

City of Fayetteville Item Review Form

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Yolanda Fields

Submitted By

Development Services

Department

Action Required:

Approval of the 2014 Action Plan and the Mayor's authority to execute the 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Agreement upon receipt.

Does this item have a cost? No

Cost of this request	Category or Project Budget	Program or Project Name
Account Number	Funds Used to Date \$0.00	Program or Project Category
Project Number	Remaining Balance	Fund Name
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Previous Ordinance or Resolution # _____

Original Contract Number: _____

Comments:

Staff recommends approval of the 2014 Action Plan and the Mayor's authority to execute the 2014 CDBG Agreement upon receipt.

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Jim Allen

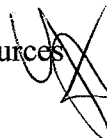
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CITY COUNCIL AGENDA MEMO

To: City Council

Thru: Jeremy Pate, Dir. Community Development 

From: Yolanda Fields, Dir. Community Resources 

Date: January 29, 2014

Subject: 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

PROPOSAL:

Fayetteville has been a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement City since 1975. Funding is based on a formula allocation that takes into account such factors as population, percent of low/moderate income persons and the number of housing units. This formula allocation process awards CDBG funding to the City of Fayetteville. Each year the Community Resources Division submits an Action Plan to the U.S. Department and Urban Development (HUD) outlining the proposed uses of CDBG funding. If HUD approves the Action Plan a CDBG Agreement for that year is received. This Agreement must be executed, returned to the HUD Field Office in Little Rock and then sent to HUD in Washington D.C. for the release of funds.

Grant amounts vary each year dependent upon the funding levels authorized by Congress through the annual federal budget process. The estimated award for 2014 is \$540,700. The grant funding detail submitted to HUD in the 2014 Action Plan is:

Administration	\$107,700
Housing Rehabilitation	\$263,070
Redevelopment	\$ 46,300
LifeSource International	\$ 20,000
Prism Education Center	\$ 20,000
Transportation	\$ 21,500
LifeSource International	\$ 35,000
NWA Free Health Center	\$ 3,630
Prism Education Center	<u>\$ 23,500</u>
	\$540,700

Approving the 2014 Action Plan and the Mayor's authority to execute the 2014 CDBG Agreement upon receipt will reduce the waiting time for HUD to release the funds. This will allow for quicker start up of both internal and external programs to assist low and moderate income residents in Fayetteville. Any change in the awarded funding amount will be presented to the Council.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the 2014 Action Plan be approved and that authority be given to the Mayor to execute the 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Agreement upon receipt.

BUDGET IMPACT:

2014 estimated CDBG grant revenue - \$540,700.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) AGREEMENT FOR 2014 WHEN RECEIVED IN THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF \$540,700.00 AND APPROVING THE 2014 ACTION PLAN

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FAYETTEVILLE, ARKANSAS:

Section 1. That the City Council of the City of Fayetteville, Arkansas hereby authorizes the Mayor to execute the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Agreement in the estimated amount of \$540,700.00 for 2014 when received, and approves the 2014 Action Plan proposed as follows:

➤ Administration	\$107,700
➤ Housing Rehabilitation	\$263,070
➤ Redevelopment	\$46,300
➤ LifeSource (Services)	\$20,000
➤ Prism (Services)	\$20,000
➤ Transportation	\$21,500
➤ LifeSource (Facilities)	\$35,000
➤ NWA Free Health Center	\$3,630
➤ Prism (Facilities)	\$23,500

PASSED and APPROVED this 18th day of February, 2014.

APPROVED:

ATTEST:

By: _____
LIONELD JORDAN, Mayor

By: _____
SONDRA E. SMITH, City Clerk/Treasurer



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Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

* 1. Type of Submission:

- Preapplication
 Application
 Changed/Corrected Application

* 2. Type of Application:

- New
 Continuation
 Revision

* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

* Other (Specify):

* 3. Date Received:

4. Applicant Identifier:

B-14-MC-05-0001

5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

5b. Federal Award Identifier:

State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

7. State Application Identifier:

8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

* a. Legal Name:

City of Fayetteville

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

71-6018462

* c. Organizational DUNS:

141-310578

d. Address:

* Street1:

113 W Mountain

Street2:

* City:

Fayetteville

County/Parish:

Washington

* State:

AR: Arkansas

Province:

* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

* Zip / Postal Code:

72701-6083

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

Development Services

Division Name:

Community Services

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

Prefix:

Ms.

