



**City of Bradenton
Community Development Block Grant Program
2015-2016 Annual Action Plan**



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Department of Planning and Community Development
Housing and Community Development Division**

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor, City Council, and Department Heads
Timothy Polk, Director of Planning & Community Development
Press

FROM: Vicki White, Manager of Housing & Community Development

DATE: August 12, 2015

RE: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2015-16 Annual Action Plan

The City expects to receive approximately \$384,353 in CDBG funding for the 2015-16 program year, and through its Annual Action Plan is proposing to use these funds for the following activities:

Program Administration:	\$76,871
Code Enforcement:	\$129,120
Gulfcoast Legal Housing Preservation:	\$20,406
Manatee Glens Facility ADA Improvements:	\$18,150
Habitat for Humanity Neighborhood Revitalization:	<u>\$139,806</u>
Total:	\$384,353

Two additional applications were submitted for funding but were not selected for this year. They were:

Just for Girls- Prevention, Education and Recreation Center: \$200,000
Bradenton Housing Authority Help for Homeless: \$71,914

The program followed the requirements for the development of this Annual Action Plan. The availability of funds was advertised and applications for projects were taken March 2-30, 2015. Once projects were selected for funding citizens were given the opportunity to review and comment upon these changes through public outreach. A final draft Plan was developed and made available for public review and input for 30 days. The final plan was amended to include any citizen comments prior to its adoption by the Mayor and City Council.

Recommendations: Requesting a motion to approve and adopt the CDBG 2015-16 Annual Action Plan.

RESOLUTION NO. R-15-XX

A RESOLUTION ON THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA ADOPTING THE CITY OF BRADENTON'S COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM OCTOBER 1, 2015-SEPTEMBER 30, 2016 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN

WHEREAS, the City of Bradenton is a Local Community Development Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bradenton has completed the 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan for the purposes of carrying out the Community Development Block Grant Program; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BRADENTON, FLORIDA, THAT:

1. The City of Bradenton hereby adopts the 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan for its Community Development Block Grant Program.
2. The 2015-2016 Annual Action Plan is attached to this Resolution and all of its terms and conditions are incorporated herein as though fully set forth herein.
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

PASSED AND DULY ADOPTED this 12th day of August 2015

ATTEST:

City Clerk and Treasurer
Carl Callahan

President, City Council
Mayor Wayne Poston

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney
William Lisch

Executive Summary

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

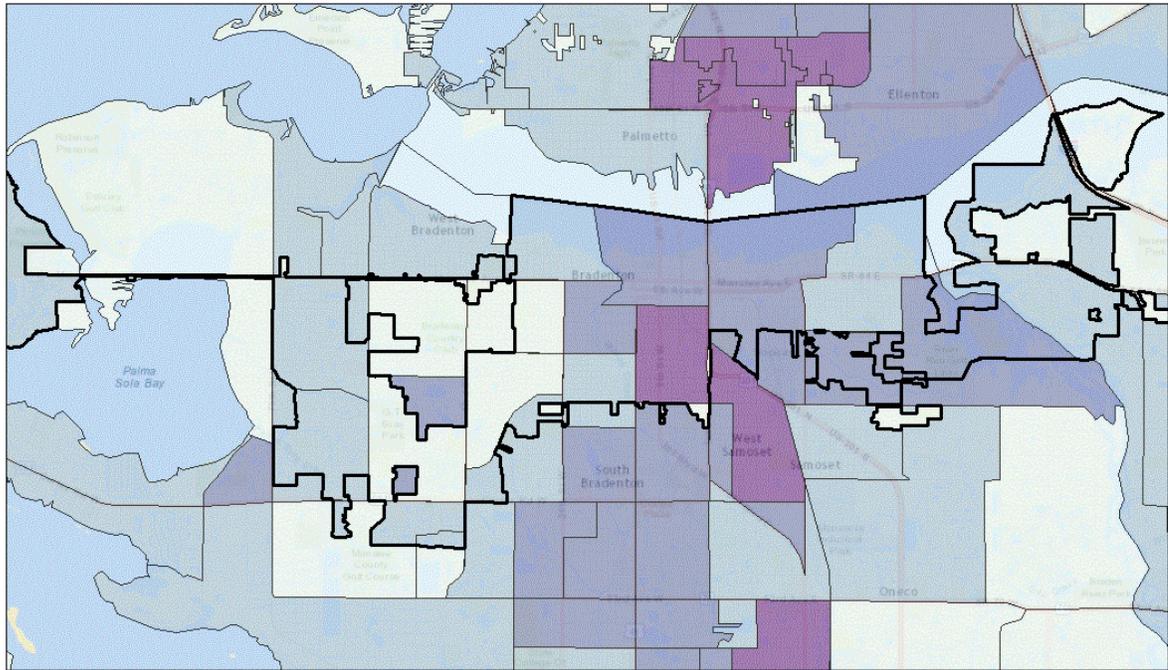
1. Introduction

For the 2015-16 program year, the City of Bradenton will continue working on meeting the needs identified in the 2014-17 Consolidated Plan. These needs include:

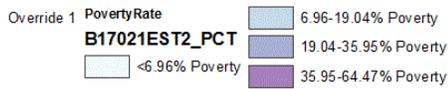
- Homeless needs
- Housing needs
- Economic development
- Infrastructure needs
- Code enforcement
- Clearance

The City identified a local target area in the Consolidated Plan, and the bulk of the funds the city receives will be concentrated in this area. The local target area includes Census Tracts 1.03, 7.03 and 7.04, all of which have the highest number of low and moderate income households in the city. Using the funds available the City will continue to improve the lives of residents in these neighborhoods through the support of economic development projects, the production and preservation of affordable housing, the removal of blighted structures from the neighborhoods, and activities intended to arrest the decay of the neighborhoods.

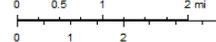
Poverty Rate by Census Tract - City of Bradenton 2015-16 Action Plan



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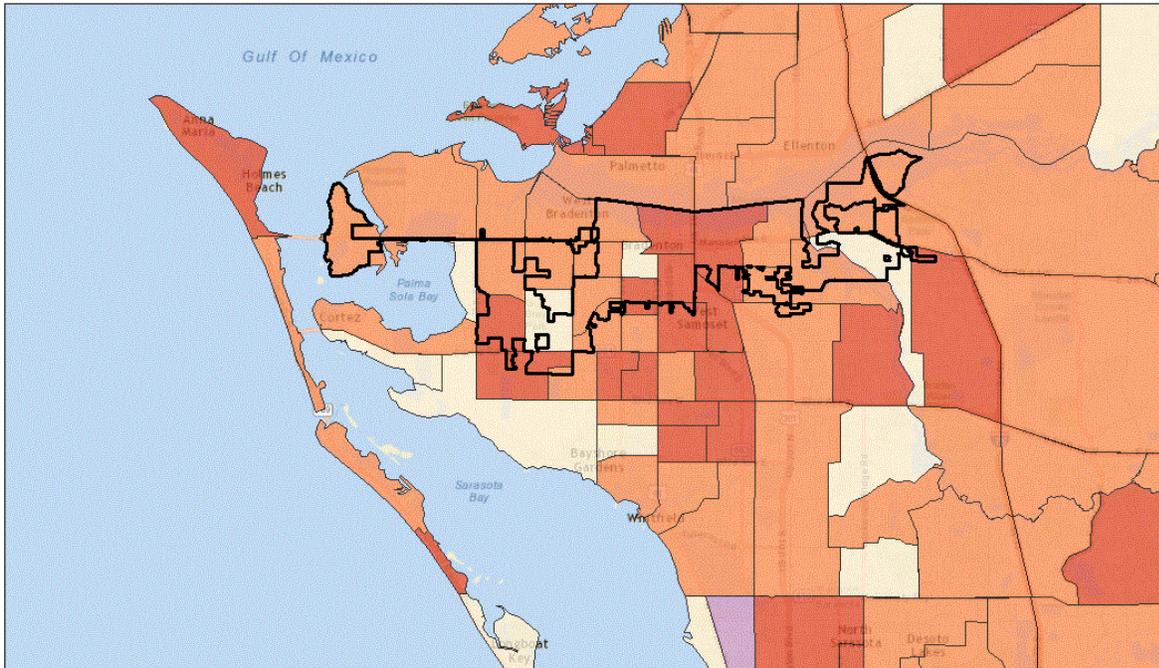


