development.

Faith-Based Organizations 1

April 23, 2025, 2:00 PM

Attendance:

- Andrew Stephens, UDV
- Zachary Laros, UDV
- Melinda Midkiff, City
- Michael Greiner, Mission Tri-State and JobHub180
- Dave Greiner, Black Bear Development

Meeting Summary:

The City of Huntington is in the process of developing a Five Year Consolidated Plan to secure federal funding from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, with input from various stakeholders on housing and community development needs. Andrew Stephens and Zach Laros are helping the City of Huntington create this plan.

Dave Greider from Black Bear Development reported a zero vacancy rate for higher-end rental properties, indicating a significant gap in the housing market. Michael Greiner emphasized the challenges faced by individuals in recovery, particularly the necessity of stable housing to support job retention, highlighting the critical need for addressing these issues to enhance community well-being.

Wraparound services were identified as essential for helping clients maintain stability and reintegrate into society. Questions were raised by a conference room participant about the timeline for these services, stressing the importance of long-term support for recovery programs. Collaborative efforts among local organizations, including the Cabell County Coalition and Marshall Health, were discussed to improve care for individuals transitioning from treatment to recovery. Melinda Midkiff clarified that while the city does not directly fund recovery entities, HUD funds are allocated to support low- to moderate-income populations, underscoring the complexities of addressing homelessness and the need for a coordinated approach.

Dave Greiner outlined the difficulties in acquiring housing inventory in Huntington, noting that many desirable properties are held by reluctant sellers. He expressed interest in diversifying into low-income housing and is currently learning about the city's needs. Melinda mentioned a recent housing needs assessment indicating a significant shortage across all income levels, which could aid in understanding the local housing landscape. The conversation also touched on the challenges of acquiring abandoned properties and the city's demolition program, with Melinda advising on resources available for property information.

Transportation options for individuals in recovery were highlighted as a pressing concern, with Michael explaining that inadequate services can lead to job loss and increased relapse risk. He shared an initiative for vocational training that fell through due to funding issues, advocating for city investment to create training opportunities. Frustration was expressed by a conference room participant over the lack of financial support for proposed programs despite available funds, while Andrew explained the competitive nature of the Community Development Block Grant process. The discussion concluded with a focus on community development needs, the importance of collaboration among organizations, and the potential role of the faith community in addressing local challenges, including transportation and city cleanliness.

Huntington Consolidated Plan - Stakeholder Input on Housing Needs

Andrew Stephens and Zachary Laros are working with the City of Huntington to develop a Five Year Consolidated Plan required for federal funding. They highlighted the need for stakeholder input on various issues, including housing and community development. Dave Greiner, a real estate developer, noted a significant demand for higher-tier rental properties in Huntington, while Michael Greiner emphasized the challenges faced by individuals in recovery regarding job stability and affordable housing.

Wraparound Services and Program Duration

The necessity of wraparound services to support clients in achieving stability was emphasized. Questions were raised about the duration of these services, with a suggestion that a longer timeframe might be beneficial. It was noted that many agencies agree that short-term recovery programs are insufficient, and successful programs often require ongoing support for up to three years.

Collaboration on Homelessness and Recovery Services

The importance of partnerships to enhance support for those transitioning from treatment to stable employment and housing was emphasized by a conference room participant. Melinda Midkiff clarified that the city does not currently provide financial support to recovery entities and that HUD funds are designated for low to moderate income individuals. The discussion highlighted the need for a collaborative approach to address homelessness and recovery services.

Job Hub 180 and Employment Support for Recovery Community

Mike Greider explained the purpose of Job Hub 180, which he co-runs with Michael Dudley, focusing on helping individuals in recovery find employment. The organization partners with various companies to facilitate hiring and create supportive work environments, while also managing the risks associated with employing individuals in recovery. They provide services such as transportation and training to both employers and employees.

Discussion on Property Acquisition and Economic Development in Huntington

Dave Greiner shared insights on the difficulties faced in purchasing housing inventory in Huntington, particularly due to sellers unwilling to sell dilapidated properties. He expressed a desire to explore low-

income housing options and the potential for collaboration with the city. Melinda Midkiff provided information about a housing needs assessment that reveals a shortage of housing at all income levels, which could be beneficial for Dave's development efforts. He inquired about acquiring abandoned properties in Huntington, emphasizing the advantages of restoring them rather than demolishing them. Melinda Midkiff clarified that the city does not take possession of properties after demolition and does not share lists of properties due to vandalism concerns. She recommended that Dave monitor the city's unsafe building commission meetings for information on property owners and potential acquisition opportunities.

Transportation and Employment Challenges for Individuals in Recovery

Michael discussed the significant transportation challenges faced by individuals in recovery, stating that without reliable transport, they risk losing their jobs and relapsing. He mentioned that programs such as Recovery Point's Wheels for Recovery are effectively overwhelmed, and later in the meeting mentioned the possibility of churches lending their vehicles for job transport if the City was willing to guarantee their insurance.

Dave added that his organization is willing to hire individuals coming out of recovery provided they have the necessary skills. Michael voiced frustration regarding the inability to secure \$30-50,000 for a proposed skilled trades job training program for persons in recovery, despite apparent significant available funds from the city and county. Andrew detailed the CDBG application process, noting that funding is highly competitive and primarily aimed at low to moderate income individuals. Melinda added that funding must be limited to activities within Huntington, and that job training activities such as Mission Tri-State's proposal would fall under the 15% Public Service cap of funds. This effectively reduces the available funding to \$240,000 assuming Huntington receives the same allocation as in 2024. She noted that the City would release grant applications on Monday, April 28 and that Mission Tri-State could apply for CDBG funding at that time.