* First Name:

Yolanda

Middle Name:

* Last Name:

Fields

Suffix:

Title:

Community Services Director

Organizational Affiliation:

* Telephone Number:

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Fax Number:

479-444-3445

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yfields@ci.fayetteville.ar.us

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*** 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

C: City or Township Government

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

*** Other (specify):**

*** 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:

14.218

CFDA Title:

Community Development Block Grants/Entitlement Grants

*** 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

*** Title:**

13. Competition Identification Number:

Title:

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

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*** 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Community Development Block Grant/Entitlement City

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

* a. Applicant

* b. Program/Project

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

* a. Start Date:

* b. End Date:

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	<input type="text" value="540,700.00"/>
* b. Applicant	<input type="text"/>
* c. State	<input type="text"/>
* d. Local	<input type="text"/>
* e. Other	<input type="text"/>
* f. Program Income	<input type="text"/>
* g. TOTAL	<input type="text" value="540,700.00"/>

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

a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on

b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.

c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

*** 20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment.)**

Yes No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. *By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances** and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)**

** I AGREE

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

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: * First Name:

Middle Name:

* Last Name:


Suffix:

* Title:

* Telephone Number: Fax Number:

* Email:

* Signature of Authorized Representative:



* Date Signed:



2014 Action Plan | Introduction

This document serves as the City of Fayetteville's One-Year Consolidated Action Plan Submission for the use of 2014 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds. The Action Plan describes how the City will address the priority needs and specific objectives identified in the five-year strategy outlined in the City of Fayetteville's 2011-2015 Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The One-Year Action Plan is a component of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan that is updated annually to reflect resource allocation changes.

The planning process for the development of this One-Year Action Plan began on July 25 and 28, 2013 with published notices that the City was holding a mandatory subrecipient grant application workshop and accepting applications for GY2014 CDBG program funding. This notice of funding, in combination with the public hearing held on October 3, 2013, allowed agencies and interested citizens the opportunity to express concerns and share community needs. The public hearing announcement is included in Appendix B of this document.

Following the application submission period, 12 funding requests were received and reviewed by staff and the members of the grant prioritization committee. Applications were reviewed for compliance with application requirements. Proposed projects were also evaluated for fit with City Council adopted local community development objectives and consistency with the priorities and objectives contained in the 2011-2015 Consolidated Plan. CDBG funded activities must qualify by meeting at least one of the three national objectives: benefit low- and moderate-income individuals, prevent or eliminate blight and slums or meet urgent community development needs that pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community. In addition, each application was assessed for project readiness, financial leverage and other relevant concerns.

A summary of the proposed uses of CDBG funds recommended by staff was published in The Northwest Arkansas Times on September 25 and 29, 2013. It was also published in the weekly papers The Fayetteville Free Weekly and La Prensa Libre (in Spanish) with the September 26, 2013 publication date. These public notices provided the start and end dates of the 30-day public comment period; as well as the date, time and location for the public hearing. In addition, the public notices advised the general public of two locations that the proposed 2014 One-Year Action Plan was available for their review and comments. In addition to the public notices, Community Services published an announcement on the City's website (www.accessfayetteville.org). The draft One-Year Action Plan was then discussed at a public hearing held on October 3, 2013.



2014 Action Plan

In order to receive its annual CDBG funding, the City of Fayetteville must develop and submit to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) its Consolidated Action Plan. This plan is the City's comprehensive planning document and application.

In the Consolidated Action Plan, the City identifies its goals for CDBG programs, which also serve as the criteria against which HUD will evaluate the City's performance in carrying out its goals. The Consolidated Plan promotes a comprehensive approach to local decisions by requiring cities to include all local residents interested in community development to help identify the needs of the community and formulate strategies for addressing those needs.

The concept behind the Consolidated Action Plan is to:

- Enable a community to view HUD programs not as isolated tools to solve narrow functional problems, but rather as an invitation to embrace a comprehensive vision of housing and community development;
- Create a comprehensive vision which includes affordable housing, fair housing, transportation, economic development and community rehabilitation;
- Enable communities to apply this comprehensive approach in helping the homeless in a continuum of care, a comprehensive system for moving individuals and families from homelessness to permanent housing;
- Improve program accountability and support results oriented management by establishing clear priority needs and goals; providing more timely and readable information on needs, goals and proposed projects to citizens; providing measurable indicators of progress; and reporting on progress against these measures;
- Facilitate citizen involvement and commitment in the planning process by increased community outreach;
- Partner with the local Public Housing Authority in comprehensive planning efforts to revitalize distressed neighborhoods and help low-income residents;
- Integrate efforts to identify and take measures to overcome impediments to fair housing, which is an integral part of comprehensive planning efforts. The programs covered by the Consolidated Plan all have in common the characteristic that expenditures must primarily benefit extremely low (0 to 30 percent of median income), very low (31 percent to 50 percent of median income), and low (51 percent to 80 percent of median income) income persons and households.



2014 Action Plan

In addition, the goals are intended to meet the following three federal statutory objectives:

PROVIDE DECENT HOUSING | which includes:

assisting homeless persons obtain affordable housing; assisting persons at risk of becoming homeless; retention of affordable housing stock; increase the availability of affordable permanent housing in standard condition to low income and moderate income families, particularly to members of disadvantaged minorities without discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, familial status, or disability; increasing the supply of supportive housing which includes structural features and services to enable persons with special needs (including persons with HIV/AIDS) to live in dignity and independence; and providing affordable housing that is accessible to job opportunities.