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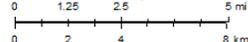
Percentage Change in Unemployment Rate by Census Tract - City of Bradenton 2015-16 Action Plan



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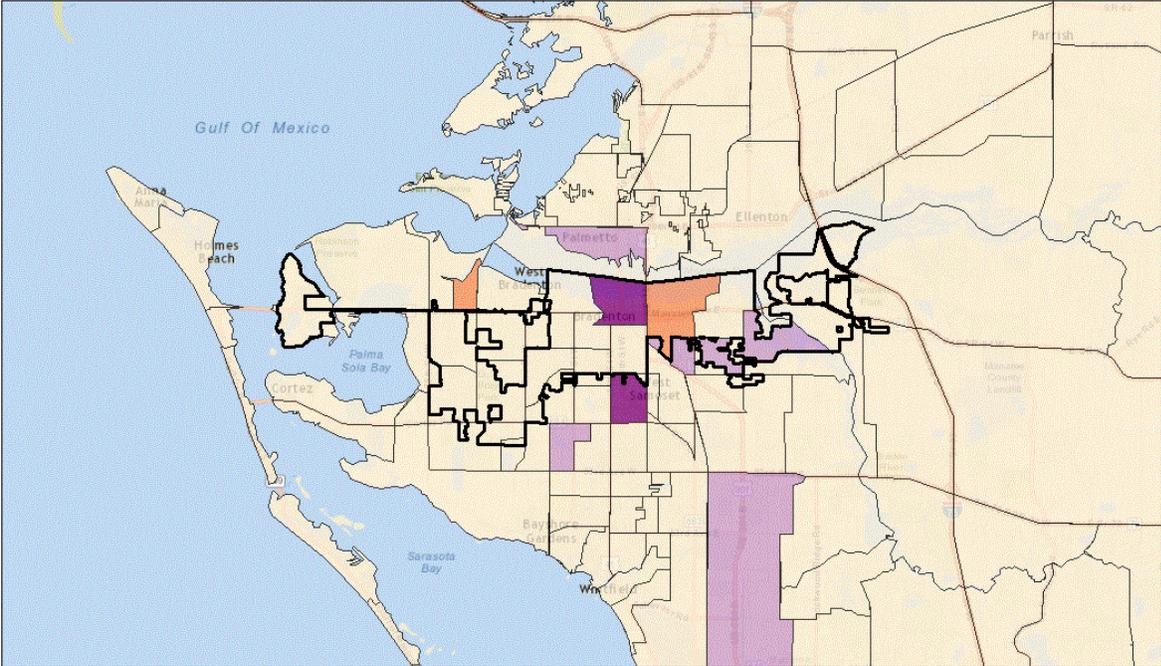


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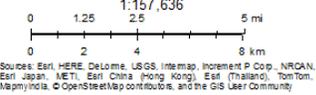


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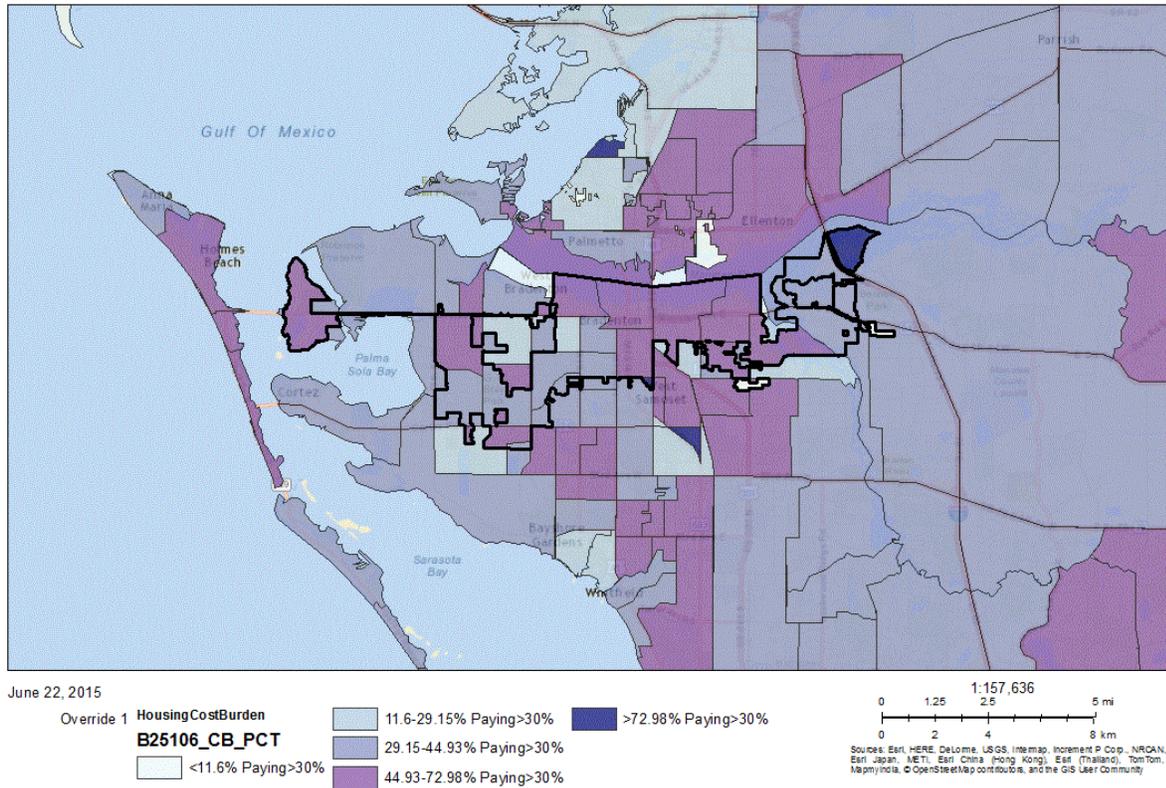
City of Bradenton-Change in Total Jobs - City of Bradenton 2015-16 Action Plan



June 22, 2015



Housing Cost Burden by Census Tract - City of Bradenton 2015-16 Action Plan



Summarize the objectives and outcomes identified in the Plan

This could be a restatement of items or a table listed elsewhere in the plan or a reference to another location. It may also contain any essential items from the housing and homeless needs assessment, the housing market analysis or the strategic plan.

Homeless needs, housing needs, and economic development needs continue to be a high priority within the City of Bradenton. The City will meet these needs by funding programs that target them. In some respects housing needs and homeless needs revolve around the same problem, which is a shortage of housing that is affordable, decent, safe and sanitary, particularly for residents in lower income groups (below 50% AMI).

Code enforcement in the local target area, which is a low priority item, will continue to be funded through CDBG. This activity can help to arrest the blight and decay in neighborhoods, prevent hazardous conditions, and inform residents about building codes and property maintenance. In the past, the Code Compliance Division has conducted neighborhood sweeps, targeting code violations. This has improved conditions in these neighborhoods, leading to a more suitable living environment. Code compliance activity also helps to preserve affordable housing stock by ensuring that these properties are properly maintained.