Strengths and Needs in Huntington's Community Development

Michael noted that a key strength in Huntington is the increasing collaboration among various groups, which he believes is essential for progress. He pointed out the need for attention to the flood wall, mentioning a proposal to replace part of it with a new technology that raises with the water. Michael also acknowledged the challenges related to homelessness, referencing discussions with Mitch Webb at the City Mission.

Addressing Chronic Homelessness and Personal Responsibility

Michael highlighted the issue of chronic homelessness, noting that some individuals may come to Huntington seeking services without the desire to change their circumstances. He advocated for a system that requires personal responsibility and initiative in order to receive help, suggesting that enabling those who do not want to change is counterproductive.

Engaging the Faith Community for Community Initiatives

Michael expressed the importance of activating the faith community to address local challenges such as transportation and city cleanliness. He proposed a program to help churches cover insurance costs for using their vans to transport people in need. Michael also suggested organizing a city cleanup day, which could mobilize significant volunteer support from churches. He offered to facilitate connections between the city and the faith community to enhance collaboration.

Next Steps:

- Dave Greider will explore the possibility of diversifying into lower-income housing options for the city of Huntington.
- Melinda Midkiff will provide information on the city's housing needs assessment to stakeholders interested in housing development.
- Michael Greiner will coordinate with employers to create an on-ramp for people in recovery to facilitate their hiring process.
- Michael Greiner will apply for CDBG funding to support the training program for individuals in recovery.

Faith-Based Organizations 2

April 24, 2025, 9:00 AM

Attendance:

- Andrew Stephens, UDV
- Zachary Laros, UDV
- Melinda Midkiff, City
- Rory Chapman, FaithHealth Appalachia and Redemption Church

Summary:

The discussion focused on enhancing engagement with local faith communities to better understand their services and social needs, particularly in relation to the Huntington Consolidated Plan. The group recognized the overlap between hospital and nonprofit services and community needs. Rory also addressed housing concerns, advocating for the maintenance of existing properties for elderly residents and questioning the narrative around housing availability, suggesting a need for clarity in discussions about the types of housing required.

The conversation extended to the challenges faced by service providers in managing capacity and the importance of accountability for outcomes. Rory and Melinda discussed the economic landscape of Huntington, noting a shift from manufacturing to social services, with hospitals and universities as primary employers. They expressed cautious optimism regarding new job opportunities stemming from initiatives at Marshall University, which aims to create customer service jobs and provide tuition assistance.

Additionally, the group addressed fair housing issues, emphasizing the need for feedback from the Huntington Black Pastors Association to understand discrimination concerns. Plans were made to distribute a stakeholder survey to local pastors to gather diverse perspectives on community needs and challenges.

Minutes:

Rory, who leads FaithHealth Appalachia and is a youth pastor at Redemption Church, highlighted the importance of connecting with local faith communities to assess their services and social needs. Andrew and Zachary from Urban Design Ventures noted the low attendance at recent faith leaders' sessions and suggested a more targeted approach to outreach. Rory offered to assist by sending a digital survey to faith leaders with FaithHealth hospital clergy badges for better engagement.

Rory addressed the community's housing needs, pointing out the necessity for maintenance of existing homes, particularly for the elderly. He echoed concerns about the prevalence of dilapidated housing and the potential for a home ownership program, while also questioning the vague notion of "not enough housing." He called for a clearer definition of housing needs, as the term encompasses a broad spectrum of options, and suggested that transitional housing was a clear need but wasn't as sure about other forms of owner-occupied and renter-occupied housing.

Rory shared that Huntington is known as the "City of Churches" and "City of Nonprofits" and emphasized the significant presence of social services in Huntington, including food pantries and shelters which are often linked to local churches. He pointed out the challenges faced by the homeless population, particularly the long waitlists for housing, and suggested that the influx of individuals seeking services may contribute to these challenges. Melinda added that the debate about whether the availability of services attracts people from other areas is a long-term one. She and Rory agreed that the issue of a homeless person's origin is less important than the fact that they are in Huntington, that they need assistance, and that the City and other entities can help them get back on their feet.

Rory highlighted the challenges faced by service providers due to capacity constraints and the need for accountability. Melinda noted that Bob Hansen, a former CEO of Pretera, has ongoing involvement in nonprofit recovery community work. Rory suggested reaching out to Bob for further collaboration and insights, and Andrew and Zachary agreed to contact him.

Rory emphasized that Huntington's economy is largely driven by social services, with hospitals and universities as the main employers. He mentioned the decline of manufacturing jobs and the resulting economic downturn but pointed to potential growth through new initiatives from Marshall University under President Brad Smith. Melinda added that the university is focusing on providing job opportunities and tuition assistance to support local students.

Rory discussed the role of faith leaders in Huntington, highlighting their commitment to the city's well-being and their desire for collaboration with local authorities. He mentioned that many churches actively support community initiatives, and that regardless of their inward or outward focus, congregations within the faith community want to be active parts of Huntington and see it flourish rather than ignore the City. Rory also pointed out the monthly Mission Tri-State meetings, which facilitate communication between faith leaders and city officials.

Andrew raised concerns about fair housing and the ability of individuals to secure housing without discrimination. Rory emphasized the need for insights from the Huntington Black Pastors Association, while Melinda indicated that the Spanish-speaking population is quite small. The discussion also touched on the challenges of engaging diverse community members.

Next Steps:

- Rory will promote the City's stakeholder survey to FaithHealth's volunteer hospital chaplains and visiting ministers and will add a personal note to ask for their engagement.
- Andy will reach out to Bob Hansen, formerly of Pretera and a current advocate for substance abuse recovery services.
- Melinda will reach out to Becky King, who is conducting a survey within the Huntington-area substance abuse recovery community.