PROVIDE A SUITABLE LIVING ENVIRONMENT | which includes:

improving the safety and livability of neighborhoods; increasing access to quality public and private facilities and services; reducing the isolation of income groups within areas through spatial de-concentration of housing opportunities for lower income persons and the revitalization of deteriorating neighborhoods; restoring and preserving properties of special historic, architectural or aesthetic value; and conservation of energy resources.

EXPAND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES | which includes:

job creation and retention; establishment, stabilization and expansion of small businesses (including micro businesses); the provision of public services concerned with employment; the provision of jobs to low-income persons living in areas affected by those programs and activities, or jobs resulting from carrying out activities under programs covered by the plan; availability of mortgage financing for low income persons at reasonable rates using non-discriminatory lending practices; access to capital and credit for development activities that promote the long term economic and social viability of the community; and empowerment and self sufficiency for low income persons to reduce generational poverty in federally assisted housing and public housing.



2014 Action Plan Institutional Structure & Coordination

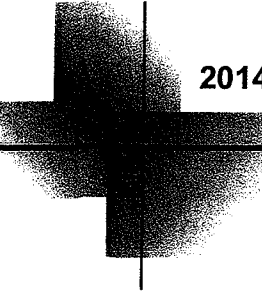
INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURE and COORDINATION

Federal regulations require CDBG recipients to establish a common program year and identify a single lead agency to prepare and submit the Consolidated Action Plan. The task of preparing this Plan is assigned to the City of Fayetteville's Community Services Division. Annually, Community Services prepares the One-Year Action Plan as an update to the Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The Division addresses the various housing needs and strategies of the City of Fayetteville and administers the City's CDBG Program. It also functions as a program and services delivery unit to help address the community's needs for decent housing, a suitable living environment, and sustained economic health.

The Community Services Division has been in contact with an extensive network of governmental and non-profit agencies in developing this plan. Notices of funding availability were published in the local newspaper.

The delivery and financing of affordable/attainable housing involves organizations and participants from public agencies, businesses and private institutions, non-profits and community based organizations. The roles and responsibilities of the participants will vary depending on the project, required resources, leadership, levels of commitment, capacity, productivity and understanding of the issue. The Community Services Division will continue working with the various organizations as it implements the provisions of the 2014 One-Year Action Plan.

Staff also maintains relationships with state and federal partners and agencies to better link services to our targeted population. Community Services staff has assumed leadership and support roles with the Northwest Arkansas Housing Coalition and the Hispanic Women's Organization. Community Services has also developed strong ties with the University of Arkansas including the following departments: Off Campus Connections and the office of International Students and Scholars.



2014 Action Plan Community Profile

COMMUNITY PROFILE

The City of Fayetteville is the county seat of Washington County and is located in the northwestern part of Arkansas. Washington County is the third most populous county in Arkansas and one of the fastest growing. Fayetteville is situated at the foothills of the Ozark Mountains. Fayetteville is the southernmost city in metropolitan Northwest Arkansas and is located approximately 185 miles northwest of Little Rock, Arkansas, 125 miles east of Tulsa, Oklahoma; 350 miles northeast of Dallas, Texas and 210 miles south of Kansas City, Missouri. Fayetteville and the Northwest Arkansas region have gained a national reputation as one of the best places in the country to live and raise a family. The City and the region are experiencing rapid population growth and an increasing number of visitors. Fayetteville's population has increased from approximately 20,000 in 1960 to 73,580 according to the 2010 census. The city is the third most populous in Arkansas and currently encompasses 35,454 acres (55.39 square miles).

The 2010 census found that there were 73,580 people, 30,726 households and 7,076 families with children residing within the city. The 2010 census numbers reflect increases from the 2000 census. They show a 21% increase in the number of people, 23% increase in households and a 8% increase in the number of families with children. There are 36,188 housing units; this is an increase in housing units of 30% between the 2000 census and the 2010 census. The racial makeup of the city is 83.8% White, 6% African American, 1.1% American Indian/Alaska Native, 3.1% Asian, 0.2% Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, 2.8% Other, 3% Identified by two or more races. The 2010 census showed that 6.4% of the community was Hispanic or Latino.

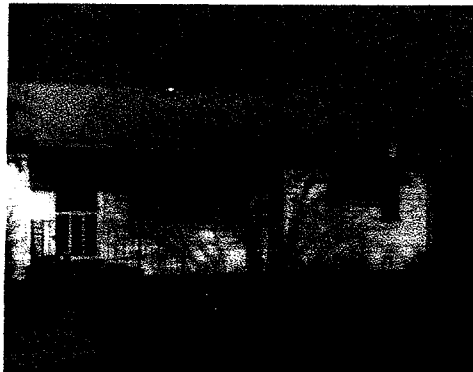
The age distribution in the City was 18.5% under the age of 18, 26.1% from 18 to 24, 34.6% from 25 to 49, 12.8% from 50 to 64, and 8% were 65 years of age or older. The 2010 census did not update the median income information therefore the following is utilizing information from the 2010 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates. The median income for a household in the city is \$32,908, and the median income for a family was \$52,158. The per capita income for the city was \$22,501. 28.6% of the population and 14.4% of families were below the poverty line.