Economic development needs can be met in a variety of ways. Many economic development projects

are public service projects which facilitate economic development through a variety of strategies, such as employment training. Others create or retain jobs.

The City advertised for applications to meet these priority needs and received a number of applications. Most of them addressed the priority needs described in the Consolidated Plan; a few did not. Two projects selected for funding- Gulfcoast Legal Service's Housing Preservation and Habitat for Humanity's Neighborhood Revitalization- will meet the city's housing needs. The Housing Preservation project may help with homeless needs by preventing people from becoming homeless in the first place or assisting them with finding decent housing if there is no alternative to foreclosure. The Neighborhood Revitalization project will purchase vacant properties in the local target area and construct new housing on them for low and moderate income families.

3. Evaluation of past performance

This is an evaluation of past performance that helped lead the grantee to choose its goals or projects.

Over the past year, the City has used its resources to meet the City's housing needs by rehabilitating homes owned by four (4) low and moderate income residents, with two of these projects being replacement homes. The City uses its State Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP) funds to meet most of the housing needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. The City provided funding for infrastructure in support of two multifamily rental projects through CDBG.

The City addressed economic development needs by providing funding for a retail plaza located in census tract 1.03. This project has been slow to get underway, but once it is completed, it should provide approximately 4.25 full-time-equivalent positions and provide healthy food options through a grocery store as well as other retail services to the community. In another neighborhood located in census tract 1.03, Village of the Arts, the city provided an indirect economic benefit through an infrastructure activity. This activity provided improved lighting to streets in the neighborhood, increasing its visibility as well as improving security in the neighborhood. Previously, the neighborhood had some side streets that had no lighting, while other areas had lighting that was obscured by trees.

The City improved low and moderate income neighborhoods in the local target area by funding a project to remove blighted structures from these neighborhoods. This project has moved slowly due to the fact that the environmental review process takes approximately three months. Once this process is completed and a release obtained, the City can start the notification process, which takes approximately 60 days. Once that process is completed the actual demolition can take place. In some instances the property owners have demolished the structures once the City identified them as an imminent danger to life and health.

Code compliance in the local target area helps to arrest the decay of neighborhoods by ensuring that the neighborhoods are kept up and unlicensed construction activity is kept to a minimum. Code compliance officers advise residents on what is required under the International Property Maintenance Code. Code compliance staff meets with residents in order to address complaints in the neighborhoods about maintenance issues, dilapidated structures and unlawful activity in the neighborhoods. In addition to working with issues of occupied dwellings, code compliance staff addresses issues related to vacant foreclosed properties within low and moderate income neighborhoods. Over the past year,

code compliance officers funded through CDBG performed over 1,200 initial inspections.

4. Summary of Citizen Participation Process and consultation process

Summary from citizen participation section of plan.

The City held two (2) citizen input sessions within the local target area to gather information and comment from the residents. The City conducted extensive outreach to ensure good participation at these meetings. Outreach included notice in the local newspaper, notice on the City's website, mailed notification to known interested parties, and a far-reaching newsletter produced by the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness.

In March, the City solicited grant applications from nonprofit organizations. Staff reviewed the applications and developed a proposed use of funds. Those staff recommendations were taken to the City Council and Administration in April and a public hearing was held in May regarding the proposed budget.

Staff completed a draft 2015-16 Action Plan and made the draft Plan available for public review and comment on June 29, 2015. The draft Plan will be available for a 30-day period prior to being adopted by the City Council in August. The completed Action Plan will be submitted to HUD no later than August 14, 2015.

5. Summary of public comments

This could be a brief narrative summary or reference an attached document from the Citizen Participation section of the Con Plan.

The common theme of comments provided by service providers was the need for affordable housing. Some providers, such as Community Solutions 360, mentioned the need for special needs housing, particularly for residents who are elderly. Others, such as Manatee Glens, mentioned the need for permanent housing coupled with supportive services for people who are homeless and have substance abuse or mental illness. A copy of all comments received is included in the Citizen Participation section.

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

All comments to date have been accepted by the City of Bradenton. There were no additional comments made during the 30-day comment period.

7. Summary

Input from service providers in the city reinforced the needs discussed in the City's Consolidated Plan with regard to the need for affordable housing, including people who are homeless. The Salvation Army mentioned that they work with people who are homeless to help them become self-sufficient in their programs, but once people complete their programs, they have a hard time finding housing that is

decent, safe and sanitary.

Homeless needs related to services to assist people who are homeless with co-occurring substance abuse or severe mental illness were another issue discussed by several providers. However, since public service project funds are limited and there is a push from the federal level for CDBG grant recipients to focus on public facilities and infrastructure projects, the City will attempt to meet both priorities through the projects funded this year.

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

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

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

Agency Role	Name	Department/Agency
Lead Agency	BRADENTON	
CDBG Administrator	BRADENTON	Housing and Community Development Division
HOPWA Administrator		
HOME Administrator		
HOPWA-C Administrator		

Table 1 – Responsible Agencies

Consolidated Plan Public Contact Information

City of Bradenton Housing and Community Development

101 12th St. W.

Bradenton, FL 34205

Phone: 941-932-9400

Fax: 941-932-9534

Website: www.cityofbradenton.com

1. Introduction

As described in the approved Citizen Participation Plan, the City consulted with many stakeholders and community experts regarding housing and community development needs. The City reached out to public and private agencies that provide assisted housing, health service providers, local businesses, Continuum of Care, affordable housing providers, city departments, homeless providers, veteran groups, groups working with the disabled, philanthropic organizations, community-based organizations, faith-based organizations, surrounding units of government, and child welfare groups.

This consultation was undertaken through a combination of face-to-face meetings and letters seeking input. While information from the U.S. Census can be used to understand the needs of the community, input from local agencies is invaluable because it can provide more in-depth data. Some of these

agencies have gathered data and developed their own reports regarding the needs of the community and these reports are excellent resources for determining needs at the local level.

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

City staff continues to be involved in the community, attending meetings including the newly-formed Faith-Based Alliance, attending community groups and networking with agencies and groups providing services within the community. As we have in past years, City staff will designate funds to support tax credit housing development concepts as they proceed through the State competitive process. The City's participation with the support for these types of projects brings together housing providers and fosters communication and coordination.

In an indirect way, the City also encourages coordination from nonprofit organizations that seek CDBG funding from the City. The grant application is designed to encourage coordination and requires leveraging and collaboration by the nonprofit in providing their services. City staff is always seeking new and better ways to engage the community and ensure proper communication and collaboration is occurring throughout the city.

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 Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness brings together the Manatee and Sarasota Counties Coalitions and administers the Continuum of Care (CoC). The CoC meets regularly to share promising practices, solve problems and introduce new ideas. One very important activity entrusted to the CoC is the annual point-in-time census of homeless individuals and the corresponding survey of available emergency shelter beds, transitional housing units, and permanent housing units. This data helps the members with vital information on the needs and gaps in the system, and helps redirect services, funding and other resources as the needs of the community’s homeless population shift.

The City is a member of the CoC and attends the meetings regularly. The CoC is following the lead of the federal government and beginning to shift our thinking about homelessness toward the Housing First model. City staff will assist with this shift and ensure that CDBG projects will be aligned with the Housing First model to ensure coordination and collaboration.

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

City of Bradenton does not receive ESG funds.