Fair Housing

April 24, 2025, 11:00 AM

Attendance:

- Karl Haglund, UDV
- Andrew Stephens, UDV
- Melinda Midkiff, City
- Marshall Moss, Huntington Human Rights Commission
- Katrina Ackerman, Legal Aid of West Virginia (LAWV)
- Edward Sharp, LAWV
- Russell Cook, LAWV
- Lauren Kemp, RenewAll Huntington

Summary:

The discussion focused on fair housing initiatives in Huntington, addressing the uncertainty surrounding federal budget allocations for HUD programs. Karl Haglund, a consultant with Urban Design, provided estimates for potential funding levels, including \$1.6 million in CDBG, \$583,000 in HOME, and \$146,000 in ESG funding, while noting that these figures could change. Melinda Midkiff from the City of Huntington clarified that the city would not conduct an analysis of impediments as previously planned. The session aimed to foster collaboration among stakeholders, with participants sharing their organizational backgrounds and insights on housing needs.

Key issues raised included the shortage of affordable housing and the need for tenant education regarding rights, particularly in eviction and discrimination contexts. Marsha Moss emphasized outreach and education, while Katrina Ackerman introduced her team focusing on eviction defense. Lauren Kemp highlighted the necessity for increased housing supply and diverse options, advocating for multifamily units that resemble single-family homes. The conversation also touched on the housing needs of special populations, such as those aging out of foster care and individuals in recovery, with a consensus on the lack of long-term support housing for these groups.

Concerns about community development were also discussed, including the need for blight reduction and improvements in low to moderate-income areas. Ed Sharp pointed out the trend of deferred maintenance in housing, which poses safety and affordability challenges. The discussion concluded with a recognition of the barriers to economic development in Huntington, primarily the lack of affordable housing across all income levels, and a call for further collaboration and community input through surveys.

Minutes:

Karl Haglund provided an overview of the expected federal budget allocations for HUD programs, estimating that the city might receive approximately \$1.6 million in CDBG funding, \$583,000 in HOME funding, and \$146,000 in ESG funding. Melinda Midkiff confirmed that the city will not pursue an analysis of impediments, despite earlier discussions about it. The meeting included introductions from various participants, with a focus on gathering input from attendees.

Marshall Moss highlighted the ongoing shortage of affordable housing and emphasized the importance of educating tenants about their rights to prevent last-minute evictions. He observed that tenants are currently more tolerant of their housing situations, possibly due to fear of retaliation from landlords. Although there were previous concerns about rising rents, he mentioned that they are not receiving as many related inquiries now. Russell Cook noted that many tenants are forced to accept subpar housing conditions due to limited availability.

The group also discussed the struggles of clients who rely on subsidized housing, particularly the impact of losing vouchers and the challenges in finding landlords willing to accept them. Lauren Kemp argued that the community has an overall lack of housing and must focus on creating new housing units to improve affordability. She suggested that a variety of housing types are needed at all price points, including multifamily units with a Craftsman-style appearance to match existing West Huntington housing. She warned that diverse neighborhoods with a mix of single- and multifamily housing were preferable but that multifamily housing often needed a higher public safety presence, and pointed out the importance of addressing the housing needs of special populations such as those aging out of foster care and individuals in recovery.

The challenges faced by individuals with mental health issues or disabilities in maintaining housing were highlighted, particularly in public housing where evictions can occur due to perceived threats or property damage. Karl Haglund asked about homelessness needs in the community, and Katrina Ackerman clarified that Legal Aid of West Virginia primarily focuses on eviction defense for those at risk of losing housing and doesn't have a lot of interaction with homeless persons. Lauren Kemp added that support services are crucial for individuals transitioning to housing, as many struggle to maintain their vouchers. It was noted that persons living in public housing tend to have more eviction protections than those renting from for-profit landlords.

Lauren Kemp from RenewAll Huntington suggested focusing on blight reduction and facade enhancements in the business district, as well as improvements in neighborhoods like 20th Street. She also mentioned the importance of maintaining past developments funded by CDBG, particularly in Central City.

Marshall Moss shared his perspective on housing in Huntington, noting that more housing opportunities can enhance community cohesion. He acknowledged that many complaints in low-income areas are often based on misunderstandings and emphasized the importance of effective communication. Additionally, Marshall pointed out the difficulties in keeping individuals housed and the significance of CDBG funds in addressing these challenges.

Edward Sharp noted that the failure of landlords to maintain properties is creating a shortage of safe and affordable housing, a trend observed in both Morgantown and Huntington. Karl Haglund and Russell Cook discussed the financial strain on landlords, which affects their ability to make necessary repairs. It was also pointed out by Russell that some landlords do not have sufficient capital to responsibly manage properties, leading to further housing issues and difficulty for tenants.

Lauren Kemp expressed concerns about the dangers posed by property owners who cannot maintain their properties and the resultant effect on public safety. Melinda Midkiff elaborated on the tax delinquency process in West Virginia, explaining how it has attracted outside investors who buy up properties without making necessary improvements. She shared an example of an absentee investor from Los Angeles who owns multiple distressed properties in Huntington that his firm operates as rental homes, presenting a problematic dynamic in the local housing market.

Most members of the group had little to add about economic development in greater Huntington that had not already been discussed (such as the upcoming Nucor steel plant and its suppliers, arts & cultural institutions, and the outsize influence of Marshall University as a job creator). Lauren Kemp shared her organization's opinion that the lack of housing in all market areas and sizes was the primary barrier to economic growth in Huntington.

Education

April 24, 2025, 2:00 PM

Attendance:

There were no attendees to this meeting aside from UDV and City Department of Development staff.