2014 Action Plan Housing & Community Development Needs

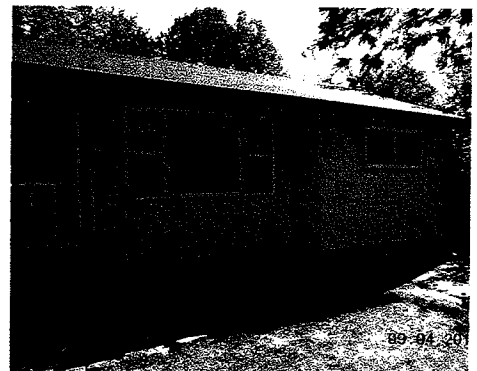
HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

HOUSING

The City of Fayetteville is committed to the development of programs which address the need for housing for Low and Moderate Income (LMI) persons and families. In response to priority needs revealed during the development of the City's five year Consolidated Plan in 2011, the City has focused on developing community partnerships with local entities with expertise in specialized housing activities. This cooperation will further the attainable housing effort in the City of Fayetteville. Attainable housing continues to be a topic of great concern for this division. According to the 2007-2011 ACS 5-year estimates the cost of the median mortgage payment in the City of Fayetteville remains one of the highest in Northwest Arkansas at \$1,358. It is 26 percent higher than the state median of \$1,004.



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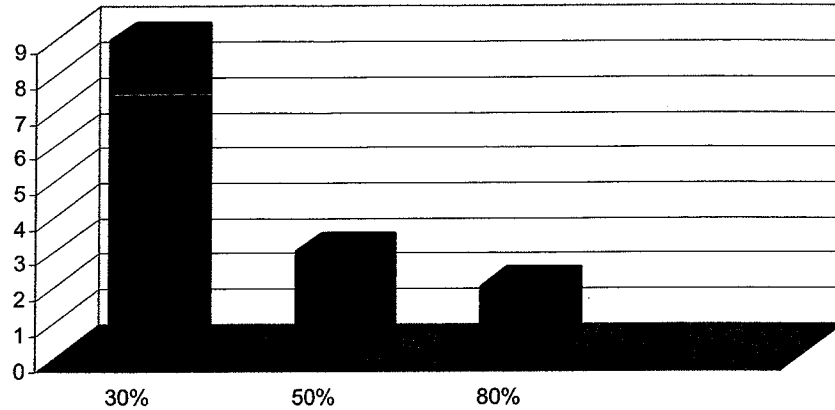
Two 2013 Housing
Rehabilitation Projects

REHABILITATION

The City of Fayetteville has been helping homeowners with rehabilitation of their homes for approximately 34 years. The funding has allowed homeowners to stay in their homes and the improvements to their homes have acted as a catalyst for other, high quality renovations and new construction of housing in the project area. The majority of recipients have been very low income and/or elderly households. These owners have little or no funds available to repay a loan and typically have the greatest amount of deferred maintenance. The chart on the following page reflects the income levels of the 14 program participants from January 2013 - September 2013.

2014 Action Plan Housing & Community Development Needs

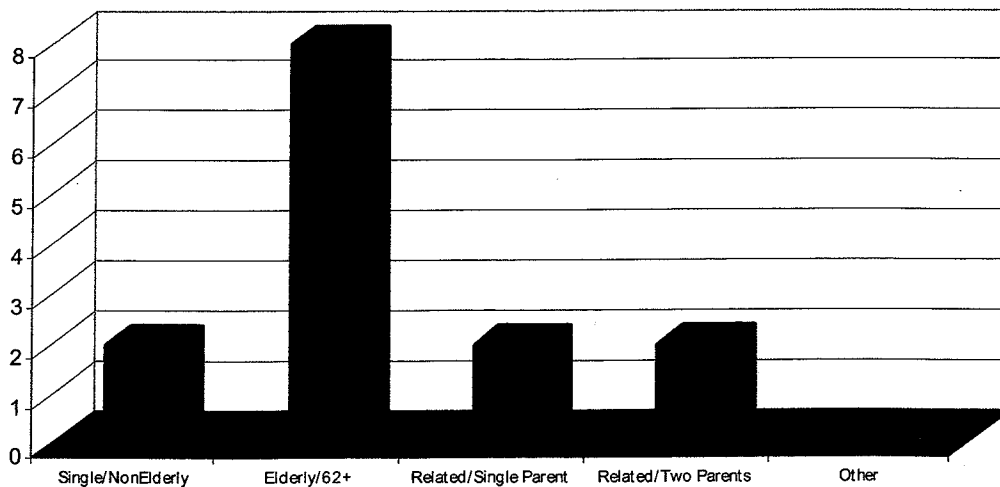
Housing Projects Completed | Income Limits



According to the U.S. Census Bureau approximately 7,722 homes were built prior to 1978 in the City of Fayetteville. Any rehabilitation activities of more than \$5,000 on homes constructed prior to 1978 will have Lead-Based Paint (LBP) testing done and actions taken to remove any identified hazards. Lead-based paint hazards consist of any condition that causes exposure to lead. To date in 2013, the program identified 1 home in the housing rehabilitation program with LBP concerns and the identified concerns were abated. Anytime that homes are identified as having LBP issues those hazards are corrected.