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

1	Agency/Group/Organization	SALVATION ARMY
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-homeless Neighborhood 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 Strategy Non-Homeless Special Needs
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City sent a letter requesting to meet with staff to discuss the housing and community development needs. The City met in person with Salvation Army staff on February 24, 2015, to discuss homeless needs. The major issues identified included the overnight shelter being overfull, particularly for women with children, engaging the chronic homeless still very difficult, and transitioning to a Housing First model.
2	Agency/Group/Organization	Manatee Glens Corporation
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Health Agency
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans Non-Homeless Special Needs

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City sent a letter requesting to meet with staff to discuss the housing and community development needs. City staff met in person with Manatee Glens staff on February 19, 2015, to discuss mental health and addiction needs. The major issues discussed included an increase in prescription pill and heroin use, there is always a need for housing and employment for those with mental illness and/or drug addiction, and Manatee Glens has experience with the Housing First model when it operated a Shelter Plus Care grant for the City.</p>
3	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Manatee County Habitat for Humanity</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing Services - Housing Service-Fair Housing Neighborhood Organization</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis</p>
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City sent a letter requesting to meet with staff to discuss the housing and community development needs. City staff met in person with Habitat for Humanity staff on February 12, 2015, to discuss affordable housing needs. The major topics included the continued, very large need for affordable housing, Habitat for Humanity is currently lacking land to build homes upon, and finally an unmet need they continue to see is the need for minor home repairs (roof replacement, water heaters, etc).</p>

4	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Coalition on Homelessness, FL
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services - Housing Services-Persons with Disabilities Services-homeless Services-Health Services-Education Services-Employment Neighborhood 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 Strategy Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City sent a letter requesting to meet with staff to discuss the housing and community development needs. City staff met in person with Community Coalition on Homelessness (d/b/a Turning Points) staff on February 18, 2015, to discuss homeless needs. The major issues included the continued need for services for the homeless, a growing women with children population, affordable housing for homeless persons to move into (convert motels with lower rents), and need for medical services for the homeless (medical, dental, vision).
5	Agency/Group/Organization	Community Solutions 360, Inc.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Neighborhood Organization
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis

	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City sent a letter requesting to meet with staff to discuss the housing and community development needs. City staff met in person with Community Solutions 360 staff on February 19, 2015, to discuss housing needs. The major topics discussed included the need for housing for seniors, veterans, and special needs populations, this organization used to be the Manasota GoodHomes program, there is a need for land to develop affordable housing, there is a need for a dedicated funding stream for affordable housing (penny tax), and the need for accessibility home modifications for the elderly to keep them in their homes as long as possible.</p>
6	<p>Agency/Group/Organization</p>	<p>Manatee Community Action Agency</p>
	<p>Agency/Group/Organization Type</p>	<p>Housing Services - Housing Services-Children Services-Education Neighborhood Organization</p>
	<p>What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?</p>	<p>Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Anti-poverty Strategy community needs</p>
	<p>Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?</p>	<p>The City sent a letter requesting to meet with staff to discuss the housing and community development needs. City staff met in person with Manatee Community Action Agency staff on February 26, 2015, to gather input regarding community needs. The primary focus of the meeting was the need for weatherization program funding. MCCA staff also explained some of the other areas of service provision, including head start, home visiting programs, abuse prevention, and family self sufficiency.</p>

7	Agency/Group/Organization	Bradenton Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Homeless Needs - Chronically homeless Homelessness Needs - Veterans Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City sent a letter requesting to meet with staff to discuss the housing and community development needs. City staff met in person with Bradenton Housing Authority staff on March 10, 2015, to discuss housing needs. The major issues identified included the continued need for security and utility deposit funding, there are limited funds in implement the Family Self Sufficiency program, and utility assistance for those already in their home.
8	Agency/Group/Organization	Central Community Redevelopment Agency
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing Services - Housing Services-Education Services-Employment Other government - Local
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City sent a letter requesting to meet with staff to discuss the housing and community development needs. City staff works very closely with the Central Community Redevelopment Agency and communicated informally with staff. Projects/issues that have been identified by the residents of the District include landscaping and community appearance improvements, create MLK Avenue as a "community main street", business development, business attraction, improve community facilities, and crime and community safety.
9	Agency/Group/Organization	Manatee County Housing Authority
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Housing PHA Services - Housing Other government - County
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Public Housing Needs Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City sent a letter requesting to meet with staff to discuss the housing and community development needs. City staff met informally with the Manatee County Housing Authority staff to discuss housing needs in Manatee County and the city. MCHA is facing similar issues as the Bradenton Housing Authority including need for land and funding for supportive services.
10	Agency/Group/Organization	Suncoast Community Capital Corp.
	Agency/Group/Organization Type	Services-Elderly Persons Services-Education Services-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy

	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City sent a letter requesting to meet with staff to discuss the housing and community development needs. City staff met in person with Suncoast Community Capital staff on February 19, 2015, to discuss the needs of the community. The major issues discussed included the need for financial literacy training for low income persons, career planning and training, job readiness, and small business development.
11	Agency/Group/Organization	United Way of Manatee County, Inc.
	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-Employment
	What section of the Plan was addressed by Consultation?	Housing Need Assessment Non-Homeless Special Needs Market Analysis Economic Development Anti-poverty Strategy
	Briefly describe how the Agency/Group/Organization was consulted. What are the anticipated outcomes of the consultation or areas for improved coordination?	The City sent a letter requesting to meet with staff to discuss the housing and community development needs. City staff informally discussed community development needs with United Way leadership. The focus of the United Way, based on many "community conversation" meetings in the community, is on education, income (creation and preservation), and health. City staff is also working to coordinate, as best as possible, the funding of programs by United Way and others in the community.

Table 2-Consultation

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

There were significant efforts to consult with all interested agencies or groups, whether through formal consultation as described above or by way of networking and collaborating with agencies throughout the community.

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	Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness	The City's goals to address homeless needs by funding projects that address this need complement the activities of the CoC to end homelessness within Manatee and Sarasota Counties. The City has funded activities carried out by participants in the Continuum in the past and will continue to fund activities as funding is available.

Table 3 – Other local / regional / federal planning efforts

Narrative (optional)

There are many efforts to improve the lives of Bradenton residents. City staff attempt to stay involved in these efforts and ensure the Federal and State funds are put to their best use to support any comprehensive planning effort to meet the needs identified in the Consolidated Plan.

AP-12 Participation – 91.105, 91.200(c)

1. Summary of citizen participation process/Efforts made to broaden citizen participation Summarize citizen participation process and how it impacted goal-setting

The City held two (2) public input sessions at locations within the local target area to give citizens an opportunity to participate, as required by the approved Citizen Participation Plan. The first input session was held at the Bradenton Village Community Room on February 10, 2015, and the second session was held at the Central Community Redevelopment Agency offices on February 17, 2015. Notice of these input sessions was advertised in the local newspaper and on the City's website. The City also mailed notification of the input sessions to known interested parties and notice was included in a far-reaching, e-mail newsletter from the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness.

In addition to the input sessions, on January 30, 2015 the City made an electronic citizen input form available on the City's website and a paper input form available in the lobby of City Hall to gather additional input from citizens that couldn't attend either community input meeting.

The City solicited grant applications from nonprofit organizations beginning March 2, 2015, through March 30, 2015. Once staff reviewed the applications and funding recommendations were determined, the City prepared a Proposed Use of Funds. City staff presented funding recommendations to the Administration and City Council during a Council Workshop on April 15, 2015. A public hearing on the Proposed Use of Funds was held on May 6, 2015, beginning at 5pm at the City Council Chambers. Notice of the Public Hearing was published in the local newspaper on April 24, 2015, and included the source and amount of funding available, a summary of each grant application received, and the funding recommendations.