City Departments

April 25, 2025, 11:00 AM

Attendance:

- Chris Fletcher, UDV
- Andrew Stephens, UDV
- Melinda Midkiff, Department of Development Financial Analyst
- Shannon Stephens, Department of Development HOME Program Manager
- Zane Parsley, Department of Development Project Manager
- MaRia Hill, A.D. Lewis Community Center
- Mark Bates, Public Works Department

Quick recap:

The meeting focused on community development needs in Huntington, covering housing, public facilities, infrastructure, and social services. Participants discussed issues such as aging housing stock, inadequate sidewalks, homelessness, healthcare access, and the need for job creation and training. The group also emphasized the importance of improving parks, green spaces, and access to healthy food options in the community.

Meeting Summary:

Huntington Housing Needs Discussion

The group discussed community development needs in Huntington, focusing on housing and public facilities. Zane highlighted the aging housing stock, limited accessibility for people with disabilities, and the imbalance between rental prices and housing purchase costs. MaRia and Mark emphasized the prevalence of older, deteriorating houses and the need for affordable housing options. Shannon pointed out the demand for housing across all income levels and the need for new construction.

Sidewalk Maintenance and Infrastructure Challenges

Regarding community development, MaRia specifically mentioned the lack of amenities in the Fairfield neighborhood, expressing a desire for facilities like libraries, grocery stores, and coffee shops without gentrification. Andrew discussed the infrastructure of the community, specifically focusing on the physical environment, including streets, sidewalks, and storm sewers. He noted that there are areas that need improvement, such as sidewalks that are in bad condition. Mark, from the public works department, added that they have a sidewalk program where they offer to provide labor for repairs if the residents provide the materials. However, due to budget constraints and the impact of Covid, they are

currently unable to keep up with the demand for repairs. Chris asked about the process of paving and reconstruction, and Mark confirmed that they are required by law to include curb ramps in their projects. Zane highlighted the need for better sidewalk maintenance, especially for low-income households and those with disabilities, as well as the need for better public transit and bike infrastructure in some neighborhoods. He also mentioned the lack of public pools in some areas. Chris brought up the issue of audible crossings for visually impaired individuals, which Mark clarified may be across state routes and not within the City's jurisdiction.

Addressing Homelessness and Healthcare Issues

In the meeting, Mark, Melinda, Andrew, Chris, Shannon, Zane, and MaRia discussed various social service issues and opportunities. They highlighted the significant problem of homelessness in the area, with many people on the streets and a lack of differentiated care for different categories of homelessness. They also noted the lack of a robust shelter and the need for more resources to address homelessness. Additionally, they discussed the issue of inadequate healthcare utilization, particularly among African Americans, due to a lack of trust in healthcare systems that do not reflect their demographics. They also touched on the need for more administrative power in the medical system and the need for better assistance with medical bills. The conversation ended with a discussion on the availability of adequate services for seniors to help them continue living independently.

Community Development Needs and Challenges

In the meeting, Chris led a discussion on various community development issues. Zane and MaRia highlighted the need for job creation and job training, with a focus on skilled labor jobs. They also discussed the lack of good job creation and job training in the community. Shannon added that there is a need for higher paying jobs and more grocery stores in the area. Zane emphasized the importance of parks and green spaces, particularly in underfunded areas. The team agreed that the community needs more grocery stores and better access to healthy and affordable food. Chris thanked the team for their time and dedication to community development.

Next steps

- Melinda to share the list of intersections requiring audible crossings with Mark once received from Mountain State Centers for Independent Living.
- Mark to review MSCIL's list of intersections and assess potential improvements.
- Mayor Farrell's administration to continue working toward a robust low-barrier shelter to address homelessness.
- City to consider strategies for attracting and retaining high-paying jobs.
- Parks Department to explore ways to improve programming and accessibility in underserved neighborhoods, pending increased funding.
- City to work with private stakeholders to improve grocery store access and distribution throughout the city.

Public Safety

April 25, 2025, 2:00 PM

Attendance:

- Chris Fletcher, UDV
- Andrew Stephens, UDV
- Melinda Midkiff, City of Huntington Department of Development
- Chief Phil Watkins, Huntington Police Department

Quick recap

The team discussed areas of opportunity and unmet needs in housing and community development in Huntington, with Phil identifying a lack of affordable housing and vacant structures as potential areas of opportunity. They also discussed public safety, roads, sidewalks, and parks. After moving from a video meeting to a phone call, Chris and Phil continued with the topics of community development, as well as economic development and social services.

Meeting Summary:

Huntington Housing, Homeless Services, and Community Development Challenges

Chris, Phil, and Andrew discussed areas of opportunity and unmet needs in housing and community development in Huntington. Phil identified a lack of affordable housing and vacant structures as potential areas of opportunity. Chris noted that many homeless individuals are drawn to cities like Charleston and Huntington due to available services. The team also discussed public safety, roads, sidewalks, parks, and social services as aspects of community development. Phil expressed concerns about the quality of these services and the struggle to meet needs.

Partway through the meeting, Phil began experiencing audio issues. The video meeting was ended and Chris continued the interview with Phil via phone.

Community Development:

According to Phil, the police department roster is currently down 9 sworn officers, which is below the 120 officers in 2017 but not as low as during the height of the COVID Pandemic. Huntington, like other local law enforcement agencies across the country, struggles to recruit, train, and retain officers. Entry testing that was previously given once every 3 years is now given 3 times a year with a significant drop in the number of candidates sitting for the entry test. The PD is investing more time, energy, and resources into recruiting, training, and onboarding than in years past, which places a strain on allocating resources

to law enforcement services. There appears to be untapped opportunities for partnerships within the community and local higher education to aid in recruiting the next generation of sworn officers.