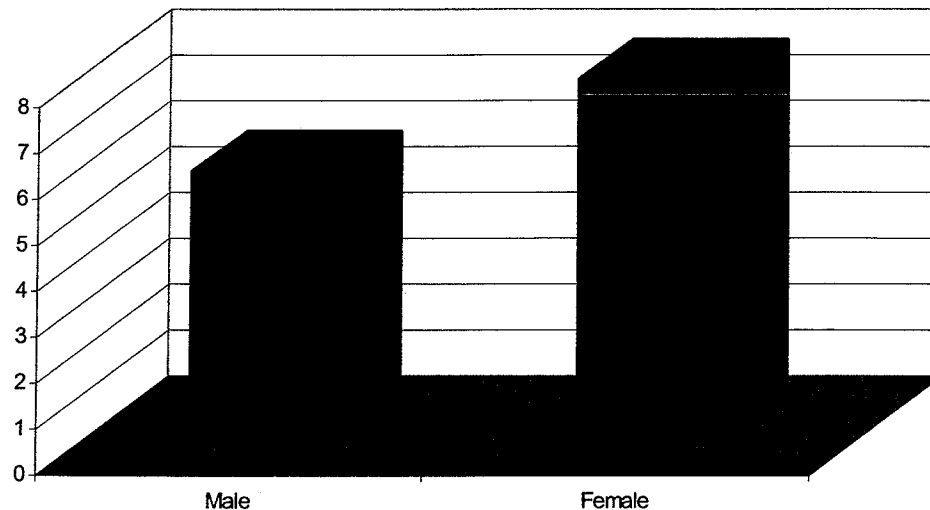
The 2010 Census reported 5,752 residents over the age of 65 in the City of Fayetteville. Homeowners in this age group are generally on a fixed income and often cannot afford to make any repairs on their homes or address making their homes energy efficient. The housing rehab program addresses both Lead-Based Paint issues and making the home energy efficient which can allow the homeowners to remain in the home longer than expected. The races of the households are 13 (93%) White and 1 (7%) African American. None (0%) were Hispanic. The following charts reflect the statistics on the participants that have been assisted in the first nine months of 2013. We have provided rehabilitation to 14 homes from January - September 2013.

Housing Projects Completed | Head of Household



2014 Action Plan Housing & Community Development Needs

Housing Projects Completed | Sex of Household



PUBLIC SERVICES

Utilization of CDBG funds for the provision of public services, which serve LMI groups, has been and continues to be a focus of the Community Development Program. The Transportation Program has two components and provides assistance to LMI, disabled and/or elderly members of our community. The Transit Program provides qualifying LMI residents with bus passes through a partnership with Ozark Regional Transit to supplement their ability to get to appointments, jobs, etc. The Taxi Program provides supplemental transportation for elderly and/or disabled residents of Fayetteville in hopes of allowing them greater self-sufficiency. The Public Services component also includes the CDBG Subrecipient Grant Program which allows local nonprofits to apply for funding through a competitive grant application process.

PUBLIC FACILITIES

CDBG has historically supported Community Services Public Facilities projects in Fayetteville. CDBG dollars have assisted with construction, renovation and development of facilities for local non-profit organizations such as Life Styles, LifeSource International, NWA Free Health Center and the Yvonne Richardson Community Center