The draft 2015-16 Action Plan was made available for public inspection and comment on June 29, 2015. Notice of the availability of the Action Plan was published in the local newspaper on June 29, 2015. The advertisement provided notice of availability of the draft Plan, a summary of the Plan, when and where comments can be made, and date of City Council will take action. This notice also served as the beginning of the required 30-day comment period.

Citizen Participation Outreach

The following table presents a summary of the community organizations contacted, their roles in the community, and the feedback provided.

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	Non-targeted/broad community	N/A	None received regarding the ad.	N/A	

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)
2	Internet Outreach	Non-targeted/broad community	Two responses received.	High priorities -- code enforcement , clearance (demolition) and infrastructure. Low priorities -- clearance (demolition) . Other priorities identified -- police department presence and refresh the River Walk area. Other comments -- too many panhandlers on streets and overgrown landscaping on public land.	All comments were accepted.	http://www.cityofbradenton.com/index.asp?SEC={2078E6A5-1D9F-4048-A335-B7DF7A262C6D}&Type=QUICKFORM&persistdesign=none
3	Public Meeting	Minorities Persons with disabilities Non-targeted/broad community Residents of Public and Assisted Housing	One attendee at each meeting held on February 10th and 17th.	One attendee commented on the lack of affordable housing that is decent, safe and sanitary.	All comments were accepted.	

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)
4	Public Hearing	Non-targeted/broad community	There were two attendees at the public hearing on May 6, 2015.	Long discussion regarding the Just for Girls grant application.	All comments were accepted.	
5	30-day comment period	Non-targeted/broad community				

Table 4-Outreach

Expected Resources

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

Introduction

The City anticipates that it will receive the following resources to address the priority needs identified in the 2014-17 Consolidated Plan.

Priority Table

Program	Source of Funds	Uses of Funds	Expected Amount Available Year 2				Expected Amount Available Reminder of Con Plan \$
			Annual Allocation : \$	Program Income: \$	Prior Year Resources : \$	Total: \$	
CDBG	public - federal	Acquisition Admin and Planning Economic Development Housing Public Improvements Public Services	384,353	0	0	384,353	384,353
Other	public - state	Admin and Planning Housing	248,268	3,000	96,228	374,496	374,496

Table 5 - 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.

All of the City's projects involve leveraging funds from other sources such as federal, state and local

funding sources, as well as in-kind contributions. In terms of other funds versus CDBG funds invested, this ranges from a high of 100% CDBG funding for code enforcement to a low of 25% CDBG funding for the Habitat for Humanity Neighborhood Revitalization project. To the greatest extent possible, program staff selected projects that would maximize CDBG funding.

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

The City does not expect to use any publicly owned property or land located within the Bradenton city limits to address the needs identified in the Plan.

Discussion

City staff monitors the funding process closely, both federal and state. Through recent years, the funding levels received by the City of Bradenton have been diminishing. This coming year the federal government has a budget and no continuing resolutions, as has been the case in previous years. The State of Florida passed a budget on June 19. There are still efforts by the Legislature to "sweep" State Housing Trust Funds out of housing and into the general fund. This will limit the efforts of the City to address the many needs of the 2014-17 Consolidated Plan. For the 2015-16 program year which began July 1, 2015, the Legislature swept \$75-million from the Local Government Housing Trust Fund into the state's General Fund. As a result, the city received about half of the funding it would have received had the sweep not occurred.

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	Housing Need-Producing Affordable Housing	2014	2017	Affordable Housing	CENSUS TRACT 1.03 Census Tract 7.03 Census Tract 7.04	Housing Needs	CDBG: \$139,806	Homeowner Housing Added: 3 Household Housing Unit
2	Housing Needs-Preserving Affordable Housing	2014	2017	Affordable Housing	CENSUS TRACT 1.03 Census Tract 7.03 Census Tract 7.04	Homeless Needs	CDBG: \$20,406 SHIP: \$0	Public service activities for Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 45 Households Assisted

Sort Order	Goal Name	Start Year	End Year	Category	Geographic Area	Needs Addressed	Funding	Goal Outcome Indicator
3	Code Enforcement	2014	2017	Non-Housing Community Development	CENSUS TRACT 1.03 Census Tract 7.03 Census Tract 7.04	Code Enforcement	CDBG: \$129,120	Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 1200 Household Housing Unit
4	Homeless Needs	2015	2017	Homeless	CENSUS TRACT 1.03 Census Tract 7.03 Census Tract 7.04	Homeless Needs	CDBG: \$18,150	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 308 Persons Assisted

5	General Program Administration	2014	2017	General Program Administration	CENSUS TRACT 1.03 Census Tract 7.03 Census Tract 7.04	Homeless Needs Housing Needs Economic Development Infrastructure Needs Code Enforcement Clearance	CDBG: \$76,871	Public Facility or Infrastructure Activities other than Low/Moderate Income Housing Benefit: 308 Persons Assisted Homeowner Housing Added: 3 Household Housing Unit Homeowner Housing Rehabilitated: 4 Household Housing Unit Tenant-based rental assistance / Rapid Rehousing: 3 Households Assisted Homelessness Prevention: 45 Persons Assisted Housing Code Enforcement/Foreclosed Property Care: 1200 Household Housing Unit
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Table 6 – Goals Summary

Goal Descriptions

1	Goal Name	Housing Need-Producing Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	The city will assist at least three homeowners through its Habitat for Humanity Neighborhood Revitalization program. Habitat for Humanity will purchase at least three lots within the local target area and construct new, energy-efficient homes for low and moderate income families to purchase. Habitat for Humanity will construct one detached, single-family home on each lot.
2	Goal Name	Housing Needs-Preserving Affordable Housing
	Goal Description	The city will meet its housing need as well through its Housing Preservation project in partnership with Gulfcoast Legal Services. The Housing Preservation project will assist 45 homeowners in the city with legal services designed to prevent foreclosure. If foreclosure is not preventable, Gulfcoast will work with homeowners to find decent housing so that they do not become homeless.
3	Goal Name	Code Enforcement
	Goal Description	The code enforcement project will fund two (2) code compliance officers who work in the Local Target Area. The intention of this project is to arrest the blight and decay in these neighborhoods as well as preserve affordable housing by ensuring that it is maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. These code compliance officers expect to perform at least 1,200 inspections this year.

4	Goal Name	Homeless Needs
	Goal Description	The city will address homeless needs to some extent by assisting Manatee Glens with ADA improvements to its Outpatient Medical Clinic facility. Manatee Glens serves a wide population at its center, including patients who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The improvements will make it easier for patients with mobility issues to enter the facility independently.
5	Goal Name	General Program Administration
	Goal Description	This activity will cover the cost of general program administration.

Table 7 – Goal Descriptions

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 91.215(b):

The City expects to provide at least three (3) low and moderate income families with affordable housing through its Habitat for Humanity Neighborhood Revitalization project.

AP-35 Projects – 91.220(d)

Introduction

With the exception of the Manatee Glens Health Facility ADA Improvements and the Gulfcoast Legal Services Housing Preservation projects, all of the City's projects will directly affect the local target area, which is comprised of census tracts 1.03, 7.03 and 7.04. However, both these projects could serve residents from the local target area. If the city receives SHIP funds this year, the bulk of those funds will also be allocated to the Local Target Area.

#	Project Name
1	Habitat for Humanity Neighborhood Revitalization Project
2	Gulfcoast Legal Services Housing Preservation
3	Manatee Glens Health Facility ADA Improvements
4	Code Enforcement
5	Program Administration

Table 8 – Project Information

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

Bradenton solicits grant applications from nonprofit organizations to create its CDBG program. This year the City received six (6) grant applications - five nonprofit and one city department. The limited response (and limited funding) to a large degree dictate the focus of the funding for the program year. This makes long range planning, and the funding of complex projects, very difficult over a three year period covered by the Consolidated Plan.