The PD struggles with fleet replacement and maintenance. Currently operate of a hybrid fleet of take-home and patrol (24 hour squad) vehicles. Cruisers are now rolling offices and command posts, requiring significant resources to fit vehicles with technology and related equipment. Replacing around 5 cruisers a year is less than ideal. Fleet condition can be one element of advanced recruitment/retention strategies.

Social Services:

There are several agencies, NGOs, and non-profit organizations providing valuable and necessary services. In some areas, there appears to be overlap in addressing the same needs. Additional coordination and collaboration among providers should be explored. The PD has 2 mental health liaisons. Law enforcement is being asked and expected to take on more social service-type roles and functions, which can challenge limited resources and deploying resources.

The PD has been very successful in securing federal grants [i.e., COPS Technology and Equipment Program (TEP), Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, etc.]. However, sustaining programming initially funded with grant dollars once the grants end can be a challenge.

Economic Development

There is a need to grow livable wage employment opportunities. Much of the new businesses and job opportunities over the past few years have been in lower wage service and retail industries. There is a need to enhance efforts to retain and attract Marshall University graduates to stay in Huntington. The City and its partners need to continue to explore economic development opportunities in partnership with Marshall University to diversify the local economy and deliver livable wage, professional, and career employment opportunities. There has been a shift towards high school graduates seeking skilled, trade, or other career opportunities that do not require four-year degrees. Efforts to continue this trend need to continue and be expanded.

Next steps

- Chris to follow up with Chief Phil on housing issues, particularly regarding affordable housing and utilization of vacant structures and empty lots.
- Chris to gather more data on homeless population in Huntington and surrounding counties to understand the influx to city centers.
- Chris to investigate the challenges in maintaining quality public services across all departments in Huntington.

Harmony House

Thursday, May 15, 2025, 9:00 AM

Attendance:

- Chris Fletcher, UDV
- Andrew Stephens, UDV
- Melinda Midkiff, City of Huntington
- Betty Barrett, Harmony House
- Sarah Walling, Harmony House, Huntington City Council, and OVP Health
- Jacki Woods, Harmony House
- Craig Manns, Harmony House

Quick recap:

The team discussed the challenges of getting feedback from the University and local schools, and the need for strategic planning. They also discussed the preparation of the Five Year Consolidated Plan for the city of Huntington, which covers entitlement grants from HUD under three programs, and the importance of community development, focusing on facilities and spaces that make a community vibrant. The team also discussed unmet community needs, social and human services, unmet housing needs, and the challenges faced by the Huntington Land Bank.

Meeting Summary:

Introduction

Chris Fletcher introduced the purpose of the meeting, gathering input about the City of Huntington's economic, social service, infrastructure, and housing needs. He skimmed over HUD funding as the participants were all familiar with the CDBG, HOME, and ESG programs, and asked the participants to share their thoughts.

Economic Development

The group started by discussing the need for economic development, job creation, and job retention in the city. They highlighted the importance of specialized training programs for people who have been homeless for a long time. Betty brought up the success of the former Jobs First program that connected clients with necessary employment resources and willing employers, sharing that it helped long-term homeless persons ease into a work schedule once they had stable housing. Sarah discussed the OVP Health program Removing Roadblocks to Recovery, which helps mothers in mental health treatment to secure birth certificates, fill out forms, and at a basic level improve their literacy. The team also discussed

the challenges of attracting employers and the need for better communication between different agencies. Finally, Craig mentioned the need for specialized job training, and Sarah noted that due to the lack of communication between providers and agencies, many people were unaware that Mountwest Community College provides such training and that it can be accessed free of charge for persons in need.

Community Development

Chris discussed the importance of community development, focusing on facilities and spaces that make a community vibrant. Multiple attendees identified accessibility issues with the City's sidewalks, as they have suffered in some neighborhoods from deferred maintenance and were not designed for ADA accessibility. Craig specifically mentioned public restrooms, which are in very short supply and have inconsistent operating hours, while Betty brought up the community's excellent libraries that residents may avoid due to being a gathering place for the homeless population. She discussed the need for more day centers for homeless individuals, and that Harmony House is trying to fill that role. The team agreed that these facilities would improve the quality of life for both the homeless and non-homeless residents.

Social and Human Services

Chris then moved on to social and human services, focusing on areas of opportunity and unmet needs. Sarah highlighted the challenges of transportation and accessibility to medical care, while Betty emphasized the importance of senior centers and the need for better public transit and noted that Harmony House had to purchase its own fleet of vans to help provide medical and appointment transport. The team agreed that the current transit and transportation system needs improvement, particularly for second and third shift workers and the elderly.

Craig suggested more affordable daycare options for clients. Jacki raised concerns about the mental hygiene process, collaboration with adult protective services, and the need for better mental health facilities. She also stressed the need for more in-home health care and assisted living beds that accept Medicaid.

Housing

Chris directed the discussion toward unmet housing needs in Huntington. Craig, Betty, Sarah, and Jacki all agreed that more affordable housing is needed, particularly for seniors and families. They also highlighted the need for supportive services for low-income individuals and those with disabilities. The group discussed the challenges of maintaining older homes and the need for more one-level housing options. They also noted the influence of student housing on the affordable housing market, and how even though Marshall University is a defined campus (unlike WVU in Morgantown) its housing needs affect the entire community. The discussion concluded with a call for more handicap-accessible housing and a new low- or no-barrier shelter.