2014 Action Plan Housing & Community Development Needs

REDEVELOPMENT

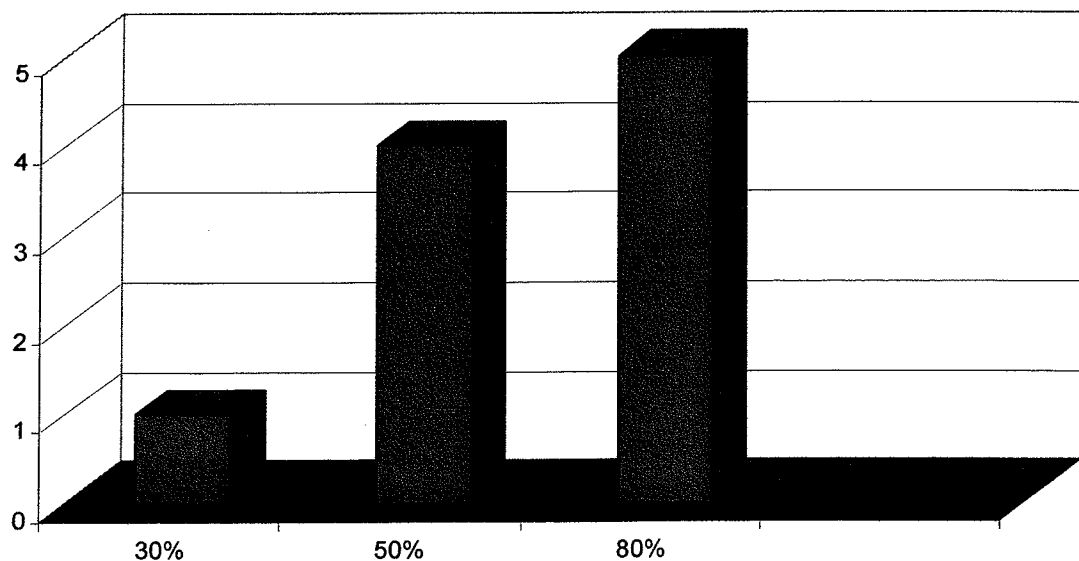
In 1992, a neighborhood within a low-to-moderate-income area of Fayetteville was designated as the Target Area. Prior to the creation of the program, Code Compliance efforts were placing an additional economic strain on the low- and moderate-income homeowners in the Target Area who are physically or financially unable to correct code violations. Thus, in 2004, the Redevelopment Program was established for the Target Area to assist in cleaning and revitalizing the deteriorating neighborhood.

According to the 2010 American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, 15.4% of the population makes less than \$10,000; 9.1% make \$10,000 to \$14,999; 17.4% make \$15,000 to \$24,999; 11.2% make \$25,000 to \$34,999; 11% make \$35,000 to \$49,999; 13.4% make \$50,000 to \$74,999; 8% make \$75,000 to \$99,999; 8.6% make \$100,000 to \$149,999; 3.4% make \$150,000 to \$199,999 and 2.4% make \$200,000 or more. The Target Area is located in southeast Fayetteville which continues to be comprised of mainly low- and moderate-income residents.

With a high percentage making less than \$25,000 a year, it is evident that residents will often not have the resources to correct code violations on their property. Currently there are 31 active cases in the Target Area. The Redevelopment Program assists residents with correcting code violations without creating additional economic strain.

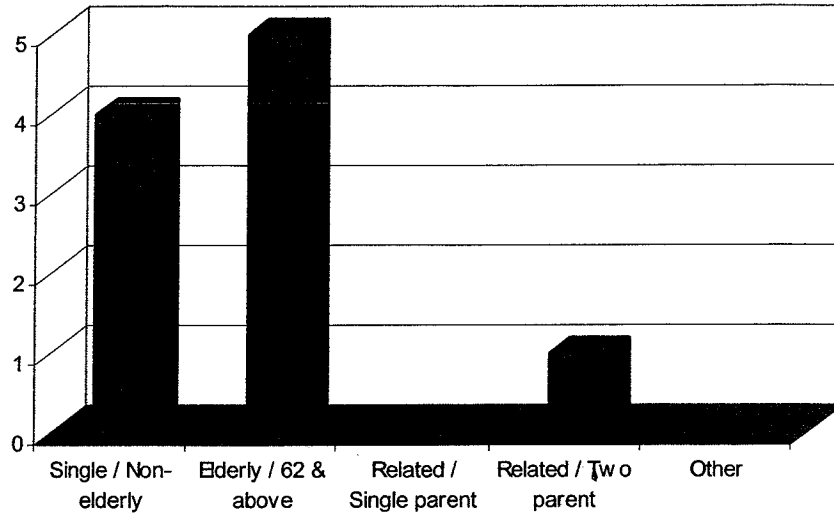
From January 2013 - September 2013, we have successfully assisted 10 households. The following charts provide statistics on the participants that were assisted.

Redevelopment Projects Completed | Income Limits

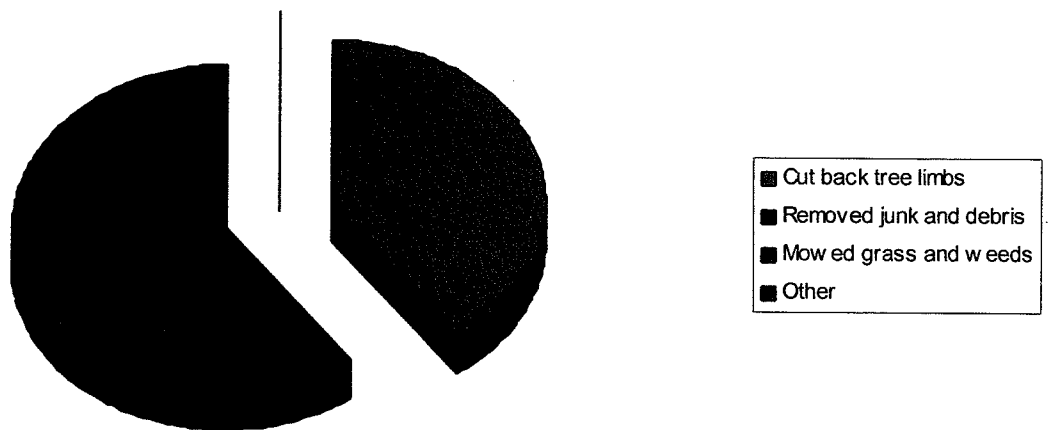


2014 Action Plan Housing & Community Development Needs

Redevelopment Projects Completed | Head of Household



Redevelopment Projects Completed | Work Performed



In addition to identifying code violations in the Target Area, the Redevelopment Officer seeks opportunities to educate residents and local organizations in the Target Area on city ordinances and the Redevelopment Program. The goal of education is not just to educate the public but also to develop and maintain relationships.