The limited funding, along with the solicitation method used by the City, may be viewed as an obstacle to addressing underserved needs identified in the Consolidated Plan. The City may explore alternative methods of allocating the CDBG funds in future program years. The City would like to see a more direct correlation between the Consolidated Plan Strategies and the annual funding process, perhaps directly soliciting for unmet Consolidated Plan Strategies as an example.

Any contemplated changes to the allocation process would be considered a substantial amendment to the Citizen Participation Plan and would go through a public hearing process.

Projects

AP-38 Projects Summary

Project Summary Information

1	Project Name	Habitat for Humanity Neighborhood Revitalization Project
	Target Area	CENSUS TRACT 1.03 Census Tract 7.03 Census Tract 7.04
	Goals Supported	Housing Need-Producing Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$139,806
	Description	This project will assist with the production of affordable housing by providing funds to acquire at least three (3) lots for the construction of affordable, energy-efficient housing by Habitat for Humanity of Manatee County. These lots will be located in the Local Target Area, which includes census tracts 1.03, 7.03, and 7.04. It will involve the acquisition of vacant lots or possibly lots with vacant, dilapidated housing on them.

	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This project will assist at least three (3) low and moderate income families.
	Location Description	This activity will take place in the local target area. Habitat for Humanity is hoping to acquire lots in and on the outskirts of the Village of the Arts, located in census tract 1.03.
	Planned Activities	Funds will be used to acquire lots for construction of single-family homes. Once the lots are acquired, Habitat for Humanity will mobilize its volunteer workforce to complete the homes. Once the homes are sold, they will provide confirmation to program staff that they are occupied by low-moderate income families.
2	Project Name	Gulfcoast Legal Services Housing Preservation
	Target Area	CENSUS TRACT 1.03 Census Tract 7.03 Census Tract 7.04
	Goals Supported	Housing Needs-Preserving Affordable Housing
	Needs Addressed	Housing Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$20,406
	Description	This project will fund legal personnel who will work with homeowners facing foreclosure to resolve their situation, either by keeping them in their home, or if this is not possible, assisting them with finding other housing. The intention of this program is to prevent families from becoming homeless.
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	This family will serve at least 45 families citywide, including some from the local target area. All families served will be low-moderate income.

	Location Description	Gulfcoast Legal Services will serve their clients out of their downtown Bradenton office, which is located at 430 12th St. W. Bradenton, FL 34205.
	Planned Activities	Gulfcoast Legal Services will provide their clients with legal representation at foreclosure proceedings and defend their client against foreclosure. If resolution of the case in the client's favor is not possible, Gulfcoast will assist the client with obtaining enough time to move from their home into other affordable housing.
3	Project Name	Manatee Glens Health Facility ADA Improvements
	Target Area	CENSUS TRACT 1.03 Census Tract 7.03 Census Tract 7.04
	Goals Supported	Homeless Needs
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Needs Infrastructure Needs
	Funding	CDBG: \$18,150
	Description	This project will cover the cost of ADA improvements to an outpatient medical clinic that serves low and moderate income residents of the City of Bradenton and Manatee County. The clinic assists clients that have mental illness and/or drug addiction. Some of these clients are homeless or at risk of homelessness. These improvements will enable clients with mobility issues to enter the facility unassisted.
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	At least 308 families from the city's local target area will be assisted through this project. All of them are low and moderate income and all are disabled. A few may be homeless or at risk of homelessness.
	Location Description	Manatee Glens' Outpatient Medical Facility is located at 379 6th Ave. W. Bradenton, FL 34205.

	Planned Activities	This activity will fund the construction of a graduated ramp to the entrance of the facility, handrails, an awning and automatic door closures.
4	Project Name	Code Enforcement
	Target Area	CENSUS TRACT 1.03 Census Tract 7.03 Census Tract 7.04
	Goals Supported	Code Enforcement
	Needs Addressed	Code Enforcement
	Funding	CDBG: \$129,120
	Description	This project will cover the cost of two (2) code compliance officers operating in designated low and moderate income areas. They will investigate complaints, educate residents about the city's property maintenance code, conduct proactive inspections with neighborhood groups, and refer dilapidated properties to the Building Division for possible designation as unsafe structures through the city's unsafe structure ordinance.
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	The code compliance officers expects to conduct at least 1,200 inspections on properties located in low and moderate income areas.
	Location Description	Code compliance officers work in the local target area, which is comprised of census tracts 1.03, 7.03 and 7.04.

	Planned Activities	Code compliance officers will conduct initial inspections prompted by complaints as well as proactive inspections in order to educate residents regarding the city's property maintenance codes (International Property Maintenance Codes). Code compliance officers also work with the Building Division to help identify dilapidated properties that could be unsafe and need to be demolished.
5	Project Name	Program Administration
	Target Area	CENSUS TRACT 1.03 Census Tract 7.03 Census Tract 7.04
	Goals Supported	Housing Needs-Preserving Affordable Housing Code Enforcement Housing Need-Producing Affordable Housing Homeless Needs General Program Administration
	Needs Addressed	Homeless Needs Housing Needs Economic Development Infrastructure Needs Code Enforcement Clearance
	Funding	CDBG: \$76,871
	Description	This project will cover the expenses of general program administration.
	Target Date	9/30/2016
	Estimate the number and type of families that will benefit from the proposed activities	Program administration benefits low and moderate income families throughout the City of Bradenton, particularly in the Local Target Area. An estimated 2,000 families will benefit from program administration.
	Location Description	The address of the City of Bradenton's Housing and Community Development Division is 101 12th St. W. Bradenton, FL 34205.

Table 9 – Project Summary

AP-50 Geographic Distribution – 91.220(f)

Description of the geographic areas of the entitlement (including areas of low-income and minority concentration) where assistance will be directed.

Approximately 72% of the CDBG funding available this year will be invested in the local target area (census tracts 1.03, 7.03 and 7.04). Two projects will be carried out exclusively in this local target area and they are code enforcement and Habitat for Humanity Neighborhood Revitalization. Two other projects have the possibility to affect residents from this area - the Manatee Glens Health Facility ADA Improvements and the Gulfcoast Legal Services Housing Preservation project. All three census tracts have a high concentration (nearly 70%) of residents who are either Black or of Hispanic origin, in addition to having high levels of poverty. In addition, 70%-90% of the residents in these census tracts are low-moderate income.

Geographic Distribution

Target Area	Percentage of Funds
CENSUS TRACT 1.03	50
Census Tract 7.03	35
Census Tract 7.04	15

Table 10 - Geographic Distribution

Rationale for the priorities for allocating investments geographically

The local target area contains the highest concentration of low and moderate income residents in the city as well as some of the oldest neighborhoods in the city. These neighborhoods show deteriorating infrastructure in addition to decaying and nonconforming housing. The City has made large investments in the neighborhoods in previous years in terms of public facilities as well as infrastructure; however there are still a number of issues to address.

Discussion

The City will be using the bulk of its CDBG funding to improve its local target area, which contains some of the most distressed neighborhoods in the city. About 10% of the funding received will be for projects located outside of the local target area. These projects will benefit residents citywide; however, they have the potential to benefit residents of the local target area.

In addition to CDBG funding, the City will concentrate any SHIP funding it receives into this local target area. SHIP funds are required to be used for housing and housing-related activities, so these funds will be primarily used to improve residents' homes in these neighborhoods. Some SHIP funds may also be used for affordable housing preservation and prevention of homelessness through its Rental Deposit/Eviction Prevention strategy.