Sarah expressed concerns about the Huntington Land Bank's inability to release property for development due to a \$500,000 debt owed to the City's General Fund. She suggested that the General Fund forgive the debt to enable the Land Bank to encourage development, emphasizing that this debt was largely self-imposed and cannot be collected due to the low market value of the properties in

question. Melinda clarified that while the City's Development Department is willing to work with developers to modify or cancel liens held by the Huntington Urban Renewal Agency, the City's General Fund holds demolition liens and is resistant to writing them off. She and Sarah discussed the challenges faced by developers and organizations like Habitat for Humanity in acquiring properties due to these liens. Melinda mentioned that they were working on resolving the lien issue for two properties on Bruce Street for Habitat's veteran housing project.

After concluding the discussion, Chris thanked the Harmony House attendees for their insights and expressed appreciation for their work.

Next steps:

- Harmony House to explore restarting the Jobs First program to help long-term homeless individuals gain employment.
- City of Huntington to improve sidewalk maintenance and accessibility throughout the city.
- City of Huntington to increase the number of public restrooms and water fountains, especially in the downtown area.
- Mid-Ohio Valley Transit Authority to work on improving the public transit system, particularly for second and third shift workers and on weekends.
- West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR) to improve Adult Protective Services in the community.
- City of Huntington to explore ways to increase affordable housing options across all income levels.
- City of Huntington to investigate increasing the number of handicap-accessible housing units.
- City of Huntington to consider developing more one-level housing options for seniors and those with mobility issues.
- City of Huntington to change General Fund regulations to forgive utility, tax, and demolition lien debt on Land Bank property to make it more attractive for housing development.
- City of Huntington to conclude an agreement with Habitat for Humanity to forgive liens so Habitat can acquire two lots for their veterans housing project.

Branches Domestic Violence Shelter

Thursday, May 22, 2025, 9:00 am

Attendance:

- Andrew Stephens, UDV
- Melinda Midkiff, City of Huntington
- Amanda McComas, Branches

Quick recap:

The meeting focused on Huntington's FY 2025-2029 Five Year Consolidated Plan, discussing HUD funding allocations including CDBG and HOME Program grants, while noting the loss of Emergency Solutions Grant funding. The discussion covered current housing market challenges in the greater Huntington area, including a shortage of affordable housing options and changes in client needs at Branches, particularly regarding mental health and substance use issues. The conversation also touched on community development challenges, including flooding issues and fair housing concerns, with emphasis on the need for better mental health services, economic development, and policies regarding domestic violence cases involving housing authority clients.

Meeting Summary:

Huntington's HUD Funding Strategy 2025-2029

The meeting discussed Huntington's Five Year Consolidated Plan for FY 2025-2029, focusing on HUD funding allocations. Andrew explained that Huntington received approximately \$1.6 million in Community Development Block Grants and \$550,000 in Home Program grants, but lost its Emergency Solutions Grant funding, which will now be allocated through the state. Melinda clarified that organizations interested in ESG funding should apply through the state, as Huntington's allocation fell below the national threshold. Andrew provided an overview of CDBG funding flexibility, noting it could be used for infrastructure, public facilities, and services, including jobs programs for low-income beneficiaries. He also discussed the HOME program's purpose of providing affordable housing throughout Cabell and Wayne Counties. Melinda provided examples of past projects funded by the program, including senior housing and rental developments. Andrew and Melinda noted that funding for these programs has decreased over the years.

Housing Needs

The discussion then shifted to the current state of the housing market in the greater Huntington area, where Amanda highlighted a shortage of affordable housing options below the HUD Fair Market Rent

cap, making it difficult for their rapid rehousing program to find suitable units for residents. Andrew inquired as to whether the units that met that rent cap had seen a reduction in quality, to which Amanda agreed to check with her client advocates.

Post-Pandemic Client Needs Shift

Amanda discussed changes in client needs at Branches. She noted an increase in mental health issues post-pandemic, with holds for severe mental hygiene issues rising significantly, as well as continued issues with substance abuse. She mentioned that domestic violence remains the primary reason for seeking shelter, though they also serve victims of both labor and sex trafficking, and she observed a decrease in families with children seeking services.

Homelessness Challenges

The discussion focused on public perception of homelessness in Huntington, with Amanda noting that residents are upset and want solutions to the increased number and visibility of seemingly unhoused persons. She noted that while there are supportive residents and that the social service community wants to help the homeless community, the community at large is angry with the apparent increase in homelessness and wants to just make the problem go away.

Community Development in Greater Huntington

The conversation then shifted to community development challenges, particularly regarding flooding issues in Huntington. Melinda explained that development outside city limits has significantly contributed to flooding problems through increased impervious surfaces and altered waterways, particularly along Four Pole Creek. The group discussed how flooding has affected neighborhoods, with some homes being rendered unsalvageable and the city exploring potential FEMA buyouts for affected properties. Amanda expressed sorrow that these neighborhoods along Four Pole Creek were affected so strongly, as they are otherwise very walkable and accessible communities with quality housing stock.

Huntington Social and Economic Development

The discussion focused on social services and economic development in Huntington. Amanda highlighted the need for more mental health services, particularly emergency care, and mentioned challenges in connecting clients to appropriate services. She also discussed the importance of economic development, including the need for good jobs, job training, and childcare support. Amanda expressed interest in reviving a job training program called "Jobs First" that had been discontinued due to the pandemic, as it had been a great help to Branches clients in transitioning out of shelter living.

Fair Housing Challenges in Huntington

The group discussed fair housing issues in Huntington, with Andrew raising concerns about discrimination in housing based on race, family size, religion, and disability status. Amanda and Melinda shared that while they occasionally encounter landlord resistance to housing clients with histories of homelessness or domestic violence, they haven't seen many explicit fair housing violations. They discussed the Huntington Housing Authority's policies regarding domestic violence victims, with Andrew

noting that the authority's administrative handbook, updated in 2024, includes provisions under the Violence Against Women Act, though the current state of enforcement remains unclear. He shared links to relevant documents, including the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (ACOP), which Melinda and Amanda reviewed. They discussed how these documents could be used to advocate for clients facing eviction due to domestic violence.