2014 Action Plan Available Resources & Public Access | Participation

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

FEDERAL | STATE The City of Fayetteville is an entitlement community and therefore receives a formula grant through the Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant Program. Private non-profit organizations in Fayetteville are funded through competitive state and federal allocations, the local United Way campaign, private foundation grants, other special competitive grants and private donations including fund-raising activities. The City anticipates the CDBG formula allocation in 2014 will be approximately \$540,700.

MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT The City's Street Division has estimated \$ 73,525 for street overlay and repair of streets located in the designated Community Development Target Area.

PUBLIC ACCESS & PARTICIPATION

CDBG Activities are designed and carried out based on local needs. Through public meetings, consultation with area public and non-profit service agencies, informal discussion with citizens, studies, city staff and special purpose committees; input from community stakeholders and resource holders is sought and integrated into designating action priorities.

One formal public hearing was held to present and discuss proposed CDBG activities for fiscal year 2014. Community Development staff were active in the presentation of program information.

In addition, a quarterly Community Services outreach publication serves to inform the community of current and future program projects and activities. Program literature in Spanish is also available in the office and at locations in the community. Staff is active in the Northwest Arkansas Housing Coalition and with the NWA Livability Partners.

In accordance with Fayetteville's Citizen Participation Plan, the 2014 Consolidated Action Plan was made available for a 30 day citizen review period.

2014 Action Plan Analysis of Impediments to Further Fair Housing & Section 3 Compliance

ANALYSIS OF IMPEDIMENTS TO FAIR HOUSING

The *Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing (AI)* was completed in November 2010. CDBG Program regulations require recipient jurisdictions to “affirmatively further fair housing” as required by Section 808 of the Fair Housing Act.

The AI is part of the Community Services effort to affirmatively further fair housing choice by identifying impediments to fair housing which presently exist in the community, and to develop strategies and actions designed to reduce or eliminate the identified impediments. Further, the AI will foster the collaboration of stakeholders and resource providers in the public, non-profit and private sectors; thereby promoting relationship-building and consensus on fair housing issues. The AI process helps describe a clearer picture of housing conditions for LMI households in Fayetteville and aids in defining current and future housing directions.

The current AI identified four areas of action:

- Consider initiating a Fair Housing Committee within the Arkansas Community Development Association.
- Increase knowledge and understanding of fair housing and affirmatively furthering fair housing through utilization of education programs and materials provided by the Arkansas Fair Housing Commission (AFHC).
- Encourage AFHC to establish baseline and actual level and types of discrimination occurring in the community through audit testing activities.
- Continue to support and make referrals to local organizations that provide approved homebuyer education programs.

The Community Services CDBG administration program has responsibility for the efforts to affirmatively further fair housing. Community Services has established a Fair Housing Evaluation Committee that meets quarterly to monitor progress on fair housing goals.

SECTION 3

A condition of receiving HUD Community Planning and Development assistance is compliance with the requirements of Section 3. The Section 3 regulation is a directive for providing preference to low- and very low-income residents and businesses that substantially employ these persons for new employment, training and contracting opportunities resulting from HUD-funded projects that trigger Section 3.

The City of Fayetteville stays current on the Section 3 requirements and annually submits a Section 3 compliance report to HUD.



2014 Action Plan One-Year Action Plan

ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN 2014

SUMMARY | USE OF FUNDS

The One-Year Action Plan for the 2014 program year illustrates the various programs, listings of projects and descriptions that will be implemented and funded under the CDBG federal program.

Comments regarding the 2014 Action Plan can be sent to:

City of Fayetteville
Attention: Yolanda Fields
Community Services Division
113 W Mountain Street
Fayetteville AR 72701

Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-383) created the CDBG Program. Re-authorized in 1990 as part of the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act, local communities can use the resources of the CDBG Program to develop flexible, locally designed community development strategies to address the program's national objectives of:

1. Providing benefits to low and moderate income persons;
2. Eliminating slums and blight; and
3. Meeting an urgent community need.

Within the framework of these national objectives, the City of Fayetteville has also established the following local community development objectives:

1. Housing and neighborhood preservation;
2. Economic development through job enhancement;
3. Public facilities and improvements limited to the support of objectives 1 and 2;
4. Elimination of blight and blighting elements limited to the support of objectives 1 and 2; and
5. Special programs offering significant community benefit and in direct support of objectives 1 and 2.