AP-55 Affordable Housing – 91.220(g)

Introduction

Housing needs, particularly affordable housing needs continue to be a high priority need within the City of Bradenton. The City will attempt to meet these needs in a variety of ways. However, the ability to meet some of these needs is dependent upon the availability of State Housing Trust Funds. If they are available, the City will be able to meet a wider of variety of needs, including the preservation of affordable housing and the prevention of homelessness. Affordable housing will also be preserved by using these funds to repair homeowners' homes, including those homeowners with special needs, such as people who are elderly and frail, those who are disabled, and those who are handicapped. The production of new housing for at least three (3) low-moderate income families will be accomplished through Habitat for Humanity's Neighborhood Revitalization program.

One Year Goals for the Number of Households to be Supported	
Homeless	3
Non-Homeless	3
Special-Needs	1
Total	7

Table 11 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Requirement

One Year Goals for the Number of Households Supported Through	
Rental Assistance	3
The Production of New Units	3
Rehab of Existing Units	4
Acquisition of Existing Units	0
Total	10

Table 12 - One Year Goals for Affordable Housing by Support Type

Discussion

The City expects to serve at least three (3) households through its SHIP housing rehabilitation program, pending fund availability for the 2015-16 program year. The same is true of the households assisted through rental assistance through the SHIP Deposit Assistance/Eviction Protection strategy.

Three (3) households will be assisted through the Habitat for Humanity Neighborhood Revitalization program. This program will purchase land in the local target area for the construction of single-family homes. These homes will be occupied by low-moderate income households. The land acquired will either be vacant or have vacant housing on it. No households will be displaced as a result of this program.

AP-60 Public Housing – 91.220(h)

Introduction

The City has one public housing agency within the city limits and that is the Housing Authority of the City of Bradenton.

Manatee County Housing Authority is located within Manatee County and all of its project-based units are located in unincorporated county. However, they also operate the voucher program, so there may be a few of those program participants living in the City of Bradenton.

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

The City's code compliance staff has been working with the management staff of Bradenton Village, Bradenton Housing Authority's HOPE VI project, which contains a mix of public housing, affordable, and market rate units. These units have maintenance issues that have resulted in property maintenance code violations. These code violations could result in housing that is not safe, decent, nor sanitary. Therefore, code compliance is working to ensure that the violations are corrected.

This past year, the Bradenton Housing Authority requested support from the City for its application to redevelop two of its older properties. The City was willing to provide the support necessary for the project; however, the housing authority was unable to obtain the tax credit financing needed for the project. If the Bradenton Housing Authority submits another application to redevelop these properties, the City will be willing to provide the local government contribution needed to obtain the tax credit financing for redevelopment.

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

A public housing tenant was recently named to Bradenton Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners, and this new board member requested information on the duties and responsibilities of a Commissioner from the Planning and Community Development Director. With the assistance of Housing and Community Development staff, the Director was able to provide the new commissioner with the information requested.

As funding becomes available for downpayment and closing cost assistance, City staff will advise the housing authority's Family Self-Sufficiency program coordinator of funds availability and how to access these funds. This program is usually funded using the City's SHIP funds, so availability depends upon the Legislature.

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

Neither the Housing Authority of the City of Bradenton or the Manatee County Housing

Authority is designated as a troubled agency.

Discussion

The City works closely with both the Housing Authority of the City of Bradenton and Manatee County Housing Authority. It is anticipated that this close relationship will continue as the community comes together to address complex, community-wide issues such as Housing First model for homelessness, affordable housing, supportive housing, and self-sufficiency.

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

Introduction

The City of Bradenton participates in the Manatee-Sarasota Continuum of Care (CoC) and the Manatee County-only PATH (People Assisting The Homeless) meetings, attending these meetings regularly with other homeless service providers.

The Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness develops and submits the annual Continuum of Care application to HUD. The CoC model envisions a network of service providers sharing information and resources, while also providing a range of services including: prevention, outreach to those most in need, assessment, referral, case management, supportive services, employment services, in-patient and out-patient mental health and substance abuse treatment, medical and dental care, financial assistance, legal assistance, emergency shelter, transitional housing, permanent and supported housing.

The Suncoast Partnership also administers the Homeless Management Information System (HMIS), a case management database which helps provider's document services and outcomes, and prevents duplication of services.

And finally, Suncoast Partnership conducts the Point-in-Time survey in January of each year. The total number of homeless persons counted in Manatee County in 2014 was 724. Of those homeless, nearly 19% are children. Of the adult number of people who are homeless, 60% are men. And nearly 17% of those homeless are staying a place not meant for habitation (i.e. street or car).

Turning Points is the state recognized homeless coalition for Manatee County. Turning Points provides leadership on issues related to homelessness, advocates for the homeless, and works to coordinate services in the community. Each month they sponsor and organize a meeting for all groups that provide any kind of service or have an interest in serving the homeless. People Assisting The Homeless ("PATH"), is represented by individuals and agencies that work in law enforcement, mental health and substance abuse, employment services, social services, government, faith based organizations, medical services, business, and housing services.

Manatee County, in partnership with the City of Bradenton and community agencies, drafted a 10-year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness called "Voices" in August of 2006, which was updated in January 2012. Manatee County began planning the development of the 10-year Plan in 2004, with representatives from City and County governments, the local Salvation Army,

Manatee Glens Corporation, and the Community Coalition on Homelessness (Turning Points).

A number of goals were set to help Manatee County accomplish their vision statement. Ten plan goals to end chronic homelessness were identified:

1. Move eligible people into stable living environments.
2. Stop discharging people into homelessness.
3. Improve outreach to homeless people.
4. Shorten the time people spend homeless.
5. Increase supply of transitional/supportive housing.
6. Increase supply of permanent affordable housing.
7. Increase economic opportunity for homeless people so they have incomes to pay for housing.
8. Create innovative partnerships to end homelessness.
9. Make system changes that prevent homelessness.
10. Implement a data system to help end homelessness.

Describe the jurisdictions one-year goals and actions for reducing and ending homelessness including reaching out to homeless persons (especially unsheltered persons) and assessing their individual needs.

The City received one homeless service grant application this program year from the Bradenton Housing Authority. However, the city opted not to fund this project this year. Homelessness still continues to be a significant community issue for the city and chronic, street homelessness maybe on the rise, or at least becoming much more visible in the urban core of the city. Code Enforcement has seen a definite rise in cases where homeless individuals are squatting in vacant, dilapidated buildings. This is causing nuisance concerns for neighbors and safety concerns for the City as many of these structures are simply unsafe.

Many agencies in the community have components to their programming that include outreach and needs assessment for unsheltered homeless individuals. These include Manatee Glens, Salvation Army, Jewish Family and Children's Services and Turning Points. All of these organizations use the HMIS database in order to track services provided to people who are homeless, and participate in the monthly PATH meetings as well as the bimonthly Continuum of Care meetings held by the Suncoast Partnership to End Homelessness.

Addressing the emergency shelter and transitional housing needs of homeless persons.

City staff continues to engage with the CoC and PATH meetings, ensuring an understanding of the level of service and gaps that exist in our shelter and transitional housing inventory. The CoC is exploring how to transition our practices and procedures into the Housing First model and City staff is participating in this transition.

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 City's Rental Deposit/Eviction Protection program, funded with SHIP funds, assists people with obtaining housing that is affordable, decent, safe and sanitary by paying their deposits and first month's rent. It is expected that this program could help at least three (3) families who have experienced a (hopefully) temporary episode of homelessness and who just need some assistance in getting into housing.