Melinda emphasized the importance of including diverse voices in the planning process, as Branches is the only domestic violence services provider in the area. The conversation highlighted the need for careful consideration of policies that may conflict with client needs, and the potential impact of the plan on future HUD funding allocation. Melinda and Andrew thanked Amanda and Branches for their work in helping the community.

Next steps:

- Amanda to ask advocates for more details on the quality of housing units available for rapid rehousing program clients.
- Amanda to review the Huntington Housing Authority's Administrative Plan and Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy documents for information on VAWA policies and potential recourse for clients evicted due to domestic violence incidents.
- Local CoC representatives to explore possibilities of reintroducing a program similar to the previous "Jobs First" initiative to help connect clients with job opportunities and training.
- City of Huntington to continue working with FEMA on flood mitigation efforts in flood-prone neighborhoods such as those around Four Pole Creek, including potential buyouts for homes in flood-prone areas.

Greater Huntington Park & Recreation District

Thursday, May 22, 2025, 11:00 am

Attendance:

- Andrew Stephens, UDV
- Melinda Midkiff, City of Huntington
- Kathy McKenna, GHPRD

Meeting summary:

Introduction

Andrew opened the meeting by discussing the purpose of the City's Five Year Consolidated Plan as a road map for its Federal HUD entitlement grant spending. Kathy was familiar with Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding as the Greater Huntington Park & Recreation District had received it in the past, though she had little experience with the HOME Investment Partnership Program.

Housing Issues in the City of Huntington

Andrew asked Kathy about the state of housing in Huntington in all areas, market levels, and sizes, as well as availability, affordability, quality and accessibility. Kathy identified the lack of affordable housing as the major issue affecting the City, followed by a lack of ADA accessible housing. She felt that the quality, availability and affordability of "affordable" housing has decreased. She wants to see investments in housing in all segments but noted that there is a much higher amount of upper-class market housing while the housing market is much more constrained for middle-class or low-income families. Kathy discussed the Highlawn, West End, Beverly Hills, Altizer, and Guyandotte neighborhoods that were formerly middle-class but have declined due to households being unable to afford home repairs and improvements, and many of the remaining houses have been purchased by property speculators and rental corporations. Melinda noted that some of the properties in these neighborhoods had previously been helped through HOME rehabilitation funds.

Challenges in Economic Development

When asked what challenges there were in the City's economic status, Kathy said that jobs needed to have living wages in order for Huntington to have economic success. She was grateful that there were higher-wage jobs available through the hospitals and at Marshall University, because manufacturing jobs had become scarce as large industries had left town. Most of the remaining jobs are low-wage retail or restaurant jobs. She and Melinda agreed that the average starting wage in Huntington is about \$12/hour. In conversation with some of the GHPRD employees who start at \$14/hour, Kathy noted that they struggle to make ends meet. Melinda brought up that according to the Huntington-Cabell County

Housing Study, wages had stagnated in relation to housing costs. Kathy agreed and estimated that an average 2 bedroom apartment cost \$1,000/month which is far higher than in prior years.

Kathy also mentioned that the community has seen an increasing number of grandparents raising their grandchildren, due to factors such as mental health struggles and substance addiction. Regardless of the cause, it is a major stressor on a family's finances especially if they've already retired and are on a fixed income. Melinda agreed and also brought up the extremely high foster care rate in West Virginia.

Homelessness and the Community

Andrew asked Kathy about GHPRD's views on homelessness, and she responded that it was a very hot topic in Huntington though the actual number of homeless persons seems to ebb and flow. Kathy shared that many unhoused persons hang out at Riverfront Park, and her agency has to balance empathy for them with the need to have the park available for its intended purposes. She then described the state of the homeless shelter system, and that some unhoused persons have trouble following the Huntington City Mission's rules. Employees of GHPRD that had lived at that shelter also have told her that petty theft was a recurring issue, especially in the men's barracks-style housing without any lockable storage. She thinks that the City's new low-barrier shelter should solve the rules problem and will offer lockers.

Kathy also noted that homeless persons (as well as persons who are actively using substances) often do not want to give up their pets in order to access services. She brought up that Harmony House does offer periodic veterinary care for pets of homeless persons. Andrew brought up an example from another municipality where homeless persons are allowed to board their pets at the local humane society; Kathy didn't think the Huntington animal shelter would have room, but is aware of times when local animal rescue organizations were able to foster pets for persons entering recovery.

Social Service Strengths and Weaknesses

When asked about the state of public services, Kathy felt that Huntington has a remarkable number of social service organizations. She pointed out the work of Facing Hunger as well as smaller food pantries at churches, Marshall University, and the Cabell County Schools. Kathy also noted the efforts of the Cabell County Library Information & Referral Service, as they are able to direct persons in need to the proper resources. She thinks that as long as a person is attempting to better their lives, there will be assistance available for them.

Community Development

Kathy is proud of the work of the Greater Huntington Park & Recreation District. She described their low- or no-cost community programming, including a \$75/week summer day camp (as opposed to private daycare that costs \$75/day). She also had lots of praise for the Cabell County Library System's programs, from the Information & Referral Service to their program to put librarians in Cabell County Schools. Kathy and Melinda described a past conflict where the Cabell County Schools superintendent had caused a community uproar by cutting school-controlled funding to the library and park systems; after his departure the three organizations resumed working well together. They then brought up the flooding

issues endemic to Huntington, and Kathy noted that even though there was more flood prevention to do, the City had made great strides in separating their storm and sanitary sewers.