2014 Action Plan Administration | Housing | Redevelopment

ADMINISTRATION

Administration funds are used for the salary and benefits of the Community Services Director, administrative staff, office supplies, travel and training costs, some Fair Housing activities and other costs associated with administration of community development activities. CDBG funds allocated - \$107,700. Location: Development Services Building, 125 West Mountain Street, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701.

HOUSING SERVICES

This allocation provides forgivable loans to low and moderate income persons for rehabilitation of owner-occupied housing. The rehabilitation services are offered up to \$25,000.

The program provides labor, materials, project management, Lead Based Paint (LBP) Hazard Control, and other associated costs to bring a home into compliance with State and City Housing Codes. Emphasis is placed on repairs that improve energy efficiency, alleviate deferred maintenance conditions, provide safety devices and/or replace principal fixtures and components. CDBG funds allocated - \$263,070 which includes salary and program delivery costs for management and oversight of all housing programs. Ten households to be served.

Location: Citywide, when there is a waiting list applicants are prioritized according to established criteria to give highest priority to those most in need of services. Priority criteria include: very low income, elderly, disabled, single-parent household, lead-based paint hazards in home and homes located in the Target Area.

REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Program activities conducted in the Target Area include code compliance, clearance and demolition, and land acquisition for attainable housing. Ten households to be served. CDBG funds allocated - \$46,300. Location: The identified Target Area in southeast Fayetteville.



2014 Action Plan Public Services

PUBLIC SERVICES

LifeSource International | \$20,000

Kid's Life Summer Camp A portion of the costs associated with implementing the eight week day camp for at-risk youth. Emphasis is placed on education, health and nutrition and physical activity.

Prism Education Center | \$20,000

Willow Heights Preschool Program A portion of the costs associated with supporting low to moderate income families through educational programs and accessibility to resources frequently unavailable to these families. This program will provide preschool programs, parent outreach and therapeutic programs.

Transportation Program | \$21,500

Taxi Program Supplemental transportation for disabled and/or elderly residents to assist in creating greater self-sufficiency for program participants.

Transit Program Supplemental transportation assistance for qualifying low- and moderate-income residents.



2014 Action Plan Public Facilities

PUBLIC FACILITIES

LifeSource International | \$35,000

Full Security System (Cameras, Monitoring and Recording) Alarm System and Exterior Lighting

LifeSource provides a food pantry, clothing closet, children's programming, senior life programming, and community meal outreach. Funds will allow them to install a full security system in hopes of deterring abuse, theft, break-ins and vandalism.

Northwest Arkansas Free Health Center | \$3,630

Clinic Equipment Improvements Funding will be used to install blinds on all clinic windows to ensure patient privacy and control utility costs. It will also install a permanent projection screen in the education room to provide diabetes education, nutrition education and smoking cessation classes to patients.

Prism Education Center | \$23,500

Razorback Road Renovations Prism Education Center will use funds to put an oven and hood vent in the kitchen, repair a retaining wall in the playground area and fill in a large pothole in the entry drive.



2014 Action Plan Monitoring

MONITORING

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS will be monitored by the Community Development Division, State HUD staff and external auditors to ensure long-term compliance with federal, state and local regulations and statutes. Goals and objectives outlined in the Consolidated Plan will be reviewed periodically by the Community Development staff to ensure compliance to the plan.

HOUSING PROGRAMS will be monitored by the CDBG Housing Program staff and State HUD staff. When needed the City of Fayetteville Building Safety Division will provide monitoring for compliance to building ordinances. All building ordinances must be met prior to final payment on all housing rehabilitation projects. Follow-up visits will be made to all housing rehabilitation project sites.

PUBLIC SERVICE ACTIVITIES will be monitored by Community Services staff. Subrecipient agreements will be required for all public service activities. Monitoring includes assessment of program performance, financial performance and regulatory compliance. Subrecipient agreements will require documentation of activities and results. The subrecipient agreement will outline procedures to be followed in case a non-compliance situation may occur.

REDEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS will be monitored by Community Services staff, State HUD staff and external auditors. Code compliance issues are administered according to city ordinances and policy/procedures guidelines. Land acquired will be utilized for attainable housing in the Target Area. Program efforts will serve to advance the revitalization of the Target Area.

LEAD BASED PAINT hazard reduction will be monitored by CDBG Housing Program staff. Rehabilitation projects are evaluated and tested for lead-based paint hazards in accordance with the City of Fayetteville lead-based paint policy. The policy has been established based on current federal regulation for lead-based paint. This policy will be reviewed on an annual basis by CDBG staff.

GRANTEE MONITORING Division staff continue to take all necessary steps to ensure compliance with program requirements. All activities are looked at on an individual basis to determine what regulations are applicable and how they should be met. Division staff receive on-going training to develop the knowledge and skills to operate and comply with program requirements.