



Waynesboro City Council Agenda Briefing

Meeting Date:	June 24, 2019	Staff/Council Member(s): Jim Shaw, Deputy City Manager/Tom Carlsson, WRHA
Agenda Item #	6	
Resolution#		
Department:	City Manager's Office/Waynesboro Redevelopment and Housing Authority	
Subject:	CDBG 5-Year Consolidated Plan (FY2019-2023) and FY 2019 Annual Action Plan for Housing and Community Development	

Background: In 2013, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) determined that the City of Waynesboro was eligible to receive annual funding through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Entitlement Communities Program. In August 2014, the City Council adopted a five-year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plans have since been adopted for CDBG Program funds. The 2014-2018 Programs are complete or underway and summarized on an attached status report.

This year, the City will be submitting a new five-year Consolidated Plan for the FY 2019-2023 time period, as well as a more specific Annual Action Plan for FY2019.

Entitlement communities receive annual funding allocated according to a HUD formula which uses several objective measures of community needs, including the extent of poverty, population, housing overcrowding and age of housing. HUD awards grants to entitlement community grantees to carry out a wide range of community development activities directed toward revitalizing neighborhoods, economic development, and providing improved community facilities and services. Waynesboro will receive \$182,768 in FY2019 and is projected to receive similar allocations in future years unless Congress elects to make cuts to the program.

Entitlement communities develop their own programs and funding priorities. However, grantees must give priority to activities which benefit low- and moderate-income persons. A grantee may also carry out activities which aid in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight. Additionally, grantees may fund activities when the grantee certifies that the activities meet other community development needs having a particular urgency because existing conditions pose a serious and immediate threat to the health or welfare of the community where other financial resources are not available to meet such needs. CDBG funds may not be used for activities which do not meet these broad national objectives.

CDBG funds may be used for activities which include, but are not limited to:

- neighborhood revitalization measures of varied types
- construction of public facilities and improvements serving low-to-moderate income areas, such as water and sewer facilities, storm water projects, park improvements,
- public services, within certain limits;
- revitalization activities in targeted business districts, such as streetscape measures and facade improvements.

In order to receive FY2019 funds the City must develop a FY19 Annual Action Plan for specific housing, non-housing and community development activities. The City is working with the WRHA to finalize these documents, which will be advertised on the City's website prior to the next Council meeting. In accordance with Federal guidelines, the City's Consolidated Plan is guided by three overarching goals:

- 1) To provide a suitable living environment through safer more livable neighborhoods, greater integration of low- and moderate- income residents throughout the City, increased housing opportunities and reinvestment in deteriorating neighborhoods.
- 2) To provide decent housing by preserving the affordable housing stock, increasing the availability of affordable housing, reducing discriminatory barriers, increasing the supply of supportive housing for those with special needs, and transitioning homeless families into housing.
- 3) To expand economic opportunities through more jobs paying self-sufficient wages, homeownership opportunities, development activities that promote long-term community viability, and the empowerment of low-and moderate-income persons to achieve self-sufficiency.

The City will continue to contract with the WRHA for grant administration services and for assistance developing its annual work plans.

City Manager's Recommendation: No action is required tonight. At its August 12th meeting, City Council will be asked to adopt a five-year Consolidated Plan for the FY 2019-2023 time period, as well as a FY 2019 Annual Action Plan (AAP). Further, Council will authorize the City Manager to submit both documents to HUD for their review and approval.

Suggested Motion(s): NA

Attachments: LMI Map, 5-Year Program Summary

CDBG Entitlement Program **5-Year Program Summary**

The Waynesboro Redevelopment and Housing Authority (WRHA) serves as Grant Administrator for the City of Waynesboro's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program. In 2014, the City officially became a CDBG Entitlement Community. As an Entitlement Community, Waynesboro receives an annual allocation of CDBG funds directly from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Prior to 2014, the City was required to apply for CDBG funds on a competitive basis through the Virginia Department of Housing and Community Development (VDHCD). Previous projects with VDHCD included as follows:

- Port Republic Rd Housing Rehab Project (2001)
- Race Avenue Flood Relocation Project (2004)
- 3rd & Jackson St Affordable Housing Project (2007)
- Arch/Market Housing Rehab Project (2009)
- Downtown Revitalization Project (2011)

Since the City's 2014 designation as an Entitlement Community, projects administered by WRHA are as follows:

FY2014: Total CDBG Allocation: \$188,347

Activities/Projects:

- Grant Administration/Project Management (WRHA)
- Housing Rehabilitation of 1204 Wine Avenue
- Housing Rehabilitation of 1505 Fir Street
- Homebuyer Downpayment Assistance for 921 Glencoe Avenue
- Homebuyer Downpayment Assistance for 1216 Wine Avenue
- Exit 94 Industrial Park; Residential Demolition/Asbestos Abatement
- Basic Park Boat Launch (w/Public Works VDGIF Grant)
- Arch Avenue Streetscape Project, Phase I (w/Public Works Street Dept)

FY2015: Total CDBG Allocation: \$178,688

Activities/Projects:

- Grant Administration/Project Management (WRHA)
- Housing Rehabilitation of 760 N. Bayard Avenue
- Housing Rehabilitation of 480 N. Bath Avenue
- Port Republic Alley Improvements (w/Public Works Street Dept)
- Port Republic Waterline Improvements (w/Public Works Water Dept)
- Glen Alley & Wayne Theater Parking Lots (w/Parks & Street Dept)
- Arch Avenue Streetscape Project, Phase II

FY2016: Total CDBG Allocation: \$178,026

Activities/Projects:

- Grant Administration/Project Management (WRHA)
- Housing Rehabilitation of 404 Fairview Avenue
- Asbestos Abatement of 401 Fairview Avenue
- Port Republic Infrastructure Improvements (Florence & Beta Storm Water)
- WRHA Rapid Re-Housing / Homelessness Prevention
- Arch Avenue Streetscape Project, Phase III

CDBG Entitlement Program
5-Year Program Summary

FY2017: Total CDBG Allocation: \$185,677

Activities/Projects:

- Grant Administration/Project Management (WRHA)
- Demolition/Site Clearance of 401 Fairview Avenue
- Shenandoah Avenue Sanitary Sewer Improvements
- High Street Sanitary Sewer Improvements
- Malcolm Avenue Water Improvements
- Hunter Street Water Improvements
- Bruce Alley / Downtown Streetscape Project

FY2018: Total CDBG Allocation: \$193,586

Activities/Projects:

- Grant Administration/Project Management (WRHA)
- Port Republic Road Neighborhood Revitalization (pending)
(Fairview Cemetery, Elkton St, Neigh Gateway/History Projects, Crouse Hse Stabilztn)
- Market Street Parking Lot / Streetscape Project (pending)
- SVAC Facade Improvements (pending)

**Qualifying Areas of Low to Moderate Household Income
by 2010 Census Block Group Map**
City of Waynesboro