Kathy mentioned that the City did need sidewalk improvements, which triggered a discussion of eligible presumed-benefit activities such as ADA curb cuts and activities that require a low-mod area certification such as sidewalk improvements. Melinda brought up a City program in which a homeowner could purchase concrete and the City would use it to install a sidewalk but also shared that it has a long waiting list. Both she and Kathy were unsure of why the City chose to place the burden of sidewalk upkeep on the property owner. Melinda also noted that sidewalk repair often is more involved than simply replacing concrete, as tree roots have buckled sidewalks in many outlying neighborhoods and made them impassable to mobility-impaired persons, parents with strollers, and persons pushing carts.

Pretera Health Services

Tuesday, June 3, 2025, 10:00am

Attendance:

- Chris Fletcher, UDV
- Andrew Stephens, UDV
- Melinda Midkiff, City
- Lisa Zappia, Pretera Health Services

Overview:

Lisa provided an overview of Pretera, a comprehensive integrated care center offering a wide range of services in West Virginia, including housing initiatives and behavioral health programs. She discussed the need for improving Huntington's attractiveness, expanding geriatric services, and addressing challenges in coordinating behavioral health services. Lisa also emphasized the importance of economic development, attracting innovative companies, and addressing homelessness to make Huntington more appealing to young professionals and visitors.

Meeting Summary:

Pretera Integrated Care

Lisa provided an overview of Pretera, a comprehensive integrated care center offering a wide range of services. The organization focuses on behavioral health, substance use disorders, intellectual disabilities, and primary care. Pretera also manages HUD properties and provides housing assistance for their clients. They serve eight primary counties in West Virginia, including Cabell and Wayne, and offer additional services in Mingo and Logan counties. Lisa emphasized the importance of diverse revenue streams, including grant writing, to support their nonprofit organization, as 90% of their clients are Medicaid recipients.

Affordable Housing for Recovery Support

Lisa discussed her organization's housing initiatives, focusing on their transition to managing their own properties to ensure they can rent to their target population - individuals in recovery and those who struggle to find housing elsewhere. She emphasized the need for affordable and supported housing in the community, highlighting their successful Single Room Occupancy (SRO) program. This program provides efficiency apartments for individuals in recovery, offering low rent and support services. Lisa

expressed a desire to expand this model throughout their service footprint but cited funding limitations. She also stressed the importance of supportive housing models for individuals transitioning from homelessness, noting that it can take years to teach people how to live independently in housing again.

Enhancing Downtown Huntington's Appeal

Lisa suggested that improving the attractiveness of downtown Huntington would make it more appealing, particularly to younger people. She compared Huntington to Charleston, WV and Lexington, KY, noting that Charleston's attractive streets and comfortable atmosphere encourage people to spend time there. Lisa also recommended revitalizing the riverfront area and developing more parks, including water parks for children and pet-friendly spaces. She emphasized that providing amenities for families and pet owners can attract people and encourage them to spend money in the area. She also highlighted the importance of creating attractive spaces for young people, citing examples from Lexington such as mixed-use areas with bars, restaurants, and shops. Lisa believes that developing such spaces in Huntington could help retain younger residents and attract visitors.

Enhancing Geriatric Services in Huntington

Lisa emphasized the need for improved geriatric services in Huntington, given West Virginia's aging population. She suggested developing more senior housing and robust aging services, including supervised daycare-type settings for seniors. Lisa also highlighted the issue of social services "silos", where organizations do not work together for the best patient outcome, and stressed the importance of breaking these down to improve care coordination and partnerships among service providers. She noted that while Huntington has sufficient services available, the main challenge is getting organizations to work together effectively to provide comprehensive care.

Behavioral Health Service Coordination Challenges

Lisa discussed the challenges in coordinating behavioral health services, attributing part of the problem to the introduction of for-profit entities through the Section 1115 Medicaid Substance Abuse Disorder waiver. She explains that this led to increased siloing and mistrust among providers, which was further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Lisa also expressed frustration about the lack of collaboration between Presteria Center and Marshall University's medical school, particularly in terms of resident rotations, despite Presteria being the largest comprehensive behavioral health center in West Virginia.

Economic Development for Huntington Growth

Lisa discussed the need for economic development in Huntington, emphasizing the importance of attracting innovative companies in sectors like IT, energy, and cybersecurity to appeal to young graduates and entice them to stay in the area. She suggested that better-paying jobs with salaries of \$80,000 or more are necessary to attract people who can drive change in the city. Lisa again highlighted the need

for improved housing, restaurants, and entertainment options to make Huntington more attractive to visitors and potential residents, as well as increasing direct airline service to attract more businesses.

Huntington's Homelessness and Urban Development

To end the interview, Lisa discussed the growth of Huntington and the challenges it faces, particularly the homelessness issue. She emphasized the need for cooperation among city stakeholders to address these problems. Lisa suggested that moving some homeless services to the outskirts of the city could help, but noted that it will still require significant collaboration.

Next Steps:

- Urban Design Ventures to follow up with Lisa to get more detailed data on Prestera's housing inventory and units.
- City of Huntington to explore developing more supported housing options, particularly single room occupancy (SRO) units for people in recovery.
- City of Huntington to continue revitalizing downtown areas and the riverfront to make them more attractive for residents and visitors.
- City of Huntington to look into developing more robust aging services, including potential daycare-type services for seniors.
- City of Huntington and Continuum of Care to work on breaking down silos between service providers to improve coordination of social services.
- City of Huntington to explore attracting IT firms, energy companies, and other innovative businesses to create higher-paying jobs.
- Marshall University and Prestera to open lines of communication about MU psychiatry students conducting their residencies at Prestera.