Other agencies in the area, such as the Salvation Army, operate longer-term programs that assist people with transitional housing and programming to build self-sufficiency. Once families graduate from this program they may also be candidates for the Rental Deposit/Eviction Protection program.

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.

The Housing Preservation program operated by Gulfcoast Legal Services will help low and moderate income families avoid homelessness by helping them to defend against foreclosure. For families for whom foreclosure is inevitable, this program will assist them with finding housing that is decent, safe and sanitary so that they do not become homeless. This program is expected to assist 45 families.

In addition to this program, the City has a Rental Deposit/Eviction Protection program that operates using SHIP funds. However, this program is subject to the Legislature funding the SHIP program from the Housing Trust Fund rather than sweeping these funds into general revenue. Beneficiaries of this program could include extremely low income individuals, people being discharged from publicly funded institutions and systems of care, and corrections programs. This program is expected to help at least three (3) families.

Discussion

Homelessness, along with affordable housing, continues to be a key issue within our community. The City intends to support the effort to move toward a Housing First model. This can take the form of participation, leadership, collaboration, and funding.

One year goals for the number of households to be provided housing through the use of HOPWA for:	
Short-term rent, mortgage, and utility assistance to prevent homelessness of the individual or family	0
Tenant-based rental assistance	0
Units provided in housing facilities (transitional or permanent) that are being developed, leased, or operated	0
Units provided in transitional short-term housing facilities developed, leased, or operated with HOPWA funds	0
Total	0

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

Introduction

City housing rehabilitation programs play a major role in helping to ensure decent, safe housing is available at an affordable price to prospective owners and renters, particularly in the local target area. Bradenton has worked to streamline its regulatory structure respective to housing development taking place within the City boundaries. This has primarily been accomplished through revisions to the Bradenton Land Development Code intended to make the development review process more efficient, while at the same time providing a variety of incentives to developers of affordable housing.

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 Bradenton receives SHIP funds and therefore is required to complete a Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP). One major component of the LHAP is the development of incentive strategies. The 2014-17 LHAP includes the following incentives:

- Expedited Permitting. Through this process affordable housing projects or projects with an affordable housing component receive a "fast track," unified review and scheduled for the first available Planning Commission and City Council hearings.
- Affordable Housing Incentives. The modification of impact-fee requirements, including reduction or waiver of fees and alternative methods of fee payment for affordable housing. The allowance of flexibility in densities for affordable housing. The allowance of affordable accessory residential units in residential zoning districts. The allowance of flexible lot configurations, including zero-lot-line configurations for affordable housing. The establishment of a process by which a local government considers, before adoption, policies, procedures, ordinances, regulations, or plan provisions that increase the cost of housing. The preparation of a printed inventory of locally owned public lands suitable for affordable housing.

Discussion

As has been mentioned in other parts of this document, the diminishing revenues from HUD and

the State continue to be a barrier to meeting the affordable housing needs in our community. The city is exploring other methods of accomplishing these goals.

AP-85 Other Actions – 91.220(k)

Introduction

The City of Bradenton has planned actions to carry out the following strategies outlined in the Consolidated Plan:

- Foster and maintain affordable housing;
- Evaluate and reduce lead-based paint hazards;
- Reduce the number of poverty-level families;
- Develop institutional structure; and
- Enhance coordination.

Actions planned to address obstacles to meeting underserved needs.

The greatest obstacle to meeting underserved needs continues to be the lack of funding. City staff continually looks to leverage funds, ensure collaboration to avoid duplication, seek other funding sources, and make sure the needs are known to the State and Federal funding authorities.

Actions planned to foster and maintain affordable housing.

The City will foster the development of affordable housing by supporting projects for the construction of affordable housing. The production of affordable housing will be supported through the funding of Habitat for Humanity's Neighborhood Revitalization program. Also the City will entertain providing the governmental buy-in for any State tax credit projects that may be located within the City. In addition, all of the incentives described earlier in this document help foster the development of affordable housing.

The preservation of affordable housing will be accomplished through the use of SHIP funds for homeowner rehabilitation and housing replacement.

Actions planned to reduce lead-based paint hazards.

The federal government adopted a regulation to protect young children from lead-based paint hazards in financially-assisted housing. This requirement applies to property owners of homes built prior to 1978, when lead-based paint was banned nationwide for consumer use. As part of the City's federally and state funded housing rehabilitation programs, requirements to control/abate lead-based paint hazards will be followed.

The City of Bradenton's housing rehabilitation program requires that all houses built prior to 1978 be tested for lead. Either a lead free certificate is issued for the house, or lead abatement is included in the rehabilitation work write-up. Additionally, lead-based paint hazards may potentially be reduced through Habitat for Humanity's Neighborhood Revitalization program if

they purchased properties with older, dilapidated housing on it that is demolished in order to construct the new housing.

Actions planned to reduce the number of poverty-level families.

The Central Community Redevelopment Agency (CCRA), which is located partly in the local target area, is offering a variety of classes to residents in order to increase their employment skills as a way of lifting them out of poverty. One of their activities is CareerSource, which assists employers with developing employees with the skills they need. The CCRA plans on continuing these activities through the next year. The CCRA supported the development of Suncoast Community Capital (SCC), a nonprofit that engages in similar activities.

Suncoast Community Capital provides services designed to lift people out of poverty and improve their economic position. Services include Bridges to Careers, an entrepreneurial program and free tax preparation for residents of the district. They are pursuing CHDO designation as a way of enhancing the services they provide to families in the community.

Actions planned to develop institutional structure

The City will administer and oversee the CDBG program; however, most activities will be accomplished through the work of subrecipient organizations. These subrecipients will be expected to use CDBG funds and report on them according to the terms of their subrecipient agreements. Monitoring will enable the City to assess how well the projects are progressing. In addition to this, the City will provide technical assistance as required.

The City will continue to consult with local nonprofits in order to better ascertain the needs of the community. This consultation will be accomplished through face-to-face meetings, letters, and emails. This consultation helps City staff to gain a better understanding of what services these groups provide to citizens of the City of Bradenton and what unmet (or under-met) need(s) exists in our neighborhoods.

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

Due to continuously diminishing resources and limited staff, the City of Bradenton relies heavily upon other public and private resources available to provide much-needed services. The City's efforts to refer citizens to these services will be an ongoing throughout the program year.

In addition, City staff attends several community-based meetings to ensure an understanding of the problems and issues faced by many of our lower income residents. These meetings include, but are not limited to, the Continuum of Care, People Assisting The Homeless (PATH), and the Faith Based Alliance meetings.

Discussion

The City will continue to develop methods of maximizing its limited resources while searching

for additional funding opportunities that will benefit the city's low and moderate income residents, particularly those living in the Local Target Area. The City will also continue to participate in community meetings and other types of outreach as time permits. This will enable the City to not only get a better understanding of the needs of the community, but to also gain information on the community resources available to meet these needs.

Program Specific Requirements

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

Introduction

For the 2015-16 program year, all of the City's CDBG funding will be used to meet the needs of low and moderate income residents. The City has no Section 108 loans outstanding, will receive no funds from urban renewal settlements, and does not expect to receive any program income by the end of the 2014-15 program year.

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
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
3. The amount of surplus funds from urban renewal settlements	0
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
5. The amount of income from float-funded activities	0
Total Program Income:	0

Other CDBG Requirements

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| 1. The amount of urgent need activities | 0 |
| 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. | 100.00% |

Discussion

As stated above, for the year 2015-16 100% of the CDBG funds received will be used to benefit low and moderate income families, with the majority of it being spent on activities in the Local Target Area. The city has not set aside any funds for urgent need activities because there has not been a reason (such as a natural disaster) for funds to be allocated to meet an urgent need.